

Doctoral Programme Newsletter



September 2017

Dear GIGA Doctoral Students,

in this newsletter, we would like to inform you about a variety of activities that are coming up.

Registration is now open for our Winter Term Programme including two Soft Skills Seminars (a media training and seminar on publishing your thesis). Please have a look at the offer (see below) and register [online](#) for the courses you would like to attend.

We are still in the process of organising two Welcome Days (4 – 5 October) for the new fellows who will join the programme in October. The programme will be circulated soon

and you are all invited again to get to know your new colleagues by joining the Pub visit.

Best wishes,
Maren

P.S. Are you going on a conference trip or research stay? Did you come across an interesting job announcement or summer

school? This newsletter lives on your input – just send an email to maren.wagner@giga-hamburg.de.



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News

Katharina van Treeck has submitted her dissertation!

On 10 August, Katharina van Treeck has submitted her dissertation with the title “The Role of Labor in Sustainable Development” to the University of Göttingen. Congratulations, Katharina!

Charlotte Heyl has submitted her dissertation!

On 18 August, Charlotte Heyl has submitted her dissertation on “The Contribution of Constitutional Courts to the Democratic Quality of Elections in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Comparative Case Study of Madagascar and Senegal” to the University of Duisburg-Essen. Congratulations, Charlotte!

Georg Strüver has defended his dissertation!

On 28 August, Georg Strüver has successfully defended his dissertation on “Explaining Alignment in International Politics: The Case of Foreign Policy Convergence and Partnerships with China” at the University of Hamburg. Congratulations, Georg, and all the best for your future career!

Jessica Wilczak has defended her dissertation!

Jessica Wilczak has successfully defended (second and final defense) her dissertation on “Reconstructing Rural Chengdu: Urbanization as Development in the Post-Quake Context” at the University of Toronto. She will start a postdoc position at the University of Lausanne in October. Congratulations, Jessica, and all the best for your new position!

Who is where?

Leonardo Bandarra has participated in the International Nuclear Law School, organised by the Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA) and the University of Montpellier (21 August – 1 September).

Simone Schotte and **Martin Ostermeier** presented their papers at the [PEGNet Conference 2017](#) on “Understanding national inequalities and how to address them” at the ETH Zürich (11-12 September).

Tom Konzack attended the [APSA Annual Meeting](#) in San Francisco (31 August – 3 September) where he presented his paper on “From Social Movements to Terrorist Organisations: The Role of Resources in the Process of Radicalisation.”

Svenja Schöneich has left Hamburg a few days ago for her second field research trip. She will stay in Mexico for the next six months. We wish you a successful time, Svenja!

GIGA Winter Term Programme

Registration is now open for our **Winter Term Programme**.

The following **seminars** are open to doctoral students and postdocs at the GIGA and its partner institutions (please note that for fellows in their first year participation is obligatory):

- Basic principles of research design and strategy
24 – 25 October 2017
Benoît Rihoux, UC Louvain
- Quantitative approaches to data collection and analysis
1 – 2 November 2017
Liam McGrath, ETH Zürich
- Workshop: Introduction to Zotero
13 November 2017
Birte Pfeiffer, GIGA
- Qualitative approaches to data collections and analysis
23 – 24 November 2017
Lea Sgier, Central European University

Please register for these seminars [online](#) until 13 October 2017.

We are happy that three senior colleagues are offering courses in our **CAS & Global Studies Series** again. This term the three sessions will take place as part of a MA-lecture at University of Hamburg (participation for fellows in their first year is obligatory):

- Comparative Area Studies: What they are and where they come from
7 December 2017
Prof Dr Patrick Köllner, GIGA
- Comparing Across World Regions: Assets and Pitfalls
14 December 2017
Dr Christian von Soest, GIGA
- Promises and Potential Problems of Comparative Analysis
21 December 2017
Dr André Bank, GIGA

Please register for the three sessions by email to [Patrick Köllner](mailto:Patrick.Koellner@giga.hamburg.de).

The following **Soft Skills seminars** are open to more advanced GIGA doctoral students and early postdocs:

- Media- and Communication Training – how to get YOUR message across!
12 October 2017
Katrin Prüfig
- How to publish your dissertation as a book
13 October 2017
Amrita Narlikar and Maren Wagner, GIGA

Please register for these seminars [online](#) until 29 September 2017.

I am currently working on ... Nils Lukacs

Dear colleagues,

My name is Nils Elias Lukacs. I am a PhD student at the History Department at Hamburg University, supervised by Prof. Henner Fürtig, and an associate at the GIGA Doctoral Programme.



Originally from Switzerland, I completed my undergraduate and graduate degrees in Konstanz/San Francisco and Heidelberg/Paris respectively. My research focus lies on the contemporary history of the Middle East.

My thesis, at its core, describes a historical contextualisation of a contemporary issue in international relations. It is set within the thematic framework of the U.S. engagement

in the Middle East, and specifically centred around Obama's 2009 pledge for a "new beginning" in the country's relationship with the region. In a comparative approach, I contrast rhetorical and political initiatives of the early Obama administration with observations and reactions of public intellectuals in the Middle East in order to contextualise the alleged historical break in U.S. foreign policy towards the region.

I am a frequent traveler of the Middle East and will be engaging in field research in Tunisia and Jordan again soon. If you are interested and would like to discuss research in this area, or simply exchange experiences and share stories drop me a note at Nils.Lukacs@studium.uni-hamburg.de.

Looking forward to meeting you all.

Best wishes,

Nils

Jobs and Career Opportunities

[GIGA Internal Call: Seed Money \(65%\)](#)

For a GIGA researcher finalizing/recently finalized the doctoral studies to advance the postdoctoral phase of the career.

Screening begins on 18 September 2017

[Postdoctoral Research Assistant](#)

South-Asia Institute, SOAS University of London

Deadline: 17 September 2017

[Lecturer in Politics and IR \(Asia Pacific/East Asia\)](#)

University of Kent

Deadline: 1 October 2017

[2 Postdoctoral Positions, East Asian Studies](#)

University of Vienna

Deadline: 17 September 2017

[Assistant Professor in International Political Economy](#)

Durham University

Deadline: 1 November 2017

[Teaching Fellow in Qualitative Research Methods](#)

University College London, Department of Political Science

Deadline: 30 October 2017

[Lecturer in International Relations](#)

Nottingham Trent University

Deadline: 1 October 2017

[2 Postdoctoral Research Fellows](#)

University of Lisbon

Deadline: 17 September 2017

[6 scholarships for a practice-based research phase after the PhD](#)

(Call in German only)

Pilot project promoted by the Volkswagen Foundation for a closer linkage of science and practice in the social sciences.

Deadline: 30 September 2017

Upcoming Events

13 September 2017	DP Jour Fixe
27 September 2017	Colloquium: Leonardo Bandarra, Chisha Chakanga
4 – 5 October 2017	GIGA Welcome Days
11 October 2017	DP Jour Fixe
12 October 2017	Soft Skills: Media- and Communication Training – how to get YOUR message across! (Katrin Prüfig)
13 October 2017	Soft Skills: How to publish your dissertation as a book (Amrita Narlikar, Maren Wagner)
24 – 25 October 2017	Winter Term Seminar: Basic principles of research design and strategy (Benoit Rihoux)
25 October 2017	Colloquium: Aline Hirseland, Bruno Theodoro Luciano
1 – 2 November 2017	Winter Term Seminar: Quantitative Approaches to Data Collection and Analysis (Liam McGrath)
8 November 2017	DP Jour Fixe
13 November 2017	Workshop: Introduction to Zotero (Birte Pfeiffer)
23 – 24 November 2017	Winter Term Seminar: Qualitative Approaches to Data Collection and Analysis (Lea Sgier)