Dear GIGA Doctoral Students,

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

We have also organized a Welcome Week for our new doctoral students and other new employees (4 – 8 October) again. Six new fellows will join us in October and you are all invited again to get to know your new colleagues by joining the Pub visit.

We also look very much forward to this year’s Graduation Reception and hope that many of you will join us there as well!

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 nina.soekefeld@giga-hamburg.de.

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News

Victor Mijares has defended his dissertation!

On 27 August 2018, Victor Mijares successfully defended his dissertation on “Explaining Flaws of Security Regionalism in the Global South: Lessons from South America” at the University of Hamburg! Congratulations, Victor!

Simone Schotte has defended her dissertation!

Simone Schotte successfully defended her dissertation at the University of Göttingen on 17 September. It is entitled “Poverty, social mobility, and the middle class: The case of South Africa”. Congratulations, Simone!

New member of the student representative team

At the General Assembly of GIGA the Doctoral Students on 30 August, Anna Füngeld joined the student representatives team! Read more about the assembly on page 3.

GIGA Welcome Week

The GIGA Doctoral Programme has organized a Welcome Week for all new and not-so-new members of the GIGA, taking place from 4 – 8 October 2018. We cordially invite you to register for individual events that match your interests – e.g. the pub visit to get to know the new fellows (the programme has been circulated by email and is also available on the DP website). Please register by email to Nina Sökefeld until Thursday, 27 September indicating the event(s) you would like to attend. If you would like to join the pub visit, please get in touch with Svenja Schöneich.

Who is where?

Viviana García Pinzon attended a PhD course on Conflict Trends at the Research School on Peace and Conflict in Oslo, 10–12 September 2018.

Simone Schotte participated in a workshop at King’s College in London (6–7 September), where she spoke about the topic of “Poverty transitions and life trajectories in urban South Africa: A mixed method investigation “.

Leonardo Bandarra stayed in Koblenz between August 13 and 24, where he carried out archival research at the Bundesarchiv.
GIGA DP Winter Term Programme

Registration is now open for the DP Winter Term Programme. The courses are open to doctoral students and postdocs. Seniors are also welcome. Please register online by filling in the registration form that is available on the website of the respective event. Questions can be addressed to Nina Sökefeld.

Registration deadline: Tuesday, 2 October 2018

Global Approach to CAS Series I: Comparative Area Studies: What they are and where they come from
16 October 2018
Patrick Köllner, GIGA

Introduction to Zotero
18 October 2018
Birte Pfeiffer, GIGA

Research Design and Strategy
25 – 26 October 2018
Melanie Kolbe, Graduate Institute Geneva

Mixed Methods Research
1 – 2 November 2018
Erin Jenne, Central European University

Introduction to Quantitative Approaches to Data Collection and Analysis
5 – 6 November 2018
Philippe Blanchard, University of Warwick

Global Approach to CAS Series II: Comparing Across World Regions: Assets and Pitfalls
13 November 2018
Christian von Soest, GIGA

Introduction to Qualitative Approaches to Data Collection and Analysis
22 – 23 November 2018
Dorothee Bohle, European University Institute

Global Approach to CAS Series III: Promises and Potential Problems of Comparative Analysis
29 November 2018
André Bank, GIGA

The following Soft Skills seminars are GIGA-internal only. Please note that we offer two media trainings, one for postdocs/seniors and one for (advanced) doctoral students.

Media and Communication Training (Post-docs/Seniors)
25 October 2018
Katrin Prüfig

Media and Communication Training (Doctoral Students)
8 November 2018
Katrin Prüfig

Academic Writing
14 November 2018
Louise Kennedy
General Assembly of the DP students: a short recap

On 30 August, we had a short, but productive doctoral students meeting in order to elect a new person to support the student representatives until the end of their term. As Tabea is at the foreign office in Berlin since last week and Clara will be on field research until the beginning of December we need some support to keep up the good work. So thank you very much, Anna Fünfgeld, for joining the doctoral representatives’ team! Anna has been in the DP program since last year and she is working on energy politics in Indonesia and Brazil. You can find her often in the doctoral room in EG1 or you can approach her via email: anna.fuenfgeld@giga-hamburg.de. Welcome to the team, Anna, glad to have you on board!

Svenja Schöneich

Do you know … our Visiting Doctoral Researcher

Hello everyone,

my name is Dominik Giese and I am a joint-PhD Candidate at the Universität Hamburg and University of Warwick, where I work as part of a Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action financed project called GEMSTONES (Globalisation, Europe & Multilateralism – Sophistication of the Transnational Order, Networks, and European Strategies). From September until February, I am a Visiting Doctoral Researcher at the GIGA Institute of Asian Studies. My research compares the concept of regional security governance in Europe and South-East Asia. The questions that guide my research are: Who are what is effective provider of security governance in the region? What role do states and regional institutions provide for effective regional security governance in Europe and Southeast-Asia? Situated in the literature on ‘regionalism’, my thesis primarily intends to make a theoretical contribution. It contrasts the various works dealing with the concept of a regional world order and society, while drawing on a re-appraisal of commonly misunderstood insights of Political Realism. Empirically, I focus on maritime security as a case study. Comparing institutional and non-institutional commonalities and differences of, as well as the inter-regional interactions between, regional security actors of Europe and Southeast Asia in the maritime domain, I show how institutionally-based and state-based actors build ‘security’ across different socio-political contexts and how the theory of Political Realism is relevant to understand these processes. Aside from IR theory, regionalism and maritime security, I am also very interested in current debates on philosophy of science and methodology. Coming
to GIGA is an excellent opportunity to devote greater attention to my empirical research and exchange views with the diverse regional and area-studies experts around. At the IAS I am in Room 26 and would be very glad to have the chance to meet you.

You can also always write me at dominik.giese@uni-hamburg.de.

All the best, Dominik

Sharinee Lalit Jagtiani is a DPhil (PhD) Candidate in International Relations at the University of Oxford as a J.N Tata Endowment Scholar. Prior to starting her doctoral studies, Sharinee was a Research Associate in the International Relations and Public Policy departments in the National University of Singapore and Nanyang Technological University. She has taught both International Relations and South Asian politics at Oxford and Oxford Brookes University and has a Masters in International Relations from the University of Bristol.

Her current work concentrates on regions and their construction in the foreign policies of aspiring powers, with an emphasis on India. In addition to this, she works on the concept of ‘status’ in international society, global and historical International Relations, and international political thought.

Jobs and Career Opportunities

**University Assistant with doctorate for the Center for Inter-American Studies**
University of Graz
Deadline: 26 September 2018

**EU-Referent/in**
Europa-Büro der Leibniz-Gemeinschaft, Brüssel
Deadline: 21 September 2018

**Postdoctoral Research Fellow**
for the project “National Educational Panel Study: Vocational Training and Lifelong Learning”, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung (WZB)
Deadline: 30 September 2018

**Lecturer/ Senior Lecturer in International Relations**
Victoria University of Wellington
Deadline: 15 October 2018

**Lecturer in Political Theory**
University of Manchester
Deadline: 10 October 2018

**Stipendiat (m/w) Geistes- und Sozialwissenschaften**
Stiftungsfonds Martin–Buber–Gesellschaft der Forschungsstipendiaten der Geistes- und Sozialwissenschaften an der Hebräischen Universität Jerusalem
Deadline: 11 November 2018

Wissenschaftsmanager/in
Für die Gruppe „Graduiertenkollegs, Graduiertenschulen, Nachwuchsförderung“
Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, Bonn
Deadline: 23 September 2018

Lecturer in Quantitative Methods and Data Analytics
University of Portsmouth,
Faculty of Business and Law, Operations and Systems Management
Deadline: 14 October 2018

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