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Dear PhD students, supervisors and project partners,

this year's Week of Methods was a complete success with the added bonus of top temperatures for a genuine summer school feeling. Here, you can find our report on the Week of Methods 2016. Furthermore, this newsletter includes:

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The Summer Method/s: Interdisciplinary Insights and Networking Opportunities

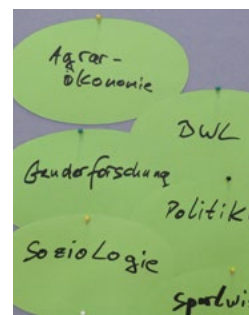
The annual GGG Week of Methods offers compact opportunities to broaden the own repertoire of methods and expand knowledge through interdisciplinary dialogue with other PhD students. Additionally, there is plenty of room for active exchange and networking between PhD students.

The 11th GGG Interdisciplinary Week of Methods took place from July 18 to 21, 2016, providing the opportunity to broaden the own method knowledge by interdisciplinary exchange. In four parallel workshops, current research methods and techniques of the social sciences were taught, directly relating to individual PhD projects. Over the past few years, a keynote speech about an interdisciplinarily interesting topic, followed by a discussion, has marked the start of the Week of Methods. Unfortunately, this time it had to be canceled due to an acute illness. However, the keynote speech will be offered again next year.

“The course had an interactive and dialogue-based nature. It was very motivating!

participant 2016

As the participants come from the entire range of social sciences, bringing in perspectives from Law, Social Sciences, Economics, and the fields of Agricultural Economics and Forestry as well as Forest and Nature Conservation Policy, an interdisciplinary and inter-



national composition is certainly preprogrammed. Due to the variety of perspectives that come together this way, interdisciplinary discussions arise and new perspectives

can be gained concerning the own projects. At the same time, new methods from other disciplines can be acquired or existing knowledge can be deepened. Or, to put it in a different way, after e. g. an ethnologist has explained the benefits and concepts of their methodological approach to a sports scientist and a business economist, not only those hearing about the method for the first time benefit from this dialogue. In fact, interdisciplinary discussions do not only broaden one's horizon but also help to question basic assumptions that are part of any method.

New funding: Language revision grant

If you are writing your thesis in German but are not a German native speaker, you may apply for editing funding as a GGG member. Your thesis should be completed textually during editing but not have been submitted to the faculty. Funding covers an acknowledged editor's fee working with you on error control and linguistic improvement of the text. Next application deadline is September 30, 2016.

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/368105.html

This year's program had two German and two English workshops available for selection:

- Dispositiv- und Diskursanalyse
(Miklas Schulz, M.A.)
- Einführung in die Strukturgleichungsmodellierung mit PLS
(Dr. Simon Trang)
- Mixed Methods: Approaches for Combining Qualitative and Quantitative Research
(Andrea Hense, M.A.)
- Science Makes the World Go 'Round – Successful Scientific Knowledge Transfer from Research to Political and Practical Utilization
(Dr. Michael Böcher)

However, we also combined business with pleasure. The intended summer school atmosphere in the Week of Methods in the observatory's historical surroundings was stimulated by splendid weather this year. Despite hot temperatures especially on the second day, there were plenty controversial discussions and people were busy thinking, taking notes and exchanging ideas all the time. It is a great delight for us, as the organizers, to witness the manifold *aha-experiences* every year.

“ Definitely broadens my methodological horizon!

participant 2016

To encourage the exchange between PhD students beyond the respective workshop, after the second day of workshops a barbeque was organized by GGG to end the day in a relaxed atmosphere. Waiting for the first sausage and the first cold beverage, we had an entertaining guided tour of the Historic Observatory with Bettina Roß. The former living and working quarters of Carl-Friedrich Gauss, which are used by Lichtenberg-Kolleg and as a conference center nowadays, is usually not publicly available. Across creaking boards and ancient stairways we reached the observatory's dome, whose

mechanics were particularly impressive for us as theorists, and admired the telescope from the 1920s. We let the evening pass in the pleasant shadow of the observatory, participants and lecturers reviewing the first two days of workshops together with GGG team members and relaxing with tasty grilled food and cold beverages.



“ Great group with active participation and an open mind for new methods!

teacher 2016

Lunch break on the third day of workshops provided an inviting atmosphere for common dialogue as well. The Indian restaurant opposite the observatory offers a varied buffet at lunchtime. Accordingly, conversations between PhD students and GGG staff were lively.

After the Week of Methods is before the Week of Methods. In fact, the GGG team already started preparing the next “WeMe” before the current one even had taken place. The 12th Interdisciplinary Week of Methods is scheduled for July 17 to July 20, 2017. Registration will be open from May 15 until June 11, 2017.

www.methodenwoche.uni-goettingen.de

Workshop topics in 2017 will be based on the evaluation of our previous Weeks of Methods. Furthermore, we are looking forward to your suggestions. Please contact us in case you have preferences or suggestions for the method workshops.

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Are you a “freshman”?

On this page we provide information for PhD students at irregular intervals who have just started doing their PhD or joined GGG only recently. This section is mainly intended for newcomers but holds useful information for experienced PhD students as well.

First of all, we would like to welcome you! As Graduate School of Social Sciences, we will use our best endeavor to be a supportive companion during your PhD.

Admission to PhD

You can find general information on admission to PhD studies and enrollment at Göttingen University on the university [Office for Student Affairs'](#) website.

For all questions concerning prerequisites, application deadlines, recognition of academic degrees, and the PhD procedure please contact the Dean's Office or the Office of Student Affairs in the [respective faculty](#).

After you have found a professor to supervise your PhD, you should clarify financing e.g. with your supervisor. The GGG is pleased to help you by providing competent support in [PhD Funding guidance](#).

Please [enroll](#) at the university's Registrar's Office once you have received admission by the faculty. Enrollment is obligatory for PhD students.

Doctoral studies

There are three ways of doing a PhD in social sciences at Göttingen University:

- individual doctorate at the Faculty of Law,
- doctoral program at the Faculties of Forest and Agricultural Sciences, Social Sciences and Economic Sciences or
- in a doctoral group, e.g. a Research Training Group (RTG).

If you are doing an *individual doctorate*, you will write your thesis supervised by your professor at the Faculty of Law and register with the Dean's Office.

A *doctoral program* means you will write a thesis, or scientific papers (cumulative dissertation) and complete a structured study program additionally. In doing so, you will take courses on methods and key competences as well as colloquia amounting to 20 credits in total. This is the only way of doing a PhD in the above-mentioned four faculties in Göttingen.

A *doctoral group* subsumes PhD students with regard to a particular topic. These groups work interdisciplinary or across institutes. All current groups that are GGG members are available [online](#).

It is recommended, or obligatory (depending on the type of PhD) that you and your supervisor sign a PhD agreement, determining starting point, subject and the parties involved in your PhD. Moreover, you should discuss your work's progress with your supervisor on a regular basis, at least once a year.

This is also about compliance of good scientific practice, which the scientific community is committed to. To avoid scientific misconduct, [Göttingen University](#) and the [DFG](#) have published a collection of recommendations.

During your PhD studies you will not be supervised by a single person but a supervising committee. Such committees consist of two, mostly three PhD supervisors, and you. This institution has been established to make PhD students talk about the progress of their PhD regularly and find a solution together in case there are problems.

All types of PhD studies have in common that the thesis is to be submitted at the faculty, with the oral exam being taken at the faculty as well. Therefore, you will have the respective Office of Student Affairs' support in all formal aspects of your PhD.

Support by the GGG

Once you have been admitted for doing a PhD in one of the doctoral groups, at the Faculty of Law, the Faculty of Social Sciences, or the Faculty of Economic Sciences, or at parts of the Faculty of Forest and Agricultural Sciences, you automatically become a GGG [member](#).

We kindly ask you to send our [questionnaire](#) to GGG and update it, if needed, to make sure we are able to contact you. Your data will be treated confidentially and used within GGG only. There are no obligations attached to GGG membership. In fact, you have access to:

- the GGG [course program](#),
- the GGG [counseling offers](#),
- the [Helpdesk for International PhD students](#) as well as
- GGG [support measures](#).

Please visit the GGG website at www.ggg.uni-goettingen.de and the available newsletter for an overall view of the GGG team, our offers and possible application deadlines. Once you have registered at GGG you will automatically receive our newsletter. If for some reason this should not be working, please inform us by sending an email - e.g. if you are an employee of the university and would like to receive the newsletter as well.

If you are reading this newsletter as a paper copy, please visit the links as hyperlinks online for more information at: www.uni-goettingen.de/en/498088.html

GGG News

Prof. Dr. Christine Langenfeld has been elected constitutional judge

We congratulate Prof. Dr. Christine Langenfeld as GGG board speaker, who has been elected on July 8, 2016 unanimously by the Federal Council for the Second Senate of the Federal Constitutional Court. Christine Langenfeld has been the holder of the Chair of Public Law at Göttingen University since 2000 and is director of the constitutional law department at the Institute for Public Law. She has been chairwoman of The Expert Council of German Foundations on Integration and Migration since 2012. www.uni-goettingen.de/de/3240.html?cid=5554

Call for Posters: Creating Expertise and Work

The Research Training Group "Qualifikatorisches Upgrading in KMU: Fachkräftebedarf und Akademisierung im Mittelstand" organizes an interdisciplinary conference entitled "Wissenskraft und Arbeit schaffen? Akademisierung im Mittelstand" on November 17 and 18, 2016, inviting scientists and junior researchers as well as representatives from political life to participate with a poster. The Research Training Group supported by Hans Böckler Foundation explores, on an interdisciplinary level, fundamental changes regarding competence requirements that small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) are facing today and will have to

deal with in the near future, analyzing changes in qualification structures, cooperation practices and professional development perspectives resulting from that.

Applications can be submitted to Julia Gumula jgumula@gwdg.de by September 15, 2016. Further information can be found at: www.uni-goettingen.de/en/536196.html

The Dilemma Game: Professionalism and Integrity in Research

Like in any profession, scientists are frequently faced with dilemmas: Can I exclude particular observations from my research? Can I use exactly the same data set for multiple papers? Should I agree on a colleague being a co-author on a paper to which she has not made a significant contribution? By exposing you to such dilemmas in the context of a critical dialogue, this game aims to support you in further developing your own „moral compass“. This game was developed as one of the initiatives of the EUR Taskforce Scientific Integrity (chaired by Prof. Dr. Finn Wynstra). Its objective is to raise awareness for and to develop proposals to help maintain scientific professionalism and integrity.

There is a hardcopy of the Dilemma Game available for you to play and discover at the GGG office. Please contact us for further information at ggg@uni-goettingen.de.

We proudly present

Nelly C. Schubert

Nelly C. Schubert is a mentee in the WeWiMento program – paths into science management and has been a guest student at GGG office within the context of the program since July 2016. In the following, she briefly presents herself and reports on her experiences:



I am a research assistant and PhD student at Prof. Dr. Alexander-Kenneth Nagel's chair of Social Scientific Research into Religion that was established in 2015, which is located at the interface between the Institutes for Religious Studies and the Institute for Sociology both in terms of content and administration. Previously, I have been a junior research group member at the Center for Religious Studies (CERES) in Bochum. I started my PhD there, in which I explore representation relationships between local religious communities in the Ruhr area that bridge confessional and ethnical boundaries at the same time.

As a mother of two children and with equal ambitions in private and professional life I am struggling with different options for my future career in the final stage of my PhD: should I give the long and difficult road to (part-time) professorship a try, contribute my academic autonomous competences to science management or try something completely different that might be more compatible with a satisfied family life?

In this phase of professional orientation and setting of the course, I am lucky to be provided with large support within the WeWiMento program as one of 12 mentees. Besides individual support from my mentor Dr. Doreen Müller of the Göttingen Diversity Research Institute and a profile sharpening set of workshops, the program enables me to gain fascinating insights into university institutions and academic research institutes by work shadowing. A very enthusiastic and competent staff keeps me informed about their versatile daily operations at GGG offices, the humanities school laboratory YLAB and the Research Department of Division Strategic Measures / Institutional Strategy.

My initial conclusion at the halfway mark of the program: respectful, results-oriented conversations and solid, constructive questions pave the way for a career start, career success and job satisfaction.

The next application deadline for the WeWiMento program is on November 15, 2016. For further information please refer to www.uni-goettingen.de/en/444696.html.

Events

We kindly invite you to events taking place within the GGG framework or with GGG involvement. Further information and times will be promptly available on GGG website, in brochures and at the GGG team. Please already note the following events:

Trial workshops on science management, September and October 2016

Over the last few years, science management has developed as a professional field, providing interesting career prospects for today's scientists. Due to last year's high demand, GGNB Career Service, Central Coordination Mentoring, GSOG and GGG offer 4-hour trial workshops on science management four times a year for PhD students and post-docs who would like to know more about the field and have asked themselves if switching to it could be interesting. The workshops are held in German and take place on September 22 and October 25. There are only few places left, please register online as soon as possible.

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/522794.html

GGG goes SoWi GO! On November 15, 2016

At this year's SoWi GO! on November 15 and 16, 2016, the Faculty of Social Sciences invites their PhD students to inform themselves about a variety of career options. On the first day, that is Tuesday, Dr. Britta Korkowsky (GGG) and Martin Ertelt (Studienbüro SoWi) will be there at 2.15 pm to inform about requirements and perspectives of a PhD in Social Sciences.

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/193334.html

Conference "Creating Expertise and Work? Middle Class Academization" on November 17 and 18, 2016

Entitled "Wissenskraft und Arbeit schaffen" the interdisciplinary German speaking conference organized by the Research Training Group "Qualifikatorisches Upgrading in KMU: Fachkräftebedarf und Akademisierung im Mittelstand" aims to discuss the chances and challenges of small- and medium sized enterprises and their employees. There will be a special focus on the frame con-

ditions, which are shaped by the trend of opening up academia with regard to further advancement of university education, and new demands in regional development.

Please register as soon as possible and latest by November 10, 2016 with tagung.akademisierung@gwdg.de. Further information can be found at:

www.uni-goettingen.de/de/544566.html

Study Financing Day on November 23, 2016

GGG will participate in this year's study financing day with a booth like last year. It is organized by Göttingen University and Studentenwerk Göttingen and will take place in the foyer of the student central refectory. Further details and exact schedules will be announced in due time in our newsletter and on the website:

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/523866.html

Excursions to surrounding villages during the winter semester of 2016/17

In the forthcoming winter semester, the helpdesk wants to continue the proven cooperation with the initiative "Show your village!" and particularly invite international PhD students to excursions to the smaller villages around Göttingen. It will be possible to get into direct contact with inhabitants, exchange views and gain intense insight into living in rural areas. The next event is currently scheduled for November 2016. You can find exact dates and further details on our website and on Facebook as soon as possible.

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/58616.html

News in brief

Fourth Academic Writing Week by International Writing Center from September 5 to 9, 2016

The International Writing Center of Göttingen University organizes the fourth Academic Writing Week from September 5 to 9, 2016. Additionally, the Center of Methods in Social Sciences and the Göttingen State and University Library offer various advisory services in this context. Registration deadline is 30.08.2016. For further information on the program and registration please visit:

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/484830.html

Introductory week for international students from October 4 to 10, 2016

The introductory week has been especially designed for international students to help them find their way at the university and in the city of Göttingen. The campus, faculties and leisure activities are presented and there is ample opportunity for making new contacts. The introductory week consists of various events in German and English. For further details, dates and registration please visit:

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/196392.html

Qualification

Our courses in the third and fourth quarter 2016

Registration has started for the following third and fourth quarter courses at ggg.kursanmeldung@uni-goettingen.de. For the Science Management workshops, please register directly at the qualification portal. For detailed information on our courses and other PhD student courses offered by cooperating institutions please visit www.qualiportal-promovierende.uni-goettingen.de.

Date	Topic	Referee
15.09. & 16.09.2016	Good Scientific Practice	Dr. Michael Gommel
22.09.2016	Wissenschaftsmanagement – ist das was für mich?	Dr. Vera Bissinger & Dr. Sabine Heerwart
10.10. & 11.10.2016	„Irgendwas mit Medien?“ – Berufsfeld Wissenschaftskommunikation und -marketing	Thomas Richter & Romas Bielke
25.10.2016	Wissenschaftsmanagement – ist das was für mich?	Dr. Bettina Roß & Dr. Katrin Wodzicki
18.11. & 25.11.2016	Intercultural Training	Prof. Dr. Gardenia Alonso
06.12. – 08.12.2016	Creative Career Management	Jutta Schwarz

And this is how it works: The GGG divides the course year into four quarters. You can sign up for courses of a quarter six weeks before the quarter starts. 12 to 16 PhD students can participate in a particular course. Places are assigned on a first come, first served basis. Four weeks before the course starts, application is considered binding. You can also find detailed information on individual courses and the application procedure at:

www.qualiportal-promovierende.uni-goettingen.de

Please send your application exclusively to ggg.kursanmeldung@uni-goettingen.de.
Please consider the applicable registration procedure.

Courses on teaching methods in higher education for PhD students and new teachers

We would furthermore like to draw your attention to the following courses of the Division for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education Göttingen, which target especially PhD students:

Date	Topic	Referee
31.10.2016	Lernwege kreativ gestalten – Meine Rolle als Impulsgeber*in	to be announced
25.11.2016	"...plötzlich lehren!" Meine Rolle als Lehrende*r	Angelika Thielsch
20.02. & 21.02.2017	Vom Rat-Suchen zum Beraten – Meine Rolle als Berater*in	Dr. Jutta Wergen

Further information and registration can be found at:
www.uni-goettingen.de/en/365991.html

Support measures

The Göttingen Graduate School of Social Sciences provides funding and scholarships for PhD students of social sciences. These measures will be announced on the GGG website over the course of the year:

www.ggg.uni-goettingen.de/GGG-sponsorship

Information on further GGG support measures for 2017 will be made available online early November 2016 and in the next newsletter. The following funding options are available for the coming months:

Funding measure	Duration	Application deadline	Funding amount	Target group
Summer school	flexible	30.09.16	maximum grant of 1.000 €	PhD students participating in an international summerschool providing direct benefits to their PhD project (please note new information online)
Language revision grant	final PhD stage	30.09.16	maximum grant of 1.200 € for lecturer	Foreign PhD students in need of support for final revision of their German thesis
PhD students' forum	flexible	flexible	depending on costs	PhD students wishing to network interdisciplinary
WeWiMento	1 year	15.11.16	mentoring and qualification	PhD students and Postdocs aiming at a career in science management
KaWirMento	1 year	29.02.17	mentoring and qualification	PhD students and Postdocs aiming at a career in economy
Dorothea Schlözer Mentoring Program	1 year	30.06.17	mentoring and qualification	Female PhD students and Postdocs aiming at a career in science management / professorship

On our own behalf

Please keep in mind that once this newsletter is issued, the registration period for the next courses has started: It is now possible for PhD students to register for the GGG courses in the fourth quarter of 2016.

This newsletter is published four times a year. It is available for PhD students and supervisors of social sciences, and all interested. The newsletter can be found online (www.uni-goettingen.de/en/42253.html) or received via e-mail. The next newsletter will be published on November 14, 2016.

This newsletter shall inform you about the basic issues of doing a PhD and contribute to a closer contact between you and the GGG team, thus making it easier for you to be up to date about the services offered by the graduate school. For more information please feel free to contact the team members (see last page of the newsletter) and visit the different projects online.

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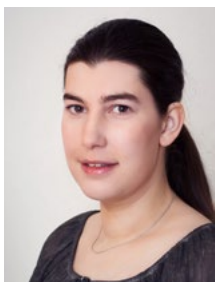
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Parental leave substitute
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