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Dear PhD-Students, Supervisors and Project Partners,

This is the last issue of the GGG newsletter in 2012. Even if this year is almost over, there are still many exciting news and a lot of information that we would like to share with you! Newsletter content in detail:

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At this stage, we already wish you a beautiful wintertime, merry Christmas and a happy new year!!

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Getting started with teaching as a team!

The TeamTeaching-Program of the GGG

The transition from student to doctoral work involves a multi-faceted change of roles. Not only that former lectures become colleagues, also you become – often earlier than expected - the person in charge of a lecture or tutorial and the one who examines and advises fellow students. For PhD-students, the first self-organized lecture can be a challenge.

Their completed study course has been an extensive professional preparation for PhD-students to step up to the next level of qualification in their academic life. However, in very few cases, the new PhD-students are informed about how this professional knowledge can be made available to others.

From orienting by your own study experience...

For new PhD-students very often the experiences from their own studies are the only orientation for their first lectureship. Memories of especially interesting lectures, inspiring seminars or tutorials give impetus for their own lectureship. The new PhD-students develop their own teaching style alongside the style of others as well as their own discipline.

... to orienting by the teaching experience of others

This is a valuable hint for the arrangement of possible supportive programs provided by the universities in general and graduate schools in particular. What if the first lecture is not given alone but planned, prepared and held together with an experienced lecturer? In that way, the PhD-students' practical experience from their own study course is en-

hanced by the concrete teaching experience of somebody, who has been taught and worked together with students for years. The advantages of such cooperation can be determined easily as follows:



- For the PhD-students, the joint teaching is, on the one hand, a sound assistance during the planning and preparation phase of the lecture. On the other hand, this cooperation provides support in challenging teaching situations, such as if no discussion develops in a seminar.
- For the experienced lecturer, the joint teaching is an opportunity to critically reflect his/her own behavior from an outside perspective and to become aware (again) of his/her own strengths and skills. In this way, the lecturers can experience appreciation for their daily teaching practice.

This cooperation allows the Team Teaching that has been already established at the University of Göttingen and that will be extended.

Team Teaching – lived scientific practice in teaching

Being a part of various course curricula, Team Teaching enhances a lecture by combining several teaching personalities and by ma-

king use of specializations in the subject or different disciplines. The method Team Teaching therefore does not only stimulate the students' learning activities but makes it also easier for them to gain understanding of the scientific way of thinking. If a lecture is held by two scientists, the various perspectives of the teaching team allow an extension of the scientific practice demonstrated and motivate the students to join the discussion and to think critically. This type of lecture helps to enable students to participate in the respective scientific discourse.

The TeamTeaching-Program of the GGG

Starting in the summer term of 2013, there will be a TeamTeaching-Program for PhD-students of social sciences, which will be organized and carried out in cooperation with the division for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education of the University of Göttingen. This program peruses the aims

of cooperative learning but has so much more to offer to the students: In parallel with a lecture that is prepared and held together with an experienced lecturer, the TeamTeaching-Program offers a training program for higher education didactics. By the means of this preparatory as well as hands-on training program, the PhD-students develop the academic teaching skills they need, for example, in order to plan their lectures, instruct groups and work out effective examinations. With regard to these topics, the PhD-students will further develop their skills and will acquire more theoretical background knowledge that they can apply to their own teaching practice. Both the cooperation as well as the parallel training program support the PhD-students' entry into academic teaching and enable the professionalization of the teaching concept right from the beginning.

Certified teaching competency

For the completion of the TeamTeaching-Program, the PhD-students are awarded a certificate, which is a useful complement to their CV, especially for those who aspire to a professional scientific career. The certificate may help the PhD-students to position themselves in the academic world, where next to the individual research performance, certified teaching competency becomes more and more important.

www.ggg-teamteaching.uni-goettingen.de

(Angelika Thielsch,
Division for Teaching and Learning in
Higher Education)

TeamTeaching-Program of the GGG: Dates and Procedures (summer term 2013)

Until January 15, 2013	Apply as a TeachingTeam at the GGG (see www.ggg-teamteaching.uni-goettingen.de)
March 4, 2013, 05.00 – 06.00 p.m.	First talk providing information about the TeamTeaching-Program
July, 2, 2013, 05.00 – 07.00 p.m.	Final talk; Assessment of the participation of the TeamTeaching-Program; Presentation of certificates for the experienced lecturers

Dates of the qualification program for PhD-students

March 11 and 12, 2013	Workshop: Hochschuldidaktik I – Start in das Lehren (participation in teams); Fundamentals of teaching and learning in higher education, Preparing and planning lectures, Organizing teaching as a team
April 24, 2013	Workshop: Gruppen in der Hochschullehre; Leading groups making use of group dynamics, Supervising group works
June, 28 and 29, 2013	Workshop: Grundlagen des Prüfens; Fundamentals of examination, Supervising scientific assignments and theses
July 15, 2013	Workshop: Hochschuldidaktik II – Follow Up; Critical reflection of the individual teaching action to date and in the future; Presentation of certificates for PhD-students

For further information on the program, its modules and registration, please refer to our website:

www.ggg-teamteaching.uni-goettingen.de

Business and Science

The Wirtschaftsspiegel Südniedersachsen, a special supplement of the regional newspaper Hessische/Niedersächsische Allgemeine (HNA) from September 21, 2012, focuses on the knowledge transfer between science and the economy. In this issue, Marlene Wycisk also presents the work of the SME network of the GGG in detail. [This is a brief translation done by the GGG. To access the full article please refer to link below this paragraph.]

Preventing smart people from leaving the region

The University of Göttingen expands the cooperation with SME

The studies are completed and the doctorate is the culmination of the scientific career. Many graduates often want to leave Göttingen after this phase because they simply do not know about the region's career potential. In times of an increasing shortage of skilled labor, it is also necessary to develop regional strategies to offer an attractive professional environment with adequate career prospects to young scientists. For quite some time now, the University of Göttingen decided to counteract the feared brain drain in order to keep know-how in the region and to ensure a vital interdisciplinary cooperation in local sciences as well as practically oriented research.

Counteracting the brain drain

One of these initiatives is the SME network of the Göttinger Graduate School of Social Sciences (GGG). This initiative funded by the European Regional Development Fund aims to support the exchange and networking between the small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) in the region and the young scientists of the university as well as to highlight the opportunities for PhD-students in the regional economic sector [...].

Cooperation between the SME and the university

A promising way of cooperation: In case of an enterprise enquiry, the staff of the SME network is able to identify PhD-students, who are qualified for cooperation, using an updated database. This matching is also used for the event „PaxisForum – Wir verbinden kluge Köpfe“ on November 13. The main activity of the event is the scientific speed dating that is an exchange on specific topics between regional enterprises and PhD-students of social sciences with compatible qualifications. In the run-up to the event, the participating enterprises can inform the SME-network staff about their main area of interest. Conceivable topics range from new marketing concepts to questions about human resource development or internal logistics [...].

Successful practice

Successful cooperation projects of PhD-students (or students) and enterprises in the past show that the practice of the SME network works out: The last scientific speed dating brought together the enterprise Lünemann, which is based in Göttingen, with two Masters students, who examined internal quality and cost aspects of the enterprise for their masters theses in the major study field of production and logistics. The results of this investigation made an important contribution to the development of new more efficient processes within the enterprise. Another positive example is the cooperation of the Gesellschaft für Wirtschaftsförderung und Stadtentwicklung Göttingen mbH (GWG) with Bachelor students, who investigated the profitability of the commercial area Siekhöhe for the city of Göttingen and examined how this area influences the community. In 2010, a further cooperation project of the prescription inspecting authority Duderstadt and the Chair of Organization and Management analyzed the informal networking structures of the enterprise based in Duderstadt [...]. (For the complete article, including information about further business cooperation projects, please refer to the following website www.kmu-netzwerk.uni-goettingen.de.)

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If you are interested in a cooperation of enterprises and science or if you have questions regarding support and funding, please contact the project coordinators of the SME network:

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Qualification

Courses offered during the first quarter of 2013

From now on, you can register for the following courses of the first quarter by sending an email to: ggg.kursanmeldung@uni-goettingen.de. For detailed information on our courses and on additional courses for PhD-students offered by cooperating institutions, please go to: www.qualiportal-promovierende.uni-goettingen.de.

Date	Topic	Lecturer
07.02. + 08.02.	An Introduction to „Wissenschaftsdeutsch“	Frank Lauterbach
27.02. – 02.03.	Kreatives Karrieremanagement	Jutta Schwarz
11.03. – 15.03.	Statistical Analysis with R	Nadja Klein / Benjamin Säfken
22.03. + 19.04. + 28.06.	Zeit- und Selbstmanagement während der Promotion und der Zeit danach	Dr. Sabine Hoier

This is how it works: The GGG divides the year into four quarters. You can register for courses six weeks before the start of a new quarter. Every workshop can be attended by 10 to 16 PhD-students. We have a „first come, first serve“ policy. Four weeks before the course starts, your registration will be considered as binding. Detailed information about the courses and the registration procedure can be found at: www.qualiportal-promovierende.uni-goettingen.de

Please only use the following email address for registration ggg.kursanmeldung@uni-goettingen.de. Please consider the applicable registration procedure.



New course booklet 2013

The hot-off-the-press course booklet 2013 contains a list of all courses the GGG offers for PhD-students next year. In 2013, the course program mainly focuses on the fields of interdisciplinary methods, key qualifications as well as professional skills.

While PhD-students will receive the course booklet by internal mail, it can also be accessed in pdf-format under:

www.uni-goettingen.de/de/415095.html

We hope you enjoy browsing through the booklet and participating in the courses!

Program of the division for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education for PhD-students and young lecturers

In addition, we would like to draw your attention to the following courses of the division for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education of the University of Göttingen, which are specially addressed to PhD-students:

Date	Topic	Lecturer
10.12.2012	„...plötzlich lehren!“ Meine Rolle als Lehrende/r	Caroline Hein / Angelika Thielsch
11.01. + 25.01. + 01.02.	Kollaboratives Lernen unterstützen	Timo van Treeck
04.02. + 05.02.	Teaching Writing-Intensive Courses	Dzifa Vode

For further information on these courses as well as for registration, please go to:

www.qualiportal-promovierende.uni-goettingen.de

Sponsorships

Attention: There are many grants and scholarships available for January 15, 2013!

The Göttingen Graduate School of Social Sciences provides funding and scholarships for PhD-students of social sciences. For an overview of the latest offers, please refer to our website: www.ggg.uni-goettingen.de/GGG-sponsorship.

Upcoming application deadlines are:

Grant	Duration	Deadline	Amount of Funding	Target Group
GGG Family Grant	4 – 6 months	15.01.13 30.06.13	€ 1,200 – €1,300 per month	PhD-students with children under the age of 12 who need funding while they are completing their dissertation
Organization of international conferences	Funding for 6 months (43 hours per month)	15.01.13 30.06.13	Payment for the position of a graduate research assistant (plus € 1,840 for material expenses)	PhD-students who want to enhance their key qualifications by organizing an international conference
Research Assistantships	3 months	15.01.13 30.06.13	Approx. € 320 per month as a graduate research assistant	International PhD-students, who are working on a research project
Teaching Assistantships	1 semester	15.01.13	Approx. € 800 in total as a graduate research assistant	International PhD-students for a lecture in the summer term of 2013
Editing Grant	one-off payment	15.01.13 30.06.13	€ 1,200 maximum	For the German editing service of the PhD-thesis of international PhD-students provided by the International Writing Center
Tandem	initiation	15.01.13 30.06.13	Approx. € 270 in total for graduate research assistant	PhD-students, who methodically support an international PhD-student
HBS-Grant	2 – 3 years (starting in April 2013)	20.01.13	€ 1,150 per month	PhD-students who are members of the doctoral research program "Qualifikatorisches Upgrading in KMU"

On our own Account

Please be aware that all upcoming courses are open for registration after the publication of this newsletter. Effective immediately, PhD-students can register for the courses offered by the GGG in the first quarter of the year 2013 (see page 4).

This newsletter is published quarterly and is available to all PhD-students and supervisors of the Faculty of Social Sciences, as well as to all interested parties. The newsletter is provided online (www.uni-goettingen.de/de/aktuelles/42253.html) or you can order it by email.

The next newsletter will be published on February 18, 2013.

This newsletter is intended to provide information about the basic questions of writing a PhD-thesis, as well as to develop and maintain a closer contact between you and the GGG-team. Hence, it enables an easy and flexible access to all courses and events of the graduate school. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact our team (see last page of the newsletter) or the persons in charge of the various projects, which can be accessed online.

News of the GGG

7. Interdisciplinary Methodology Week was successful

From October 15 to 18, 2012, this year's methodology week of the GGG took place. In various workshops, the participants discussed current research questions and methods. The special lecture of Prof. Dr. Ebbinghaus dealt with the question „Wohlfahrtsregime im Vergleich: Vom Ideal- zum Realtypus?“.

A detailed review as well as the evaluation results will be provided in the next newsletter, in spring 2013, and will soon be pre-released together with pictures, recordings and much more on the following website: www.methodenwoche.uni-goettingen.de

The university's president and the graduate schools

On November 1, 2012, again an active exchange took place in one of the regular meetings of the university's president and the three graduate schools. Among others things, measures to improve the supervision of doctoral studies, the workload and the compliance with good scientific practice were agreed. Detailed information on concrete measures will be announced later, while an overview of how to ensure good scientific practice is already available online: www.uni-goettingen.de/de/221853.html

Election of the new PhD-representatives in Social Sciences

Starting November 21, 2012, information on the candidates can be accessed, and votes can be casted online. You will receive an e-mail from the GGG containing the required access data. Please check your incoming mail and, if necessary, your spam filter.

The current PhD-representation invites you to get in touch, to get to know the candidates and to learn more about participation opportunities in the GGG. Thursday November 22, 2012, 10.00 a.m. in the Kulturwissenschaftlichen Zentrum (KWZ), Heinrich-Düker-Weg 14, Room 0.602.

All PhD-students of the five faculties of the GGG as well as all members of the PhD-programs and graduate schools acknowledged by the GGG can run for the position as the PhD-representative, and all are entitled to vote. Please refer to: www.uni-goettingen.de/de/185778.html

Announcement for HBS Grant

(Please apply by January, 20, 2013)

Due to profound changes in the required competencies for current and future staff of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), as well as the resulting change of the qualification structures, cooperation practices and career development prospects, eight PhD-scholarships are offered.

www.uni-goettingen.de/de/bewerbung/316742.html

At a glance

2nd Conference of the Postgraduate and Early Professionals/Academics Network of the Society of International Economic Law (PEPA/SIEL)

The conference, which is organized by the Institut für Völkerrecht und Europarecht in cooperation with the Society of International Economic Law (SIEL), will take place on January 25 and 26, 2013. The international conference, which is inter alia funded by the SME network of the GGG, focuses on international economic law, such as the international trade law, the international investment protection law and the international financial market law. For information about the program and registration please go to: www.tinyurl/pepa-siel

Dorothea Schlözer Qualification Program for post-doctoral researchers 2013

The Dorothea Schlözer Qualification Program aims to support researchers regarding their career development and to prepare them for an international academic leadership position. For a small group of researchers, the program offers training and coaching of academic key qualifications as well as practical knowledge about career-related topics, such as scientific management, research funding and networking. All post-doctoral researchers, habilitation candidates, leaders of junior researchers groups and junior professors of the University and the Göttingen Research Campus can apply for this program.

Starting December 1, 2013, announcements as well as an overview of all events for 2013 will be provided on the website of the Equal Opportunities Office:

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/122357.html

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Do you know...?

TeamTeaching in Social Sciences

Starting in the coming semester, the GGG in cooperation with the division for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education of the University of Göttingen provides with the TeamTeaching-Program another opportunity for PhD-students to extend their qualifications (see also the article on the subject on page 1). If you are interested, please contact Manuel Thiel (GGG) or Angelika Thielsch (Division for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education).

Her main activity focus is the development of a workshop program (www.uni-goettingen.de/de/365991.html) for PhD-students and young lecturers as well as the development and implementation of Team Teaching-programs in cooperation with the graduate schools. After she completed her Magister studies in ethnology, gender research and Romance philology, she worked in the divisions for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education of several universities and became a member of the team of the division in Göttingen in November 2011.

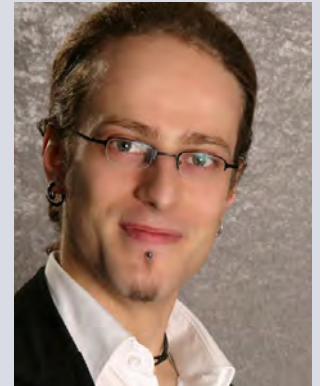
As a project consultant, Manuel Thiel is in charge of the organization and the further development of the qualification program of the GGG. In addition, it's his job to deal with the interdisciplinary network, the graduate school's public image and the exchange with the member faculties and the cooperation partners of the GGG. After he completed his diploma in sociology at the

University of Leipzig, he worked as a scientific research associate at the University of Göttingen and completed his PhD-thesis in sociology in 2012. In August 2010, he joined the team of the GGG.



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Events

The GGG is hosting different events to which we would like to cordially invite you. You can already make a note of the following events. Additional information about times and locations will be provided on our website, in our flyer, and by the team of the GGG.

November 27 and 28, 2012, 10.00 a.m. - 04.00 p.m.: Visit the stand of the GGG at the SoWi GO! fair.

Moreover, there will be an interesting presentation titled "A PhD in social sciences – why and how?" by Dr. Bettina Roß (GGG) on November 28, 2012.

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

December 5, 2012, 10.00 a.m. – 03.00 p.m.: Visit the stand of the GGG on the Law Career Day!

Attend the interesting information session titled "A PhD in law – opportunities and perspectives" with Susanne Herrmann (Dean's Office) and Dr. Bettina Roß (GGG) as well as with an experience report by the PhD-student Anja Eikermann.

www.myjobfair.de/upload/Fakultaetskarrieretag_Goettingen_2012_Flyer.pdf

December 12, 2012: International Christmas Dinner

(starting at 06.00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Historische Sternwarte)

The year 2012 is nearly over and, at this stage almost all around the world people celebrate Christmas. So let's share different customs and traditions and spend an exciting night together! The GGG will provide Christmas cookies, coffee, tea and cold beverages. If everybody brings some typical dishes of his/her region, we can enjoy a rich international Christmas Dinner. Moreover, family and friends are also more than welcome. Please inform us with how many persons you will participate in the dinner by sending a short mail to Anne Wiese (awiese@uni-goettingen.de) by December 6, 2012.

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