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Dear PhD students, supervisors and project partners,

first of all the GGG wishes you all the best for 2017!

The Helpdesk for International PhD students has been established in 2012. In the editorial you can read about the current offers and further support measures the GGG provides for PhD students from foreign countries in order to support them in the best possible way during their studies! Furthermore, this newsletter includes:

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Welcome to Göttingen! Welcome to the World!

Göttingen University, as an open-minded and future-oriented organization, welcomes international PhD students. The GGG also offers a wide range of activities to facilitate the first steps for PhD students coming from abroad and to encourage the contact to other (international) PhD students.

The GGG supports all PhD students in social sciences with qualification courses, various counseling offers and funding measures. During the twelve years of its existence, the GGG has gained significant experience with the diversity of PhD students. Therefore, the GGG aims to do justice to the different backgrounds and experiences of PhD students and has designed several measures that are tailored towards the needs of the various groups specified by gender, family status and social and migration background. Our goal is that you, as PhD student at GGG, can choose from the variety of our offers those most suitable for you and your studies. One of the relevant aspects here is the international mobility of PhD students.

As a research-focused university with a tradition of almost 300 years, Göttingen Uni-

versity has strong ties to universities, research institutions and other cooperation partners across the world. International exchange has become a vital part of studies



A visit to Bischhausen on June 08, 2016

and research: members of Göttingen University can go abroad and encounter people from all over the world here in Göttingen at the same time. At the level of PhD studies it is quite usual to work in international and intercultural contexts. Therefore, GGG offers courses on intercultural competence and, together with Göttingen University's International Office, events that combine intercultural encounters with excursions and other pleasant activities.

Election of the next GGG PhD students' representation postponed



We call all our PhD students to stand as candidate for the election of the next GGG PhD students' representation (see page 3). Do you want to actively shape GGG's work for the PhD students? Then announce your candidature to the GGG until April 10, 2017! Further information on the tasks of the PhD students' representatives can be found at:

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/447778.html

Every fifth PhD student at GGG comes from abroad and thus brings with them a specific experience and level of knowledge from their home country. Accordingly, there are various local opportunities for international encounters, for example at Foyer International or at the InDiGU Network Café. The faculties and graduate schools closely cooperate to facilitate international PhD students' arrival at the university and in Göttingen. For this purpose GGG has several offers for international PhD students.

Embedded in GGG's general concept of support and tailored toward the various needs of the heterogeneous group of PhD students and their supervisors, these are our offers especially for PhD students from abroad and German PhD students interested in an international exchange:

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Office hours: thursdays, from 02:00 pm to 03:30 pm
and by appointment

www.uni-goettingen.de/GGG-Helpdesk

A variety of **counseling offers**, e.g. if you have newly arrived, if you have questions on financing your studies, if you have general questions on the process of your PhD studies or if you face problems during your PhD studies

www.uni-goettingen.de/ggg-counseling

The **course program** for key skills and professional competences with courses in English and German

www.uni-goettingen.de/ggg-qualification

The **Interdisciplinary Week of Methods**, held once a year with half of the workshops in English and half in German

www.methodenwoche.uni-goettingen.de

Grants and scholarships to support your international mobility (outgoing) as well as **grants and scholarships** to support your research here in Germany (incoming), both at

www.uni-goettingen.de/ggg-sponsorship

Events and activities that give you the opportunity for international networking and getting to know Göttingen and the surrounding region from an intercultural perspective.

We look forward to further cooperating with you and we are constantly refining our offers in order to give you the best possible support, to promote equal opportunities and to foster the wide range of your individual talents.

Election of the GGG PhD students' representation: Call for candidates

For the upcoming election of the PhD students' representatives that was to take place in March, three PhD students announced their candidature to GGG. However, they all had to withdraw from their candidature for various family reasons. While deeply regretting this we perfectly understand their reasons and wish them all the best and success in tackling the challenges at hand. Consequently, the election has been postponed from March to June 2017. Again, we call all our PhD students to stand as candidate for the election of the next GGG PhD students' representatives. Please, contact Mike Bielib at ggg@uni-goettingen.de until April 10, 2017!

As part of the PhD students' representation you help to shape GGG and the university – e.g. in discussions about selection criteria for support measures. You will get to know how a university is run and the factors influencing a decisions.

As a PhD students' representative at GGG you are an important contact person for PhD students of the social sciences and their representation within the graduate school, university, and in public. During the one-year term you are an authorized member of the GGG board, which enables you to help shape GGG's further developments.

Improvements that were achieved due to the PhD students' representation's initiative over the last years are e. g. expanded family-friendly support measures for PhD students, improvements on GGG's counseling services and a close cooperation between the respective PhD students' representation and the GGG team. The PhD students' representation consists of one spokesperson and their deputy and is elected annually by all PhD students. If

you wish to run for office in the next PhD students' representation election, you are invited to get in touch with GGG!

All GGG PhD students and members of PhD programs and Research Training Groups accepted by GGG can be elected if they are entitled to vote (see www.ggg.uni-goettingen.de/programs).

If you have any inquiries or if you are interested in running for office, please, get in touch with GGG via ggg@uni-goettingen.de or call Mike Bielib (0551 39 10952).

Online elections will take place from June 1 until June 27, 2017. The new term of office will last from July 2017 to June 2018.

For detailed information regarding the PhD students' representation's tasks and opportunities, please refer to www.uni-goettingen.de/en/447778.html or

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GGG News

Farewell to Judith Kaschner and Christin Carlsen

Two of our colleagues left the GGG at the end of December 2016. On the one hand, we regret the departure of Judith Kaschner, who worked relentlessly in supporting our international PhD students, organizing networking events and solving many PhD students' individual problems during the past years. Furthermore, she was a highly appreciated colleague, often refining translations with a keen eye for detail, and finding answers to everyone's computer questions. On the other hand, we lost our student assistant Christin Carlsen, who handled our data with great care and skillfully assisted in organizing events.

We thank them both for their valuable work and the great time we spent together. We wish them success in their further career and all the best for the future!

By re-assigning their former tasks internally we can mostly compensate for the loss of two team members. However, we hope to be spared from any further cutbacks in order to be able to keep up our broad range of offers, courses and services.

Fourth application phase for KaWirMento until February 28, 2017

For many graduating and graduated academics a career in an enterprise is an attractive job opportunity. The mentoring program KaWirMento aims at preparing and accompanying graduating and graduated PhD students for and on their way into economy. Demands on a successful perspective in economy shall become clearer and participants shall be supported to qualify for an enterprise entry.

Application for participation in the mentoring program "KaWirMento – career paths into economy" is still open until the end of the month! Further information can be found at www.uni-goettingen.de/en/444677.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:

NOTE! NEW DATE: Publication Strategies (not only) for Social Scientists on March 15, 2017

In cooperation with experts from Göttingen State and University Library (SUB) and co-editors from the journal "New Diversities" of the Max Planck Institute (MPI) for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity the GGG invites you to a workshop on publication possibilities in the Social Sciences.

You will be provided with information on aspects of "Open Science" as well as on offers by the SUB. Furthermore, review requirements of professional journals will be explained. Special focus lies on good scientific practice, especially on the proper way of archiving and publishing your research data. Although the workshop first and foremost addresses doctoral students of Social Sciences, the publication strategies explained will be helpful for other doctoral students as well.

This workshop is held alternately in English and German: The reviewer of the journal "New Diversities" will present in English while the information of SUB will be given in German. Unfortunately, we cannot provide a translation. The workshop takes place on **March 15, from 09:00 am to 05:30 pm** in the SUB, large seminar room (1st floor). As seats are limited, we kindly ask you to register with ggg.kursanmeldung@uni-goettingen.de until March 8.

Trial workshops on science management on April 06 and on May 11, 2017

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, GSGG and GGG offer 4-hour trial workshops on science management four times a year for PhD students and postdocs who would like to know more about the field and have asked themselves if switching to it could be interesting. The workshops are given in German and take place on April 06 and May 11, 2017. For detailed information on times, locations and registration, please visit:

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

It does not always have to be science: Career prospects after a doctorate in social sciences – GGG alumni talk on May 30, 2017

You have wondered about what to do after completing your doctorate? Staying in academia is only one option, as a doctorate in the field of social sciences opens up even more possibilities.

In the run-up to the Praxisbörse 2017 we would like to show you some specific career paths and invite you to join us for a Round Table in German language at the Conference Center at the Historical Observatory on May 30, 2017, from 06:00 to 09:00 pm. Several alumni of GGG will talk about their current position and how they got there, what defines their work and what was crucial on their way. Following the talk there will be time to ask your own questions and to chat while having some drinks and snacks. We kindly ask you to register with ggg@uni-goettingen.de until May 22. Further information will be provided soon at: www.uni-goettingen.de/en/554422.html

Workshop on preparing the thesis defense with GSGG on June 26 and July 10, 2017

In 2017, GSGG and GGG in cooperation with the Division for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education will offer a workshop on preparing the thesis defense (in German). Target group are advanced doctoral candidates of GGG and GSGG whose defense will take place in the near future. The course will focus on practical training on preparing, structuring and giving a scientific presentation, as well as on general and subject-specific questions on the conditions of the thesis defense. This course will be conducted in German. Available places are limited and registration is already open! Further information can be found at: www.uni-goettingen.de/de/552698.html

Interdisciplinary Week of Methods from July 17 to July 20, 2017

The Week of Methods, as an annual program encompassing all GGG member faculties, aims to encourage interdisciplinary discussions on methodology. The Week of Methods allows PhD students to avail themselves of methodological stimuli and solutions in related disciplines while developing their dissertation. They are empowered to select methodological approaches particularly suitable for their research question. This breaks the traditional methodological limits of disciplines, opens up new approaches and enables critical reflection for the PhD students. The 12th Interdisciplinary Week of Methods will take place from July 17 to July 20, 2017, registration will be open from May 15 to June 11, 2017 (first come, first serve!).

Four parallel workshops on methods in social sciences will be offered from July 17 to July 20 just as in the last years. In addition to the keynote speech on Monday, there will be ample opportunity to get in touch with other PhD students and the teachers. Further information and the registration form can be found at: www.uni-goettingen.de/en/205179.html

News in brief

Higher Education Didactics workshops for all university teachers on February 24 and March 23, 2017

Göttingen University's Equal Opportunities Office (project "Integrating Gender into Teaching") organizes two workshops for all (newly appointed) university teachers in cooperation with the Division for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education: The workshop "Fairer Lehren. Geschlechterreflektierende Didaktik an Hochschulen" (Fair Teaching: Gender-Conscious Didactics at Universities) will take place on February 24. The overall goal of gender-conscious didactics at universities is to create a learning-friendly environment and participation opportunities for every student. This workshop gives you the opportunity to get to know the content-based approach and didactic instruments and methods of gender-conscious didactics in practice. Of course, participants can contribute with their own teaching experience. Furthermore, on March 23, the workshop "Diversitätsgerechtes Prüfen und Bewerten" (Diversity-Conscious Examination and Evaluation) will take place. In everyday research and teaching at German universities, the students' diversity is increasingly important. With different backgrounds, students are sitting in their exams together, having the same goals but a divergent approach to the learning contents. This workshop will discuss the possibilities of heightened diversity awareness in teaching with special regard to reviewing teaching contents. Each workshop lasts from 09:00 am to 05:00 pm at Waldweg 26, Room 3.117/ 3.119 (wing I, 3rd floor) and will be taught in German. You can find more information and registration at www.uni-goettingen.de/en/552290.html and www.uni-goettingen.de/en/540142.html

Workshop "Searching international jobs and internships online" on February 27, 2017

The Career Service invites you to a workshop (in English language) about online job hunting strategies. Get tips for the efficient use of online job boards and learn how to find country-specific information about applying and working abroad with the online platform "GoInGlobal". Please do not forget to register here: www.uni-goettingen.de/en/554719.html

Call for Editors-in-Chief at the Göttingen Centre for Gender Studies (GCG)

For their working paper series "Gender<ed> Thoughts" the Göttingen Centre for Gender Studies (GCG) is currently seeking researchers to join the editorial team to contribute to the representation of and the networking for the GCG. "Gender<ed> Thoughts" is published every few months and is intended to make the work of GCG more visible. The series is open to current international debates, methodology and content of Gender Studies as well as local research and discussions (gender thoughts). Additionally, the series aims to reflect on Gender as an individual and social perspective in academia and day-to-day life (gendered thoughts). Another goal is to give students, PhD students and postdocs a platform to publish their research results in the area of Gender Studies. All papers will be published open access with the Creative

Commons License cc-by-sa 3.0. As a Co-Editor you will participate in the selection of abstracts, be involved in guiding the whole work process and supporting early career researchers. Please submit your application including a brief paragraph of intent (max. one page) and a curriculum vitae to either Dr. Konstanze Hanitzsch (konstanze.hanitzsch@zentr.uni-goettingen.de) or Dr. Solveig Lena Hansen (shansen@gwdg.de). The deadline is March 17, 2017. Further information on the series "Gender<ed> Thoughts" can be found at:

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/535889.html

Scientific conference on "Hate" from March 20 to March 22, 2017

The Hans Böckler Foundation organizes a scientific conference on „Hass – eine interdisziplinäre Betrachtung gesellschaftlicher Zerwürfnisse" (Hate – an interdisciplinary approach to social discords) which will be open to all PhD students and interested persons. Keynote speakers are Prof. Dr. Samuel Salzborn (Göttingen), Prof. Dr. Sangyun Kim (Kyoto) and Prof. Dr. Christine Kirchhoff (Berlin). More information can soon be found at:

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/551668.html

Jobs instead of stipends: Dorothea Schlözer Postdoctoral Program for female postdocs

The presidential board of Göttingen University offers support for young academics in the form of positions for female postdocs. The program starts in 2017 and there will be 6 positions offered (TV-L 13, 100%, term of 2 years), two of which at the University Medical Center (UMG). Eligible for application are young female postdocs of all disciplines, including Medicine, in an early postdoc phase, who conduct a research project at Göttingen University (including the University Medical Center) or plan to do so. The application deadline is on March 31, 2017. The positions are scheduled to start on October 1, 2017. Further information can be found on the website of the Dorothea Schlözer Postdoctoral Program for female postdocs at:

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/122481.html

Holiday care for children of university employees

In cooperation with the Children Day Care Göttingen, the university's theater (ThOP), the Regional Environment Center (RUZ) and the Institute for Zoology, Göttingen University's FamilyService organizes two weeks of holiday care for university employees' children at the age of 6 to 12. Due to the great demand and the success last year there will be a theater workshop at the ThOP offered in the first week of summer holidays, from June 26 to June 30, 2017. Registration deadline for this full-time program is March 31, 2017. In the fall holidays from October 9 to October 13, 2017, children will have the opportunity to explore and discover forest-dwelling animals on the grounds of the RUZ and in the neighboring forest. Registration deadline for this full-time program is June 15, 2017. Further information and registration can be found at:

www.uni-goettingen.de/ferienbetreuung

Qualification

Our courses in the second quarter 2017

Registration has started for the following second quarter courses in 2017 at ggg.kursanmeldung@uni-goettingen.de. There are also some free places in two courses of the first quarter. 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
15.03.2017 (new date!)	Publication Strategies (not only) for Social Scientists	Experts from SUB and the journal "New Diversities"
23.03. + 24.03.2017	Slidewriting – Optimize Your Own Academic Presentation	Dr. Markus Burger
10.04. + 24.04.2017	Auftreten im akademischen Umfeld	Dr. Regina Heimann
08.05. – 09.05. + 13.06.2017	Standortbestimmung und Karriereplanung	Dr. Kerstin Mauth
11.05. – 12.05.2017	Schreibcoaching: Strategisch die Doktorarbeit schreiben	Dr. Jutta Wergen
08.06. – 09.06. + 15.06. – 16.06.2017	Academic Writing: Effective Strategies for Publishing in English	Frank Lauterbach
26.06. + 10.07.2017	Disputation. Ein Vorbereitungskurs (GSGG/GGG)	Angelika Thielsch

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

Furthermore, we would 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
20. – 21.02.2017	Vom Rat-Suchen zum Beraten – Meine Rolle als Berater*in	Dr. Jutta Wergen
05.04. + 09.06.2017	(Lern)Aktivierende Methoden für Lehreinsteiger*innen	Daniel Al-Kabbani
19.05.2017	Grundlagen des Prüfens in schreibintensiven Fächern	Dr. Susanne Frölich-Steffen

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 in the course of the year:

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

The following funding options are available for the coming months:

Funding measure	Duration	Application deadline	Funding amount	Target group
TeamTeaching	1 semester	20.02.17	tandem and qualification	PhD students who look for support for their first teaching experience
KaWirMento	1 year	28.02.17	mentoring and qualification	PhD students and postdocs aiming at a career in economy
Family oriented finishing grant	4 – 6 months	30.06.17	1.200 € plus child benefit	PhD students caring for children under the age of 12 or relatives in need of care and thus needing more time to complete their PhD thesis
Conference trips	flexible	30.06.17	max. 70% of expenses	PhD students actively participating in an international scientific conference (via Göttingen International)
Dorothea Schlözer Mentoring Program	1 year	30.06.17	mentoring and qualification	Female PhD students and postdocs aiming at a career in academia / professorship
Emergency grant	4 – 6 months	flexible	1.200 € plus child benefit if required	PhD students who get in unpredictable financial need they are not responsible for and need support to continue their PhD thesis
PhD students' forum	flexible	flexible	depends on the expenses	PhD students wishing to network professionally

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 second quarter of 2017.

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 May 16, 2017.

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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Box of Wishes

You have wishes, suggestions or ideas concerning our offers, the qualification courses, our events? We are open for your wishes all the time and looking forward to hearing from you!



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