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Dear PhD students, supervisors and project partners,

Springtime brings a rush of fresh energy, and we hope it also motivates you to participate in the upcoming GGG PhD students' representatives' election. In this issue's editorial we inform you on how to already build the basis of your future career as GGG alumni. In addition, registration for the Week of Methods 2017 as well as for our third quarter courses is open now! Furthermore, this newsletter includes:

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Prepare for Your Post-graduate Life: Today's PhD students are Tomorrow's Alumni

Especially nowadays, exchange, cooperation and networking are important. With the new Alumni Portal, Göttingen University now is offering you a tool to stay in touch with your colleagues and next generation PhD students.

As PhD students, do you want to stay up to date with your contacts throughout the university? As Alumni, would you like to know what your former colleagues are doing now? Would you like to stay in touch with your university and graduate school after graduation? Are you motivated to share your personal experience on doctorate and early career with current PhD students? You can do all that by registration at the Alumni Network and by joining the group "Graduiertenschule Gesellschaftswissenschaften (GGG)" there. Everyone who has been or is a member of Göttingen University can become a member of the (free of charge) Alumni Network and can decide individually if, in addition, they also want to join Alumni

e.V. (yearly fee). By registering at the Alumni Network you can easily stay in touch with other alumni and university institutions and receive up-to-date information about Göttingen University's offers for alumni.

By joining your graduate school group and/or your faculty group in the Alumni Network you can easily find your colleagues, stay informed about ongoing activities and, as alumni, receive invitations to share your personal experience on doctorate and professional life with others. For example, you could be one of the next alumni invited to GGG's Alumni **Round Table!** Themed **"It does not always have to be science: Career prospects after a doctorate in social sciences"** on **May 30** there will be four alumni of GGG giving a talk on their own experience of post-graduate life and early career with employers like public authorities, private enterprise, university and public health insurance (www.uni-goettingen.de/en/554422.html).

GGG Week of Methods 2017

As of now, registration for this year's GGG Week of Methods, taking place from 17.07. to 20.07.2017, is open! The program includes workshops on "Intersectional Research Methodology", "Qualitative and Comparative Analysis in Social Sciences", "Juristische Quellenrecherche und Medienkunde" and "Mehrebenenanalysen". For further information and registration please visit

www.methodenwoche.uni-goettingen.de

**Registration period for the Week of Methods 2017
is open from 15.05. until 11.06.2017**

Furthermore, in the Alumni Network you are invited to add your own ideas, initiate activities or just browse the portal online. Various suitable search options for both the Alumni Network and the club Alumni e. V. are available to you.



You can join the Alumni Network at any time during your PhD studies or after graduation in order to get in touch with your colleagues and other alumni. It does not take more than a registration with the online portal. You are free to decide which of your personal information can be seen by others and you can choose the groups you want to keep in contact with.

Thus, you stay within reach and you can find all those people with whom you worked and researched, laughed and cried. In contrast to other networks, the Göttingen University Alumni Network enables you to search specifically for (former) members of Göttingen University, who experienced the good and the bad times at the university and in the city, whom you have met or whom you always wanted to meet one day. In reverse, you can also be found as member of this university, which is convenient for those who lose track of each other after graduation, as it often happens. In comparison to other social networks you can be sure to be found as member of Göttingen University, instead of being just a face in the crowd. At the same time you are well protected as you can decide whether your personal information is visible to the public or just stored internally.

We invite you to become a member now and benefit from the offers of the Alumni Network and GGG's group there. You can find further information and registration at www.alumni-goettingen.de.

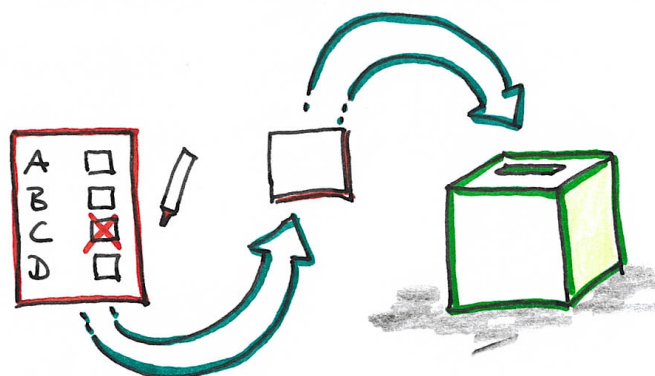
Election of the PhD students' representation

The PhD students' representative at GGG is an important contact for PhD students of the social sciences and their representation within graduate school, university, and in public. During the one-year term of office, the PhD representative actively helps shaping the graduate school as a member of its board and stands in for the interests of the different PhD students of social sciences.

The next PhD students' representatives' election of the GGG will take place online from June 1 to 27, 2017.

You will thus receive an e-mail from the GGG as of June 1, including access data and the corresponding link. All PhD students of GGG as well as all members of PhD programs and Research Training Groups accepted by the GGG have the right to vote (see www.ggg.uni-goettingen.de/programs). The new term of office will last from July 2017 to June 2018.

In the last weeks, we have called all PhD students to run for PhD students' representation. In the following, we will briefly introduce the three candidates. For more detailed information on the election please visit www.uni-goettingen.de/en/530924.html



Presentation of candidates (part 1)

Ceren Kasim

I am writing my PhD thesis at the Faculty of Law, at the Department for Labor Law, under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Rüdiger Krause. In my dissertation I explore the relation between the law on protection against dismissal and the anti-discrimination law. I was a visiting researcher at Rijksuniversiteit Groningen. Prior to my doctorate I graduated with a master's degree from Humboldt University Berlin and before, I had worked as lawyer after studying law.

Candidacy details:

As candidate I want to speak up for the following matters:

- Internationalization, diversity, equal opportunities and equal treatment
- Build up foster and strengthen networking opportunities for doctoral candidates
- Intensify interdisciplinary networking
- Family- and child-friendly university
- Improve support offers for PhD students
- Improvement of grants and stipends
- More mobility offers for PhD students

Presentation of candidates (part 2)

Tina Sängner

Since April 2016, I have been employed as research assistant at the Institute of Sport Science at Göttingen University. Besides teaching in the Bachelor's program in Social Sciences I write my PhD thesis. I am doing qualitative research in the area of "Early childhood and physical activity" and I am enrolled as a PhD student in Social Sciences. During my studies at Erfurt University I have been involved with honorary work in clubs and societies for over 15 years and currently I am an active member of the board of a children and youth sports club which I founded myself. For this purpose I am holding a club manager license from the German National Olympic Sports Confederation. After completing my studies I felt drawn to China, where I have been working in the area of event management at the Sino-British College Shanghai in cooperation with the University of Huddersfield (England). Furthermore, I held the post of Representative for International Sports Relations. In this context we organized and realized many events and workshops and established numerous co-operations with various countries.

Candidacy details:

Writing a PhD thesis is a demanding challenge. For myself and all PhD students at GGG I hope to find this phase as pleasant as possible and characterized by encouragement in the form of networks, resources, offers and support of all kinds. I see myself as a friendly, open and committed person. Organizing runs in my blood. I value international exchange and I work in a swift and solution-oriented way. As PhD students' representative, I would like to:

- Be an open and competent contact person
- Stand up for the interests of PhD students in social sciences
- Help shaping the future in a positive way
- Make use of my knowledge and experience in the academic self-administration
- Help shaping GGG's future activities

Julia Zilles

Since September 2014 I have been working at the Göttingen Institute for Democracy Research. There, I have conducted research on local conflicts that came up within the context of the "Energiewende" ('energy turn'). In my thesis I focus on the local dynamics and effects on political culture that are caused by the local conflicts about the construction of windmills. Since October 2016, my doctorate has been funded by the Heinrich Böll Foundation. Currently I am PhD students' representative at the Faculty of Social Sciences and at the same time, I am equal opportunities officer at the Institute for Democracy Research. I studied politics, German philology and philosophy at the University of Koblenz and Landau. In my master thesis I already focused on the area of protest research by writing about the protest against the Stuttgart 21 project. In Landau I continuously had worked as student assistant and tutor at the Institute for Social Sciences and as vacation substitute at the office of the vice-chancellor, which provided me with valuable experience in higher education policies.

Candidacy details:

During my studies I have already been actively involved in higher education policies, for example as student representative in the faculty council and senate, as student council (AStA) expert for internal university policy and as deputy at the student parliament. Based on the "Bildungsstreik" ('education strike') I stood up for bureaucracy reduction in B.A./M.A. studies and improved sustainable financing of higher education institutions. In this context I became aware of how much one can achieve and improve with proper communication between all involved parties. As PhD students' representative I would like to become the communicative link between the heterogeneous group of PhD students, all with their specific interests, and the various boards and committees (faculty council, GGG board etc.). In addition, I would like to focus on equal opportunities policy, especially regarding parents. During my studies I myself gave birth to two children and thus, as PhD students' representative, I want to keep improving the general conditions for PhD students with children both within GGG and in the faculties. In this area I can also use my experience from acting as equal opportunities officer at the Institute for Democracy Research.

Further information about the function as PhD students' representation can be found at:

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

Events

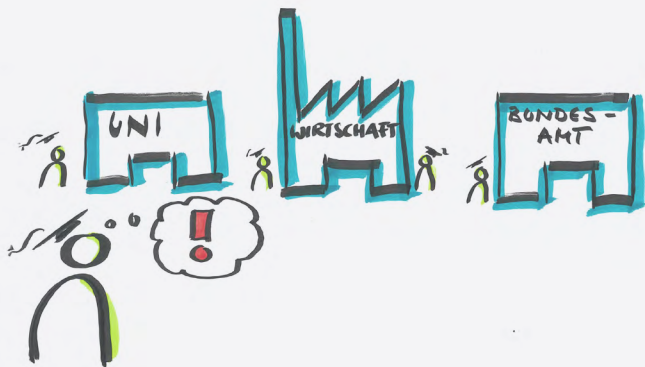
We kindly invite you to events taking place within the GGG framework or with GGG involvement. Further information and times will be promptly available on GGG website, in brochures and at the GGG team. Please already note the following events:

"Diversity and City": Event on the 5th nationwide Diversity Day in Göttingen on May 30, 2017

As signatory of the "Charta der Vielfalt" ('Diversity charter'), Göttingen University takes part in the statewide Diversity Day. On Tuesday, May 30, the university together with Göttingen's city administration invites everyone interested to the convention center Alte Mensa. From 09:30 am to 03:00 pm, there will be various activities on the topic "Diversity and City". After a short welcoming speech, Prof. Dr. Karen Schönwälder of the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity will give a keynote speech titled "Wie Städte Diversität gestalten" ('How Cities shape Diversity'). During the following discussion, both the speaker and the organizes parties will be taking questions from the audience. At the same time, the potential for regional joint efforts in realizing the "Charta der Vielfalt" is to be explored. Afterwards, partner institutions of Göttingen Campus and other regional parties will sign the "Charta der Vielfalt" in a festive act. There is a broad supporting program for the Diversity Day 2017: From 12:00 am on, visitors can learn all about diversity-themed projects of both Göttingen University and the city of Göttingen at several booths and poster presentations. Furthermore, there will be hands-on activities on the topic of diversity. Further information can be found at: www.uni-goettingen.de/diversity-tag.

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

You are wondering 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 by the Observatory on May 30, 2017, from 06:00 to 09:00 pm. Four 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. You can find further information at: www.uni-goettingen.de/en/554422.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 projects. 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 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. 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

Workshop on publication strategies on June 22, 2017

In course of the summer school of the BMBF-sponsored Project "Urban Food^{Plus}" there will be a workshop on publication strategies on June 22, 2017, from 02:00 to 04:00 pm at the Convention Center by the Observatory. Lecturer will be Marggo Bargheer (Göttingen State and University Library (SUB)). All PhD students of GGG are invited to join. Further information at www.uni-goettingen.de/en/562857.html.

Due to limited places, kindly register in advance with ggg.kursanmeldung@uni-goettingen.de

News in brief

Start-up Consultation at Göttingen University

The Start-up Consultation at Göttingen University supports students, employees, researchers and postdocs at Göttingen higher education institutions and research units from their first ideas to founding a new business. Besides consultation, it offers assistance in searching and applying for funds. With a variety of events and workshops offered on the topic of entrepreneurship, new entrepreneurs and interested persons can benefit from practical knowledge transfer. This newly gained knowledge can be applied directly in internal start-up competitions. Furthermore, the Start-up Consultation aids young entrepreneurs to get in touch with local well-established partners and mentors and helps with obtaining premises free of charge. The "Pre-Incubator" provides prospective entrepreneurs with the required infrastructure and a wide range of support offers. In this way, risks are minimized and beneficial conditions for starting up a new business are established. Thus, bright heads are encouraged and enabled to realize their ideas and strengthen the region's innovative atmosphere. Further information, offers and the current semester program can be found at:

www.uni-goettingen.de/gruendung/semesterprogramm.

Survey about Social Media in Research

The DFG funded research project *metrics invites you to take part in their survey. The project aims to gather information about the usage of social media services among researchers in their professional activities. The survey is in English and it will only take about 15 minutes of your time. As a thank-you gift, €250 of Amazon vouchers will be awarded randomly to the participants (a €10 voucher for each of 25 participants). To access the questionnaire, please click http://bit.ly/metrics_survey. Further Information: <https://dini.de/projekte/metrics/>

Selected events of the Career Service in summer 2017

Do you want to improve your self-presentation skills in job interviews or develop effective networking strategies? The Career Service invites you to take part in the full-day workshops on "Interview training with video camera analysis" (in English language) on June 21 and "Successful networking" (in German language) on July 6. For further events and the registration, please visit www.career.uni-goettingen.de/events.

Workshop for Teachers in Higher Education "Diversity in the Classroom" (Instructor: Dr. Lehnguth)

The Equal Opportunities Office (project "Gender and Diversity in Teaching") is offering a workshop in cooperation with the Office for Higher Education Teaching: Date: May 22, 2017, 09:00 am to 05:00 pm, Waldweg 26, room 3.117/3.119 (wing I, 3rd floor).

Facing an ongoing internationalization of higher education and struggles towards equity for all students the idea of human diversity takes on particular significance. What do we mean by diversity? Why is diversity important (especially with regard to your own teaching)? And how can institutions of higher education and you, in the framework of your teaching, foster diversity? This workshop addresses these questions, drawing on short presentations, discussions, and exercises. Participants receive an overview of some of the theoretical debates behind key concepts such as diversity, (anti) discrimination, and privilege. They are given opportunities to reflect their own identities and social positions and draft action plans for their institutions and seminars. Participants will thus leave the workshop with concrete ideas and steps to move forward in their teaching in hand. The workshop will be given in English. Enrollment and further information: www.uni-goettingen.de/de/552327.html.

Graduate Survey of Göttingen University's graduate schools: Current results

Graduates of the university's four graduate schools report predominantly permanent work contracts and high satisfaction with their duties and responsibilities in professional life. These and further results and information on the soon starting next round of Göttingen University's Graduate Survey can be found online on the website of quality management at the Student and Academic Services: www.uni-goettingen.de/de/484397.html.

Other exciting results of the Graduate Survey on doctoral graduates are displayed in the chart below: www.uni-goettingen.de/de/document/download/7a60a38d-9a43884035bc986cc74ba926.png/Visualisierung_Graduiertenschulen.png.

Qualification

Our courses in the third quarter 2017

Registration has started for the following third quarter courses in 2017 at ggg.kursanmeldung@uni-goettingen.de.

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
04.09. + 05.09.2017	Project Management for researchers	Dr. Nils Reschke
28.09. + 29.09.2017	Arbeiten in vielfältigen Teams: Diversität als Herausforderung und Chance in der Promotion und danach	Andreas Hartwig

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 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 address especially PhD students:

Date	Topic	Referee
19.05.2017	Grundlagen des Prüfens in schreibintensiven Fächern	Dr. Susanne Frölich-Steffen
25. + 26.09.2017	Sicher auftreten und kommunizieren in der Lehre	Dr. Imme Schönfeld
29.09.2017	Teaching & Learning in HE: Getting Started [short format]	Angelika Thielsch

Further information and registration can be found at:

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/539671.html

www.uni-goettingen.de/hochschuldidaktik

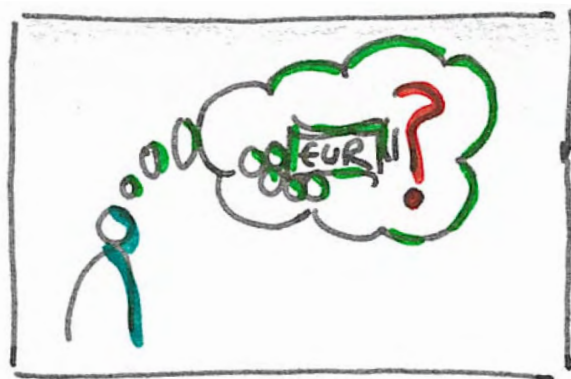
Support measures

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
Family oriented finishing Grant	4 – 6 months	30.06.17	€1,200 plus child benefit	PhD students caring for children or relatives in need of care and thus needing more time to complete their PhD thesis
Research Assistant-ships	3 months à 20 h	30.06.17	€308 pre-tax x 3 months academic assistant	Foreign PhD students who carry out a threemonthly research project
Conference trips	flexible	30.06.17	max. 70% of expenses	PhD students actively participating in an inter-national conference (via Göttingen Inter-national)
Emergency grant	4 – 6 months	flexible	€1,200 plus child benefit where 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 third 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 August 15, 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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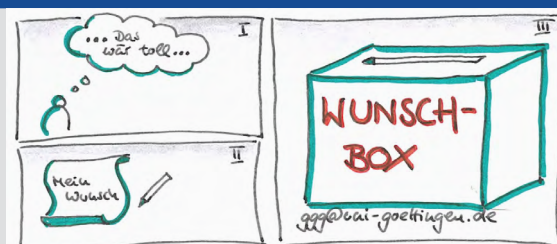
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Box of Wishes

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

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