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Dear PhD students, supervisors and project partners,

while the application period for the mentoring program "Career Paths into Economy" (KaWiMento) starts on December 1, the deadline for the third round of the WeWiMento program just expired. In this issue of the GGG newsletter, Paul Becker, participant in the second round, reports on his mentoring year. In addition, you will find:

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My year in the WeWiMento program

Mentee Paul Becker (PhD student at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity and member of the GGG) reports on his experiences in the mentoring program "Paths into Science Management (WeWiMento)" in the second round 2014/2015.

Two years ago the Coordination Mentoring of Göttingen University – together with the graduate schools GSOG and GGG – launched the mentoring program "Paths into Science Management" (WeWiMento). The aim of the program is to open up employment perspectives in science management for postdocs and PhD students in the final phase of their doctorate and to answer their questions on this professional field. Workshops and job shadowing possibilities in the different university departments, as well as the accompanying mentoring by experienced university and non-university employees provide participants with lots of ideas for their future career planning. The one-year program focuses on three main topics: One-to-one mentoring, job shadowing and qualification and networking.

After successful application and an interview, I participated in the second round of the program together with eleven colleagues. The program started on February 5, 2015 with a social gathering and an introduction round of the program organizers, the mentees and their mentors. Subsequently, there was an official kick-off event at which all mentees introduced themselves together with their mentors. In the first half of the program we took part in three two-day workshops on "Career entry and career planning", "Potential assessment" and "Working at interfaces and in networks".

All workshops were very practice-oriented and helped us enormously with questions on career orientation, recognizing our own potential and on the meaning of building and maintaining networks.

In April the different opportunities for job shadowing at Göttingen University – one of them at the GGG – were presented in a collective meeting. Each of us could choose three to four job shadowing positions that were best suited for our personal interests, questions and likings. We joined every chosen position for one week. In agreement with the organizers at the different positions, we could either complete the job shadowing in a row or split the visit into several one- or two-day units. Thus, we gained deep insights into the operation of the university and into the processes and daily tasks at the single job shadowing positions. We also had the possibility to ask all questions on a career in science management in an open and co-operative atmosphere.

In addition to the workshops, we regularly organized meetings on our own, either with the whole group or in smaller teams for the mutual exchange of experiences. We grew quickly together as a group and provided mutual support for all upcoming issues. We also built up friendly relations with the mentees of the first round. Furthermore, all mentees were supervised in a one-to-one mentoring by mentors with sound experience in science management over the whole duration of the program. We met them regularly and discussed all our questions on career planning, application documents and much more.

My result of the WeWiMento year: In case one of you is thinking about a potential career in science management, this program definitely offers a lot of answers to questions related to a career in this professional field. Even better: Two of our mentees have been hired in science management even before the end of the program.

You can find further information on this and on other mentoring programs of the university at:

www.uni-goettingen.de/mentoring

The Central Mentoring Coordination, Dr. Vera Bissinger, is happy to answer your questions (vera.bissinger@zvw.uni-goettingen.de).

GGG News

A retrospective on the Methodological Week 2015

This year's Methodological Week, which was attended by 41 PhD students, took place from 14.09. to 17.09.2015. Thirty-one participants took part in the evaluation of the Methodological Week (response rate of around 76%), which allows a well-grounded assessment of the event. The workshops were rated with 2.0 on average (equivalent to school grades 1 to 5, 1 being best), the keynote speech with 2.2 and the lecturers with 1.9. The overall rating, also taking into account the organization, was 2.0 on average.

The comments often appreciated the organization and the on-site management, which motivates us to maintain and extend the service we have established so far. Furthermore, we would like to thank you for the numerous advices on the course contents and on wishes for further courses, which will be very helpful to us in the organization of the Methodological Week 2016!

The concept of the Methodological Week, which was designed for multidisciplinary, was also approved while at the same time it became clear from the evaluation comments that many participants had wished for a stronger networking among each other. To respond to this wish we plan an additional – voluntary – evening event during the Methodological Week 2016. It will be open to all participants of the Methodological Week who wish for stronger networking among each other and with the employees of the GGG.

If you have any suggestions on this idea or other ideas in general and/or want to express your wishes, you are welcome to contact us at ggs@uni-goettingen.de. We are pleased with all suggestions that enable us to adapt the Methodological Week even more to your needs!

You can find the evaluation results of the Methodological Week at: www.uni-goettingen.de/en/525727.html

GGG course offers in the year 2016

At the same time as this newsletter, our yearly course booklet is published, comprising all qualification measures that the GGG will offer in the year 2016. With this overview you can plan your advanced training in the area of key qualifications, job competencies and methodological knowledge anticipatorily. The application deadlines for the individual courses are noted in the booklet. We will furthermore point out the current open application deadlines in our quarterly newsletter. In addition, you can find the complete course program as well as further information regarding registration at:

www.qualiportal-promovierende.uni-goettingen.de

Next application round of the KaWirMento program starts on December 1, 2015

Application for the third round of the mentoring program "KaWirMento – Career Paths into Economy" is possible from 01.12.2015 to 28.02.2016. The program aims at PhD students as well as postdoctoral research fellows of all fields of the Göttingen Campus who are interested in working in an enterprise. Further information at:

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/444677.html

Election of the next PhD representatives of the GGG

The next election of PhD representatives of the GGG will take place in March 2016 – and you can stand as a candidate. Do you want to actively shape the work of the GGG for the PhD students? Then announce your candidature to the GGG until January 19, 2016!

Further information on the tasks of the PhD representatives can be found at:

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

We are looking forward to your candidature!

Information for Newcomers

Here, we provide information at irregular intervals for PhD students who just started their dissertation or are new in the GGG. Even though intended for newcomers mainly, this column also contains information relevant to experienced PhD students.

First, we would like to warmly welcome you! As the Graduate School of Social Sciences, we will accompany you during your PhD and do our utmost to support you.

Admission to a doctorate

You will find comprehensive and combined information on the first steps from admission to a doctorate to enrollment on the website of the [Office for Student Affairs](#).

All questions on prerequisites, deadlines for application, recognition of academic degrees and the PhD procedure will be answered by the deanery or the Study advisory office of the [respective faculty](#).

After you found a professor who will supervise your PhD, please clarify financing e. g. with your supervisor. Dr. Kristin Schröder from the [GGG PhD-Funding Guidance](#) offers you advice concerning the search for funding possibilities.

After admission at your faculty, please [enroll](#) at the university's Registrar's Office. Enrollment is mandatory for PhD students, too.

Doctoral studies

There are three ways to a doctorate in social sciences at Göttingen University:

- individual doctoral degree at the Faculty of Law,
- within a PhD degree program at the Faculties of Agricultural Sciences, Forest Sciences, Social Sciences or Economic Sciences or
- within a program, e. g. a research training group.

To earn an *individual doctoral degree*, you write your dissertation at the chair of your professor at the Faculty of Law.

In a *PhD degree program* you undergo a structured study program next to writing your dissertation or your scientific papers (cumulative PhD), respectively. You attend method and key skill courses as well as colloquia for usually 20 credits. In the four mentioned faculties in Göttingen, there is only this form of doctoral studies.

A *program* groups PhD students to a specific topic. These groups work interdisciplinary and cross-institutional. You can find the [current programs](#) which are members of the GGG online.

It is recommended or mandatory (depending on whether you chose individual or structured doctoral studies) that you enter into a PhD agreement with your supervisor which defines start, topic and the involved parties of your PhD. You should regularly discuss the progress of your work with your supervisor, at least once a year. These discussions should also address the compliance of good scientific practice. This is a negotiated agreement in science. To avoid scientific misconduct, [Göttingen University](#) and the [DFG](#) have published a collection of recommendations.

In PhD degree programs or in a program you are not only accompanied by one person but by a thesis committee. This committee comprises at least two, usually three PhD supervisors and you. Its purpose is that you regularly speak about the progress of your PhD and that you come to a solution together in case of difficulties.

All doctoral studies have in common that the dissertation is submitted to the faculty and that the oral final exam is taken at the faculty. The respective deanery thus accompanies all formal steps of your PhD.

Support by the GGG

You are automatically a [member](#) of GGG as soon as you are admitted to a doctorate in one of the PhD degree programs, at the Faculty of Law, Social Sciences or Economic Sciences or at parts of the Faculty of Agricultural or Forest Sciences and Forest Ecology..

We kindly ask you to send our [questionnaire](#) to the GGG right at the beginning – and to update it if needed – to allow us to contact you. These data will only be used within the GGG.

There are no additional obligations associated with your 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 [funding measures](#).

You will find an overview of the GGG team, our offers and application deadlines on the GGG homepage (www.ggg.uni-goettingen.de) and in the newsletter at hand. If you are registered at GGG, you will receive the newsletter automatically. Should this not be the case, please send us an email – for example if you belong to the university staff and want to receive this newsletter as well.

If you are reading the paper version of this newsletter, you can find the included links as hyperlinks at:

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/498088.html

Qualification

Our courses in the first quarter 2016

As of now, you can enroll for the following courses of the first quarter 2016 at ggg.kursanmeldung@uni-goettingen.de. Detailed information on our courses and on further courses for PhD students offered by cooperating institutions can be found at: www.qualiportal-promovierende.uni-goettingen.de.

Date	Topic	Referee
02.02.2016	Von der Universität in den Chefsessel – Wie man ein Unternehmen gründet oder sich erfolgreich selbständig macht	Michael Ohnesorge, Martin Stammann
19.02.2016	Anfangen leicht(er) gemacht	Dr. Christine Bäumler
22.02. & 23.02.2016	Du bleibst, was Du bist? - Wie soziale Herkunft über Zukunft entscheiden kann	Andreas Hartwig
03.03. & 04.03.2016	Einführung in die Datenanalyse am Beispiel von SPSS	PD Dr. Micha Strack
21.03. & 22.03.2016	Public and Media Relations in Academia	Thomas Richter & Romas Bielke

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 begin of that respective quarter. 12 to 16 PhD students can participate in a particular course. Places are assigned on a first come, first served basis. Four weeks before start of the course, application is considered binding; this applies to all applications. 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
20.11.2015	Meine Rolle als Feedback-Geber/in	Claudia Deisler-Buder
10.12.2015	Lernwege kreativ gestalten - Meine Rolle als Impulsgeber/in	Dr. Alan Hansen
08.02. & 09.02.2016	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

Sponsorships

The Göttingen Graduate School of Social Sciences provides funding and scholarships for PhD students of social sciences. The respective measures will be published 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
KaWirMento	1 year	01.12.15 - 28.02.16	Mentoring and qualification	PhD students and Postdocs aiming at a career in economy
GGG Family Grant	4 – 6 months	15.01. & 30.06.16	€ 1,200-1,300 per month	PhD students with children under the age of twelve or who look after care-dependent family members and therefore need time for finishing their PhD
Research Assistantships	3 months à 20 h	15.01. & 30.06.16	€ 308 pre-tax x 3 months academic assistant	Foreign PhD students who carry out a threemonthly research project
Participation in a summer school	Flexible	15.01., 30.03., 30.06. & 30.09.16	Subsidy of max. 1.000 €	PhD students who would like to attend an international summer school with primary selection process that directly benefits their PhD thesis (please pay attention to the new information online)
Language Revision Grant	Final phase of dissertation	30.03. & 30.09.16	Subsidy of max. 1.200 € to the lector	Non-German PhD students, who need a lector to finalize their German PhD thesis
Forum of PhD students	Flexible	Flexible	Depending on expenditure	PhD students who want to network in a professional context

At a glance

Event series “Bestellt – und nicht abgeholt? Soziale Herkunft und Bildungsaufstieg an Hochschulen”

The German event series “‘Alle Gleich Anders!’ Diversität in Theorie und Praxis” is dedicated to the key aspects social background and educational success in winter semester 2015/2016 (starting on 04.11.2015). The individual talks cover different phases of academic education. Anyone interested is cordially invited. Further information and the series’ program is available online at: www.uni-goettingen.de/diversity-vortragsreihe

Events of the Gender Lab in WS 2015/16

The Gender Lab and cooperating partners regularly present talks and symposia for an interdisciplinary exchange in gender research in the winter semester 2015/2016, starting on November 5. You can find all dates and topics at: www.uni-goettingen.de/de/veranstaltungen/489412.html

Event series on “How to Start-Up” starting November 5, 2015

In cooperation with Startup Göttingen e.V. and the Academic Stock Market Association, the start-up consultation of Göttingen University organizes an event series on setting up a business. It starts November 5 and consists of lectures and subsequent workshops. Further information on dates and topics can be found at: www.how-to-start-up.de

Talk on “trans* at the university” on November 30, 2015

A talk on “trans* at the university”, open to university members and organized by the equal opportunities office, will take place on November 30 from 10.30 am to 12 noon. The venue is the Oeconomicum (Platz der Göttinger Sieben 3), room 0.211.

Events

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

GGG at the SoWi GO! on November 18, 2015

PhD students have the opportunity to inform themselves on a variety of career options at this year's SoWi GO! in the Oeconomicum on November 17 and 18. On Wednesday, 18.11., Dr. Bettina Roß (GGG) and Martin Ertelt (Faculty of Social Sciences, Office for Student Affairs) will inform about prerequisites and perspectives of a PhD in the social sciences at 1:15 pm. Afterwards, they will be available for questions at a booth from 2 to 3 pm. Further information can be found at:

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

Study Financing Day on November 18, 2015

At this year's study financing day in the foyer of the central cafeteria the GGG, in cooperation with the GSGG, will give a German talk on reasonable options of financing PhD studies. The lecturers will also be available for further inquiries at a booth. The talk will be from 12 noon to 1 pm in the club room 4 of the Student Services; the booth can be found in the foyer of the central cafeteria and is occupied from 11 am to 3 pm (except for the presentation time). Also, the GGG's project "Building Bridges for PhD students" will be there to respond on questions about starting a dissertation and GGG offerings in general. For further details, please visit:

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

Christmas bakery on November 30, 2015

In cooperation with Foyer International the Helpdesk wants to give you the chance for some hands-on experience with the German traditions of Christmas cookie baking and other culinary Christmas treats. Join us for a delicious and fun evening! Further information and registration can be found at:

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/524626.html

GGG at the Law Career Day on December 9, 2015

Law PhD students can find information on different career paths and can contact companies on this year's career day of the Faculty of Law in the Juridicum on December 9. Susanne Herrmann (Faculty of Law, Students and Examination Office), Oliver Kreutz (PhD student giving a progress report) and Dr. Bettina Roß (GGG) will provide information on ways and perspectives of a PhD in law from 11 am to 12 noon. In addition, the GGG will be present with an information booth the whole day from 10 am to 3 pm. Further information can be found at:

www.myjobfair.de/fakultaetskarrieretage/fakultaetskarrieretage-2015/09-12--georg-august-universitaet--goettingen--juristische-fakultaet/

Visit of the Göttingen Christmas market on December 10, 2015

The Helpdesk invites you to visit the Christmas market in Göttingen and have a small tour around the town centre, exploring local customs and traditions connected to Christmas. Later on, we can enjoy the festive atmosphere and try seasonal specialties like Lebkuchen and Glühwein. Further information and registration can be found at:

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/498361.html

Publication options for dissertations on February 11, 2016

The GGG invites you to an English lecture on options and funding possibilities for the publication of your own dissertation on Thursday, 11.02.2016, from 2 pm to 4 pm. Further information can be found at:

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/513349.html

On our own account

Please especially note that with publication of this newsletter the login window for the coming courses is open: PhD students can now register for GGG courses of the first quarter 2016.

This newsletter is published quarterly. It is available to the PhD students and supervisors of Social Sciences as well as to all interested parties. The newsletter is provided online at

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/42253.html.

You can also obtain it by e-mail. The next newsletter will be published on February 15, 2016.

This newsletter is supposed to inform you about fundamental issues regarding doing a PhD, contribute to a closer contact between you and the GGG team and thus help you to be informed about all offers of the graduate school in time. For further information, please do not hesitate to contact our team (see last page of the newsletter). Of course, you can also find additional information regarding the different projects online.

Career Corner

Welcome to the GGG Career Corner! In this section, we provide information on offers concerning career entry and career planning in loose order. In the current issue, you will find notes on already running as well as on planned offers of the GGG, the University Career Service and of non-university providers in Göttingen.

Offers of the GGG

In the first quarter of 2016, the GGG offers, among other things, workshops on setting up a business, freelance work and on working in public relations within science (see section "Qualification" in this newsletter). It is also envisaged to offer a series of short workshops in collaboration with Göttingen University's Career Service and the Career Service Unit of the Göttingen Graduate School for the Neurosciences, Biophysics, and Molecular Biosciences (GGNB) on topics such as profile development, application documents and job interviews (detailed announcements will follow). In addition, you have the possibility to get advice on questions concerning reflection and prioritizing your short-term and medium-term career goals. If you have questions or wish to receive counseling, please contact ggg@uni-goettingen.de.

The Career Service of Göttingen University...

...offers counseling on personality and competence profiles, which can be made use of by students as well as by PhD students. Events of the Career Service (workshops, excursions etc.) are primarily designed for students. Free slots can, however, partially be taken by PhD students, too. You can find further information at:

www.career.uni-goettingen.de

The project ANSTÖSSE of the academic team of the employment agency ...

...aims at stronger aligning education with relevant professional experience. Counseling offers, workshops, seminars, talks by practitioners, career fairs and company tours are meant to give suggestions and facilitate entry into the job. You can find an overview of the project and its offers at:

www.geniusgoettingen.de/leben-in-der-region/arbeit/anstoesse.html

The Institut für angewandte Sozialfragen (ifas)...

... – a non-profit institution in Göttingen – offers among other things job application workshops for graduates. Applicants can register via a voucher from the employment agency. Further information and dates at:

www.ifas-goettingen.de/bildung/weiterbildung_qualifizierung/bewerbungsworkshop/

The project GÖtrain...

...places graduates in a trainee program in small and medium-sized enterprises in Göttingen, Southern Lower Saxony and adjacent federal states. The entry is possible at any time. This program is organized by the Management & Technologie Akademie GmbH at the Private University of Applied Sciences Göttingen. Further information on the program and the application procedure can be found at:

www.mtec-akademie.de/goetrain

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