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Dear PhD-students, supervisors and project partners,

at the end of 2014 the new GGG project "Building Bridges for PhD-students" started. It helps PhD-students coming from non-academic families to receive funding and support on their way to a doctoral degree. You can read all about this project and its first activities in our current newsletter. In addition, you can find information on:

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Your GGG-Team

Project "Building Bridges for PhD-students"

You are the first person in your family to obtain a higher education degree and you continue or want to continue with a PhD? You need fundamental information and are not sure how a dissertation proceeds, how you can finance it and which perspectives open up for you by doing so? Then this is just the right place for you.

In December 2014 the pilot project "Building Bridges for PhD-students" started within the GGG. It is established and managed by Dr. Britta Korkowsky and Mike Bielib. The focus is on (prospective) PhD-students who are the first in their family to pursue or wish to pursue an academic career in the social sciences. We invite you as PhD-students, prospective doctoral candidates or PhD supervisors to contact us with your questions and wishes.

Already during the course of studies, the number of those coming from non-academic

families is much lower than the number of those from academic families. This imbalance continues during the PhD phase and even increases, with numbers differing depending on subject and discipline. According to self-reports and relevant studies, this frequently creates obstacles which may impair the course of the dissertation.

The project "Building Bridges for PhD-students" is meant to be part of a diversity competent opening of academia in times of demographic change, increasing internationalization and a need for skilled staff in a knowledge-based society. Thereby, obstacles for talents in science should in perspective be removed, social potential should be used and groups which until now are only represented to a small extent should be motivated to study and further develop their academic qualification, respectively, and be accompanied in this process.

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GGG Welcome Day 2015

In case you just started your PhD or simply have questions concerning the GGG's offers for PhD-students, the GGG Welcome Day is the right thing for you. The PhD-representatives and members of the team will answer your questions and provide information on new measures and events of the GGG in the large seminar room of the Conference Center at the Historical Observatory on Wednesday, **June 10**, starting at 4 pm. In addition, there will be many possibilities for networking at the subsequent barbeque in the conference center's garden. You can find further details on the GGG homepage at: www.uni-goettingen.de/en/97835.html



For registration, please contact us at ggg@uni-goettingen.de until **June 5**, 2015.

To take account of the fact that students who are the first in their family to pursue studies, or who are interested in doing so, are significantly underrepresented, the project "Building Bridges for Students" (www.uni-goettingen.de/en/410137.html) was established within the Student and Academic Services at Göttingen University. Counseling PhD-students in the GGG, it often turned out that both potential and already enrolled PhD-students coming from non-academic families have specific doubts and needs for information regarding the academic system. Many discussions showed that in spite of best grades and obvious qualification, first-generation graduates often hesitate to take up a dissertation project as a further qualification step. "Building Bridges for PhD-students" wants to address this by specific information, networking and qualification. This should lower the inhibition threshold for talented first-generation graduates as well as facilitate a smooth entry in academic careers. This includes offers and events that provide information on access to a dissertation, its course, financing and its perspectives as well as individual counseling.

Nationwide, there are already several initiatives which aim at supporting first-generation students. However, the next level of qualification has hardly been taken into account until now. "Building Bridges for PhD-students" therefore takes a leading role in German higher education. To achieve good networking at the university and prevent the formation of double structures, exchange with the PhD-Funding Guidance of the GGG, the project "Building Bridges for Students" of the Student and Academic Services, the Göttingen Diversity Research Institute, the Student Advisory Service focusing on diversity as well as with the coordination of the program "moveMento" of the Faculty of Humanities is already taking place. There is also contact with the central Equal Opportunities Office, the Diversity Management of the Student and Academic Services, the division for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education and the Department of Social Services of the students' union executive committee.

The GGG project "Building Bridges for PhD-students" will engage in information events, organize its own ones and conduct events on "social background in studies and doctorate", partly in cooperation with the stakeholders mentioned above. For the future, a cooperation with the project "Research-oriented Teaching and Learning" of the division for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education is envisaged. Furthermore, individual counseling on doing a PhD as well as possible perspectives within and outside academia will be offered.

Regarding the diversity-sensitive strategic orientation of the university as well as of the GGG, the project "Building Bridges for PhD-students" indeed primarily addresses PhD-students of the first generation. It is, however, at the same time open to interested parties from the social sciences, which see a need for themselves.



Up-to-date information, announcements of events and further offers can be found on the website of the project "Building Bridges for PhD-students" at:

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/506602.html

Also, please feel free to arrange a personal consultation with us. Suggestions and ideas are always welcome as well!

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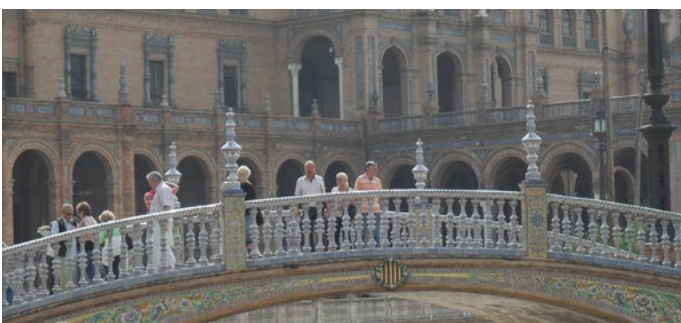
Workshop "Structures and Processes of Power in Academia"

Within the project "Building Bridges for PhD-students" the workshop "Structures and Processes of Power in Academia" will be taking place on **June 25**. The workshop will be given by Susanne Peter (karrierekunst, Bremen). All current and prospective first-generation PhD-students of the GGG are very welcome. The workshop will be in German only.

Our own perception and behavior is influenced by different aspects, just as is our fellows'. With regard to an academic career, especially the categories "gender" and "social background" play an important role. By shifting our point of view, the everyday perspective on the correlation of social inhomogeneity, social background and gender will be reflected. Furthermore, the social production of distinction and integration will be questioned.

Further information and registration until **June 8** can be found at:

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/512751.html



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 may 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 per 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 or at one of the five member faculties of the GGG (in agricultural sciences this holds true for the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development only, in forestry for Forest Economics and Forest Policy only).

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](#), e. g. grants.

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 third quarter 2015

As of now, you can enroll for the following courses of the third quarter 2015 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
02.07. & 03.07.2015	Selbstführung für Promovierende	Dr. Stephan Peters
25./26.08. & 01./02.09.2015	Project Management in International Contexts	Dr. Dorit Battermann
03.09. & 04.09.2015	Motivation and Success: Mastering Difficult Situations with More Ease	Wilbert L. Olinde

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.

GGG Methodological Week 2015

This year's Methodological Week will be taking place from September 14 to September 17. The program includes workshops on basics and methods of qualitative social research, analyses using SPSS as well as discourse analysis and more. Further information can be found at www.methodenwoche.uni-goettingen.de.

Registration is possible **from 29.06. to 02.08.2015**.

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
04.06.2015	Meine Rolle als Expert/in	Claudia Deisler-Buder
02.07. & 03.07.2015	Teaching and Learning in Higher Education	Prof. Dr. Erika von Rautenfeld

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
GGG Family Grant	4 – 6 months	30.06.15	€ 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
Participation in a summer school	Flexible	Flexible	Depending on available re-sources	PhD-students who would like to attend an international summer school that offers direct benefit for their PhD thesis
Forum of PhD-students	Flexible	Flexible	Depending on expenditure	PhD-students who want to network in a professional context

GGG News

Good news for Hamburg

We are glad for Manuel Thiel that he took up a new position as scientific IT coordinator of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at the Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg. However, we regret very much that in him we are losing a wonderful and prudent colleague talented in various ways.

Dr. Thiel has particularly worked as a project consultant at the GGG on the Methodological Week, numerous courses, evaluations, various technical questions, the newsletter and much more. Hamburg is fortunate!

Diana Sieber in the GGG budget management

There has also been a change in the budget management of GGG. As Claudia Kohrell is now mainly responsible for the arrangement of the PraxisBörse, she can only be addressed in the GGG on Mondays. The GGG was able to gain Diana Sieber as substitute, who will now handle invoices, applications and bookings within the GGG on Tuesdays and Thursdays (see last page of this newsletter).

Careers in Economy (KaWirMento II)

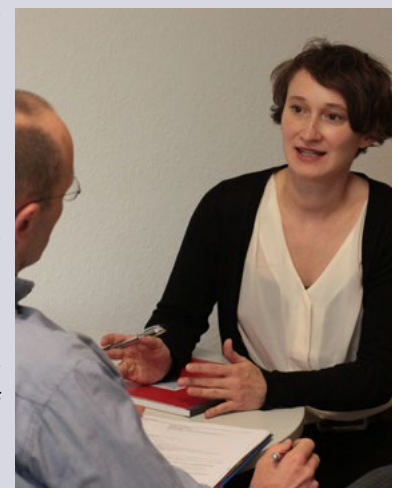
With its comprehensive mentoring offers, Göttingen University implements its approach to promote young researchers by pre-

paring them for careers within and outside the university. Part of it is the mentoring program "KaWirMento – Karrierewege in die Wirtschaft", meaning "Career paths into economy", which is intended to facilitate entry into career paths in enterprises for PhD-students and Postdocs.

The first eight mentees had passed through the program from January 2014 to January 2015 and expressed their high satisfaction with the program in the evaluation. Already during this first year, two of the mentees took up relevant positions in economy.

The number of applications for the second round was considerably higher than for the first one – 33 interested people applied for 12 places. The new mentees have started on April 1.

www.uni-goettingen.de/mentoring



We present

The new PhD-representatives of GGG

You elected your new representatives in the GGG in the elections in March 2015. The PhD-representatives actively participate in organizing the graduate school in the executive board and represent the interests of the different PhD-students in the social sciences.

The GGG wants to take this opportunity to thank the previous PhD-representatives Maraja Riechers and Sebastian Hübers for great collaboration!

The new representatives' term lasts from April 2015 until March 2016.

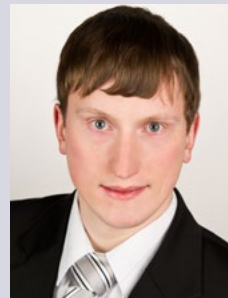
Julia Gumula (Speaker of the PhD-students)



I work at the Georg-Elias-Müller-Institute of Psychology and I am doing my PhD at the Faculty of Economic Sciences in the innovation research under primary supervision of Prof. Dr. Margarete Boos. In my dissertation, I investigate experimentally how strong changes of perspective in the process of producing ideas influence the quality of ideas. I have an excellent network with different supervisors in my graduate school and benefit very much from the interdisciplinary collaboration with professors from different faculties. I am a stipendiary of the Hans Böckler Foundation and the current speaker of the Hans Böckler Foundation stipendiary group in Kassel (as I live near Kassel). I studied Cultural Engineering: cultural sciences, knowledge management and logistics.

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I am a stipendiary of the Hans Böckler Foundation in the doctoral program "Qualificational upgrading in SME - demand for skilled labor and academization in the middle class". In my dissertation, I address the employability of bachelor graduates. Here, I investigate their educational aspirations as well as the characteristic contextual structures of labor market integration. In addition, as research assistant I am currently involved in national education reports, describing the effects and achievements of education.

I studied social sciences at Göttingen University (social policy, economics, sociology, public law and political sciences). Furthermore, I completed a study year abroad at Uppsala University (Sweden).

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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 third quarter 2015.

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 August 17, 2015.

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.

At a glance

Lecture series "Law and norms as categories of social and cultural sciences" starting May 28, 2015

In the summer term, the Center of Modern Humanities (ZTMK) attends to the interaction of law and culture in a transnational world at irregular intervals. The series will be inaugurated with a guest lecture by Prof. Richard Wolf from Harvard University on May 28, 2015. Further information:

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/90723.html

Dorothea Schlözer Mentoring Program: Application starting June 1, 2015

Applications for the new round of the Dorothea Schlözer Mentoring Program are welcome as of June 1, 2015. The program addresses female doctoral and postdoctoral researchers at Göttingen Campus striving for a career in academia. With its three columns – mentoring, training, networking – it aims at supporting female researchers on their way into leadership positions. Further information can be found at:

www.uni-goettingen.de/mentoring

Job and career fair PraxisBörse on June 2 & 3, 2015

Whether internships, degree theses or career planning: The job and career fair PraxisBörse of the Göttingen University at the beginning of June 2015 provides students and graduates with various possibilities to get into a conversation with representatives of regional and national enterprises as well as institutions covering different occupational areas. For PhD-students of the social sciences, June 3 will be of special interest, as on that day interested parties from all departments can get broad information

at the booths in the central lecture building of the university. Potential employers of the agricultural industry will present themselves for the first time at this fair in an "AgrarCampus" that was especially set up for this purpose. At the joint booth "Economy in Southern Lower Saxony", small and medium-sized regional enterprises present their plethora of opportunities for university graduates. You can find further information in the fair catalogue displayed at central places of the university and on the website at:

www.uni-goettingen.de/praxisboerse

Maurice Halbwachs Summer Institute September 28 to October 2, 2015

This year's Maurice Halbwachs Summer Institute, an interdisciplinary summer school for young academics in humanities, cultural studies and social sciences, will take place from September 28 to October 2. The summer school 2015 addresses the question on how violence and emotions are associated. The application deadline is June 15. Further information and registration at:

www.maurice-halbwachs-summer-institute.uni-goettingen.de

Workshop "Diversity in the Classroom" on June 25, 2015

The Equal Opportunities Office (project "Gender in Teaching") is offering the workshop "Diversity in the Classroom" (Instructor: Dr. Lehnguth) in cooperation with the division for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education. It takes place at Thursday, 25 June 2015, 9.00 (s.t.) - 17:00 in the Waldweg 26, Room 3.117/3.119 (wing I, 3rd floor). The workshop will be held in English language. Further information and enrollment (until June 15, 2015) at:

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/510415.html

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:

English Movie Night on May 29, 2015

The Helpdesk invites you to join the English Movie Night for the Indian comedy-drama "English Vinglish". Further information and registration can be found at:

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/511369.html

Field trip to Mount Brocken on June 13, 2015

Together with the team of Studium International the Helpdesk plans to go on a one-day field trip to the Harz National Park. There, the Harz Narrow Gauge Railway will take us to the summit of Mount Brocken, the highest mountain in northern Germany! Further information and registration can be found at:

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/511370.html

Publication options for dissertations on July 7, 2015

The GGG invites you to a German lecture on options and funding possibilities for the publication of your own dissertation on July 7, 2015, starting 5 pm. Further information can be found at:

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

Visit to the Victoria Nights on July 22, 2015

The Helpdesk invites you to spend an evening in the old Botanical Garden and visit the exhibition "Marvelous Underwater Worlds". There will also be a chance to see the rare Victoria water lily in full bloom! Further information and registration can be found at:

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/512492.html

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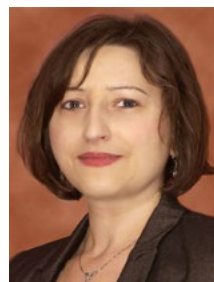
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