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Dear PhD-students, Supervisors and Project Partners,

The election of the new PhD-representatives of the GGG lies ahead. In this newsletter, you will find all necessary information about the election procedure as well as a short introduction of the candidates. Furthermore, you may find information on:

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Upcoming election of the next PhD-representative of the GGG

From March 2 to March 29, 2015, the next election of the PhD-representative of GGG will take place. Please take a look if you receive a mail from GGG around March 2 / 3. Otherwise please contact us, if you are a PhD-student at the GGG.

The PhD-representative plays an important role as contact person for PhD-students of social sciences and gives them a voice in the graduate school, the university and in the general public. Furthermore, the representative is an active part of the Executive Board of the graduate school and represents the interests of all different PhD-students in the social sciences.

Examples of recent improvements achieved by the PhD-representatives include the better funding opportunities for PhD-students, the improved advisory services of the GGG, the comprehensive English translation of all general information as well as the GGG website, and the very close cooperation between the PhD-representatives and the GGG-team.

All PhD-students that are doing their PhD at one of the five member faculties as well as the students of the PhD programs accepted by the GGG are entitled to vote (www.ggg.uni-goettingen.de/programs).

The upcoming term of office lasts from April 2015 to March 2016.

Further Information

Further information will be provided by the current PhD-representatives, by the GGG team and online at: www.uni-goettingen.de/en/447778.html

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In the past weeks, we called all PhD-students to register as candidates. On the following page, we present to you the two PhD-students who would like to be your next PhD-representatives. You can find additional information on the two candidates online.



Don't forget to vote!
Online election
March 2, 2015 to March 29, 2015





Introduction Julia Gumula

About the person

I am doing my PhD at the Georg-Elias-Müller-Institute of Psychology in the Department of Social and Communication Psychology with Prof. Dr. Margarete Boos. In my dissertation, I experimentally investigate how strong changes of perspective in the process of producing ideas influence the quality of ideas.

I am lucky to be a stipendiary of the Hans Böckler Foundation. Otherwise, being a mother of two children, I could not have managed to do my dissertation. Besides household, childcare and a regular job, I would simply have lacked the time to do research.

Before my PhD, I supervised a DAAD project at the Otto von Guericke University in Magdeburg. In cooperation with the Pedagogical University of Maputo in Mozambique, I founded and coordinated a binational master's program there.

I studied cultural engineering: cultural studies, knowledge management and logistics – an interdisciplinary study program that prepared me well for the investigation of processes promoting creativity and corporate culture.

I have already been a PhD-representative at the university in Magdeburg and I am currently speaker of the Hans Böckler Foundation stipendiary group in Kassel.

Information on the candidature

During their doctorate, PhD-students go through different stages, which are characterized by euphoria and productivity but also by doubts and lack of self-confidence. Therefore, a good personal as well as professional network is important. The framework conditions that are created by the GGG are perfectly suited to promote such networks. I want to stand up for more and more referees and other PhD-students to come to such events.

I want to stand up for free professional child care during mandatory lectures, teaching assignments and conferences for PhD-students having children – for more than the two times per semester that are offered by the FamilyService of the university. I want to campaign for the installation of a flexible but permanent support network and that PhD-students are provided with child care services without a limitation of frequency while they work on their dissertation. There still is no status for PhD-students in the University Law. As a consequence, PhD-representatives have no vote in the senate and other committees, so that PhD-students have to be represented by student representatives or the mid-level academic positions. Only a modification in the University Law would change this.

As speaker of the Hans Böckler Foundation stipendiary group in Kassel I became acquainted with the funding instruments that the organizations for the promotion of young talents provide for financing the PhD phase and I reported on the Hans Böckler stipend. I consider such information days on "Doing a PhD with a stipend" to be reasonable and will stand up for them to be extended also at Göttingen University.

As an active member of the GEW („Education and Science Workers' Union"), I speak for restriction of the "culture of fixed term employment contracts" in science. Reliable career paths and safe employer-employee relationships for the mid-level academic positions are an important human resource management instrument in academia to attract first-class academics.

Introduction Rüdiger Hesse

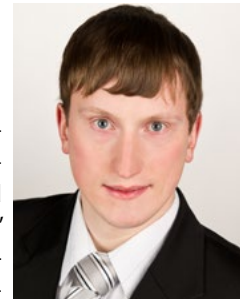
About the person

I am a stipendiary of the Hans Böckler Foundation in the doctoral program "Qualification upgrading in SME - demand for skilled labor and academization in the middle class" and I am doing my PhD at the Chair of Business Education and Human Resource Development. Thematically, I address the employability of bachelor graduates. Here, I investigate their educational aspirations as well as the characteristic contextual structures of labor market integration. Already my studies of the social sciences at Göttingen University (social policy, economics, sociology, public law and political sciences) were interdisciplinary in nature. Furthermore, I completed a study year abroad at Uppsala University (Sweden). In addition, I am currently involved in the national education reports as a research associate and describe the effects and earnings of education.

Information on the candidature

Part of my doctoral thesis is a survey on the situation of academic graduates after their bachelor's degree when they face the choice: bachelor and then – job or master's studies? In this regard, I explicitly investigate the graduates' ideas on the kind and nature of a future employment and on working life in general and in particular, respectively. Sooner or later, we PhD-students also face the choice of how to proceed career-wise. Therefore, expanding information on the various possibilities after the PhD is important to me.

On the one hand, I want to try to expand and broaden the way in which career paths leading to the "dreamjob science" are presented. On the other hand, prospects in free economy have to be focused more strongly as well, not least with a regional reference to small and medium-sized enterprises. Consequently, I want to contribute actively to explaining the modalities of the respective employment situation and to the transition into the labor market. Furthermore, as a PhD-student representative, I want to stand up vehemently for the continuing improvement of our research and working conditions. A critical discussion with the limitation practice in science has thus to be on the agenda for the upcoming election year. Continuing positions are still the aim in order to consequently be able to better guarantee the quality of research and teaching.



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 [counselling 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 may find the included links as hyperlinks at:

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

News of the GGG

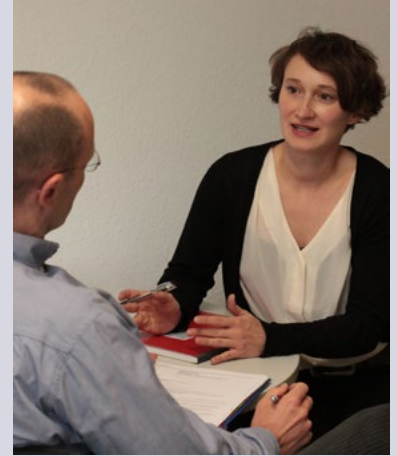
Review and second round of the extended mentoring program

Last year Göttingen University added further possible career paths to its mentoring program through cooperation of the mentoring coordination office and the graduate schools GSGG and GGG. It provides interested PhD-students and Postdocs of the Göttingen Campus with an informed insight into the field of action of science management in academia and into the career in an enterprise.

Besides the existing Dorothea Schlözer Mentoring Program, two programs were newly established:

„WeWiMento“ offers a yearlong mentoring for PhD-students and Postdocs of the Göttingen Campus who are interested in a career in science management at a university and/or have already made first steps on this career path. After the successful completion of the WeWiMento pilot round with 12 mentees and just as many mentors from almost all university departments, the kick-off event of the second round of the mentoring program took place with 11 new mentees on February 5, 2015.

„KaWirMento“ as a yearlong mentoring aims at PhD-students and Postdocs of the Göttingen Campus who are interested in a career in the regional economy. The first round with eight mentees and just as many mentors was solemnly completed on January 22. **Applications for the second round are possible until February 28.** The second group will start on June 1, 2015.



You can find further information and registration for the mentoring programs of Göttingen University at:

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/444487.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:

German Kneipenabend on March 3, 2015

The Helpdesk invites you to spend an evening together in the „Kleiner Ratskeller“, which is one of these small and cozy traditional German pubs and actually one of the oldest pubs in Göttingen. Further information and registration can be found at:

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/504070.html

Trip to the Hansemarkt in Goslar on March 28, 2015

To give you an impression of medieval times in Germany, the Helpdesk invites you to a trip to Goslar, where the Hansemarkt is taking place: Crafters and musicians, merchants and jugglers will revive the spirit of centuries long past.

Further information and registration can be found at:

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/502299.html

Guided tour to Göttingen on April 18, 2015

The Helpdesk invites all PhD-students of GGG to explore Göttingen together: The well-known Goose Girl will be the starting point for a guided tour to the most important sights of Göttingen, explaining their tradition and part in the town's history.

Further information and registration can be found at:

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/504073.html

Conference „The threatened Self“ from April 21 to April 23, 2015

The Hans Böckler Foundation once again cooperates with the GGG in presenting the scientific conference „The threatened Self“, organized by PhD-students for PhD-students and other interested persons. From April 21 to April 23, 2015, the conference will deal with the perception and impact of „threat“ in a world of transnational individuals and goods movements.

Registration deadline is on March 27, 2015.

Further information and registration can be found at:

www.uni-goettingen.de/en/499047.html

At a glance

Announcement: TeamTeaching program for teaching newcomers

You'll be giving a seminar for the first time? If you don't want to cope with this task alone but rather in a team and supported by information on teaching theories and methods, our team teaching program "Takeoff im Team" might be of interest to you. Registration for participation in this program in summer semester 2015 is still open. To register, please send an email to Angelika.Thielsch@zvw.uni-goettingen.de. The deadline is February 27, 2015.

For further information on TeamTeaching, please visit: www.uni-goettingen.de/en/490791.html

Announcement: Dorothea Schlözer-Program - Career Promotion Program for Female postdocs

Promoting the career development of young female scientists and scholars and preparing them to play a leading role in international research and academia – these are the objectives of the qualification program for postdocs at Göttingen Campus. The one-year intensive program provides a small group of up to 12 female scientists and scholars with training and coaching in key academic skills as well as practical career-relevant knowledge relating to international science management, research funding and networking.

The program is open for Dorothea Schlözer postdocs, all female scientists and scholars working on their Habilitation, as well as female postdocs, junior research group leaders and junior professors at Göttingen University and the Göttingen research campus. The program will start on March 17 and 18, 2015 with an obligatory kick off workshop. Applications are to be submitted by February 23, 2015.

Further information can be found at: www.uni-goettingen.de/en/122357.html

Information event „Research in Europe“ on March 5, 2015

The event "Research in Europe" provides graduate students, PhD-students and Postdocs with information on the various possibilities of national and European funding options. It will take place at lecture hall 009 and 010 of the Central Lecture Hall (ZHG), Platz der Göttinger Sieben 5, on March 5, 2015. This event is organized by the European Liaison Office of the German Research Organizations (KoWi) and the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen. Registration and further information at: www.kowi.de/fie-goettingen

Gender Studies PhD-student day & annual conference on March 4 and 5, 2015

The „Landesarbeitsgemeinschaft der Einrichtungen für Frauen- und Geschlechterforschung in Niedersachsen (LAGEN)“ (Association for Gender Studies in Lower Saxony) invites to a PhD-student day as well as to the annual conference. On the PhD-student day on March 5, 2015, PhD-students of arts and social sciences at universities in Lower Saxony who are doing their dissertation on gender studies present their projects. The annual conference takes place on March 4, 2015 and addresses the question which significance the discussions on methodologies and methods have on the self-conception of gender studies. Further information and enrollment at: www.nds-lagen.de

InDiGU-Tandem Evening on April 20, 2015

A Study partnership beyond nationalities can help to overcome barriers of language, cultural differences, and different life experiences. We from the project „Integration and Diversity at Göttingen University“ would like to invite you to the InDiGU-Tandem Evening on April 20, 2015 at 6.00 pm at the ZHG Foyer. In a relaxed atmosphere, you have the possibility to find a tandem partner and to interact with International and German students and to learn about all aspects of the InDiGU-Project. Further information can be found at: www.uni-goettingen.de/indigu

On our own account

Please note especially 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 second 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 May 18, 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 in time about all offers of the graduate school. 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.

Qualification

Our courses in the second quarter 2015

As of now, you can enroll for the following courses of the second 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
14.04. – 17.04.2015	Kreatives Karriere-Management	Jutta Schwarz
30.04., 21.05. & 09.07.2015	Selbst- und Zeitmanagement während der Promotion und der Zeit danach	Dr. Sabine Hoier
28.05. & 29.05.2015	Slidewriting – Optimize your Own Academic Presentation	Dr. Markus Burger
24.06. – 26.06.2015	Academic Writing – Effective Strategies for Publishing in English	Frank Lauterbach

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
22./23.04.2015	Sicher auftreten und kommunizieren in der Lehre	Dr. Imme Schönfeld
04.06.2015	Meine Rolle als Expert/in	Claudia Deisler-Buder
02./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 resources	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

We present

Mike Bielib and Dr. Britta Korkowsky have been establishing the new project “Building Bridges for PhD-students” at the Göttingen Graduate School of Social Sciences since December 2014. The aim of the project is to develop and implement tailor-made funding and support instruments for PhD-students coming from non-academic families. Until now, educational climbers on this qualification level have hardly been considered. Therefore, the pilot project of the GGG can be regarded as a pioneer in the German academic community. Within this project, not only the individual shall be funded. At the same time, the project wants to have an impact on the university and help to remove structural barriers on the way to doing a PhD, which partly exist for educational climbers. Close cooperation exists with the project “Building Bridges for students” of the Student and Academic Services, the Göttingen Diversity Research Institute, and the central Equal Opportunities Office for establishment and implementation of the project within the GGG.

Mike Bielib

Mike Bielib studied Sociology with minors in Economic and Social Psychology at Göttingen University. He put emphasis on investigating the scientific and practical access to different organizations like universities or small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) as well as their dealing with diversity and diversity management. At the GGG, he also acts as the contact person for diversity-related questions and develops a concept for a diversity-sensitive treatment of PhD-students of the different faculties. In addition, he is an associated member of the doctoral program “Qualificational upgrading in SME - demand for skilled labor and academization in the middle class” of the Hans Böckler Foundation in which he is doing his PhD on diversity and acknowledgment processes in organizations.



Britta Korkowsky

Dr. Britta Korkowsky studied English Philology, Medieval and Modern History and Slavic Philology in Göttingen and Kaliningrad. After her studies, she was part of the interdisciplinary and international DFG research group “Charlottengrad und Scheunenviertel - East European-Jewish Migration during the 20s and 30s” and did her PhD at the Slavic department in Göttingen. Besides her activities in the GGG, she works in the Equal Opportunities Office of the University Medical Center Göttingen (UMG) where she is mainly responsible for the reconciliation of studies and family and where she develops and implements measures in this regard. In addition to this, she contributed to the positively evaluated proposal of the UMG for the Women Professors Program II of the federal government and the federal states and has experience with raising DFG funding.

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