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**Dear doctoral students,
Dear graduates,**

In this May-newsletter we would like to inform you about announcements and events which might be of interest for your doctoral studies.

With kind regards from the Office of the Dean of Studies of the Faculty of Social Sciences,

Martin Ertelt

Information from the GGG:

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

You have wondered about what to do after completing your doctorate? Staying in academia is only one option, as a doctorate in the field of social sciences opens up even more possibilities. In the run-up to the Praxisbörse 2017 we would like to show you some specific career paths and invite you to join us for a Round Table in German language at the Conference Center at the Historical Observatory on May 30, 2017, from 06:00 to 09:00 pm. Several alumni of GGG will talk about their current position and how they got there, what defines their work and what was crucial on their way. Following the talk there will be time to ask your own questions and to chat while having some drinks and snacks. We kindly ask you to [register](#) until May 22. You can find further information [here](#).

Election of PhD students’ representatives of the GGG

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 represents 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. More detailed information on the election can be found [here](#).

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 “Thesis publishing – making the best out of a must” on June 22 from 02:00 to 04:00 pm at the Convention Center by the Observatory. Lecturer will be Margo Bargheer (Göttingen State and University Library). All PhD students of GGG are invited to join. You can find further information [here](#). Due to limited places, kindly [register](#) in advance.

Registration for GGG courses of the third quarter

Registration for GGG’s courses of the third quarter started on May 16. You can find detailed information on individual courses and the application procedure [here](#).

Interdisciplinary Week of Methods on July 17 to 29, 2017 and registration

The Week of Methods, as an annual program encompassing all GGG member faculties, aims to encourage interdisciplinary discussions on methodology. 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. This year’s program includes workshops on “Intersectional Research Methodology”, “Qualitative and Comparative Analysis in Social Sciences”, “Juristische Quellenrecherche und Medienkunde” and “Mehrebenenanalysen”. 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 [here](#).

Walk-in office hours of the PhD funding guidance and the Helpdesk for International PhD students

Serena Müller offers a walk-in office hour every Thursday from 2 pm to 3.30 pm at the GGG for all PhD students of GGG. If you don’t know how to finance your PhD studies, if you seek information on grants for a research stay abroad or a conference trip or if you have questions on the various grants provided by GGG, you can just walk in without prior appointment to get further information and advice. International students with their questions on doing a PhD and living in Germany are also invited to drop in and will get personal advice and help. For contact and further information please refer to the following [website](#).

GGG at the Alumni-Portal

In course of its new Alumni strategy the University of Goettingen offers a membership in the new free of charge Alumni network as a tool to network and keep in touch with (former) members of the University. Apart from the general membership in the network you can also join the group “Graduiertenschule Gesellschaftswissenschaften” and stay in contact with (former) colleagues at the graduate school and get informed about activities and the work at GGG and the university. Further information and the registration can be found [here](#).

International conference at the Center of Methods in Social Sciences on “Biography and Violence”

On 9-10 February 2018, the Center of Methods in Social Sciences (Qualitative Methods/ Professorship Rosenthal) will hold an International Conference on the topic of “Biography and Violence. Violent dynamics and agency in collective processes and individual life histories”. We would like to invite (particularly young) researchers to participate in this interdisciplinary and international conference. For further details please refer to the [Call for Papers](#).

Foundation Council Award of the Georg-August-University Göttingen Public Law Foundation

The Foundation Council Award aims to distinguish members of the Georgia Augusta for special ideas and activities in the fields of fundraising as well as science and publicity. An additional award is given for outstanding publications of young scientists of the University. Articles accepted for publication in evaluated magazines or published books of young scientists (up to age 35) from all fields may be submitted for this award by 30 June 2017. More information can be found [here](#).

Representative for Academic Quality/Teaching and Learning Ideas and Complaint Management

In order to enable all students to contribute their ideas or criticism about all sorts of issues relating to studying, the University has created the independent and autonomous position of the Representative for Academic Quality, Ms. Meike Gottschlich; she acts as an ombudsperson. Together with her team she deals with your suggestions and complaints regarding academic quality and difficulties during your studies. All information is treated strictly confidential and on request anonymously. More information and contact can be found [here](#).



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