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Dear doctoral students, Dear graduates,

In this February-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:

Call for candidates – PhD representatives of the Göttingen Graduate School of Social Sciences

The PhD representative plays an important role as the contact person for PhD students of social sciences and gives them a voice in the graduate school, the university and in the general 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 various PhD students of social sciences. For the upcoming election of the PhD students' representatives that was to take place in March, three PhD students announced their candidature to GGG. However, they all had to withdraw from their candidature for various family reasons. Consequently, the election has been postponed from March to June 2017. Again, we call all our PhD students to stand as candidate for the election of the next GGG PhD students' representatives. Please, [contact Mike Bielib](#) until April 10, 2017!

New grant: GGG Emergency Grant

The GGG offers up to two Emergency Grants each year for PhD students of social sciences finding themselves in a state of urgent serious difficulties due to unpredictable circumstances. The grant covers a monthly funding of 1.200 Euro (plus 400 Euro for one child under the age of 12, plus 100 Euro for each additional child) per month, for a duration of four to six months. Further information can be found [here](#).

Publication Strategies (not only) for Social Scientists

In cooperation with experts from Göttingen State and University Library (SUB) and co-editors from the journal "New Diversities" of the Max Planck Institute (MPI) for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity the GGG invites you to a workshop on publication possibilities in the Social Sciences. You will be provided with information on aspects of "Open Science" as well as on offers by the SUB. Furthermore, review requirements of professional journals will be explained. Special focus lies on good scientific practice, especially on the proper way of archiving and publishing your research data. Although the workshop first and foremost addresses doctoral students of Social Sciences, the publication strategies explained will be helpful for other doctoral students as well. This workshop is held alternately in English and German: The reviewer of the journal "New Diversities" will present in English while the information of SUB will be given in German. Unfortunately, we cannot provide a translation. The workshop takes place on March 15, from 09:00 am to 05:30 pm in the SUB, large seminar room (1st floor). As seats are limited, we kindly ask you to [register](#) until March 8.

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

Starting in February 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. Of course, you can also contact her any other time you need help or information by [email](#) or phone and make other appointments.

Trial workshops on science management

Over the last few years, science management has developed as a professional field, providing interesting career prospects for today's scientists. Due to last year's high demand, GGNB Career Service, Central Coordination Mentoring, GSGG and GGG offer 4-hour trial workshops on science management four times a year for PhD students and postdocs who would like to know more about the field and have asked themselves if switching to it could be interesting. The workshops are given in German and take place on April 06 and May 11, 2017. For detailed information on times, locations and registration, please visit our [website](#).

Free places left in GGG courses

There are free places left in the following GGG/GSGG courses of the first and the second quarter 2017, you can already register for:

- „Publikationsstrategien (besonders für Sozialwissenschaftler/innen) – Publication Strategies (especially for Social Scientists)“ on March 15, 2017
- „Slidewriting – Optimize Your Own Academic Presentation“ on March 23 and 24, 2017
- „Kompetent bestehen. Mit Selbstsicherheit in die Disputation“ (Workshop for doctoral students) on March 31, 2017
- „Auftreten im akademischen Umfeld“ on April 10 and 24, 2017
- „Standortbestimmung und Karriereplanung“ from May 08 to 09 and on June 13, 2017
- „Schreibcoaching: Strategisch die Doktorarbeit schreiben“ from May 11 to 12, 2017
- „Gender@Methoden. Einführung in das wissenschaftliche Arbeiten mit Gender-Theorien“ from May 17 to 18, 2017
- „Academic Writing: Effective Strategies for Publishing in English“ from June 08 to 09 and from June 15 to 16

You can find detailed information on individual courses and the application procedure [here](#).

Workshop on preparing your thesis defense (in cooperation with GSGG)

On June 26 and July 10, 2017, GSGG and GGG in cooperation with the Division for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education offer a workshop on preparing the thesis defense (in German). Target group are advanced doctoral candidates of GGG and GSGG whose defense will take place in the near future. The course will focus on practical training on preparing, structuring and giving a scientific presentation, as well as on general and subject-specific questions on the conditions of the thesis defense. This course will be conducted in German. Available places are limited and registration is already open! Further information can be found [here](#).

International Summer School in Economics, Management, Governments and Politics, Political Science, Law and Administration in Jäneda Manor (Estonia)

The Doctoral School in Innovation and Management (University of Tartu, Estonia) invites all PhD students to take part in an international summer school. The Call for Proposals will be open until March 31, 2017. For more details on the CfP, location and the program see [here](#).



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