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### Dear doctoral students, Dear graduates,

In this August-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: Ceren Kasim and Julia Zilles elected as new PhD representatives of the GGG

In June our PhD student members elected their PhD students' representative. The PhD students' 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. 39 % of GGG's PhD student members voted for Ceren Kasim (Faculty of Law) and 34.3 % for Julia Zilles (Faculty of Social Sciences). You can find more information on your new PhD students' representatives [online](#). Feel free to contact them.

### Financial support: Praxismodule

From 2017 to 2019 the Volkswagen Foundation will fund so-called "Praxismodule" ('practice modules') to connect science and professional practice at GGG. These "Praxismodule" will be specific projects that help to transfer knowledge between university and professional environment, strengthen the ties between professional partners and science and open up further professional fields for PhD students. "Praxismodule" enable PhD students to shape their dissertation project practice-oriented from the start, to get to know their future professional environment and to gain specific qualifications for it, and to establish lasting contacts for their future career. Further information can be found [here](#).

Right now, for PhD students from the Faculty of Social Sciences there is funding available for one "Praxismodul". If you have secured a three-year financing for your PhD studies, you are eligible to apply until October 15, 2017! More details can be found [here](#). GGG's „Praxismodule“ cooperate closely with the „Praxisforscher“ of the [SüdniedersachsenInnovationsCampus \(SNIC\)](#). „Praxisforscher“ is a similar project for all PhD students of Goettingen Campus, who spend a practical research phase at an enterprise in the southern region of Lower Saxony during their doctoral process. You can also apply for "Praxisforscher". More information can be found [here](#).

### Support of GGG: Forum for PhD Students of Social Sciences

In 2012 the GGG started supporting networking projects for PhD students of Social Sciences in order to bring together PhD students in small groups so that they can benefit from exchanging their thoughts and experiences. Those groups can either focus on a certain topic or methodology (e.g. "grounded theory", "democracy in the 21st century", "intercultural dialogue", etc.) or they can function as a colloquium, or they can simply offer a forum where you can support each other.

The GGG supports forums by:

- bringing together PhD students interested in forming a group
- finding dates and places to meet
- supporting the organization of the first meetings (if help is needed)
- financial funding for expenses and guest lecturers (as far as possible)

You can find further information on this form of support and on the existing GGG forums [here](#). If you have questions, ideas or if you want to start your own forum please contact the GGG.

### Events of GGG: Trial workshop for 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 now frequently offer 4-hour trial workshops on science management 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 next trial workshop will take place on October 18, 2017, and further details will be published soon [here](#).

### Event note: Uni-WiND symposium

This year's UniWiND symposium titled "Gute wissenschaftliche Praxis in der Promotion – Von Anfang an" ('Good Scientific Practice in doctoral studies – from the start') will take place on November 20, 2017 at Leibniz University Hannover. The preliminary program and further information can be found on [Uni-WiND's website](#). Registration is open since middle of July via an online form. UniWiND supports participation of PhD students in this symposium via travel subsidies. These can be granted after presenting the original receipts and only if travel costs cannot be reimbursed by the PhD student's home University or department. If you are interested, please contact the GGG office by email.

### Registration for GGG courses of the third and fourth quarter

The registration of GGG's courses of the fourth quarter starts on August 15, 2017. You can then register for the following courses:

- „Good Scientific Practice“ on October 19 and October 20, 2017
- "Public and Media Relations in Academia" on November 6 and November 7, 2017
- „Creative Career Management“ from November 28 to November 30, 2017

In this course of the third quarter are still free places available:

- „Arbeiten in vielfältigen Teams: Diversität als Herausforderung und Chance in der Promotion und danach“ on September 28 and September 29, 2017.

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



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