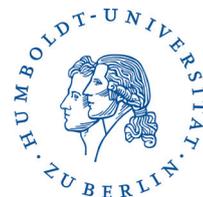


BGSS Editorial

by Klaus Eder

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Dear members, partners, and friends of the Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences,

The ever-increasing sunlight ushering in the summer semester not only signifies the end of winter and the beginning of spring in Berlin, but it also marks the conclusion of our follow-up funding proposal for the German Excellence Initiative. We dedicated over a year's time to this very important undertaking. I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to our faculty, doctoral researchers, the management staff, and the representatives of our partner institutions who contributed countless hours to this proposal. The application is a roadmap of sorts, outlining the steps we will make to strengthen our research environment and to attain the goal of supporting post-doc researchers in their early career stages. The progress we have made in rethinking and further developing the BGSS owes much to the dynamics of the National Excellence Strategy.

Despite the energy and promise behind the BGSS, this unique program will end - at least in its current format - by 2017. Spring 2012 therefore stands for both continuity and change in the running and further development of our graduate school.

We will continue to train and promote doctoral researchers in the social sciences based on our experiences and the competences of our faculty and management. Furthermore, we will continue to strengthen our close collaboration with regional and international partners. For example, we were proud to host the European Graduate Network Conference 2012 at the end of March. More than 60 researchers from LSE, EUI, Sciences Po, SUM, CEU, and Pompeu Fabra travelled to Berlin for this conference. We are also in the process of selecting a new generation of BGSS doctoral researchers, as we do every spring. This is by no means an easy undertaking - we received more than 450 applications from across the globe.

2012 will also mark the beginning of much change and the move to pastures new. We will gradually replace the Excellence funding source with a more diversified mix of university funding, Regional funding, foundations, and European funding schemes will help us to fulfill our regional and international function in a more sustainable way. This approach recognizes the growing importance of

European and international partnerships during the early stages of social science careers. Starting next winter semester, we will take part in the European Doctoral Program with SUM and CEU. At the same time we will increase our focus on research and

incrementally reorganize the scholarship funding in collaboration with foundations and other funding bodies to combine the best of both worlds - supporting bright young researchers and training new leaders for the world beyond academia.

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Doctoral Experiences

Why (not) Brazil? – My trip to the IPSA-ECPR Joint Conference 2011 in São Paulo

by Julian Brückner

Flying all the way to Brazil to present a dissertation project that was not even a half a year old, may at first glance seem like yet another example of unnecessary conference tourism. However, when I applied for the panel “Democratic (In)Stability: Cases and Causes” at the IPSA-ECPR Joint Conference “Whatever Happened to North-South?” that took place from February 16 to 19, 2011 in São Paulo, tourism was actually not the first thing on my mind. In fact, I could not have asked for a better forum to present the findings of my diploma thesis, a comparative study of how the military’s role during the transition to democracy continues to shape the prospects of democratic consolidation in Latin America today. This thesis, which I completed in late 2009, has now evolved into my dissertation project.

Perhaps most importantly, the venue attracted many younger scholars from Latin America who are often unable to attend international conferences in Europe and North America due to excessive visa requirements

and a lack of funding. Their unique insights into the political developments in the region provided an invaluable additional test for my preliminary theoretical model that ultimately guided me toward a more differentiated view of the military’s role in the consolidation of Latin American democracies.

Moreover, in addition to gaining a new perspective on my fledgling doctoral research project, I was particularly fortunate to have one of the rising stars in the field of the comparative study of regime change and consolidation, Milan Svobik currently assistant professor at the University of Illinois, comment on my work. The IPSA-ECPR Joint Conference in São Paulo was my first big international conference and I had been cautioned by more experienced colleagues not to expect too much in terms of helpful feedback, for at these large events, panel participants and discussants alike tend to focus more on networking and frequently just skim over the papers. On the positive side, I expected to establish new contacts

with other democracy researchers and to see some of the big names in comparative politics like Philippe Schmitter, Peter Gourevitch, and Leonardo Morlino for the first time in person. On the negative side, however, I was also prepared to hear a lot of commonplace criticism after my presentation such as the popular, *“there could be an endogeneity problem with your dependent and independent variables.”*

While my expectations with regard to networking opportunities were more than fulfilled, my initial skepticism in terms of the quality of the

and suggestions that have undoubtedly helped to improve my research. Based on this experience, I can only encourage other PhD students to not be afraid to present their projects at big international conferences early on in the research process. I for one am grateful to my supervisors, Professor Wolfgang Merkel and PD Bernhard Weßels, for supporting my participation at the IPSA-ECPR Joint Conference in São Paulo last year. Likewise, I want to thank the BGSS as well as the Förderverein Rationale Altruisten Mannheim e.V. for their generous funding of my trip.



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Dissertation Topic
Civilian Supremacy and the
Consolidation of Democracy:
Linking Democratic Transition
and Consolidation in
Latin America

feedback and the discussions proved to be unfounded. Professor Svobik and the other panel participants not only pointed out some important shortcomings of my explanatory model that I had not yet considered, but they also suggested ways to overcome them, thereby encouraging me to continue with my endeavor. Even after returning to Berlin, I received a number of e-mails with further comments

Doctoral Research Projects

Unnatural Selection

by Hannes Neiss

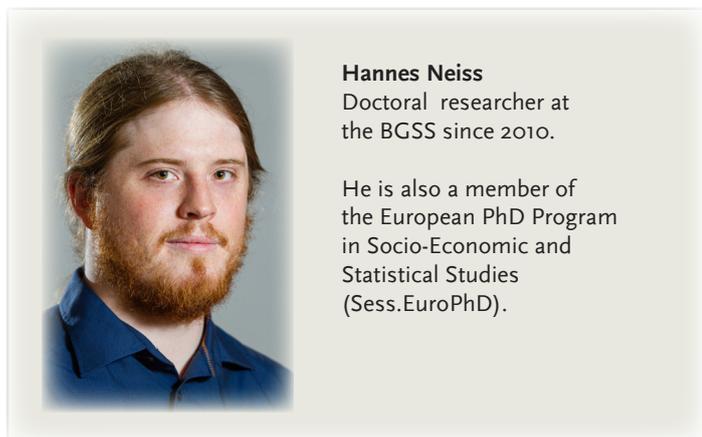
In my dissertation I investigate the impact individuals' health has on their labor market chances. I am primarily interested in showing how health inequalities can be explained by a complex interaction of market mechanisms, health selection processes, and structural inequalities. One focus lies on gender

costs of private insurance for individuals with poor health.

Both theoretical approaches are empirically tested using the German Socioeconomic Panel Study (SOEP). This annual household panel allows to track individuals over time, controls for time constant individual effects, and provides a

I plan to investigate how, given certain structural constraints, selection processes on the individual-level lead to overall changes in the macro-structure, thereby generating social and health inequalities in the labor market. One example would address the role of employment protection. While high protection may have beneficial effects for the incumbents' health, it could also influence the way workers with impaired health are selected out of the labor force.

inequalities. In this sense health selection processes are in no way biological or natural explanations for inequalities; rather, I want to show that the underlying process is, in the words of the British rock band Muse, an "Unnatural Selection," in that this mechanism is deeply embedded in social processes.



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differences in the importance of health. Subjects of investigation are labor market outcomes for workers, such as job loss or high status attainment. In a second step I focus on the individuals' decision to become self-employed. The main aim here is to distinguish between health effects, which are mediated by a reduced capacity to run one's own business and direct pecuniary

wide variety of time variant information about labor market and non-labor-market contexts of the individuals.

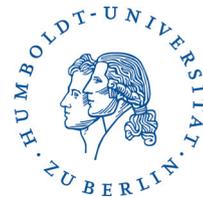
In the first two parts of my dissertation I look at health selection processes at the micro-level, modeling individual behavior by testing models using individual-level data. I also however want to look at the labor market and its characteristics as a whole.

By using the SOEP to estimate trends over time, I will be able to examine aggregated changes in labor market related health inequalities. Moreover, drawing on cross-national comparative data (e.g. the European Working Conditions Survey 2010), I will be able to investigate the interaction between labor market institutions and health effects.

In conclusion, one of the main contributions of my thesis will be to show how social inequalities, health inequalities, and (labor) market processes are interlinked and therefore have to be studied jointly in order to understand the mechanisms underlying

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GradNet in Berlin: Forming Ideas, Shaping Projects, Expanding Networks

by Zsófia Ignácz and Wolfgang Stuppert
BGSS Doctoral Researchers

The BGSS hosted the 4th Graduate Network Conference from March 22nd to the 24th. The Graduate Network is formed by doctoral researchers from seven outstanding European universities (Istituto Italiano di Scienze Umane and the European University Institute in Florence; London School of Economics; Central European University in Budapest; Universitat Pompeu Fabra Barcelona; Sciences Po in Paris; and the BGSS). The previous conference was held in 2010 in Barcelona, where the BGSS entered into the Network. 54 graduate students and 17 faculty members gathered in Berlin for a two and a half day conference. The event was designed as a platform to shape new ideas, form collaborative projects, and expand



Panel Discussion on the Campus

networks. The conference began on Thursday evening with a panel comprised of the faculty representatives from the participating institutions - Achim Kemmerling, László Bruszt, Elena Baracani, Ricard Zapata, and Klaus Eder. The senior researchers shared their experiences in academia and beyond in a heated debate under the headline, 'Would you do it again? Becoming Social Scientists in times of crisis.' After a welcome reception,

participants were invited to attend a film on protest activists or a talk by Gerhard Anger, a member of the Berlin Pirate Party. What followed the opening evening was two intense days of workshops for graduate students.

participants were able to expand their networks through informal gatherings, not only during the coffee breaks in between sessions, but also at the conference dinner, held at Neukölln's Café Rix.

The conference was unique for several reasons. First, the papers and projects presented by the graduate students were discussed a great deal longer than at most conferences. Instead of the 15 minutes presentation, followed by 5 minutes often general and superficial questions, participants received in-depth commentary from knowledgeable discussants and had nearly an hour to talk about their work with the panel members. Second, the extracurricular activities were planned to inspire new ideas. For example, participants had the opportunity to gain insight into how lobby organizations shape politics on an innovative guided tour led by activists of the NGO LobbyControl and how an emerging political party, the Pirate Party, hopes to reshape the poli-

Lastly, the conference participants were given the opportunity to discuss the future of the Graduate Network. One of the goals of this Network is to set up a common platform and to enhance the mobility and discourse between the universities.

The next Gradnet Conference is planned for the last week of March 2013 in London. All BGSS members looking for in-depth peer-review in an extremely stimulating context are encouraged to apply. The call for papers should go out this fall.

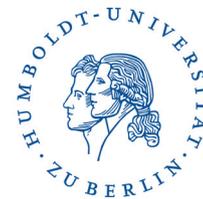
GradNet Team: Zsófia Ignácz, Wolfgang Stuppert (student representatives for the BGSS in the GradNet) and the members of the organizing committee Lisa Anders, Lenka Dražanová, Natalie Lohmann, Hannes Neiss, Anna Schlumbohm and Christoph Raiser



Lunch on the courtyard

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BGSS Online Publications : Theoretical and Empirical Research at the BGSS

by Lisa Anders and Anna Schlumbohm

In spring 2010 two BGSS professors and a couple of BGSS and WZB doctoral researchers decided to create a virtual platform for the presentation of research conducted at the BGSS, the Department of Social Sciences and at affiliated partner institutions: The BGSS Online Publications Series came into being.

The BGSS Online Publications offer space for book reviews and for working papers that address questions relevant to political science and sociology. Submitted working papers are independently revised by at least two BGSS researchers. This does not only serve the working papers' quality but also offers the submitting authors and revising researchers the opportunity to get used to the iterative revision process of refereed journals.

The first BGSS working paper was published in May 2010. Since then three other working papers have followed. In addition, three book reviews have been published in the last year.

BGSS Working Papers

Ahrens, Petra (2011)
Gender Equality Policy Networks in the European Union and the Utility of Qualitative Network Analysis. BGSS Working Paper No. 4, Department of Social Sciences, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

Immergut, Ellen M. /Tarik Abou-Chadi (2010)

Political and Institutional Determinants of Social Legislation. The Role of Veto Points, Veto Players, and Electoral Pressure. BGSS Working Paper No. 3, Department of Social Sciences, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

Nassauer, Anne (2010)

Protest und Gewalt. Zur Notwendigkeit einer empirischen Untersuchung situativer Interaktion. BGSS Working Paper No. 2, Department of Social Sciences, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

Possinger, Johanna (2010)

Vereinbarkeit von Vaterschaft und Beruf. Eine Analyse betrieblicher Hindernisse. BGSS Working Paper No. 1, Department of Social Sciences, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin.

Berlin Book Reviews

Schlumbohm, Anna (2011)
Review of Framing Immigrant Integration: Dutch Research - Policy Dialogues in Comparative

Perspective by Peter Scholten, Berlin Reviews in Social Sciences, Review No. 3.

Mello, Patrick A. (2011)

Review of Coalitions of Convenience: United States Military Interventions after the Cold War by Sarah E. Kreps. Berlin Reviews in Social Sciences, Review No.2.

Raiser, Christoph (2011)

Review of Sociology of the European Union, edited by Adrian Favell and Virginie Guiraudon. Berlin Reviews in Social Sciences, Review No.1.

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Summer Semester 2012: Brown Bag Lectures, Joint Lectures, Workshops

Brown Bag Lectures

Wednesdays 12-2pm, Universitätsstr. 3b, Room 003

April 18

Catherine Colliot-Thélène, CNRS

Demokratie ohne Volk,
Joint lecture with Centre Marc Bloch

May 23

Hanspeter Kriesi, University of Zürich

The political consequences of the financial and economic crisis
in Europe: electoral punishment and popular protest

June 13

Tilman Brück, DIW/BGSS

A Micro-Economic Perspective on Mass Violent Conflict

Joint Lecture

Social Science Research Center Berlin
Reichpietschufer 50, Room A 300

May 3 (5pm)

Dalton Conley, NYU

Three Puzzles in Gene by Environment Socio-Behavioral
Research with Applications to Depression

Workshops

Workshops are also open to doctoral researchers from partner
institutions. Please register at: bgss@hu-berlin.de

April 27

Camille Roth, CNRS

The Public Space as Socio-Semantic Systems
9am - 4pm

May 4

Dalton Conley, NYU

Biosociology- From Proteins to People (and Back)

9 am - 3.30 pm

WZB, Room A 310

May 10-11

Roberto Franzosi, Emory University

Quantitative Network Analysis

9am - 4pm

BGSS-Workshop for Work in Progress

Hans Blokland, Tuesdays, 12:00-13:30, Luisenstr. 56, room 123

April 17

Sarah Carol, WZB (associated)

Intermarriage attitudes among Muslim minority and majority
groups: The role of attachment to the family, religious in-group
and perceived distance

April 24

Theocharis Grigoriadis, University of California (Guest)

Collectivist Hierarchies and Surveillance Incentives: A
Political-Economic Theory of Russian Orthodoxy

May 15

Tatiana Karabchuk, HSE Moscow (associated)

Job stability and fertility under the concept of the variety of
capitalism: Germany, Russia, UK and USA

May 22

Jörn Ege, ISW (associated)

May 29

Colombina Schaeffer, University of Sydney (Guest)

For later dates please check the BGSS website www.bgss.hu-berlin.de

New Members

New Guest Researchers

Felix Gerlsbeck

Columbia University
May - July 2012

Dissertation Topic

Hard Boards and Pragmatic Choices – Epistemic Democracy for an Uncertain World

Theocharis Grigoriadis

University of California at Berkeley
Jan - July 2012

Dissertation Topic

Explaining Authoritarian Success: Religious Beliefs and Distributive Politics in Post-transition Russia and Islamic Iran

Adina Marincea

National School of Political and Administrative Studies,
Bucarest
April - December 2012

Dissertation Topic

Patterns of Europeanization in the Romanian Public Sphere

Colombina Schaeffer

University of Sydney/Sydney Democracy Initiative
April - June 2012

Dissertation Topic

Damming Chilean Patagonia? Contesting Natures and Societies: the Political Ecology of Chilean

New Associated Researchers

Tatiana Karabchuk

Supervisor: Bernd Wegener

Dissertation Topic

Career-Fertility Combinations among Women and their Effect on Life Satisfaction

Agnieszka Nieszgoda

Supervisor: Klaus Eder

Dissertation Topic

The Dynamics of Recurrent Violence in Divided Societies

Scientific Output

Publications, Defenses, and Submissions

Publications

Daphi, Priska (2011)

Soziale Bewegungen und kollektive Identität. Forschungsstand und Forschungslücken. In: *Forschungsjournal Soziale Bewegungen* 4, pp. 13-25.

Erner, Yuliya (2011)

National or Regional Identity. Impact of Political System on Social Integration in Ukraine after 1991. In: Oxana Kozlova/Agnieszka Kolodziej-Durnas (eds.), *Cultural Diversity as a Source of Integration and Alienation – Nations, Regions, Organizations*. Szczecin: Drukarnia Kozbur, pp. 150-172.

Gerschewski, Johannes/Köllner, Patrick (2011)

Überlebensstrategien des post-totalitären Regimes in Nordkorea In: *ASIEN* 119, pp. 67-78.

Hartmann, Eddie (2011)

Strategien des Gegenhandelns: Zur Soziodynamik symbolischer Kämpfe um Zugehörigkeit. Konstanz: UVK.

Karabchuk, Tatiana (2012)

Part-time and temporary workers in Russia: winners or losers? In: *Journal for Labour Market Research* 45 (1), pp. 23-39, DOI: 10.1007/s12651-011-0096-0

Leuschner, Vincenz (2011)

Politische Freundschaften. Zur Bedeutung informeller Beziehungen für das Handeln politischer Führungsgruppen. Baden-Baden: Nomos.

Lochocki, Timo (2012)

Immigrationsfragen: Sprungbrett rechtspopulistischer Parteien. In: *Aus Politik und Zeitgeschichte* (5-6).

Nassauer, Anne/Labigne, Anael (2012)

Violence in Civil Society. Insights from the CIVICUS Civil Society Index Databases. In: Dörner, W./List, R. (eds): *Civil Society, Conflict and Violence*. London: Bloomsbury Academic.

Osterberg-Kaufmann, Norma (2011)

Erfolg und Scheitern von Demokratisierungsprozessen: Fallstudien Albanien und Kroatien. Springer, Wiesbaden

Schaeffer, Merlin (2012)

Which Groups are Mostly Responsible for Problems in Your Neighbourhood? The Use of Ethnic Categories in Germany. In: *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. DOI:10.1080/01419870.2011.644311

Söyler, Mehtap (2012)

Informal institutions, forms of state and democracy: the Turkish deep state. In: *Democratization* 19 (2).

Wagner, Aiko/Weßels, Bernhard (2011)

Regierungsleistung im Urteil der Wähler. In: Hans Rattinger/Sigrid Roßteutscher/Rüdiger Schmitt-Beck/Bernhard Weßels: *Zwischen Langeweile und Extremen. Die Bundestagswahl 2009. Wahlen in Deutschland*, Bd. 1. Baden-Baden: Nomos, pp. 165-177.

Defenses

Aiko Wagner (Generation 2008)

Die Mikrofundierung von Duvergiers Gesetz. Strategisches Wahlverhalten als Wirkungsweise politischer Institutionen
Supervisors: Ellen Immergut, Bernhard Weßels
Current Employment: member of the research staff at WZB, Research Unit: „Democracy: Structures, Performance, Challenges“, project „German Longitudinal Election Study“

Christoph Raiser (Generation 2006)

Kompromisse durch narrative Verknüpfung. Eine soziologische Untersuchung von Einigungsprozessen im Europäischen Parlament
Supervisor: Klaus Eder
Current Employment: International Relations Manager BGSS

Nir Levy (Generation 2007)

Non-Material Influences on Social Mobility. Following the Loss of Jobs, Property and Wealth
Supervisor: Bernd Wegener

Submissions

Anne Busch (Generation 2008)

Preferences, Boundary Work and Organizations – Determinants of the Gender-Specific Labour Market Segregation in Germany
Supervisor: Bernd Wegener, Jürgen Schupp

Anne Krüger (Generation 2008)

Die globale Diffusion von Wahrheitskommissionen als kollektiver Lernprozess
Supervisor: Klaus Eder

Patrick Mello (Generation 2008)

Democracies and Armed Conflict: Military Participation in Kosovo, Afghanistan, and Iraq
Supervisor: Ellen M. Immergut