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### DR. CHRISTINE HENTSCHEL HAS BEEN AWARDED THE HEINZ MAIER-LEIBNITZ PRIZE 2013.

Specializing in urban and regional sociology at the Institute of Social Sciences at Humboldt University of Berlin, Hentschel is one of nine award winners elected by the German Research Foundation and the Federal Ministry of Education and Research from 123 candidates. Christine Hentschel has worked at the Humboldt University Berlin since 2011. As a postdoctoral fellow she leads a group of young researchers supported by the Einstein Foundation Berlin. The Berlin Einstein Group is hosted by the Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences.

# BGSS EDITORIAL

## DEAR MEMBERS, PARTNERS, ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF THE BERLIN GRADUATE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCES,



Ellen Immergut  
Director of BGSS

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

The break between semesters has been particularly busy this year. Not only one, but two admissions committees met to discuss the 142 BGSS/SESS and 92 EDP (European Doctoral Programme) applications. We are pleased to announce that we have now chosen our incoming class for 2013, comprised of 9 BGSS/SESS and 3 (Berlin-based) EDP students, and we are excited about the high quality of their research proposals. Our next step has been to develop tailor-made assistance for

individual applications for scholarships in the German funding system (social and political foundations, etc.). Moreover, BGSS faculty and staff have submitted several applications for minidoctoral programs and research groups with PhD positions. Thanks to our partners at the DIW and WZB and through university funding of part of the EDP, a first group of admitted students has already been allocated fellowships or doctoral positions. We now have our fingers crossed that our funding applications under review will be successful.

As outlined in this newsletter, our Summer Semester has a number of interesting activities for doctoral researchers, post-docs, faculty, and staff. For example, we have introduced a common theme for the Brown Bag lecture series: the politics and sociology of migration. The first lecture was given by Virginie Guiraudon of Sciences Politiques on April 23rd. On June 12th and July 10th, Magdalena Nowicka - who joins the ISW as an ERC Grantee - and Yasemin

Soysal from the University of Essex will join us. At the beginning of the semester the BGSS-Sciences Po-UCLA Migration Network met. This event, organized by Gökce Yurdakul and Marc Helbling (who will be joining the BGSS faculty), included a day of graduate workshops and a keynote session with talks by Roger Waldinger and Ruud Koopmans. In addition, we were very happy to have Adrian Favell and Gail Kligman join us. Future meetings are planned for 2014 (Paris), 2015 (LA), and 2016 (Berlin). The annual workshop of our second graduateresearchers' network - GradNet, which links EUI, CEU, LSE, Science Po, SUM, IHS and BGSS - was held London right before the begin of the semester. Seven BGSS members participated at this workshop.. During the course of this semester, we will host workshops on Transnational German Studies and Relational Sociology - including guest lectures by Ron Breiger, John Mohr, and John Padgett. Finally, as you will read in this newsletter, the Berlin Summer School on Linking Theory and Empirical Research 2013

has received more than 200 applications - a further sign of the attractiveness and high quality of the summer school.

I wish everyone an interesting and productive semester!

# DISSERTATION PROJECTS

## MOVEMENTS IN SERVICE OF THE POWERFUL: UNDERSTANDING PARTICIPATION IN PRO-KREMLIN YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

by Anna Schwenck  
BGSS Doctoral Researcher, Generation 2012, EDPIII

Every summer thousands of young Russians travel to Lake Seliger to participate in the so-called All-Russian Youth Forum. They camp in tents, do morning exercise, and engage in projects ranging from urban development and social media to patriotic education and entrepreneurial training. Initially, the camp was the main gathering for members of Nashi (The Ours), a group which was founded by Kremlin officials to prevent upheavals in Russia similar to the Ukrainian Orange Revolution. Nashi caused a number of controversies within and outside of Russia through attention-grabbing actions that were directed against oppositional figures, foreign embassies, and unfavorable news coverage. In recent years, however, the organization underwent several restructurings and was recently rebranded. In a similar vein, Seliger, as the summer camp is often called, was opened to all Russian youth. Today it promotes a pro-governmental version of civic engagement, which is thought to strengthen a new Russian patriotism, entrepreneurialism, and the

government's ideology of Managed Democracy.

It is important to note that membership in all pro-governmental formations (Nashi is only one of several organizations) is voluntary – in contrast to the Komsomol during Soviet times. Although groups are often created by state officials and politicians loyal to the government, they depend on the support and participation of the youth. There is an assumption in much of the literature on the phenomenon that participation is self-explanatory: Participants are either portrayed as non-political, but interested in material and career assets or as fully committed supporters of governmental policies. The present PhD project aims to explore how members conceive of their engagement. What may seem as a rather homespun and at times self-defeating mishmash of Soviet symbols, democratic catchwords, market liberal spirit, and patriotic proclamation, might sound less contradictory to participants who share a very different understanding of what the employed

terms and concepts mean. Moreover, members have to somehow relate to this kind of ideology even though they pursue career opportunities in politics or business.

Studying the patterns of rationales for participation in Russian pro-governmental youth organizations adds to our understanding of what actions these youths regard as meaningful and what kind of worldview informs their choices. I further explore the change of meaning that some Soviet symbols and terms, but also liberal-democratic catchwords underwent within the past decade. Studying participants' motivation might be also telling with regard to the popular support (and its waning) of recent political developments in post-socialist Russia. Not at least, some scholars still regard political apathy as the major cultural and mass psychological source for the Russian government's political legitimacy and stability. Contrary to that still dominant view, mobilization and activism of all kinds have spread considerably in the past decade, and

the very existence of pro-Kremlin groups hints at the government's desire to increase – favorable – civic engagement.

I plan to explore the motivations and justifications of participants through the techniques of narrative interviewing and participant observation. The Seliger camp will be one site of fieldwork, although I hope to also gain access to groups in provincial cities. Depending on which organizations exist on the local level, variation between the provinces will likely be higher with regard to youth's political socialization.

# EVENTS AND PROJECTS

## EINSTEIN MEETS NYLON - 11TH ANNUAL NYLON GRADUATE STUDENT CONFERENCE

by Natalia Besedovsky (BGSS), Francesco Findeisen, Fritz-Julius Grafe (HU Berlin), Boris Vormann (John-F.-Kennedy Institute for North American Studies, Berlin)

What is the link between Einstein and Nylon? There is none, you say? Well, there is. It's not that Albert Einstein invented the synthetic polymer known as Nylon – you are right, that was Wallace Carothers. In fact, this guess would be nowhere

School of Economics. What started out as a research network between these two universities has since expanded beyond its original boundaries – NYLON now includes young scholars from Goldsmiths, Cambridge, and Kent in the UK; from Chicago,

ordinary conferences because they invite young scholars to freely discuss their work(-in-progress) and to debate the role of the social sciences in society in a unique manner; both the formats and the contents are quite exceptional. This

benefit tremendously from the fact that participants come from different disciplinary backgrounds – ranging from sociology to political science and anthropology – and are accustomed to different research practices and academic traditions. The experimental workshops, of which there were six this year, are aimed at pushing forward new approaches to field work, such as the role of sound and smells or new approaches to counting and quantification. Social gatherings before, during, and after work sessions are an integral part of the conference rather than an addendum. Richard Sennett's reception at his apartment in London was certainly this year's highlight – with impromptu music performances on the cello and the piano, endless amounts of delicious pizza, and even more laughter...



near: Nylon (read: NYLON) and Einstein, a shorthand for 'the Einstein Group', constitute a transatlantic research network – and a very active one, indeed. The network's annual conference that took place at the London School of Economics from March 16 to 18, 2013 was the most recent occasion where participants from both sides of the Atlantic met and discussed their work. It was superbly organized and a great success!

But let us explain. NYLON was created in 2001 by Craig Calhoun and Richard Sennett of New York University and the London

Columbia University, CUNY, and the New School in the US; and – since 2011, facilitated by Craig Calhoun's Einstein Fellowship – from Humboldt, Freie, and Technical University as well as the Max Planck Institute for Human Development in Berlin. This latter group calls itself the 'Berlin Einstein Group' and meets every week at the Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences throughout the semester. These three groups – members from New York City, London, and Berlin – hold conferences in one of these three cities once a year. These annual meetings do not just differ from

year's conference in London included a series of paper sessions and experimental workshops. The paper sessions are events where all conference participants come together and discuss one of the participants' articles, book chapters, or research drafts – with themes ranging from the role of affect in music to biometrics in India, from market failure to cosmopolitan sociability. However, the author is not the presenter. This role is taken by a discussant, which changes the dynamics of the talk – as do the other participants and the faculty who have all read the texts in advance. The discussions also

One question that remains after the conference and that has generated some debate regards the research network's name. It is not easy to fuse 'Nylon' and the 'Berlin Einstein Group' into a catchy acronym. Berlony? Berlynors? Nylon-B? What this conference in London has shown, however, is that the lack of a common name is perhaps not a hindrance. This research network is vibrant and fosters collaborations and friendships that transcend disciplinary and methodological boundaries and that persist outside the regular meetings. And this is quite something.

# EVENTS AND PROJECTS



## 3RD BERLIN SUMMER SCHOOL IN SOCIAL SCIENCES - LINKING THEORY AND EMPIRICAL RESEARCH - PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR 2013

by Andreas Schäfer

BGSS Doctoral Researcher, Generation 2008

Program Coordinator of the Berlin Summer School in Social Sciences

This year, for the third summer, the BGSS and the WZB are jointly hosting the Berlin Summer School in Social Sciences. From the 14th to 26th July 2013, about 50 young researchers from all over the world will meet with renowned international and Berlin-based scholars to discuss and work on methodological issues and challenges that arise when linking theory and empirical social research.

theoretical micro- and macro-perspectives, as well as the nature of causation and the problem of explanation in the social sciences. In the second week, these methodological considerations are applied to four central empirical fields of research in political science and sociology: “Comparing Democracies: Political Competition, Democratic Institutions, and Public Policies”, “Social Inequality, Conflict, and Integration”,

The summer school encompasses a varied format of lectures, workshops, seminars, and meetings. A special emphasis is given to the implementation and methodological consideration of participants’ research designs - With this program the Berlin Summer School in Social Sciences aims to promote young researchers by strengthening their ability to produce theoretically and methodologically innovative social research.

For more information, please visit our webpage at [www.berlinsummerschool.de](http://www.berlinsummerschool.de).

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The first week of the program addresses topics such as the epistemological foundations of methodological paradigms, strategies of concept building, the combination of

“The Dynamics of National and International Regimes”, and “Knowledge and Culture in a Globalized World”.

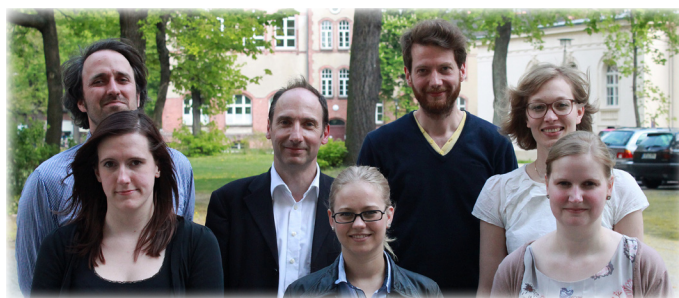
The school brings together a faculty of renowned international and Berlin-based scholars. Among the confirmed international lecturers are Mark Bevir (UC Berkeley), Gary Goertz (University of Notre Dame), Guillermina Jasso (New York University), Kenneth Bollen (The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill), Mario Small (University of Chicago), and Loic Wacquant (UC Berkeley).

# GRADUATE SCHOOL NEWS

## INTRODUCING THE NEW BGSS MANAGEMENT UNIT 2013/14 - SMALL AND MULTI-FUNCTIONAL

by Martin Nagelschmidt, BGSS Academic Manager

BGSS management functions have been refocused and clustered around a smaller management team with Martin Nagelschmidt (Academic Manager), Jana Rieckmann (International Doctoral Services), Christoph Raiser (International Relations Manager) and Thomas Wosnitza (Finance and Personnel Administration/Science Marketing). The former function of office secretary is jointly assumed by our student assistants Manon Vollprecht (Monday), Maria Keil (Thursday and Friday) and by Thomas Wosnitza (Tuesday and Wednesday). This new team is working in a flexible and output-oriented way in order to meet the challenges faced by the BGSS until the end of 2014.



## BGSS Functions - Overview

### INTERNATIONAL DOCTORAL SERVICES

Student Services  
Selection Process  
Scholarship Advice  
Track Record  
Organisation of BGSS  
Curriculum and  
Workshops  
Computer Workspace

### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MANAGER

International  
Funding Programs  
Consortia and Bi-  
lateral Cooperations  
Joint PhD Curricula  
Scholarship Advice

### ACADEMIC MANAGER BGSS

Consultant BGSS  
Director  
Management BGSS  
Governance  
Update of BGSS  
Functions and  
Academic Mission  
Funding Strategy  
and Financial  
Management  
Director  
Management Unit

### FINANCE AND PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

Funding  
Administration  
Funding Management  
Research Stays,  
Conferences,  
Workshop and  
Summer School  
Funding  
Reporting on  
Expenditure of Funds

### SCIENCE MARKETING

Website Development  
and Administration  
Marketing and  
Communication  
Strategy  
Newsletter  
BGSS Events

# ALUMNI OCCUPATIONS



## JUNIOR PROFESSORSHIP AT UNIVERSITÄT HAMBURG

by Anne Busch, BGSS Generation 2008

From 2008 to 2012 I was a PhD candidate in the Sess. EuroPhD program at the BGSS and funded by the program's scholarship. During this period I was also doing research on gender income inequalities in managerial positions with a focus on gender segregation as the main determinant, together with Dr. Elke Holst at the SOEP department of the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW) in Berlin. Furthermore, I worked as a research assistant in the project 'From Heterogeneities to Inequalities, sub-project Gender-Specific Patterns of Opportunity in Employment' (SFB 882) at the Bielefeld University. Together with my colleagues Dr. Katrin Golsch and Miriam Bröckel, our research was focused on gender-specific employment biographies, transitions, and disadvantages as well as career paths in partnerships, and drew heavily on the German Socio-Economic Panel Study. In May 2012 I obtained my doctorate with the defense of my PhD thesis (Title: 'Die berufliche Geschlechtersegregation in Deutschland – Ursachen, Reproduktion, Folgen'

– 'Occupational Sex Segregation in Germany – Causes, Reproduction, Consequences', first supervisor: Prof. Dr. Bernd Wegener; second supervisor: Prof. Dr. Jürgen Schupp).

Following my defense, I accepted a junior professorship in sociology (in particular labor, organization, gender) at the Faculty of Economic and Social Sciences, Department of Socioeconomics, at the University of Hamburg and started my work on October 1st, 2012. My main task is to do research and teaching on the topic of labor market and gender research as well as organizational sociology. I give lectures and seminars in the bachelor's degree program 'Socioeconomics' and in the master's degree program 'Economic and Sociological Studies'. Moreover, research gender-related issues of labor market and occupational research with special regard to the causes and consequences of gender segregation in occupations. The empirical focus is on quantitative methods and the combination of information provided by secondary data

sets. I work a lot with the data from the Microcensus and the Employment Survey of the Federal Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (BAuA) and the Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BiBB) with data from the German Socio-Economic Panel Study. My theoretical focus is on the linkage of supply-side and institutional-side theories with social psychological theories of status as well as organizational theories. In addition, I jointly undertake research activities with colleagues from the University of Hamburg, Bielefeld University, and the German Institute for Economic Research (DIW)/SOEP department. I am also actively participating in the university's self-administration, such as in the examination board of the bachelor's degree program 'Socioeconomics'. I also write reports for journals and give or comment on talks at scientific meetings.

The BGSS/Sess.EuroPhD has been a great support in my professional career, not only by funding my research period abroad at the Stanford

University and participation at various international conferences, but also by providing scientific support in the form of colloquia, workshops, and other events.

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## BROWN BAG LECTURES

WEDNESDAYS, 12-2 C.T. ROOM 004, UNI3B

### JUNE 12

Magdalena Nowicka (ERC Project Director)

*Transforming Migration: Transnational Transfer of Multicultural Habitus*

### JULY 10

Yasemin Soysal (University of Essex)

*Citizenship and Immigration in Europe: Failing Human*

## BGSS WORKSHOP FOR WORK-IN-PROGRESS

TUESDAYS, 4-6PM, LUISENSTR. 56, ROOM 123

### MAY 7

Verena Seibel (2011) & Nicolas Griesshaber (2010)

### MAY 14

Nadja Douglas (2011)

*Civil-military relations in Russia - why shifting to an all-volunteer force continues to be problematic*

Discussant: Julian Brückner

### MAY 21

Frederike Esche (2010)

*Mine, yours or our problem? Analyzing the effects of unemployment on partnerships*

### MAY 28

Tarik Abou-Chadi (2011) & Matthias Orlowski (2010)

*Assessing the causal effect of suffrage extension on government spending and redistribution - the effect of political institutions*

### JUNE 4

Evin Deniz, Autonomous University of Madrid (Guest)

*A struggle against displacement as a politicization process of the dwellers of Dikmen Valley/Ankara/Turkey*

### JUNE 25

Julia Nast (2011)

### JULY 2

Julian Brückner (2010)

*From Military Dictatorship to Democratic Consolidation: Breaking the Civil-Military Path Dependence in Latin America*

Discussant: Nadja Douglas

### JULY 9

Jan Ullrich (2011)

## BGSS WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

### APRIL 4 - 5

*Introduction to R, Matthias Orlowski, Workshop*

9.30am - 5pm, Universitätsstr. 3b, PC-Pool

### APRIL 8

Migration Workshop, Plenary Panel

*Migration, Citizenship and Transnational Politics: Comparative Perspectives of Western Europe and North America*

Keynote Speakers: Roger Waldinger (UCLA), Ruud Koopmans, (WZB); Partners: UC-LA, Sciences Po, WZB, BGSS

5 - 7pm, Luisenstr. 56, Festsaal

### MAY 23 - 26

Graduate Workshop in Transnational German Studies, Berlin-Workshop

Main Organisers: University of Warwick, Institute of Advanced Study (IAS), University of Michigan, HU Berlin

Times and Location will be announced on [www.bgss.hu-berlin.de](http://www.bgss.hu-berlin.de) soon!

### MAY 27

*Relational Sociology: Reconstructing Networks with Meaning*

Keynote Speakers: Ronald Breiger (University of Arizona), John Mohr (University of California at Santa Barbara)

John Padgett (University of Chicago)

Workshop 10am - 6pm, registration required (more info at [www.bgss.hu-berlin.de](http://www.bgss.hu-berlin.de))

Discussion (open to public) 6pm - 8pm, Luisenstr. 56, 10117 Berlin, Haus 1, Festsaal

## SPECIALS

### JULY 14 - 26

3rd Berlin Summerschool in Social Sciences (BGSS/WZB)

Linking Theory and Empirical Research

### JUNE 8

Lange Nacht der Wissenschaften, Berlin | Potsdam

BGSS Info Desk, Presentation of Dissertation Topics

4 - 12 pm, Luisenstr. 56, 10117 Berlin, Room 123

# NEW MEMBERS

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## GUESTS

**DENİZ, EVİN**

APRIL 2013 - JUNE 2013

The Social Production of Urban Space: A Comparison of Two Cases from Madrid and Ankara

# SCIENTIFIC OUTPUT

## PUBLICATIONS

### BESEDOVSKY, NATALIA

„Politischer Ritterschlag für Ratingagenturen: Regulatorisches Outsourcing und der Beitrag von Gesetzgebern zur Macht der Ratingagenturen“. In *Entfesselte Finanzmärkte? Soziologische Analysen zu Entwicklung und Krisen moderner Finanzmärkte*, herausgegeben von Klaus Kraemer und Sebastian Nessel, 225–242. Frankfurt/Main: Campus, 2012

### DAPHI, PRISKA, BRITTA BAUMGARTEN, AND PETER ULLRICH

*Protest | Culture: Conceptualizing Culture in Social Movement Research* (forthcoming).

### KONIECZNY, ESTHER, AND FALK TENNERT

„Reputationskonstitution und Verantwortungsattribution in Krisen: Der Fall Toyota“.

### KONIECZNY, ESTHER, AND MARITA VERBALI

„Kommunikationsereignisanalytik »Libanonkrieg«. Berichterstattungsdynamik und Darstellung der Konfliktparteien“. *fögr research papers* (2008).

### KRÜGER, ANNE

„Forschungsbericht zu Transitional Justice“. *Jahrbuch für Politik und Geschichte* 3

### RÖSLER, WIEBKE, AND HANS BERTRAM

„Zum Umfang der Erwerbstätigkeit Kinder betreuender Eltern in Deutschland“. *Familie Partnerschaft Recht* Heft Nr. 4 (2011): 154–57.

### RÖSLER, WIEBKE, MARTIN BUJARD, AND HANS BERTRAM

„Rush-hour des Lebens: Geburtenaufschub, Einkommensverläufe und familienpolitische Perspektiven“. *Journal für Reproduktionsmedizin und Endokrinologie* 8, Nr. 2 (2011): 91–99.

### RÖSLER, WIEBKE, STEFFEN KOHL, AND HANS BERTRAM

UNICEF-Bericht: Zur Lage der Kinder in Deutschland 2011/2012: Kindliches Wohlbefinden und gesellschaftliche Teilhabe. Köln, 2011.

## SUBMISSIONS

### MOORMANN-KIMÁKOVÁ, BARBORA

Language regimes in multinational and multiethnic settings

### SÖYLER, MEHTAP

The Historical-Institutional Path of the Deep State and Democratic Consolidation in Turkey

### UÇAR-RUF, HELIN

Challenges of Norm Implementation: The Interaction between State and Non-state Actors Regarding Violence against Women in Turkey

## DEFENSES

### DREGER, JONAS

A Climate for Expertise? How the European Commission uses knowledge strategically in the making of European climate and energy policy

### KONIECZNY, ESTHER

Context matters? Discursive power in transnational public spheres.

### KRÜGER, ANNE K.

The global diffusion of truth commissions as a collective learning process. A contribution to the microfoundation of organizational research

### NASSAUER, ANNE

Violence in demonstrations. A comparative analysis of situational interaction dynamics at social movement protests.

### WALTHER, ULF

Intelligence Services in Eastern Europe