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Membership statistics (record date: 30th June 2016)

- Doctoral candidates in total: 405
- 356 doctoral candidates not working within a programme
- 49 doctoral candidates working within one of the incorporated programmes (candidates of the doctoral programme for Theology are listed depending on whether they work within a programme or individually)
- 348 members are doctoral candidates at the Faculty of Humanities.
- 51 members are doctoral candidates at the Faculty of Theology.
- 6 members are scholarship holders or associates of the incorporated programmes or doctoral candidates of the Cotutelle-Procedure but are doctoral candidates at other faculties or universities.
- 107 members do not have German nationality.
- Gender relation: 168 males, 237 females.
- The doctoral candidates (“Junior Members”) are supervised by 389 “Senior Members”, 208 of which are members of University of Göttingen.

In the second quarter of 2016, 6 members of the Faculty of Humanities and one member of the Faculty of Theology successfully completed their doctorate.

Grants and allowances for doctoral candidates and postdocs (April to June 2016)

- 3 Exposé-grants covering altogether 4 months (€ 4,350 in total)
- 11 Completion-grants covering altogether 22 months (€ 29,100 in total)
- 1 Postdoc stipend covering 2 months (€ 2,730 in total)
- 20 allowances for conference trips (€ 4,375.19 in total)
- 11 allowances for research trips (€ 11,577.68 in total)
- 4 allowances for conducting networking meetings (€ 2,224.66 in total)
- 3 allowances for co-financing self-organised conferences (€ 1,876.69 in total)
- 1 printing cost allowance for publishing the dissertation (€ 1,800 in total)

Small travel grants between 1st April and 30th June 2016: € 2,954.14

Overall amount of funding: € 58,034.22

1. Events of GSGG in recent months

- On 4th May, the “Welcome Day” took place with about 35 participants.
- On 18th May, the first Parents’ Café took place to provide opportunity for informal discussion about the various challenges of reconciling parenthood and scientific career. Further events are planned.
- On 16th/17th June, there was an excursion to Weimar in which 13 doctoral candidates from China, India, Japan, Italy, France and Germany participated.
- On 21st June, the general meeting of GSGG took place. About 55 members discussed the development of GSGG; the doctoral candidates elected their representatives for the board (see section 3).

2. Events organised by members of GSGG

The following events are organised by members of GSGG or GSGG-Nachwuchsgruppen (Early Career Research Groups). The events are open to public – if you are interested, you are welcome to participate!

a) Hybridity, cultural translation and multiple modernities, Göttingen, 15th/16th September 2016

The workshop for graduates “Hybridity, cultural translation and multiple modernities” is organised by doctoral candidates and postdocs of the interdisciplinary Early Career Research Group “Multiple Modernities”. Central to the workshop is the critical *and* productive discussion of the notion and concept of hybridity and its relation to other concepts of interculturality and cultural contact, the historiographical and sociological paradigm of the “Multiple Modernities” and the practice of “cultural translation” in particular. After years of euphoric adoption of the term to describe intercultural, transnational and posthumanist phenomena in literary studies, media studies as well as cultural sciences, hybridity was the target of criticism, also due to its affinity to processes of capitalistic innovation and neoliberal identity policy. It is the aim of the workshop to process the concept’s history and problems and its entanglements. Additionally, we would like to address and identify the potentials of hybridity in relation to other modes of cultural contact mentioned in the title.

If you are interested, please send a short letter of motivation (max. 1 page) to Jens Elze: jelze@uni-goettingen.de until 31st July 2016. If you have any questions, please contact Nina Härter: nhaerte@gwdg.de.

b) Call for Papers: Forum Junge Romanistik, Göttingen, 15th to 17th March 2017

The Forum Junge Romanistik (FJR) is the biggest interdisciplinary conference for early career researchers for Romance Studies in German-speaking countries. It provides an overview of Romance Linguistics, Literary and Cultural Studies as well as teaching methodology, which is also perceived internationally.

The XXXIII. Forum Junge Romanistik will take place from 15th to 17th March 2017 at University of Göttingen. Under the topic of “Transformationen | Wandel, Bewegung, Geschwindigkeit” we would like to analyse recent and historic processes of transformation from a Romance perspective and point out their functions and implications.

We look forward to welcoming you with contributions from Romance Literary Studies, Linguistics, Didactics and Cultural Studies as well as neighbouring disciplines which share interfaces with Romance Studies like History, Anthropology, Comparative Literature Studies, and Gender Studies.

For more information and the detailed Call for Papers see: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/541579.html>; contact: fjr2017@uni-goettingen.de

c) Grenzüberschreitungen – Bücher als Brücken

5th Forum of the IBG Young Scholars from 6th to 7th April 2017 in Göttingen – Call for Papers

The fifth Forum of Young Scholars of the [Internationalen Buchwissenschaftlichen Gesellschaft](#) will take place from 6th to 7th April 2017 at [DFG-Graduiertenkolleg 1787 “Literatur und Literaturvermittlung im Zeitalter der Digitalisierung”](#) of Georg-August-University Göttingen. It will focus on the topic “Grenzüberschreitung – Bücher als Brücken“.

The aim of the conference is to focus on the textual, medial, conceptual, geographical, political and legal dimensions of boundary transgressions in books and in the book industry as well as to locate and discuss them.

Boundaries are unequivocally crossed when books (or their authors and publishers) cause a scandal – such as violating legal boundaries. The mechanisms and consequences of this scandalisation will be examined. In doing so, the Forum forms a connection to the topic of the IBG annual meeting of 2016 [“Eine Zensur findet \(nicht\) statt’ – Zensur und Medienkontrolle in demokratisch verfassten Gesellschaften“](#).

If you are interested in participating, please send an abstract (max. 500 words) for an approximately 20-minute contribution as well as short biographical details to ibg.ys17@uni-goettingen.de by 15th September 2016. You will get a feedback until 30th October 2016.

3. Notifications by the PhD delegates

Following the general meeting of GSGG on 21st June, we would like to provide you with some information on upcoming projects. First of all, we would like to thank you for your confidence in us to be representatives on the board of GSGG for another year.

As announced, we organised a meeting with the job centre of Göttingen in October to discuss and evaluate difficulties and problems that job seeking doctoral candidates have to face. We strive to find a practical solution for both sides as well as a basis for communication.

Of course we will also work on ongoing projects and keep you informed about current developments.

With best wishes

Antje Kuhle and Florian Pahlke (delegate/deputy delegate "Members outside of Programmes"),
Kai Matuszkiewicz (delegate "Members in PhD Programmes")

4. Course offer of GSGG (August-October 2016)

- 9th/30th August „[Postergestaltung](#)“
- 2nd September „[Öffentlichkeit als Publikum](#)“
- 13th September „[Achtung Auftritt! - Überzeugende Selbstpräsentation](#)“

- 23rd/30th September „[Schreibwerkstatt III - Texte gezielt überarbeiten](#)“
- 7th/8th October „[Writing Well - Handling written communication in English](#)“
- 27th/28th October „[Motivationsstrategie für die Promotion - Überprüfung von Zielen und Maßnahmen unter Berücksichtigung der individuellen Lebenssituation](#)“

With best wishes and kind regards
Your team of GSGG

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