

The GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies / Leibniz-Institut für Globale und Regionale Studien is an independent social science research institute based in Hamburg. It analyses political, social, and economic developments in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East, and links this knowledge to questions of global significance. It combines region-specific analysis with innovative comparative research on accountability and participation, peace and security, growth and development, and power and ideas. The **GIGA Doctoral Programme (DP)** invites applications from

Prospective Doctoral Students

to join the programme starting 1 October 2020. The DP is a three-year structured programme for junior researchers, during which time they can pursue their research and professional development – particularly in the field of comparative area studies (CAS). GIGA doctoral students are fully integrated into the GIGA's research structure and benefit from close supervision within an international research environment. The DP fosters their engagement with the GIGA's global approach to scholarship and provides them with the necessary methodological and soft skills training to pursue a career in academia and beyond. Through academic exchanges and fieldwork, doctoral students engage with the "GIGA regions" and build their own networks. Additional grants are provided for fieldwork and conference attendance and, in line with the Leibniz Association's principle of "theoria cum praxi," doctoral students are offered involvement in policy advice and knowledge transfer activities. Doctoral degrees will be awarded by one of our partner universities, dependent upon the affiliation of the student's first supervisor.

Applicants are expected to fulfil the following criteria:

- An excellent grade point average and a final degree (masters or equivalent) in Political Science/International Relations, Economics, History, or a related discipline.
- A high-quality project proposal that fits with the GIGA's core research agenda. Priority will be given to projects with a cross-regional or a CAS focus.
- Strong command of the English language (German is not a prerequisite).

We strongly welcome international applications. Diversity and the reconciliation of work and family life are of great importance to the institute.

Please fill out the GIGA DP application form (available online at: <https://www.giga-hamburg.de/en/dp/application>) and send it together with your full application (**Ref.-No. GIGA-20-01**) including:

- a letter of motivation, a research proposal of maximum 2,000 words, and an additional academic writing sample
- a CV and simple copies of degrees and academic transcripts (BA, Diploma, MA)
- proof of English-language skills
- a statement about intended funding for the duration of three years (final admission is contingent upon the applicant's ability to provide proof of funding by the DP's start date)

to **Gabriele Tetzlaff**, GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Neuer Jungfernstieg 21, 20354 Hamburg, Germany. **Email:** jobs-dp@giga-hamburg.de (email applications, preferably sent as one single PDF file, are particularly welcome).

Screening of applications will begin on 1 February 2020.

For further information, including a list of FAQs, please visit the GIGA DP website at: www.giga-hamburg.de/en/dp. You can also contact us via email at: dpgiga@giga-hamburg.de.