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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:

New funding: language revision grants

If you are writing your thesis in German, but are not a German native speaker, you may apply for editing funding as a GGG member. Your thesis should be completed textually during editing but not have been submitted to the faculty. Funding covers an acknowledged editor's fee working with you on error control and linguistic improvement of the text. Applications may be filed each for the following half-year. Next application deadline is 30.09.2016. Detailed information can be found [here](#).

The Dilemma Game: Professionalism and Integrity in Research

Like in any profession, scientists are frequently faced with dilemmas: Can I exclude particular observations from my research? Can I use exactly the same data set for multiple papers? Should I agree on a colleague being a co-author on a paper to which she has not made a significant contribution? By exposing you to such dilemmas in the context of a critical dialogue, this game aims to support you in further developing your own „moral compass“. This game was developed as one of the initiatives of the EUR Taskforce Scientific Integrity (chaired by Prof. Dr. Finn Wynstra). Its objective is to raise awareness for and to develop proposals to help maintain scientific professionalism and integrity. There is a hardcopy of the Dilemma Game available for you to play and discover at the GGG office. Please [contact](#) us for further information.

Conference “Creating Expertise and Work? Middle Class Academization” on 17. and 18.11.2016

Entitled “Wissenskraft und Arbeit schaffen” the interdisciplinary German speaking conference organized by the Research Training Group “Qualifikatorisches Upgrading in KMU: Fachkräftebedarf und Akademisierung im Mittelstand” aims to discuss the chances and challenges of small- and medium sized enterprises and their employees. There will be a special focus on the frame conditions, which are shaped by the trend of opening up academia with regard to further advancement of university education, and new demands in regional development. Please [register](#) as soon as possible and latest by 10.11.2016. The corresponding Call for Posters addresses at scientists and junior researchers as well as representatives from political life. Deadline for application is 15.09.2016 Please send your application to [Julia Gumula](#). Further information can be found [here](#).

Excursions to surrounding villages during the winter semester of 2016/17

In the forthcoming winter semester, the GGG Helpdesk wants to continue the proven cooperation with the initiative “Show your village!” and particularly invite international PhD students to excursions to the smaller villages around Göttingen. It will be possible to get into direct contact with inhabitants, exchange ideas and gain intense insight into living in rural areas. The next event is currently scheduled for November 2016. You can find exact dates and further details on our [website](#) and on Facebook as soon as possible.

Representative for Academic Quality/Ideas and Complaint Management

Do you have an idea or criticism on the topics of teaching and learning? The Representative for Academic Quality, Ms. Meike Gottschlich, is available as ombudsperson. Together with her team she deals with your suggestions and complaints regarding academic quality and difficulties during your studies. All information is treated strictly confidential and on request anonymously. More information and contact can be found [here](#).