



Dear Fellows and Friends of the GSBC,

With this GSBC newsletter, we continuously want to inform you about current developments at the Graduate School "Human Behaviour in Social and Economic Change" (GSBC), upcoming courses, workshops and conferences as well as research highlights relevant for researchers and doctoral candidates in the GSBC. The contents of this newsletter are as follows:

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All announcements (especially of publications and lectures) are based on information supplied to us.

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## **LATEST NEWS**

### ***New Programme***

The Center for Applied Developmental Science (CADS) is part of "*PATHWAYS: An International Postdoctoral Fellowship Programme for the Comparative Study of Productive Youth Development*" funded by the Jacobs Foundation with 1 Mio. GBP (1.26 Mio. €). The program started in October 2008 and will run for the next four years. Primary Investigators are

- Ingrid Schoon (University of London, UK),
- Rainer K. Silbereisen (CADS, University of Jena),
- Jacquelynne S. Eccles (University of Michigan, USA),
- Ulrich Trautwein (Max-Planck-Institute for Human Development, Berlin),
- Katariina Salmela-Aro (University of Jyväskylä, Finland), and
- Lars Bergman (University of Stockholm, Sweden).

The Jena Project Coordinator is Claudia M. Haase.

The program offers a selected group of outstanding young scholars the opportunity to work together with experts in the field of productive youth development. The new virtual scheme allows for pooling the expertise of several leading institutions and scholars from multidisciplinary backgrounds. A first aim of the program is to promote top-quality research on productive youth development. Key research questions include how to facilitate the transition to adulthood, how to promote resilience and positive adjustment even in the face of adversity, familial ties and resources that enhance socialisation, social ties that strengthen connections to educational and workplace settings, institutional and state

policies as well as practices that can alter the trajectories of youth, especially those at risk.

A second aim is to guarantee a top-quality and innovative learning and research environment for the postdoctoral fellows. The virtual post-doctoral fellowship program is not limited to the virtual realm. A third aim hence is to disseminate research findings to national and international academic and non academic audiences as well as at a local level through workshops and seminar series organized by the participating institutions. The fourth aim is to translate research findings into strategies for policy-oriented action drawing from the concept of human development in context.



### ***New Coordinator EIC***

After finishing his dissertation Andreas Meder left us in November 2008 and started in his new position at the Thuringian ministry of economics in Erfurt. The new coordinator of the graduate college "The Economics of Innovative Change" is Simon Wiederhold ([simon.wiederhold@uni-jena.de](mailto:simon.wiederhold@uni-jena.de)). We introduced Simon in the last newsletter as a member of the Graduate Academy's Board.

### ***GSBC Funding***

Since October 2008 the GSBC is funded by the Federal Programme "ProExzellenz" of the Free State of Thuringia. This funding allows us to offer further doctoral and post-doc fellowships additionally to the scholarships of our graduate colleges. The job interviews will be held in December. We are confident to start with a new group of researchers in January.

### ***DFG-Research Unit "Discrimination and Tolerance in Intergroup Relations"***

The Research Unit "Discrimination and Tolerance in Intergroup Relations" is funded by the DFG since 2002. In October 2008 the DFG approved the Research Unit's follow-up application for another two years. The Research Unit currently comprises 9 research projects.

### ***New Location Bachstraße 18***

In August the GSBC moved into the new offices in the former university hospital building Bachstraße 18. There the GSBC fellows that start in January work on the second floor together with the PhD students and the Post-Docs of the EIC and the IMPRS students of the university. Besides the offices the fellows can use a smaller conference room (207) in their own floor and a larger seminar room (102) on the first floor.

## PAST EVENTS

### ***IGC: 7th Consultation Seminar***

From October 1-3, 2008 the IGC hosted its annual Consultation Seminar in Jena, which is part of our doctoral training. The intention of this event is to afford an opportunity for PhD students to present and discuss their work in the presence of senior experts in a supportive setting as well as to turn to them individually for advice concerning their own scholarly work.

As invited consultants we welcomed senior experts in the field of intergroup relation research.

- Gerd Bohner, University of Bielefeld, Germany
- Emanuele Castano, New School for Social Research, NY, USA
- Aiden Gregg, University of Southampton, UK
- Michael Hogg, Claremont Graduate University, USA
- Tony Manstead, Cardiff University, UK
- Sabine Otten, University of Groningen, Netherlands

Of course also all faculty members of the Jena site were available for individual consultations. And moreover Rupert Brown (University of Sussex, UK), and Vincent Yzerbyt (Université Catholique de Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium) - representatives of the IGC partner-sites – attended as senior consultants too.

The scientific program consisted of two elements. During the morning sessions the plenum presentations by the PhD students with subsequent discussions took place. In the afternoons the individual consultation meetings were scheduled. 32 PhD students from Jena and the IGC partner-sites took advantage of this opportunity.

### ***GK-EIC / IMPRS Summer School***

From July 28th until August 9th 2008, the DFG Research Training Group “The Economics of Innovative Change” (GK-EIC) and the International Max Planck Research School on Adapting Behavior in a Fundamentally Uncertain World (IMPRS) jointly hosted the second Jena Summer School on “Innovation and Uncertainty”.



behave under uncertainty.

The curriculum comprised several courses which were given by members of the GK-EIC, IMPRS Uncertainty and the partnering institutions and invited guest lecturers. Compared to last year, the course teachers integrated the participants of the Summer School to an increasing degree in their program, i.e., courses were conducted more inter-actively.

The overall aim of the Summer School was to stimulate the scientific discourse between economists, psychologists and legal scholars. Research approaches of the three disciplines were brought together in order to find more adequate explanations on how economic decisions are made in an uncertain environment. Just like last year, the IMPRS Summer School continued in the second and the third week of August to cover a number of specific topics related to how subjects



The courses were complemented by guest lectures held by invited speakers. Furthermore, students had the opportunity to work on interdisciplinary research projects in small interdisciplinary teams under the supervision of researchers of the MPI Jena. One highlight of this year's Summer School was the keynote speech given by Ariel Rubinstein from Tel Aviv University who presented newest developments in neuronomics. A complete list of lecturers and guest speakers who contributed to the 2008 GK-EIC/IMPRS Summer School can be found at: <http://gk.wiwi.uni-jena.de/index.php> and <http://www.imprs.econ.mpg.de/summerschool/>.

Throughout the whole four weeks, the program of the summer school gave participants the chance to take part in various "non-academic" events. Students had the opportunity to meet again or to get to know each other, to engage in scientific and non-scientific conversations and to relax from the tight schedule.



Leisure activities included a guided tour around Jena - the official "city of science 2008"; various sports events, such as a rafting tour on the River Saale and a sports tournament as well as cultural highlights, such as a trip to Eisenach - the city of Martin Luther and composer Johann Sebastian Bach. Moreover, participants had the possibility to expand their scientific and social network with attending a number of external dinners and events, such as the GK farewell event in the Botanical Garden and the IMPRS farewell event in the Ricarda-Huch-Haus. During the breaks there was the possibility to do research or course work in the library or in the MPI garden, which offered shadowy places to escape the heat of the summer.



Once more, the GK-EIC/IMPRS Summer School created a stimulating work and research environment and gave students and lecturers the opportunity to discuss topics of interest in a pleasant environment. The preparations for the 2009 Summer School are already in full swing and the organizers of both the GK-EIC and the IMPRS are convinced that it again will meet highest expectations.

### ***Report on the 11th International Institute on Developmental Science***

Date: October 3-5, 2008

Location: Historic Castle Dornburg, Thuringia, Germany

Invited Speakers:

- Pennsylvania State University (USA): Susan M. McHale, J. Douglas Coatsworth, D. Wayne Osgood
- University of North Carolina (USA): Michael J. Shanahan, Beth Kurtz-Costes, Lilly Shanahan
- University of Stockholm (Sweden): Lars R. Bergmann
- University of Örebro (Sweden): Håkan Stattin, Margaret Kerr, Lauree C. Tilton-Weaver
- University of Jyväskylä (Finland): Katariina Salmela-Aro
- University of Jena (Germany): Peter Noack; Rainer K. Silbereisen, Rolf Steyer

In early October 2008, an interdisciplinary group of expert senior researchers, post docs, and doctoral students convened to hold the 11th International Institute on Developmental Science (IIDS) at the Friedrich Schiller University's conference center in the Historic Castle Dornburg, Germany. These annual workshops for doctoral training and joint re-

search involve researchers from the universities of Stockholm (Sweden), Örebro (Sweden), Uppsala (Sweden), Jyväskylä (Finland), North Carolina (USA), Jena (Germany), and the Pennsylvania State University (USA). The overarching aim is to present and discuss ongoing research, and current and future issues in developmental science from an interdisciplinary perspective.

This time the Institute was hosted by the Center for Applied Developmental Science at the Friedrich Schiller University of Jena, and was organized by its director Rainer K. Silbereisen, and his Ph.D. students Sebastian Grümer, and Anja Blumenthal. Funding for this event was provided by the Center for Applied Developmental Science, the Friedrich Schiller University of Jena, and the Jacobs Foundation.

The focus of this year's IIDS were normative and non-normative psychosocial transitions during adolescence and adulthood, and respective adaptive and maladaptive developmental outcomes. Within this broad area of research, the presentations by fourteen invited faculty members and seventeen young scholars from psychology, sociology, and criminology reflected a breadth of specific interests. During the three days of meeting, the lectures and the following lively and elaborated discussions with conference attendees were concerned with diverse topics such as the dynamic interplay between the individual and different social contexts (e.g., family, school, culture), its effects on development especially during a number of psychosocial transitions (e.g., educational transitions, transitions to adulthood), or the developmental trajectories of different kinds of youth problem behavior. In addition, a variety of concepts and tools that are required to tackle the methodological endeavor of studying human development and change were addressed in the course of the workshop. The IIDS concluded with the presentation and discussion of different approaches to the promotion of positive development.

In accordance with the basic idea of these annual meetings, a particular concern of the 11th IIDS was the training and support of young scholars in the field of developmental science with regard to the pursuit of their own research. Therefore, the workshop provided not only up-to-date empirical, conceptual, and methodological information and ample opportunities for questions but also room for discussions about young scholars' current research. Each day, a group of Ph.D. students and post docs presented their ongoing scientific work by the means of a poster to the other participants, and received valuable comments and advice by senior researchers and fellow scholars which help them in proceeding with and further elaborating their own research projects. Moreover, young scholars met individually with a faculty member of their choice in order to discuss their work in more detail and address more specific questions.

The Institute's scientific program was also supplemented with social activities such as a trip to the city of Weimar or a Knight's Banquet at the Leuchtenburg thereby providing a more informal context to get in contact and talk to each other.

Taken together, the 11th IIDS gave a good opportunity to meet and discuss with international senior experts and young scholars with a variety of research interests, allowed participants to learn more about current topics in developmental science within and outside the own primary area of research, and pointed out various ideas for (joint) future research.

In the next year, the International Institute on Developmental Science will be held at the place where this series of workshops started in 1998, namely at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA and will be organized by Michael Shanahan.

## PREVIEW: EXPECTATIONS IN 2009

### ***New Fellows and Post-Docs***

In January the first PhD students and post-docs of the GSBC will start their work. At the moment we offer 12 doctoral fellowships and 4 post-doc scholarships. We had a lot of response on our job advertisements and we are confident to find good fellows. The new PhD students shall participate on the study programme of the Graduate Colleges and shall work interdisciplinary between sociology, psychology, ethics and economics. They are advised to work together with the fellows of the particular graduate colleges and will participate at their seminars, lectures and workshops partially.

### ***GSBC Schools Day***

On February 24, 2009, the Schools Day of the Graduate School "Human Behaviour in Social and Economic Change" will take place in the seminar room 102, Bachstraße 18. We want to welcome our new GSBC fellows officially and will introduce the research programme of the GSBC. Below please find the preliminary programme.

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| <b>14.00 - 14.30</b> | <b>Welcome Address<br/>(Uwe Cantner)</b>  |
| <b>14.30 - 15.15</b> | <b>Common Research Field 1:<br/>Responses to Accelerated Change<br/>(Hartmut Rosa)</b>                            |
| <b>15.15 - 16.00</b> | <b>Common Research Field 2<br/>Innovation as Intended Change<br/>(Uwe Cantner)</b>                                |
| <b>16.00 - 16.30</b> | <b>Coffee Break</b>   |
| <b>16.30 - 17.15</b> | <b>Common Research Field 3<br/>Changing Social and Economic<br/>Contexts and Changing Identities<br/>(t.b.a.)</b> |
| <b>17.15 - 18.00</b> | <b>Common Research Field 4<br/>Change Across the Lifespan<br/>(Rainer K. Silbereisen)</b>                         |

All GSBC members and guests are cordially invited!

### ***International Graduate College "Conflict and Cooperation between Social Groups": 7th Compact Colloquium 2009***

The IGC is an interdisciplinary, multi-site integrative graduate education and research traineeship programme. It is a collaborative effort of four centres of intergroup research at the Universities of Jena (Germany), Kent and Sussex (United Kingdom), and Louvain-la-Neuve (Belgium).

From February 20-22, 2009, the annual IGC Compact Colloquium will take place at Schloss Oppurg, near Weimar. The Colloquium is part of the PhD traineeship and extends the opportunity for PhDs students to present and discuss their research projects on intergroup relations in a supportive setting.

***International Graduate College "Conflict and Cooperation between Social Groups": 6th IGC Summer School 2009***

From April 3-9, 2009 the IGC will be hosting its Sixth International Summer School at Hasenwinkel Castle near Schwerin, Germany.

The summer school is part of the IGC study programme. Its key elements are four parallel workshops spanning one week. After a general introduction of the workshop topic by the teachers, participants develop research ideas in small groups. These ideas are discussed with and presented to the plenum on the final day.

Four workshops will be extended to the participating PhD Students.

- *John Dovidio (Yale University, USA):* Workshop on Social Categorization and Intergroup Bias: Beyond Attitudes to Action
- *John Duckitt (University of Auckland, New Zealand):* Investigating how and why dual motivational processes in individuals influence prejudice and intergroup hostility, and their relevance for understanding the impact of intergroup processes on prejudice.
- *John Jost (New York University, USA):* To be announced
- *Arie Nadler (Tel.-Aviv-University, Israel):* Social psychological processes in reconciliation and the Need Based Model of Reconciliation

Each teacher will be supported by an IGC faculty member. In addition there are lectures by the invited teachers and opportunities for individual consultations. The program will also entail a visit to the city of Schwerin and its cultural attractions.

Doctoral students of the GSBC working on intergroup relation topics are cordially invited to participate in the Summer School.

For further information about the Summer School and the application procedure please visit the IGC website (<http://www2.uni-jena.de/svw/igc/>). Requests for further information should be directed to the IGC coordinator Annette Wagner-Baier ([annette.baier@uni-jena.de](mailto:annette.baier@uni-jena.de)).

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### ***Upcoming Lectures***

- Tue 13th Jan 2009, 16.15-17.45: Roberta Serafini und Rolf Strauch (European Central Bank, Frankfurt), The impact of ICT capital and education on TFP - Implications for recent EMU and US growth differences, Seminar room V14, Max Planck Institute of Economics, Jena.
- Wed 21th Jan 2009, 12.30-14.00: Aldo Geuna (University of Turin), The Nature of Collaborative Patenting Activities, Seminar Room Bachstr. 18, Jena.
- Wed 21th Jan 2009, 14.15-15.45: Joep Sonnemans (University of Amsterdam), Errors in judicial decisions: experimental evidence, Seminar Room Bachstr. 18, Jena.

- Tue 27th Jan 2009, 16.15-17.45: Justina Fischer (OECD, Paris), Happiness - concept and application, Seminar room V14, Max Planck Institute of Economics, Jena.
- Tue 17th Feb 2009, 16.15-17.45: Tiziano Raffaelli (University of Pisa), Marshall's Evolutionary Economics, Seminar room V14, Max Planck Institute of Economics, Jena.

### **Completed Dissertations**

- *Sarah Martiny* (IGC): We are not as good as we thought: Effects of inhibiting identity management strategies on collective self-worth.
- *Jianying Qiu* (EIC): Developments in Capital Asset Pricing: Theory and Experiments.
- *Kristin Joel* (EIC): Knowledge Management and Innovation in the Knowledge Economy – Enhancing Internal and External Knowledge Processes.
- *Tobias Uske* (EIC): The Perception of Uncertainty and its Impact on Strategic Interactions - Analysis and Experimental Investigations.

We congratulate and wish all the best for the further career.

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We want to thank you for your confidence and the collaboration during this year. With all good wishes for Christmas and every happiness in the coming year!

Best Wishes,



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