Introduction

Fall is always the moment when GESI (as many other institutes in the world) welcomes its new students. With the high degree of academic mobility in our MA-programmes this results in an almost complete change of people that study with us in class at Leipzig University or
in one of the places belonging either to the transnational consortium for the MA in Global Studies or to the various bilateral configurations in the field of European Studies. What is special this year is that we welcome among the European Studies students for the first time those who applied for the special emphasis in Eastern Europe. This experiment leads us not only into new cooperations with Slavic Studies at Leipzig University as well as with the Leibniz-ScienceCampus "Eastern Europe - Global Area" but may become also a model for other such specialization streams.

When it comes to the research of a new topic for many of us it is a global history of populism and comparative work on current as well as past forms of political mobilization against immigration and open borders. This research will be part of the newly established Institute for Research on Social Cohesion funded by the German Ministry of Higher Education and Research for at least a period of ten years. Leipzig's Centre for Area Studies is one of the three coordinating institutions of this large nation-wide network-institute. It is evident that such research will also inform our study programmes, in particular since the topic is one of upmost political interest and widely debated, also among our students.

This will, altogether with the many other research fields, teaching and transfer activities, feed our information channels through which we regularly update all partners and members of GESI. Thanks to a joint initiative by students and staff, we will add to these channels now also a Facebook presence. Everyone is invited to contribute and to make our community even more lively.

I wish you all a good start into the semester and hope to see most of you soon, either in class or at the graduation ceremony, at a workshop or simply during a break from all these exciting activities.

By Matthias Middell

News from the Global Studies Programme

Visit EMGS on Facebook
Having been biased for many years to set-up an EMGS page on facebook we eventually could not resist it anymore. However, this would not have happened without one of the EMGS students, Samir Beharic, who not only convinced us that without an own facebook page EMGS is virtually not existent but also helped immensely to set-up the same. Thanks to Samir we will thus be able to inform the EMGS community and beyond promptly about ongoing events, new publications as well as job posts in the future. Thus, we hope that this new offer is appealing to you and that you thus actively visit EMGS on facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/europeanmasterglobalstudies/

like what we post there and help us also to feed the page with relevant content. As such, we hope to stay in (more) intense contact with you. And, be already pre-warned: we plan to conquer more virtual space (namely twitter) in the future :o)

By Konstanze Klemm
Leipzig to start the EMGS programme. The experience of our introduction course to the European Master in Global Studies was extremely pleasant and appreciable. During two weeks we had several extraordinary activities through the campus and the city that allowed us to get to know each other, integrate ourselves and value the cultural diversity of our group. The spectrum of activities ranged from recreational activities such as the boat trip at the Karl-Heine-Canal or the Stammtisch at Café Waldi to mandatory processes such as enrollment in the university or registration in the city and visits to the various collaborative research centers. Not to mention the incredible opportunity to attend the Annual Conference of the CRC "Processes of Spatialization under the Global Condition", where we could listen, discuss and share opinions with the honorable speakers and researchers from various partner universities, who presented the results of their research projects on special issues. Without any doubt, we had the best of welcomes to the programme and the kindly support at all times of Konstanze Klemm and Stephan Kaschner were fundamental for our rapid adaptation to it. We are looking forward to start our great Erasmus Mundus experience.

By Genesis Salas Cruz
New publication “Work: The Last 1,000 years” by Andrea Komlosy (Vienna)

Andrea Komlosy, who is teaching in the EMGS programme at Vienna has published a new book entitled “Work: The Last 1,000 years”. It offers an analytical framework that categorizes work according to the beneficiaries of the product: Commodified labour produces for the market and it includes the labour power that is sold on the labour market. Reciprocal or subsistence labour is performed within family households or local neighbourhoods without money as an intermediate; it delivers goods and services for immediate use. Tributary labour consists of those duties and taxes, in kind or in money, which are contributed to a landlord or to a tax-collecting polity. This framework allows to include all types of work and labour, and compare them across history; such an approach does not reveal a linear development from reciprocal to commodified labour, but different combinations, varying across time and space.
The book consists of two parts. Part I depicts the changing perceptions of work and labour within Western discourse that resulted in the reductionist understanding of work and labour in the nineteenth century. It contains a historiographic re-evaluation of Western narratives of work and labour history, both Marxist, liberal and conservative. Instead, it develops a methodological model to assess appropriation and transfer of value, combining surplus value from paid labour with values appropriated from non-paid work. Part I also provides the analytical framework and proposes a terminology that allows assessing the different manifestations of work. Part II offers six historical crosscuts from the thirteenth century to the twenty-first century, showing the different combinations of labour relations on a local, the European, and the global level. It offers a very short history of the interregional and international division of labour that includes the contributions of non-paid work to the making of global capitalism.

Alumni News

Freya on #WolfsburgDigital

Hello from the small City of Wolfsburg to the World,
Visiting this year’s summer school as alumni once again made me aware of the unique spirit of the EMGS program and made me dream about good old times ... But that’s not the topic I am writing on – today I want to give you some insights into a project I am currently working on in Wolfsburg (Germany). Employed at the City of Wolfsburg my team is focusing on promoting digital urban development and its many benefits for our citizens. Our Initiative #WolfsburgDigital is a unique partnership between the city government and Volkswagen AG with many projects in diverse fields such as education, e-health, e-mobility, living environment and open platforms. We are constantly looking for opportunities to form new co-operations with partners and best practices from other players. And, this is my call for you: if you are interested in our initiative or have a Start Up and want to connect with us please feel free to contact me. To do so please ask Konstanze and she will forward your message to me.
All the best, Freya

By Freya Meyer

For EMGS Alumna Julia a (chocolate) dream has come true

After having graduated from the EMGS program in 2016, I wasn’t sure yet about the career path I would take. I took a little detour, spent a year in Sweden and found eventually something that I love so much, that I’d like to share it with the EMGS network: I am working for a chocolate company! How’s that going together with having studied Global Studies, one might ask? Let me tell you!
Indeed, fairafric is not just any chocolate company – it’s the only company producing chocolate for the European market completely in Ghana. While other chocolate producers focus on fair prices for the farmers, we at fairafric want to go further. By producing from bean to bar in Africa, we want to overcome still existing colonial structures and establish a balanced partnership between countries in the Global South and the Global North. In Ghana, we are cooperating with local partners: a cooperative existing of around 1,400 small-scale farmers and a cocoa processing company which has mainly been producing cocoa mass and cocoa butter until a couple of years ago. Today, they also produce their own chocolate for the Ghanaian market, and fairafric-chocolate for us.

During my work, I especially enjoy the international environment (being in close contact with our partners in Ghana), and the feeling to do something good with every bar of chocolate we are selling. During my second year of EMGS in Roskilde, I focused on the topic “development cooperation” and found it quite hard to find examples of well working projects that are not relying on a relationship of a one-sided dependence. Now, with this job, I feel, I finally have found such a project.

Maybe you are still looking for a Christmas present for your loved ones? Then please, feel free to check out our online shop. After our third successful crowdfunding campaign, which aimed at making the farmers of our partner cooperative shareholders of fairafric, the next container of delicious and fair chocolate made in Ghana is just on its way...

By Julia Gause (EMGS Leipzig & Roskilde, now located in Munich, Germany)
Ana Ribeiro, the Leipzig-based EMGS alumna who runs the local international webzine “The Leipzig Glocal”, will organize the city’s first job fair for international people on November 13th, 2018 at the Connewitz venue WERK 2. Qualified employees with experiences in global or local contexts can get in touch with established as well as start-up companies. The job fair is open to international-minded people from Germany and abroad. There will be presentations on working and hiring in Germany, pitches, as well as a professional CV check in English and German and the opportunity to ask experts questions on working in Germany.

The Career Service of Leipzig University is a cooperation partner of the fair. Job-seeking participants should register here.
By Ana Ribeiro

**News from Global Studies - Peace and Security in Africa**

**Inaugural Alumni Conference in Dakar**

At the beginning of September, the alumni of the MA and PhD programme Global Studies: Peace and Security in Africa met in the capital of the Senegal. The alumni flew in from Addis Ababa, Berlin, Brussels, Cairo, Geneva, Harare, Kampala, Monrovia and Tel Aviv to learn about current research and build a professional network. The conference started with a welcome reception on the roof-top bar of the Hotel Ndiambour located in the centre of Dakar. The small community of former students enjoyed catching up with friends and getting to know new members while overlooking the city skyline.

Keynote speakers such as Lori-Anne Théroux-Bénoni, Director of the Institute for Security Studies Dakar and Jean-Hervé Jezequel, Deputy Director of the International Crisis Group gave insight into their latest research on violent extremism. The input was highly appreciated by the participants – many of whom had never been before in Western Africa. A panel dedicated to the role of women in peace and security informed the alumni about the state of institutional organization at the level of the African Union and about women as research subjects in conflict areas such as North East Nigeria. Having a content-based element in the alumni conference was highly valued and most likely a reason for the high attendance rate.

Being in Dakar also meant to get know the city and its sights. The African Renaissance Monument was on that list of things to see as well as the Leopold Sedar Senghor Museum. The museum is the house in which the first president of the Senegal lived with his second wife and their son in the 1980s. The tour guide was a former bodyguard who had accompanied the president through much of his life and travels, showing pictures from times long past – giving it a very personal note. The excursion to Gorée Island from where millions of slaves were shipped across the Atlantic marked was the highlight of the trip reminding everyone of the history that is fundamental in understanding today’s peace and security contexts. For this experience graduates were ready to take on the bumpy ride with the ferry.
In the Alumni Café graduates elected three representatives who have committed themselves to lead the way forward. This might include further meetings, attraction of funds for sustainable connections and most importantly recommendations and support in finding interesting jobs. The inaugural alumni conference was merely the beginning of something that the alumni are now supposed to take in their own hands. They have shown great commitment by participating in moderation, convening, flying in all the way and contributing financially. Without this readiness, a logistically challenging conference like this would have been hardly possible. We are curious about where the next alumni conference will take us.

By Claudia Baumann

News from European Studies Programme

Winter Term 2018 has started

In October 2018 the GESI welcomed 28 new students into the Master's programme
European Studies in Leipzig. Among them are also 9 students who started our new programme European Studies - East Europe Global.

This year we are happy about a very international student body with students from Austria, Germany, Italy, Jordan, Mexico, Uruguay, Ukraine, Russia, Syria and Taiwan. We wish all students an inspiring study period.

By Stephan Kaschner

Further News and Announcements

New Research Project "The People's Republic of China and the Area of Sowjet hegemony during the Cold War"
The Leibnitz Institute for the History and Culture of Eastern Europe (GWZO) starts a research project about The People's Republic of China and the Area of Sowjet hegemony
during the Cold War. The focus of this project will be on the transfer of technologies in the field of industry and economy. The project is funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research and starts on March 1, 2019.

The research will be conducted by Jan Zofka, who also teaches at the GESI in Leipzig. Further information will be available at the website of the Leibniz Institute for the History and Culture of Eastern Europe (GWZO).

**New Publication by Beata Hock (lecturer in Leipzig)**

Beáta Hock, who teaches at the GESI and Anu Allas have edited a new publication entitled: “Globalizing East European Art History” which is published by Routledge. This edited collection reassesses East-Central European art by offering transnational perspectives on its regional or national histories, while also inserting the region into contemporary discussions of global issues. The bibliographical information on the book is to be found here.

**New Publications and Upcoming Events**

**Publications and media presence:**

- Durante, Tommaso: “Visible Discourses and Invisible Ideologies? The Image as Global Political Theory” The article can be found here.
- Edelmayer, Friedrich, Fröhlich, Helgard & Grandner, Margarete (Hrsg.): Zwischen Ost und West. Festschrift für Klaus Vetter zum 80. Geburtstag. 240 S, Münster, 2018
• Troebst, Stefan, Tamara Ganjalyan & Bálint Kovács (Hrsg.): Armenier im östlichen Europa. Eine Anthologie. Köln, Weimar, Wien: Böhlau, 2018
• Troebst, Stefan: From Karl May to Heinz Erhardt: The German-Macedonian relationship in the long 20th century and the painful transformations of European order. In: Blog of the Collaborative Research Centre 1199: Processes of Spatialization under the Global Condition 2018. The article can be found here.
• Zofka, Jan, Hartmetz, Anne-Kristin and Kocsev, Bence: East-South Relations during the Global Cold War: Economic Activities and Area Studies Interests of East Central European CMEA Countries in Africa. In: SFB 1199 Working Paper 11, Leipziger Universitätsverlag, Germany, 2018
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### Upcoming opportunities and available positions

[Link to information](#)
Call for Application:

- **November 5th, 2018**: Freie Universität Berlin is offering a postdoc position at the faculty of history and cultural studies. The applicant should have excellent knowledge of the Arabic language. The Call for Application can be found [here](#).
- **November 10th, 2018**: The Collaborative Research Centre (SFB) 1199 is looking for a student assistant with fluency in written Chinese to support the Project “Maps of Globalization: The Production and the Visualization of Spatial Knowledge” at the Leibniz Institute for Regional Geography (IfL). The complete Call for Application can be found [here](#).
- **November 12th, 2018**: The University Duisburg-Essen has seven open positions for junior professorships in the faculties of Arts, Economics and Engineering. Further information can be found [here](#).
- **November 15th, 2018**: The Academy for Spatial Research and Planning (ARL) is offering three academic research positions for doctoral studies in Hannover. The positions are part of the interdisciplinary program “Urban and rural transformation processes”. Further information is to be found [here](#) and [here](#).
- **November 15th, 2018**: The Düsseldorf Institute for Competition Economics (DICE) invites applications for a position as Postdoctoral Researcher in economic policy. Further information about the DICE can be found [here](#). The complete Call for Application can be found [here](#).
- **November 15th, 2018**: The Norwegian University of Science and Technology offers a position as postdoc at the Department of Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies. The position will be connected to the Center for Gender Research. More information is to be found [here](#).
- **November 15th, 2018**: Bayreuth University offers a position as scientific assistant at the faculty for America studies and anglophone literature and cultures. Further information can be found [here](#).
- **November 15th, 2018**: The Department of Religion at the University of Florida, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences invites applications for a full-time, nine-month, tenure track position at the level of Assistant or beginning Associate Professor for the Izzat Hasan Sheikh Faculty Fellowship in Islamic studies, beginning August 16, 2019. The CfA can be found [here](#).
- **November 16th, 2018**: The University of Freiburg offers a professorship for cultural anthropology and European ethnology with a focus on regional cultural analysis. Junior scientists are encouraged to apply. Further information can be found [here](#).

- **November 17th, 2018**: The Ruhr University Bochum (RUB) is looking for a scientific assistant to contribute to the research about environmental policy in the GDR. A Master in historical science or similar subjects is required. Further information is to be found [here](#).

- **November 30th, 2018**: Lund University (Sweden) offers a position as professor for economic geography. The call for application is to be found [here](#).

- **December 20th, 2018**: The University of Toronto invites applications for a full-time tenure-stream position at the rank of Assistant Professor in the area of transnational or global history. Candidates must have a Ph.D. in history or a related humanities discipline grounded in historical archival research. The CfA can be found [here](#).

- **January 7th, 2019**: Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität Munich (LMU) offers several positions under the aegis of an ERC funded project on Animals in Philosophy in the Islamic World. The call for application can be found [here](#).

### Call for papers

- **December 15th, 2018**: The student-run journal „Global Histories“ is looking for submission of research articles. The papers should exemplify concrete research about of transnational, trans-regional and trans-local connections and their influence in the past. Articles of up to 7,000 words are welcome. The call for paper can be found [here](#).
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