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BIGSSS Doctoral Colloquium

Summer Term 2025

Wednesday, 12:00-13:30, Conference Room (Unicom 7.3280)

As a required part of the BIGSSS curriculum, the Doctoral Colloquium aims to create a space for constructive discussion of ongoing work in progress and to get feedback from peers and faculty members. It follows the following structure:

- Presentation by a fellow (25 minutes max!)
- 5-minute discussion in marble groups of 2 (immediately after the presentation)
- Plenary discussion among all participants (in the spirit of "critical friends", Fellows first!)
- Discussant commentary on the paper (faculty member or postdoc, not supervisor)

Each Fellow should **present ongoing work** once a semester, but at least once a year. Presentations should be taken seriously, i.e. they should **not exceed 25 minutes** and be prepared with the aim of convincing critical friends! The presentation is based on a chapter or a paper that the Fellow is currently working on (this can also be a paper that is currently being revised etc.). This work is circulated among the Colloquium participants one week prior to the presentation. Work in progress is perfectly acceptable! In the rare case that there is no written text, the presentation must be circulated one week in advance.

Immediately after the presentation, participants get together in **marble groups** and collect questions for the presenter for 5 minutes. The first **general round of discussion** will then start fellows' questions and comments generated in the marble groups. The purpose of the colloquium is to improve each other's work – comments should be made in the spirit of constructive criticism. Be supportive, but also point to blank spots others – who might be less friendly – might address.

At the end, a **discussant** comments on the paper and, if possible, synthesizes the discussion points raised. The discussant is chosen a few weeks before the meeting together with the instructor.

Date	Presenter	Discussant
16.04.2025	Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduction & approach ▪ Organization of the course 	Prof. Patrick Sachweh
23.04.2025	Fangyue Diana Bao, Paper Presentation Dissertation topic: Do International Organizations Have Influence on China's Politics? A Study of the Educational Programs of International Organizations in China	Dr. Helen Seiter, CRC 1342
30.04.2025	Tim Hahn, Paper Presentation Paper title: Staying Ashore: Understanding Corporate Opposition to Deep-Sea Mining	Prof. Achim Schlüter, ZMT
07.05.2025	Göksu Köktürk, Paper Presentation Dissertation topic: Between Fields and Cities: Women's Spatial Mobility, Labor Practices and Navigation of Gender Roles in Rural Turkey Zeynep Pinar Erdem, Presentation of Fieldwork Dissertation topic: Lived realities of lesbian, bisexual and trans (LBT) forced migrant women in Turkey and Lebanon: vulnerabilities, (in)visibility and agency	Dr Regina Arant
14.05.2025	Laura Andrea Alvarez Tobar Dissertation topic: The construction of groups in social policy: A historical, critical approach	Dr. Kerem Öktem, CRC 1342
21.05.2025	Timo Wiesner, Proposal defense Dissertation topic: A Comparative Perspective on Perceptions of and Preferences for Inequality	Prof. Patrick Sachweh
28.05.2025	Darjana Varier, Proposal defense Dissertation topic: Misused and Misinterpreted- The Discourse of Vulnerability and Antifeminism in the Global South	Prof. Sebastian Haunss, SOCIUM Dr. Mandi Larsen, Constructor University
04.06.2025	Alexander Reik, Proposal defense Dissertation topic: International Activities of Chinese Policymakers and Businesses	Prof. Tobias ten Brink, Constructor University
	Marija Cubalevska, Paper Presentation Dissertation topic: Teaching in Transit: Practices, Potentials und Problems in Language Programmes for (forced) Migrants in Southeastern Europe	Prof. Alisha Heinemann, Department of Educational Sciences
11.06.2025	Florian König, Proposal defense Dissertation topic: Understanding racial inequality in financial access	Prof. Betina Hollstein, SOCIUM Prof. Mario Small, Columbia University

	Hamidreza Farhat, Proposal defense Dissertation topic: Investigating User Interaction with Verified Party / Candidate and Non-official Accounts on Instagram during the US Presidential Elections	Prof. Sophia Hunger, SOCIUM
18.06.2025	Open slot	
25.06.2025	-- no session due to conference --	
02.07.2025	Khadidiatou Senghor, Paper Presentation Dissertation topic: Social processes in fisheries and Marine Protected Areas governance in Senegal: Power asymmetries, Actors relationship and Institutional changes.	tbd
09.07.2025	Christoph Wittmaack, Paper Presentation Dissertation topic: Public Opinion in the Development of the Activating Welfare State. The Opinion-Policy Link and the Construction of Surveyed Opinion in German Welfare State Transformation from 1998 to 2021	Prof. Patrick Sachweh