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Dear BIGSSS Graduates,

You made it! The book is written, discussions are (temporarily) over. You brought down the dragon – and surely in many moments you also had to defeat yourself. Well done! What today may feel like a little eternity had its first day, too: the day you entered BIGSSS; when everything and everybody was new, when there were so many possibilities ahead, but also obstacles, theoretical problems and methodological pitfalls to overcome. Today you have reached the end. But is it an end or rather a transition? From here, something new will happen, no less exciting than our past few years. We are happy for you and very curious to see where your way will lead you. As Dean of BIGSSS, let me greet you and your friends and family and welcome you to the Graduation Day 2018!

Liebe BIGSSS Graduates,

Ihr habt es geschafft! Das Buch ist geschrieben, die Diskussionen sind (vorerst) vorüber. Ihr habt den Drachen besiegt – und wir sind uns sicher, dass Ihr in vielen Momenten auch Euch selbst besiegen musstet. Gut gemacht! Das, was sich heute wie eine kleine Ewigkeit anfühlt, hatte einen ersten Tag: Der Tag, an dem Ihr an die BIGSSS kamt, an dem alles und jede/r neu war, an dem überall Möglichkeiten, aber auch Hindernisse und theoretische oder methodologische Probleme lauerten. Heute habt Ihr es geschafft und das Ende erreicht. Ist es überhaupt ein Ende, oder nicht vielmehr ein Übergang? Von hier aus geschieht wieder etwas Neues, nicht weniger aufregend als die letzten Jahre. Wir freuen uns für Euch und mit Euch und sind sehr gespannt, wohin Euch dieser neue Weg führen wird. Als Dean der BIGSSS heiße ich Euch und Eure FreundInnen und Familien herzlich willkommen zum Graduation Day 2018!



Prof. Dr. Olaf Groh-Samberg
April 2018

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BIGSSS is an internationally renowned interdisciplinary school of doctoral training at the public University of Bremen and the private Jacobs University Bremen gGmbH. The educational concept, combining the scientific strengths of the Bremen social science landscape with an innovative qualification program and supervision strategy, was acknowledged twice by an international board of reviewers in the German Excellence Initiative in 2007 and 2012 respectively. In 2016, BIGSSS acquired a generous COFUND grant in the frame of the European Union's Horizon 2020 Programme for Research and Innovation for its newest PhD program "BIGSSS-departs" (doctoral education in partnerships). The graduate school hosts around 100 international PhD fellows.

Biannually, our graduates – and those on the eve of defending their thesis – are honored for their outstanding scientific achievement and personal endurance during their PhD paths. BIGSSS would like to thank them for their engagement in our graduate school's institutional, academic and social life. On the following pages, you will find more information on these outstanding personalities. At the Graduation Day, they are presented by their co-fellows Anna Wolkenhauer, Janosch Kullenberg, Nora Waitkus, Stephan Dochow, Markus Klingel, and Małgorzata Jakubowska.

BIGSSS ist eine interdisziplinäre Graduiertenschule der Sozialwissenschaften von internationalem Rang, die als Kooperationseinrichtung der Universität Bremen und der Jacobs University Bremen gGmbH gegründet wurde. Ihr Ausbildungskonzept, das die Stärken der Bremer Wissenschaftslandschaft mit einem innovativen Ausbildungsprogramm verbindet, wurde 2007 und wiederholt 2012 in die Förderung der DFG Exzellenzinitiative aufgenommen. Seit 2016 wird das neueste PhD Programm der Graduiertenschule „BIGSSS-departs“ (doctoral education in partnerships) von der EU im Rahmen des Horizon 2020 Programme for Research and Innovation kofinanziert. An der BIGSSS promovieren derzeit rund 100 DoktorandInnen aus der ganzen Welt.

Alle zwei Jahre ehrt die BIGSSS ihre AbsolventInnen und diejenigen, die kurz vor der Verteidigung ihrer Dissertation stehen. Wir möchten ihnen nicht nur für ihre wissenschaftlichen Erfolge und die Ausdauer auf dem Weg dorthin danken, sondern auch für ihr jahrelanges Engagement im institutionellen, akademischen und sozialen Leben der BIGSSS. Auf den folgenden Seiten finden Sie einige Informationen zu diesen bemerkenswerten Persönlichkeiten. Am Graduation Day werden sie von ihren KollegInnen Anna Wolkenhauer, Janosch Kullenberg, Nora Waitkus, Stephan Dochow, Markus Klingel und Małgorzata Jakubowska vorgestellt.

GRADUATES 2018



LAURA LANDORFF

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Intergroups in the European Parliament: Social, Informational and Political Capital of MEPs

Laura Landorff studied European Studies at the University of Aarhus in Denmark before she joined the PhD programme at BIGSSS in 2011. Her research interests lie in the field of European integration, EU institutions and political sociology. In her PhD project, she studied European Parliament's Intergroups. Since April 2017, Laura is working as assistant professor in European Studies at the University of Aalborg, Denmark. Still living in Aarhus, she enjoys the Danish way of life and living close to the sea.

Laura Landorff studierte European Studies an der Universität Aarhus in Dänemark bevor sie 2011 an die BIGSSS kam. Ihre Forschungsinteressen liegen im Bereich der Europäischen Integrationsforschung, der Institutionen der EU und der Politischen Soziologie. In ihrer Dissertation erforschte sie interfraktionelle Arbeitsgruppen/Intergroups im Europäischen Parlament. Seit April 2017 arbeitet Laura als Assistant Professor im Fachbereich European Studies an der Universität Aalborg in Dänemark. Sie lebt weiterhin in Aarhus, genießt den dänischen Lebensstil und die Nähe zum Meer.

““ *Hmmm, one sentence about my time at BIGSSS: Social signs, international geeks and books, books, books.* ””

Assistant Professor in European Studies
Aalborg University, Denmark



ESTHER SOMFALVY

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Parliamentary Representation in Non-Democracies. How Parliamentarians Matter in Kazakhstan and the Kyrgyz Republic

Esther Somfalvy studied Political Science at the University of Bremen and, prior to that, European Studies with a focus on Central and Eastern Europe in Passau and Kazan. She joined BIGSSS after working for the OECD Eurasia Competitiveness Programme. In her dissertation, she explores the practices of parliamentary representation in the non-democratic countries of Central Asia. In particular, her research focus is on the question how limited electoral competitiveness affects the relationship between Members of Parliament and their voters. Esther remains committed to politics in the post-Soviet region, working as a researcher at the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg, serving as an expert for the Central Asian countries.

Esther Somfalvy studierte Ost-Mittel-Europa Studien (B.A.) in Passau und Kazan und Politikwissenschaft (M.A.) in Bremen. Anschließend war sie im Eurasia Competitiveness Programme der OECD tätig, bevor sie an die BIGSSS kam. Im Rahmen ihres Dissertationsprojektes untersuchte sie die Praxis parlamentarischer Repräsentation in den Staaten Zentralasiens. Dabei ging sie der Frage nach, ob und wie sich eingeschränkter Wettbewerb bei Wahlen auf das Tätigkeitsprofil der Abgeordneten sowie auf das Verhältnis zwischen Abgeordneten und ihren Wählern auswirkt. Ihrer Leidenschaft für den postsowjetischen Raum geht sie mittlerweile am Institut für Friedensforschung und Sicherheitspolitik an der Universität Hamburg (IFSH) nach, als wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin mit Arbeitsschwerpunkt Zentralasien.

Researcher
Institut für Friedensforschung und
Sicherheitspolitik an der Universität
Hamburg (IFSH), Germany

“It was a privilege researching
a topic I care about in a
supportive environment, and a
pleasure doing it surrounded
by amazing friends.”



MICHELLE HOLLMAN

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The Private Life of Groups: How Internal Organisational Structures Shape Interest Group Agency in the European Union

After completing her studies in Brighton, Bruges and Berlin, Michelle Hollman moved to Bremen in 2013 to discover the capricious weather, the advantages of waterproof trousers for cycling, and the dry sense of humour of Northern Germany. Having conducted field work in Berlin, Brussels, Lisbon, and London and completed research exchanges in Antwerp and Amsterdam, she defended her dissertation with a focus on the internal organisational structures of interest groups in the European Union in 2017.

Nodeems hatt zu Brighton, Bruges a Berlin studéiert hat, ass d'Michelle Hollman 2013 op Bremen geplënnert, fir do dat launenhaft Wieder, d'Virdeeler vu Reeboxe beim Vëlofueren an den dréchenen Humor vun Norddäitschland kennen ze léieren. Ier hatt 2017 seng Dokteraarbecht verdeedegt huet, huet hatt Feldfuerschung zu Berlin, Bréissel, Lissabon a London duerchgeféiert an zu Antwerpen an Amsterdam op der Uni geschafft. Seng Dokteraarbecht beschäftegt sech mat der Fro, wéi intern Organisationsstrukturen sech op d'Handlungsfäegkeet vun Interessengruppen an der EU auswirken.

““ The years at BIGSSS added extraordinary people, a sense for what is actually important, and many warm memories to my life. ””

Sales Support Coordinator
Harman Consumer Nederland BV,
Amsterdam, Netherlands



ALEXANDRU FILIP

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Contesting Europe: A Time-Series Cross-Sectional Analysis of Eurosceptic Influence over Mainstream Political Parties

Alexandru Filip is a comparative political scientist focusing on European Politics and Integration. Born in Sibiu, Romania, he studied political science in the cold realms of Helsinki and Uppsala before moving to the warmer pastures of Bremen, where he wrote his dissertation on the behavior of political parties. Alex is currently working in the Dahrendorf Forum project, at the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin, exploring the nexus of European politics, voter attitudes, and populism.

Alexandru Filip este un politolog comparativ a carui zona de expertiza sunt Integrarea si Politica Europeana. Nascut in Sibiu, Romania, el a studiat stiinte politice in nordul indepartat, mai exact Helsinki si Uppsala, dupa care s-a mutat la Bremen unde a scris o disertatie despre comportamentul partidelor politice. La ora actuala Alex lucreaza in proiectul Dahrendorf Forum, la Hertie School of Governance, Berlin, explorand relatia dintre politica Europeana, populism, si atitudinile electoratelor europene.

“The time spent at BIGSSS was a memorable period of scholarly and personal development for me – I will forever cherish it and look back to it fondly.”

Postdoctoral Researcher
Dahrendorf Forum,
Hertie School of Governance,
Berlin, Germany



CATERINA BONORA

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Localizing transitional justice: an opportunity lost for change? Exploring the role of local actors in post-war justice-seeking initiatives in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Caterina Bonora joined BIGSSS after graduating in her home country, Italy, and working for two years in international organizations in various countries. In her PhD, she focused on local activist groups seeking justice in the aftermath of the Yugoslav conflicts of the 1990s. In her current position at the University of Bremen (Institute of European Studies), she still pursues her interests in bottom-up activism in the former Yugoslavia, as well as in issues of human rights, transitional justice and gender. She also enjoys teaching a lot and, more in general, making academic knowledge accessible to the broader public.

Caterina Bonora è arrivata a BIGSSS dopo aver concluso i suoi studi in Italia e dopo aver lavorato per due anni in organizzazioni internazionali in vari paesi. Durante il dottorato ha studiato gruppi di attivisti locali che cercano giustizia dopo le guerre Jugoslave degli anni '90. Anche nella sua attuale posizione all'università di Brema (Istituto di Studi Europei), continua a seguire il proprio interesse nell'attivismo dal basso in ex Jugoslavia e più in generale nei diritti umani, nella giustizia transizionale e nelle questioni di genere. Le piace molto insegnare e in generale le interessa la divulgazione del sapere accademico.

“When you join a graduate school you are already a grown-up. And yet, during the time at BIGSSS and through the PhD experience I had the opportunity to mature further, as a researcher and a human being.”

Lecturer
**Integrated European Studies,
University of Bremen, Germany**



ALLA LEUKAVETS

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Comparative analysis of integration policy in Belarus and Ukraine vis-à-vis the EU and Russia: politics of two-level games

Alla Leukavets was born in Minsk, Belarus where she studied law at the Belarusian State Economics University. After finishing her studies, she pursued an MA programme in Human Rights at the University of Manchester, UK. In 2011 Alla received an ENP scholarship from the European Commission to pursue a further postgraduate programme at the College of Europe (Bruges campus). In addition, she has done several traineeships, inter alia, at the European parliament in Brussels and the UK Parliament in London. Alla's PhD, which she did within Marie-Curie ITN "Post-Soviet Tensions", focused on comparative analysis of integration policy in Belarus and Ukraine in relation to Russia and the EU. Her current research deals with the role of international organisations in regulating frozen conflicts in post-Soviet space.

Ала нарадзілася ў Мінску, дзе яна вывучала права ў Беларускай дзяржаўным эканамічным універсітэце. Пасля заканчэння вучобы, яна вучылася ў магістратуры ў галіне правоў чалавека ў Універсітэце Манчэстэра, Вялікабрытанія. У 2011 годзе Ала атрымала стыпендыю ад Еўрапейскай камісіі для далейшых даследаванняў ў Каледжы Еўропы (кампус Бруге). Акрамя таго, яна зрабіла некалькі стажыровак, у прыватнасці, у Еўрапейскім парламенце ў Брусэлі і ў парламенце Вялікабрытаніі ў Лондане. Доктарская дысертацыя Алы, якую яна зрабіла ў праграме Мары-Кюры, засяроджана на параўнальным аналізе інтэграцыйнай палітыкі ў Беларусі і Украіне ў адносінах да Расіі і ЕС. У цяперашні час яе даследаванне аналізуе ролю міжнародных арганізацый у рэгуляванні замарожаных канфліктаў на постсавецкай прасторы.

Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Justus Liebig University Giessen,
Germany

“ I value the multidisciplinary
and international community of
fellow graduate students and first rate
scholars that BIGSSS creates. ”



KLAAS SCHÜLLER

**Die Erweiterungen der „Gruppe der Sieben“ (G7):
Macht, Wohlstand und Ideen als Bestimmungsfaktoren
des institutionellen Wandels**

Klaas Schüller studied political science and economics at the University of Bremen. He subsequently worked for the “International Relations” master’s program and for a research project at Jacobs University. Meanwhile, Klaas wrote his dissertation as an Affiliated PhD Fellow at BIGSSS. Today he is responsible for developing and organizing the master’s program portfolio of Jacobs University.

Klaas Schüller studierte Politikwissenschaft und Wirtschaftswissenschaft an der Universität Bremen. Anschließend war er als Koordinator des Master-Studiengangs „International Relations“ sowie für ein Forschungsprojekt an der Jacobs University tätig. Währenddessen verfasste Klaas als Affiliated PhD Fellow der BIGSSS seine Dissertation. Heute ist er für die Entwicklung und Organisation des Master-Studiengangsportfolios der Jacobs University zuständig.

*“ I met my wife
at BIGSSS –
what more could
you want? ”*

Academic Program Coordinator – Graduate Education
Jacobs University Bremen, Germany



CLÉMENTINE ROTH

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Why narratives of history matter: Serbian and Croatian political discourses on European integration

Clémentine Roth studied English, history and European politics in Paris, Toronto and Strasbourg. In her dissertation, she examined how Serbian and Croatian political actors narrate Europe, the EU and the European integration process and how they make use of history to (de)legitimize certain political options. Before her PhD, she worked as a scientific collaborator at the Franco-German Institute in Ludwigsburg. After working as freelance translator, she will start her new job as project manager for cross-border cooperation at Steinbeis 2i GmbH in May 2018.

Après des études d'anglais, d'histoire et de politique européenne à Paris, Toronto et Strasbourg, Clémentine Roth a travaillé à l'Institut Franco-Allemand de Ludwigsburg en tant que collaboratrice scientifique. Dans sa thèse, elle a étudié la manière dont les acteurs politiques serbes et croates narrent l'Europe, l'UE et la construction européenne et la façon dont ils utilisent l'histoire pour (dé)légitimer certaines options politiques. Après avoir travaillé comme traductrice indépendante, elle va rejoindre en mai 2018 les équipes de Steinbeis 2i GmbH en tant que responsable de projets pour la coopération transfrontalière.

👏👏 *Wonderful friends, a great atmosphere and the truly excellent framework of BIGSSS made my time in Bremen a valuable, powerful but enjoyable and clearly unforgettable experience!* 🍷🍷

Project manager for cross-border cooperation (from May 2018)
Steinbeis 2i GmbH, Karlsruhe, Germany

SARAH PERUMALLA

Institutional Design and Change in Global Environmental Governance. Power Politics, Dynamic Delegation and the Institutional Development of the Global Environment Facility (GEF)

Sarah Perumalla studied International Politics and History at Jacobs University Bremen and Modern Global History at Jacobs University Bremen/University of Bremen during which she developed a keen interest in international organisations and global environmental politics. After a two-year stint as a management consultant in the European banking sector, she came back to Bremen to pursue her doctoral studies. In her dissertation, Sarah focused on the institutional development of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) as a case study for institutional design and change in global environmental governance. After her defence, she joined the Chair of Forest and Environmental Policy as lecturer and post-doctoral fellow at the Technical University of Munich. Her research focus is currently on the role and impact of private actors as drivers of environmental sustainability.

శారా జాకబ్స్ యూనివర్సిటీ బెమెన్ మరియు ఆధునిక గ్లోబల్ హిస్టరీలో ఇంటర్ నేషనల్ పాలిటిక్స్ మరియు చరిత్రలో జాకబ్స్ యూనివర్సిటీ ఆఫ్ బెమెన్లో చదివింది. ఈ సందర్భంగా ఆమె అంతర్జాతీయ సంస్థలు మరియు ప్రపంచ పర్యావరణ రాజకీయాలలో ఆసక్తిని పెంచుకుంది. యూరోపియన్ బ్యాంకింగ్ విభాగంలో నిర్వహణ సలహాదారిణిగా రెండు సంవత్సరాలు పనిచేసిన తరువాత ఆమె డాక్టరల్ అధ్యయనాలను కొనసాగించడానికి త్రిరిగి బెమెన్ కి వచ్చింది. తన డిసర్టేషన్లో (పరిశోధనా వ్యాసంలో) ప్రపంచ పర్యావరణ పరిపాలనలో సంస్థాగత రూపకల్పన మరియు మార్పు కోసం ఒక కేస్ స్టడీగా గ్లోబల్ ఎన్విరాన్ మెంట్ ఫెసిలిటీ (GEF) యొక్క సంస్థాగత అభివృద్ధిపై శారా దృష్టి సారిస్తుంది. ఆమె రక్షణ తరువాత మ్యూనిచ్ యొక్క టెక్నికల్ యూనివర్సిటీ లో లెక్చరర్ మరియు పోస్ట్ డాక్టరల్ సహచారిణిగా ఫారెస్ట్ మరియు ఎన్విరాన్ మెంట్ పాలసీ చైర్లో చేరింది. పర్యావరణ స్థిరత్వం యొక్క డ్రైవర్ల ఆమె వ్యక్తిగత పరిశోధనల పాత్ర మరియు ప్రభావం మీద ఆమె పరిశోధన కేంద్రం ప్రస్తుతం ఉంది.

“I will always cherish experiencing the rollercoaster ride of a PhD with the great academic safety net and incredibly supportive fellows at BIGSSS.”

Lecturer and Postdoctoral Researcher
**Chair of Forest and Environmental Policy,
Technical University Munich, Germany**



STEFFEN HAGEMANN

Zwischen Druck und Angemessenheit. Deutungsprozesse in der Auseinandersetzung sozialpolitischer Akteure über Reformen der Alterssicherung in Deutschland und Großbritannien

Steffen Hagemann is a political scientist who studied at University of Bremen. He then joined the Emmy Noether research group of Simone Scherger on paid work beyond pension age in Germany and the UK. His research focused on reform discourses in the field of old age security and ageing workforces. He wrote his PhD thesis on pension reform debates in Germany and the UK. Currently, Steffen works as project manager for a local labour market program which is funded by the ESF.

Steffen Hagemann ist Politikwissenschaftler. Nach seinem Studium an der Universität Bremen hat er als wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter in der Emmy Noether-Nachwuchsforschungsgruppe von Simone Scherger zum Thema Erwerbsarbeit im Rentenalter in Deutschland und Großbritannien gearbeitet. Sein Fokus lag auf Reformdiskursen über Altersvorsorge und Arbeit im Alter. In seiner Dissertation behandelte er die Reformdebatte über Alterssicherungsreformen in Deutschland und Großbritannien. Gegenwärtig arbeitet Steffen als Projektleiter eines vom ESF finanzierten lokalen Arbeitsmarktprojektes in Nienburg/Weser.

“BIGSSS was a great regular forum in order to engage with other people, their ideas and their projects.”

Project Manager
City council of Nienburg/Weser, Germany



ANNABELL ZENTARRA

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Strong or Weak Friendship Ties – Friendship Quality as an Indicator for Integration

Annabell Zentarra is a sociologist with a research focus on social inequalities, and especially educational and migration research. After studying Sociology in Bremen and Mannheim, Annabell returned to Bremen for her PhD in Social Sciences. Back in Bremen, she wrote her thesis on friendship networks of migrants and natives and their educational outcomes. Besides, Annabell worked as a research assistant in Oldenburg, Bremen and Hamburg. Now, she is a Programme Officer at the German Research Foundation (DFG) and responsible for the area of educational sciences.

Annabell Zentarra ist Soziologin mit den Forschungsschwerpunkten soziale Ungleichheit, Bildungs- und Migrationsforschung. Nach ihrem Studium der Soziologie in Bremen und Mannheim kehrte Annabell für ihr Promotionsstudium in den Sozialwissenschaften zurück nach Bremen. Wieder zurück in Bremen hat sie ihre Dissertation zum Thema Freundschaftsnetzwerke von Migranten und Einheimischen und ihre Bildungserfolge angefertigt. Außerdem war Annabell als wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin in Oldenburg, Bremen und Hamburg tätig. Jetzt arbeitet sie als Referentin bei der Deutschen Forschungsgemeinschaft und ist in diesem Rahmen zuständig für den Bereich Erziehungswissenschaft und Bildungsforschung.

“ My time at BIGSSS has offered me new perspectives – academically, culturally as well as socially. ”

Programme Officer
German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft e.V.),
Bonn, Germany



THOMAS LUX

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Dissecting Later-Life Employment: The Social Structure of Work after Pension Age in Germany and the United Kingdom

After studying sociology at FU Berlin, Thomas Lux went north to join the Emmy Noether research group of Simone Scherger at the University of Bremen. In this research group, he wrote his thesis on the class specificity of work after pension age in Germany and the UK. Thomas currently holds a post-doctoral position at Humboldt University of Berlin, where he investigates class dynamics in later life and the relationship between growing economic inequality and growing support for right-wing populism.

Nach seinem Studium der Soziologie an der FU Berlin wurde Thomas Lux Mitglied in der von Simone Scherger geleiteten Emmy Noether-Nachwuchsforschungsgruppe an der Universität Bremen. Dort schrieb er seine Doktorarbeit zur Klassenspezifität von Erwerbstätigkeit im Rentenalter in Deutschland und Großbritannien. Derzeit arbeitet Thomas als wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter an der Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. Hier forscht er zu Klassendynamiken in der zweiten Lebenshälfte und zum Zusammenhang von Ungleichheit und Rechtspopulismus.

“BIGSSS brought me in contact with theories, practices and good friends, all of which will remain important for the rest of my life.”

Postdoctoral Researcher
Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany



MAURICIO

— REICHENBACHS

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Corporatism is dead, long live corporatism!
The 6 Dimensions of Government-Nonprofit Relationships and why Germany has entered the era of regulated welfare corporatism

Mauricio Reichenbachs wrote his Bachelor Thesis at Jacobs University Bremen on the Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) of the European Union and its implications for German agriculture. In contrast, his Master Thesis at the Universiteit Twente, Netherlands focused on supply chain management and preferred customer status in the business context. Eventually, his PhD research analyzed the German welfare state and its still corporatist relationship to the nonprofit sector. Among others, he worked for business consultancies, a bike repair shop and also engaged in the retail of sweets and coffee. Currently, Mauricio tries to improve the public administration of Bremen and to establish himself as a kiosk and bar owner.

Mauricio Reichenbachs schrieb seine Bachelorarbeit an der Jacobs University Bremen zur Gemeinsamen Agrarpolitik (GAP) der Europäischen Union und deren Auswirkungen auf die deutsche Agrarwirtschaft. Demgegenüber fokussierte sich sein Masterarbeit an der Universeit Twente, Niederlande auf Lieferkettenmanagement und Vorzugskundenstatus im betrieblichen Kontext. Zu guter Letzt analysierte seine Promotionsforschung den deutschen Sozialstaat und dessen immer noch korporatistisches Verhältnis zu den Wohlfahrtsverbänden. Unter anderem arbeitete er für verschiedene Unternehmensberatungen, eine Fahrradwerkstatt und engagierte sich im Süßigkeiten- und Kaffeehandel. Momentan versucht Mauricio die Bremer Verwaltung zu verbessern und sich als Kiosk- und Barbesitzer zu etablieren.

““ *Too BIGsss to fail.* ””

Senior Consultant

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ANNA HOKEMA

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**Deferred, reversed or 'normal' retirement?
The subjective experience of working beyond
pension age**

Anna studied sociology and political science in Berlin and Glasgow. Before coming to the University of Bremen, she worked as a researcher at the German Center of Gerontology. Anna joined BIGSSS while being a member of the Emmy Noether research group "Paid work beyond pension age in Germany and the UK" at the ZeS/SOCIUM. Currently, she works as a postdoctoral researcher at the SOCIUM. Her research focuses on the subjective experience of work and non-work life in old age.

Anna hat Soziologie und Politikwissenschaften in Berlin und Glasgow studiert. Danach arbeitete sie als wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin am Deutschen Zentrum für Altersforschung in Berlin und in der Emmy Noether-Nachwuchsforschungsgruppe „Erwerbsarbeit jenseits der Rentengrenze in Deutschland und Großbritannien“ am ZeS/SOCIUM. Momentan ist Anna wissenschaftliche Mitarbeiterin am SOCIUM, wo sie sich weiterhin mit der subjektiven Erfahrung von Arbeit und Leben im Alter beschäftigt.

“BIGSSS turned out to be a great environment for finding friends that joined me on the strange journey of the “PhD”.”

Postdoctoral Researcher
**SOCIUM Research Institute on Inequality and Social Policy,
University of Bremen, Germany**



LUKAS HOPPE

It's for the Neighbourhood. Influences of the Local Social Context on Immigrant Integration in Germany

Lukas Hoppe is a Sociologist with a special focus on Urban Research as well as Migration and Integration Analyses. After growing up in Braunschweig, Lukas studied Social Sciences and Urban and Regional Development in Oldenburg and Bremen. In his dissertation, he assesses the question of whether living in neighbourhoods with concentrated poverty is a blocker of the immigrant assimilation process in Germany. Today, Lukas is working as a senior researcher at ILS – Research Institute for Regional and Urban Development, working on the socio-spatial conditions of the reproduction of ethnic and social inequalities.

Lukas Hoppe ist Soziologe mit Arbeitsschwerpunkten in der empirischen Stadt- und Integrationsforschung. Nach dem Erwachsenwerden in Braunschweig, studierte er Sozialwissenschaften und Stadt- und Regionalentwicklung in Oldenburg und Bremen. In seiner Dissertation untersucht Lukas die Frage, ob das Leben in Nachbarschaften mit Armut den Prozess der Zuwandererintegration in Deutschland blockiert. Heute ist Lukas wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter am ILS – Institut für Landes- und Stadtentwicklungsforschung, an dem er zu Fragen der sozialräumlichen Bedingungen der Reproduktion ethnischer und sozialer Ungleichheiten forsch.

“ I am deeply thankful that BIGSSS gave me the opportunity to read more, learn more and debate with wonderful people. ”

Senior Researcher
**ILS – Research Institute for Regional and Urban Development,
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JENNIE

AUFFERBERG

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Trade Unionism in Times of Healthcare Marketization: Opportunity Structures and Local-Level Determinants of Trade Union Strategic Choices

After finishing her studies in social sciences at the University of Göttingen, Jennie Aufferberg worked in a research project on the transformation of the state as employer at the University of Oldenburg and the University of Vienna. Funded by the Hans Boeckler Foundation, Jennie pursued her PhD in Bremen focusing on healthcare sector unions. She is now working as a trade union secretary in the department for social and healthcare services of the United Services Union (ver.di).

Nachdem sie ihr Studium der Sozialwissenschaften an der Universität Göttingen absolviert hat, arbeitete Jennie Aufferberg in einem Forschungsprojekt zum Thema des Wandels des Staates als Arbeitgeber an der Universität Oldenburg und der Universität Wien. Mit einem Stipendium der Hans Böckler Stiftung promovierte sie in Bremen zu Gewerkschaften im Gesundheitssektor. Sie arbeitet jetzt als Gewerkschaftssekretärin im Fachbereich Gesundheit und Soziales der Vereinten Dienstleistungsgewerkschaft ver.di.

“ I appreciated BIGSSS for comprehensive training, intellectual exchange and the people I met there. ”

Trade Union Secretary
United Services Union (ver.di), Hamburg, Germany



ADRIAN STANCIU

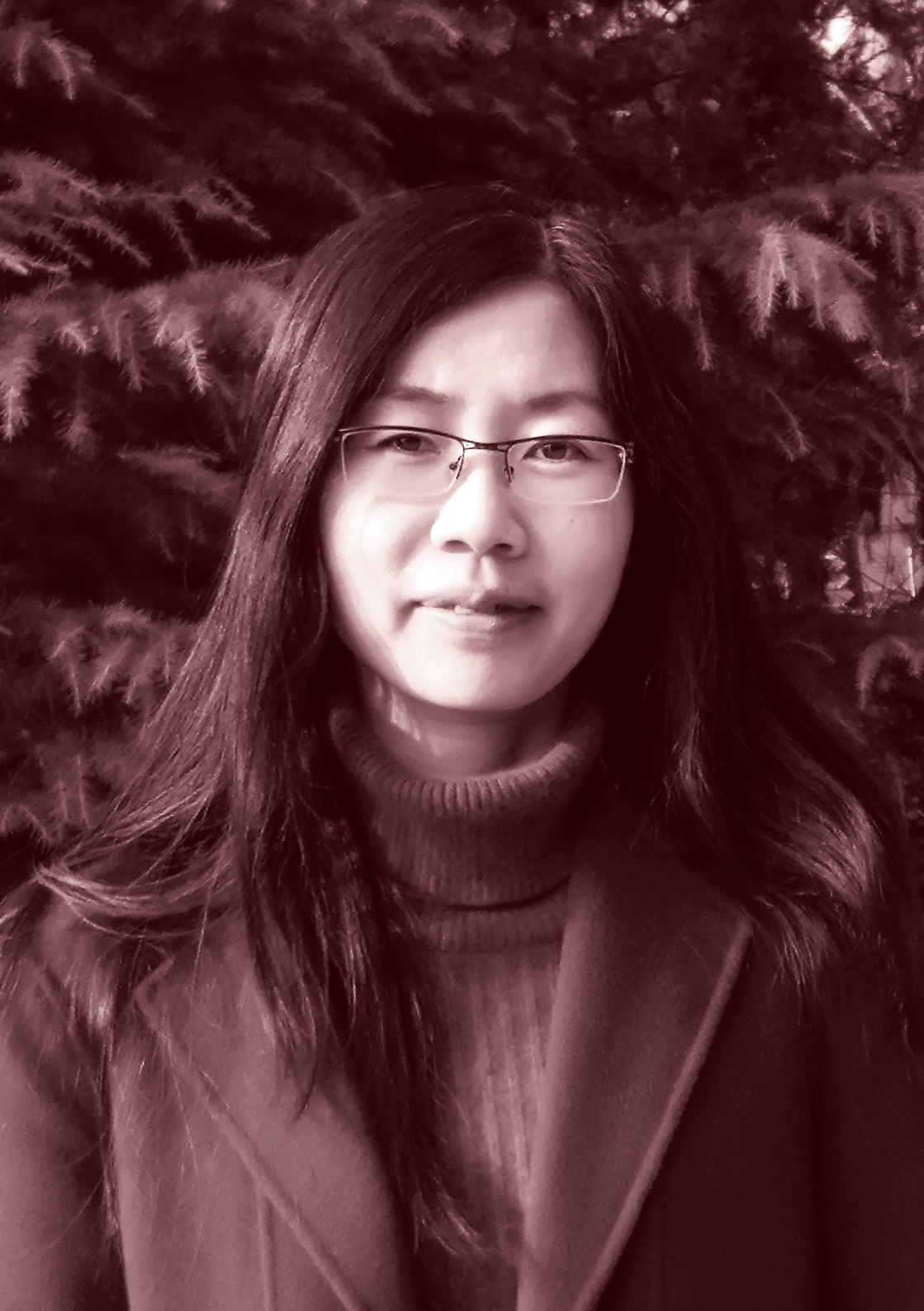
**On the cognitive adaptation of migrants:
Changes in migrants' personal stereotypes while
acculturating to their host countries**

Born in Galati (Romania), at the age of 19 Adrian Stanciu moved to Bucharest (capital of Romania) for studies in Sociology. Three years later he moved to Groningen (north in the Netherlands) where he obtained his MSc (research) in Social and Organizational Psychology. In 2012, Adrian arrived in Bremen for his doctoral studies. Passionate about research and photography – one day he will have an exhibition that combines both!

Născut în Galați, Adrian Stanciu s-a mutat la vârsta de 19 ani în București pentru a studia Sociologie. Trei ani mai târziu s-a mutat în Groningen (nordul Olandei) unde și-a continuat studiile la nivel de master cu specializarea Psihologie Socială și Organizațională (Msc în cercetare). În anul 2012 Adrian s-a mutat din nou, de data aceasta în Bremen (Germania) pentru studiile sale doctorale. Pasiunile sale sunt cercetarea și fotografia, iar unul din planurile sale pe termen lung este să îmbine aceste două pasiuni sub forma unei expoziții!

**“BIGSSS is a place
of growth, both professionally
and personally.”**

Postdoctoral Researcher
Institute of Gerontology, University of Vechta, Germany



GE YU

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Employment of Older Workers in China: the State and the Life Course

Ge Yu studied Social Policy Analysis in Belgium (Catholic University of Leuven), and Sociology in Germany (Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences). She wrote her PhD on Age, Work and Retirement. She is a University lecturer in Sociology and Social Policy at Liaoning University China. Her research focus includes social change and social inequality, social mobility and stratification, age and the labour market, life course research, and quantitative research methods, with a particular focus on transition economies and Asia (e.g. China).

于戈先后在比利时鲁汶大学学习社会政策，德国不莱梅社会科学研究研究生学院学习社会学。她的博士论文探讨年龄，工作和退休问题。她在中国辽宁大学任教。她的研究方向包括社会变迁和社会不平等，社会流动和分层，年龄和工作，生命历程研究，定量分析方法，尤其关注转型国家和亚洲（比如中国）。

“BIGSSS has been for me a great family, a learning environment and a challenge. It has provided me with an unforgettable academic experience. Life at BIGSSS will live in my memory for the rest of my life.”

University Lecturer
Liaoning University China, Shenyang, China



SISAY YEMANE

AYELE

Stress and Burnout among Childcare Professionals

Sisay Yemane was born in Addis Abeba and grew up in a family dominated by the teaching profession. He studied Health Psychology in Bremen, with focus on stress and burnout. In the future, he wants to do research on job stress in relation to health. Currently, he focuses on establishing and running a Psychology Resource Center at Addis Ababa University.

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“BIGSSS was an experience that shaped my professional life.”

Lecturer and Coordinator of the Psychology Resource Center
Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia



HİLAL

“My PhD journey was not only about working on transition of societies but also experiencing transition in my life with all the upheavals which ended with finding myself empowered as a woman and an academic thanks to the endless support of the people that I have met in BIGSSS.”

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ARSLAN

(Un)Happiness during Transition: Levels, Distribution and Determinants of Subjective Well-Being in Post-Socialist Countries

Hilal Arslan graduated in 2004 from Middle East Technical University (METU), Department of Sociology with minor degree in Statistics, and completed her master's degree at the same department. She completed her Ph.D. study in Sociology in BIGSSS at Jacobs University Bremen with the dissertation on trends, distribution and happiness in post-socialist countries. Her research interest areas are subjective well-being, social welfare, social indicators, social inequalities, and transition to market economy. Besides her academic work, she worked in several nationwide research projects funded by national and international organizations such as “Domestic Violence against Women in Turkey” (2014, Ministry of Family and Social Policies and Hacettepe University Institute of Population Studies); “Quality of Life in Eurasia: The Cases of Azerbaijan and Kyrgyzstan” (2007, Center for Black Sea and Central Asia (KORA) at METU, TÜBİTAK). Now she works as Subject Matter Expert in a EU project about monitoring gender equality in Turkey. She is also giving Statistics courses in the Department of Sociology at METU, Ankara.

2004 yılında Orta Doğu Teknik Üniversitesi (ODTÜ) Sosyoloji lisans ve İstatistik yan dal diplomasıyla mezun olan Hilal Arslan yine aynı bölümde yüksek lisans derecesini tamamladı. Doktora eğitimini Jacobs Üniversitesi Bremen, BIGSSS, Sosyoloji anabilim dalında post-sosyalist ülkelerde mutluluk eşitsizliği üzerine yazdığı tezle tamamladı. Arslan'ın araştırma ilgi alanları; refah, iyi oluş, sosyal göstergeler, toplumsal eşitsizlikler, piyasa ekonomisine geçiştir. Akademik çalışmalarının yanı sıra ulusal ve uluslararası kurumların desteklediği çeşitli araştırma projelerinde görev aldı. Bunlardan bazıları; “Türkiye’de Kadına Yönelik Aile içi Şiddet Araştırması” (2014, T.C. Aile ve Sosyal Politikalar Bakanlığı ve Hacettepe Üniversitesi Nüfus Etütleri Enstitüsü); “Avrasya’da Yaşam Kalitesi: Azerbaycan ve Kırgızistan (2007, ODTÜ KORA ve TÜBİTAK). Arslan, CEİD tarafından yürütülen ve Avrupa Birliği Delegasyonu tarafından desteklenen Türkiye’de toplumsal cinsiyet eşitliğinin izlenmesi projesinde konu uzmanı olarak çalışmaktadır. ODTÜ Sosyoloji Bölümü’nde İstatistik dersleri vermektedir.

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Subject Matter Expert

Gender Equality Monitoring Association, Ankara, Turkey



EMANUEL — DEUTSCHMANN

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Mapping the Transnational World: Towards A Comparative Sociology of Regional Integration

Emanuel Deutschmann is a sociologist interested in social networks, transnational mobility and communication, regional integration, and globalization. Before joining BIGSSS as an Affiliated Fellow, he studied in Cologne, Paris, and Oxford. Now he works at the European University Institute's Migration Policy Centre in Florence in a project on global mobilities.

Emanuel Deutschmann ist Soziologe. In seiner Forschung beschäftigt er sich mit sozialen Netzwerken, transnationaler Mobilität und Kommunikation, regionaler Integration und Globalisierung. Bevor er als Affiliated Fellow an die BIGSSS kam, hat er in Köln, Paris und Oxford studiert. Heute arbeitet er am Migration Policy Centre des European University Institutes in Florenz in einem Projekt zu globaler Mobilität.

“BIGSSS was an amazing experience in the best city there is.”

Research Associate

Migration Policy Centre, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute, Florence, Italy



CONSTANZE VOLKMANN

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The (un-) doing of gender among Muslim women in Austria and Germany in the domains of income generation, motherhood, and abstract affiliations

Born and raised in Munich, Constanze Volkmann received a bachelor's degree in law from Paris 2-university (Panthéon-Assas) and a master's degree in psychology from Vienna university, before she joined BIGSSS for her PhD. During that time, she delved into qualitative methods when researching gender from the perspective of Muslim women. Constanze now lives in Vienna, where she is an Assistant Professor at the Competence Center for Empirical Research Methods at the Vienna University of Economics and Business.

Constanze Volkmann ist in München geboren und aufgewachsen und hat vor ihrem Doktorat an der BIGSSS einen Bachelor in Jura an der Universität Paris 2 (Panthéon-Assas) und ein Diplom in Psychologie an der Universität Wien gemacht. Während ihres Doktorats hat sie sich für die Erforschung von Geschlecht aus der Perspektive muslimischer Frauen eingehend mit verschiedenen qualitativen Forschungsmethoden auseinandergesetzt. Jetzt lebt Constanze in Wien, wo sie Assistant Professor am Kompetenzzentrum für empirische Forschungsmethoden der Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien ist.

“BIGSSS was a greatly rewarding experience, both academically and personally.”

Assistant Professor
**Competence Center for Empirical Research Methods at
the Vienna University of Economics and Business, Austria**



KWAKU ARHIN-SAM

Return Migration, Reintegration and Sense of Belonging: The Case of Skilled Ghanaian Returnees.

Kwaku Arhin-Sam came to Bremen for his PhD after his studies in international social science at Friedensau, near Magdeburg. Originally from Ghana, he wrote his PhD dissertation on how skilled return migrants renegotiate reintegration and sense of belonging in their home countries. As a social scientist, Kwaku is interested in national and international development from the lens of transnational migration and inter/national development. At the moment, he is working as an international development consultant (freelance) near Frankfurt/Main. In the future, he would like to study the links between unsuccessful integration/reintegration, sense of belonging and individual wellbeing of migrants and refugees.

“BIGSSS is not a place, it's a feeling and that is how I feel when I think about my time at BIGSSS because of the wonderful lifetime friends and colleagues.”

International Development Consultant (Freelance)
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JOHANNES KRUSE

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DORA SIMUNOVIC

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ELENA SOMMER

___ Social capital as a resource for migrant entrepreneurship: A qualitative study of self-employed migrants from the former Soviet Union in Germany

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**PROF. DR.
OLAF GROH-SAMBERG**
BIGSSS DEAN



Olaf Groh-Samberg is Professor of Sociology at the University of Bremen. After finishing his PhD in Sociology at the University of Münster, he worked at the Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP) at the German Institute of Economic Research (DIW Berlin) for three years and is still an affiliated DIW Research Professor today. He came to Bremen in 2009 as Junior Professor of Sociology. Working in the field of social inequality, Olaf Groh-Samberg was elected as the Speaker of the Section "Social Inequality and Social Structure Analysis" of the German Sociological Research Association (DGS) in 2011. In 2012, he became full professor of Sociology at the University of Bremen and Field Chair of BIGSSS thematic field B "Welfare State, Inequality and Quality of Life". He is a founding member of the SOCIUM research group "Inequality Dynamics in Welfare Societies". Since 2015, Olaf Groh-Samberg is the Dean of BIGSSS.

Olaf Groh-Samberg ist Soziologie-Professor an der Universität Bremen. Nach Abschluss seiner Promotion an der Westfälischen Wilhelms-Universität Münster arbeitete er für drei Jahre beim Socio-Economic Panel Study (SOEP) am German Institute of Economic Research (DIW) in Berlin, für das er noch heute als DIW Research Professor tätig ist. 2009 kam er für eine Juniorprofessur in Soziologie nach Bremen. Mit einem Forschungsschwerpunkt auf sozialer Ungleichheit wurde Olaf Groh-Samberg 2011 zum Sprecher der Sektion „Soziale Ungleichheit und Sozialstrukturanalyse“ der Deutschen Gesellschaft für Soziologie (DGS) gewählt. 2012 folgte dann eine Vollprofessur in Soziologie an der Universität Bremen sowie die Position des Field Chair des BIGSSS Themenfeldes B „Welfare State, Inequality and Quality of Life“. Olaf Groh-Samberg ist zudem Gründungsmitglied der SOCIUM Arbeitsgruppe „Ungleichheitsdynamiken in Wohlfahrtsgesellschaften“ und seit 2015 Dean der BIGSSS.

**PROF. DR.
ADALBERT F.X. WILHELM**
BIGSSS VICE DEAN



Adalbert Wilhelm holds a professorship in statistics at Jacobs University Bremen. He is also the Vice Dean of the Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS) and Co-Principal-Investigator of the BIGSSS Summer School Series on Conflict, Migration and Social Cohesion supported by the Volkswagen Foundation. His main research is on statistical visualisation, exploratory data analysis and data mining. He has a strong interest in application of statistical modeling methodology in various disciplines such as economics, business administration, political science, sociology and psychology. Recent work addresses questions of digitalization and big data. He has been visiting professor at George Mason University, Fairfax, VA and the Università degli Studi di Cagliari, Italy.

Adalbert Wilhelm ist Professor für Statistik an der Jacobs University Bremen. Zugleich ist er Vice-Dean der Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences und Co-Organisator der BIGSSS Summer School Serie zu Konflikt, Migration und Sozialem Zusammenhalt, die von der Volkswagen Stiftung gefördert wird. Seine Forschungsschwerpunkte liegen auf statistischer Visualisierung, explorativer Datenanalyse und Data Mining. Ein besonderer Schwerpunkt seiner Arbeit liegt auf der Anwendung statistischer Modellierungstechniken in verschiedenen Disziplinen, wie etwa den Wirtschaftswissenschaften, Politikwissenschaft, Soziologie und Psychologie. Neueste Arbeiten adressieren Fragen der Digitalisierung und Big Data. Mehrfach war er Gastprofessor an der George Mason University, Fairfax, VA und der Università degli Studi di Cagliari, Italien.

**PROF. DR.
EVA-MARIA FEICHTNER**

**VICE PRESIDENT
INTERNATIONAL AND DIVERSITY,
UNIVERSITÄT BREMEN**



Eva-Maria Feichtner received a Ph.D. in mathematics from TU Berlin, Germany, in 1997. After postdoctoral appointments at MIT and at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, she was an assistant professor at ETH Zurich and held a research professorship of the Swiss National Science Foundation. In 2006 she was appointed professor of topology at University of Stuttgart, Germany; since 2007 she is a professor of algebra at University of Bremen. There she is co-directing the Institute for Algebra, Geometry, Topology and their Applications (ALTA). Her research interests focus primarily on the application of discrete methods in the classical fields of pure mathematics. Since October 2017 she serves as Vice President International and Diversity at the University of Bremen.

Eva-Maria Feichtner promovierte 1997 an der TU Berlin in Mathematik. Nach Postdoc-Aufenthalten am MIT und am Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, war sie Assistenzprofessorin an der ETH Zürich und erhielt eine Forschungsprofessur des Schweizerischen Nationalfonds. In 2006 trat sie eine Professur für Topologie an der Universität Stuttgart an, seit 2007 ist sie Professorin für Algebra an der Universität Bremen. Dort leitet sie das Institut für Algebra, Geometrie, Topologie und ihre Anwendungen (ALTA). Ihr Forschungsinteresse richtet sich vornehmlich auf die Anwendung diskreter Methoden in den klassischen Gebieten der Reinen Mathematik. Seit Oktober 2017 ist sie Konrektorin für Internationalität und Diversität an der Universität Bremen.

**PROF. DR.
MICHAEL HÜLSMANN**

**PRESIDENT AND MANAGING
DIRECTOR, JACOBS UNIVERSITY
BREMEN GMBH**



Prof. Dr. Michael Hülsmann was appointed as Managing Director in June 2014. Since January 15, 2018, he is President of Jacobs University, too. As President and Managing Director, Michael Hülsmann is responsible for all academic and non-academic fields. He studied Business Administration and Management obtaining the degree of "Diplom-Kaufmann". After doing his PhD in 2002, Hülsmann worked as a Junior Professor of Management of Sustainable System Development at the University of Bremen until 2009. In March 2009, he became Professor of Systems Management at Jacobs University mainly focusing on the strategic management of logistics systems.

Prof. Dr. Michael Hülsmann ist seit Juni 2014 Geschäftsführer der Jacobs University. Seit dem 15. Januar 2018 ist er auch ihr Präsident und somit für alle akademischen und nicht-akademischen Arbeitsfelder an der Jacobs University verantwortlich. Hülsmann studierte Betriebswirtschaftslehre mit dem Abschluss Diplom-Kaufmann. Nach seiner Promotion im Jahr 2002 war er bis 2009 als Junior-Professor für Management nachhaltiger Systementwicklung an der Universität Bremen tätig. Im März 2009 wechselte er als Professor of Systems Management an die Jacobs University, wo sein Lehr- und Forschungsinteresse insbesondere dem strategischen Management logistischer Systeme galt.



SARAH PERUMALLA

FELLOW-ADDRESS

Sarah Perumalla is a BIGSSS fellow of the cohort 2012, who pursued a PhD in Political Science in the Thematic Field A “Global Governance and Regional Integration” at the University of Bremen. Sarah was an active member of the BIGSSS community, lively engaging in various academic and social events at both universities. Her multicultural and multilingual background together with her insightful, approachable and cheerful character, and international outlook made her a great addition to BIGSSS. She was also an excellent BIGSSS ambassador in the wider community, especially through her research stays at the World Bank Group and American University in Washington D.C. and the United Nations Development Program and Manhattan College in New York City.

Sarah Perumalla ist eine BIGSSS-Stipendiatin der Kohorte 2012. Sie hat im Themenfeld A „Global Governance and Regional Integration“ an der Universität Bremen promoviert. Als aktives Mitglied der BIGSSS-Gemeinschaft engagierte sie sich lebhaft bei verschiedenen akademischen und gesellschaftlichen Veranstaltungen an beiden Universitäten. Ihr multikultureller und mehrsprachiger Hintergrund sowie ihr aufgeschlossener, zugänglicher und fröhlicher Charakter und ihre internationale Ausrichtung machten sie zu einer wahrhaften Bereicherung für die BIGSSS. Darüber hinaus hat Sarah die BIGSSS beispielhaft nach außen vertreten, insbesondere durch ihre Forschungsaufenthalte bei der Weltbankgruppe, der American University in Washington D.C., dem Entwicklungsprogramm der Vereinten Nationen und dem Manhattan College in New York City.



ELLE HARRIS & ADRIEN DONNEAUD

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Not being people to give up on a great opportunity for a pun, Adrien and Elle formed their very own “BIGSSS-band” for this ceremony. On the side of their PhD projects (or perhaps the other way around), both are active musicians in both Bremen and further afield. Trained classically, Elle has played throughout her life in orchestras, smaller ensembles, bands and in other projects. For his part, Adrien made the decision to not pursue a music career in Mexico in his youth, opting to become a Free Mover instead. He has nevertheless continued to busk and play professional and semi-professional concerts across the world. In Bremen, Adrien can often be seen brightening up the streets with his guitar and voice, and Elle will sing in the HFK Kammer Chor this semester. They are really happy to be playing today and hope for a musical future in BIGSSS!

Adrien und Elle, die keine Gelegenheit für ein Wortspiel auslassen würden, gründeten eigens für diese Zeremonie ihre ganz persönliche „BIGSSS-BAND“. Neben den Promotionsprojekten sind beide aktive MusikerInnen in Bremen und darüber hinaus. Elle hat mit klassischer Ausbildung ihr ganzes Leben lang in Orchestern, kleineren Ensembles, Bands und anderen Musikprojekten gespielt. Adrien entschied sich in seiner Jugend gegen eine Musikkarriere in Mexiko und beschloss stattdessen, ein Free Mover zu werden. Nichtsdestotrotz spielt er weiterhin Straßenmusik und gibt überall kleine und größere Konzerte. In Bremen ist Adrien oft zu sehen, wie er mit Gitarre und Stimme die Straßen zum Klingen bringt, und Elle singt in diesem Semester im HFK Kammerchor. Beide sind glücklich, heute spielen zu können und hoffen auf eine musikalische Zukunft in der BIGSSS!

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