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**Dear doctoral students,
Dear graduates,**

In this May-newsletter we would like to inform you about announcements and events which might be of interest for your doctoral studies.

With kind regards from the Office of the Dean of Studies of the Faculty of Social Sciences,

Martin Ertelt

Information from the GGG:

[Upcoming GGG-Courses](#)

The qualification program of GGG includes courses on self and social competencies, competencies needed for your PhD project, and professional skills.

[SAVE THE DATE: 20th Week of Methods 06.-09.10.2025](#)

We are looking forward to this year's anniversary Week of Methods. The GGG and the Week of Methods are turning 20 years young. In addition to the regular program of three and a half days of intensive workshops, there will therefore be an extensive supporting program and special treats for the participants.

[GGG's Support Measures](#)

The Göttingen Graduate School of Social Sciences provides support measures and scholarships for PhD students of social sciences.

[Paths into Science Management 2025](#)

Göttingen's graduate schools offer focused opportunities for qualification in and reflection about science management as a career option.

Anti-discrimination counselling

The [anti-discrimination counseling service](#) is the central point of contact for dealing with discrimination at the university. Counseling is confidential and can be anonymous if desired. Those affected, observers, advisors or persons supporting anti-discrimination receive advice, support and information as well as strategies for action in the context of experiences of discrimination.

- Have you experienced discrimination at university or do you feel disadvantaged?
- Perhaps you have observed discrimination?
- Are you looking for support or do you have questions?
- Are you unsure whether you can take advantage of counseling?

The Advice Center also raises awareness of issues surrounding discrimination and advises those responsible in all areas of the university on how to deal with inquiries and challenges in everyday student or work life in the context of discrimination. We are happy to clarify your questions. Counseling is based on your concerns and needs. Arrange a consultation appointment: In person, online or for a telephone call.

Call for Abstracts for Poster Presentations at the 14th Interdisziplinärer Niedersächsischer Doktorand_innentag Gender Studies

Doctoral candidates and Master's graduates from Lower Saxony have until June 30 to submit an abstract for a poster presentation at the 14th Interdisziplinärer Niedersächsischer Doktorand_innentag Gender Studies. The aim of the Doktorand_innentag is to present the research of young academics in gender studies throughout Lower Saxony and get connected. Posters are suitable for presenting initial ideas, for testing the structure of the work and for visualizing complex interdisciplinary issues whose thematic limitation poses challenges. Master's theses can also be presented in this format. All further information can be found in the [Call for Abstracts](#) (only in German).

New: Joint AI declaration of the Faculty

Artificial intelligence is increasingly present in science and teaching and offers a wide range of opportunities, but also raises important questions. In order to support you as doctoral students in the responsible use of AI, a joint AI declaration has been drawn up by the Faculty of Social Sciences. This declaration, which was developed in a dialog between students and lecturers, offers you guidance for the use of AI both in your teaching and in your own writing process. We cordially invite you to read the full declaration and familiarize yourself with the recommendations [here](#) (at the moment only in German).

Quality Round Table

On 28.04.2025, the Major Quality Round Table in Cluster 1, which also includes the social science doctoral degree program, took place with the involvement of external experts. During the event, the topics "What can/should a doctoral degree program achieve?", "Delimitation of tasks of the degree program vs. the supervisory relationship" and the study program under the aspect of "Accompanying the doctorate and preparing for activities outside/inside academia" were discussed. We would like to thank everyone who took part in the event.

FoLL: Developing your skills in research-oriented teaching

Dear PhD-students, would you like to accompany and supervise a small group of interested students in all phases of the research process, while also pursuing your own research interests and developing your skills in research-oriented teaching? Then FoLL is the right place for you. The "Research-oriented Teaching and Learning" program is aimed at Bachelor's students (the participation of 1/3 Master's students possible) and enables them to research a topic of their choice in a team and supervised by a teacher for a semester and to present the results to the university public at the end of the project. In addition to the project work in the subjects, the Section for Teaching and Learning in Higher Education offers exchange meetings and workshops for teachers and students.

FoLL is announced every semester; the application deadline for the WiSe 25/26 is 23.09.25.

More [here](#) or at susanne.wimmelmann@zvw.uni-goettingen.de.



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