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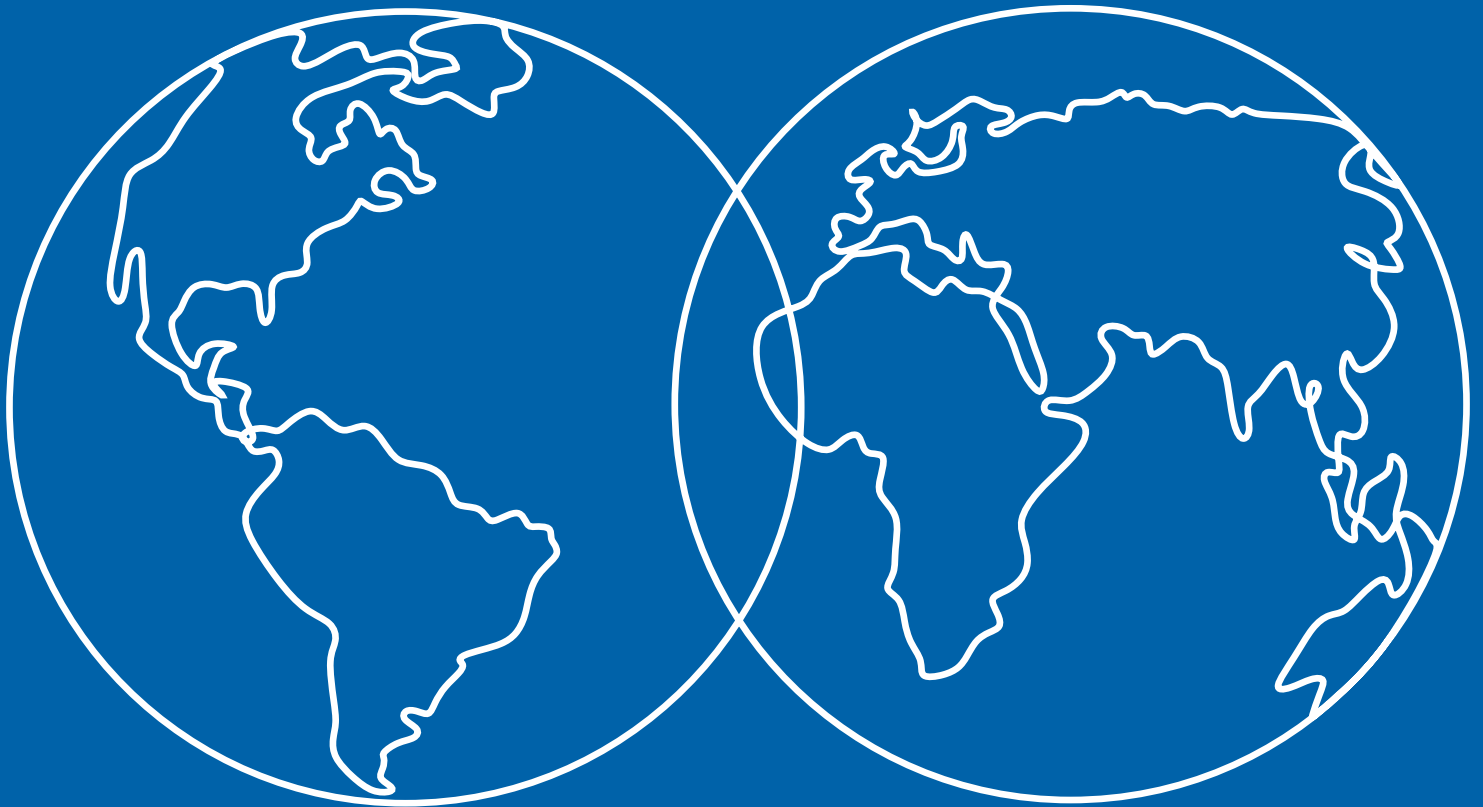
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GIGA ANNUAL REPORT 2023



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PREFACE



Dear reader,

As you know from the [GIGA Annual Report 2022](#), significant changes are underway regarding the Institute's future leadership. Following the former President's decision to step down, the Executive Board agreed on a number of changes to the Institute's governance structure, ones we have already started putting into practice. The Board operates as a collegial body with the new President (ad interim) as *prima inter pares*. Together with our staff and funders, the Board of Trustees, the Academic Advisory Board, as well as the Council for Financial Affairs, we are working on major governance reform. The aim is to increase transparency and participation to ensure the GIGA remains not only a place of excellent research but also one with a working atmosphere conducive to everyone harnessing their full potential.

As you read this GIGA Annual Report 2023, you will find many concrete examples of how, in addition to this internal reform process, we remain as deeply committed as ever to cutting-edge research on highly relevant topics, with findings published in a rich variety of peer-reviewed journals and books. Once again, some of our researchers won prestigious prizes and grants. We are also increasing our efforts to engage in tailored knowledge exchange with a broad range of relevant stakeholders.

With sustainability being both a universal issue and becoming an ever more pressing one, this will be the first GIGA Annual Report to only be available online rather than in print. This is one small part of our wider endeavour to reduce our carbon footprint at a time of the effects of the climate crisis being increasingly felt around the globe, but as afflicting especially the Global South's most vulnerable peoples and places.

We look forward to your continued engagement with the GIGA.

Best regards
The GIGA Executive Board

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RESEARCH
AT THE GIGA
& HIGHLIGHTS 2023

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RESEARCH AT THE GIGA

GIGA Research Matrix

GIGA Institute for African Affairs	GIGA Institute for Asian Studies	GIGA Institute for Latin American Studies	GIGA Institute for Middle East Studies
	Research Programme 1: Accountability and Participation		
	Research Programme 2: Peace and Security		
	Research Programme 3: Globalisation and Development		
	Research Programme 4: Global Orders and Foreign Policies		

The German Institute for Global and Area Studies (GIGA) is an independent social science research institute committed to the Leibniz motto of “*theoria cum praxi*”: science for the benefit of society. The GIGA analyses political, economic, and social developments in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, as well as global issues. Based on its research, the Institute engages in knowledge exchange with policymakers, practitioners, and the wider public.

The GIGA builds on a long-standing tradition of working on and with the Global South. In its research, it investigates how change unfolds in our regions and how developments there, in Europe, and at the global level are interlinked. Many of today’s challenges can only be addressed in

cooperation with actors in the Global South, taking into account their own perspectives and world-views. Research at the GIGA is thus cooperative in nature and dedicated to examining the origins and repercussions of global transitions, such as crises of democracy, asymmetric conflicts, sustainable development, and a multipolar order.

The Institute’s research combines context sensitivity with cutting-edge methods. Its flagship approach is Comparative Area Studies (CAS), with which it conducts both intra-and cross-regional comparisons at different levels of analysis – global, regional, national, local. It also develops and applies innovative theoretical and empirical approaches, drawing on perspectives and experiences

from different world regions. Most of the GIGA's research is backed by third-party funding.

In 2023 the GIGA oversaw about 60 research projects, as supported by the German Research Foundation, different federal ministries, the European Union, the Leibniz Association, and international funding agencies (see annex). The inflow of third-party funding continued to be at a high level, accounting for 28 per cent of overall revenues. New projects investigate, for example, how to make civil society actors more robust to disinformation campaigns, analyse the use and effects of individual sanctions, further develop the Land Matrix database on large-scale land acquisitions in the Global South, or address the novel issue of "climate obstruction" and its role in foreign policy.

GIGA researchers again published their results as articles in high-ranking academic journals and as books with international university presses (see annex), as well as in the form of blogs, videos, info graphics, and data sets. They did so in a number of different languages to address audiences both in the Global North and the Global South, always committed to the principle of Open Access scholarship. They also presented at international conferences and helped with the organisation of events, often in cooperation with international partners – for example in the context of the Maria Sibylla Merian Centres for Advanced Studies in

Ghana (MIASA) and Tunis (MECAM), the T20 process under India's G20 presidency, or the German–Latin American Center for Infection and Epidemiology Research (GLACIER). The GIGA is happy to report that the list of honours awarded to the Institute's researchers continued to grow, with three prizes for doctoral theses and one publication award in 2023.

At the same time, the GIGA made sure to engage with policy-makers and other stakeholders – in Germany, Europe, and globally. It contributed, inter alia, to the monitoring of radicalisation processes, the assessment of the role of religion in furthering both conflict and peace, the debate on sustainable global supply chains, and the role of the Global South in a multipolar world. In 2023 the GIGA's researchers were also in high demand with news outlets, resulting in over 250 media contributions.

The GIGA's research takes place in a matrix structure that combines four Regional Institutes – the Institute for African Affairs (IAA), Institute for Asian Studies (IAS), Institute for Latin American Studies (ILAS), and Institute for Middle East Studies (IMES) – and four cross-cutting thematic Research Programmes – RP1: Accountability and Participation, RP2: Peace and Security, RP3: Globalisation and Development, and RP4: Global Orders and Foreign Policies. Find out more about the work of these units on the pages ahead.

HIGHLIGHTS 2023

PRESTIGIOUS DISSERTATION PRIZES FOR GIGA ALUMNI

Dr. Viviana García Pinzón,
Dr. Hana Attia, and
Dr. Hannes Greve
(from left to right)



The German Association for Peace and Conflict Studies awarded its Christiane Rajewsky Prize to Viviana García Pinzón for “Order, Violence, and Trajectories of Governance in Peripheral Cities of Colombia and El Salvador.” “Biased Coercion: The Imposition, Management, and Termination of US Sanctions” by Hana Attia was awarded second place in the “Aquila Ascendens” Young Researcher Award for Security Policy. Hannes Greve also came second in the Verein für Socialpolitik and KfW’s prize for his “Climate Change Mitigation and Economic Development.”
www.giga-hamburg.de/en/the-giga/dp

HONORARY PROFESSORSHIP FOR CHRISTIAN VON SOEST

Prof. Dr. Christian von Soest (left) and Prof. Dr. Andreas Busch (right), Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Göttingen, handing over the certificate of appointment.



GIGA scholar and Head of GIGA Research Programme “Peace and Security” Christian von Soest was appointed Honorary Professor by the Faculty of Social Sciences at Georg-August-Universität Göttingen. At the University’s Department of Political Science, von Soest teaches on international sanctions and interventions, EU foreign policy, as well as authoritarian regimes and their legitimation strategies. His regional focus is on Southern Africa and East Africa.
www.giga-hamburg.de/en/the-giga/team/von-soest-christian

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FIRST GLIMPSE OF FUTURE GIGA BUILDING

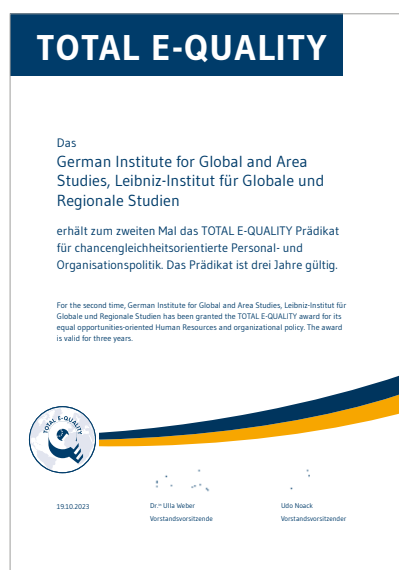


Topping-out ceremony on 13 October 2023

The GIGA is planning to relocate within Hamburg from its two current sites in 2025. The Institute's future home is to be Schlüterstraße 51, in an impressive historical building that formerly housed the city's telecommunications office ("Fernmeldeamt"). The premises are being substantially remodelled – with the work progressing according to schedule. In 2023, GIGA team members got a first glimpse of their future workplace when they were invited to visit the construction site and view sample spaces for offices and meeting rooms in the building.

www.altes-fernmeldeamt.de

"TOTAL E-QUALITY" RE-CERTIFICATION



After its initial certification in 2020, the GIGA has been recertified with the TOTAL E-QUALITY (TEQ) award for its equal opportunities-oriented organisational and HR policies. The promotion of gender equality and the reconciliation of work and family life are guiding principles in how the Institute is managed. With a more intersectional perspective, TEQ now also addresses diversity. We aim at promoting and valuing diversity and capitalising on the resulting potential fully.

www.giga-hamburg.de/en/diversity-and-equal-opportunities

BOOKS AIMED AT BROADER PUBLIC



Three GIGA scholars (co-)authored monographs for a wider audience beyond the scientific community and immediate policy circles. Johannes Plagemann (together with Henrik Maihack) wrote a book on the Global South and its perception in the West (C. H. Beck). Christian von Soest's monograph on international sanctions and their costs and benefits was printed by Frankfurter Allgemeine Buch. Amrita Narlikar (together with Aruna Narlikar and Amitabh Mattoo) published Strategic Choices, Ethical Dilemmas: Stories from the Mahabharat with Penguin Books.

www.giga-hamburg.de/en/publications/books

GIGA SCHOLARS MEET HAMBURG PARLAMENTARIANS



In 45-minute-long one-on-one meetings, members of the Hamburgische Bürgerschaft had the opportunity to hear out about the latest research findings from scientists at Hamburg's Leibniz institutes. The GIGA offered topics such as the attitude of Global South countries towards the war in Ukraine, the impact of election results in Turkey, as well as Islamism and hostility towards Muslims in Germany.

www.giga-hamburg.de/en/research-and-transfer/policy-exchange

LECTURE SERIES ON IRAQ



From April through June, the GIGA together with several cooperation partners hosted 11 online lectures on the topic of “Iraq 20 Years after the US Invasion: The Politics and Memory of the Transition from Dictatorship and Occupation.” Internationally renowned experts gave an overview of developments since the invasion in 2003, discussed how they have shaped Iraqi society, and provided an outlook on possible future pathways.

www.giga-hamburg.de/en/events/conferences-and-workshops/iraq-20-invasion-politics-memory-transition-dictatorship-occupation

TWO PUBLICATION SERIES ON DIGITALISATION



As part of the research project “Digital Transformation Lab” (Digi-TraL), funded by the Federal Foreign Office (FFO), the Institute started publishing a series of Working Papers and Policy Briefs addressing the theme of “digitalisation and the Global South.”

Among the articles’ authors are both GIGA researchers and international scholars who were invited to contribute to the project as Guest Fellows.

www.giga-hamburg.de/en/research-and-transfer/projects/digital-diplomacy-and-statecraft

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RESEARCH

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Prof. Dr.
Matthias Basedau

The year 2023 proved to be a turbulent one again for sub-Saharan Africa. Economic recovery after the COVID-19 pandemic continued, with stable average growth rates. According to the Economist Intelligence Unit, 12 of the world's 20 fastest-growing economies in 2024 will be found in Africa – especially in East Africa. The distribution continent-wide is uneven though, with other countries like Ghana or Nigeria showing less favourable growth rates and outlooks; a debt crisis continues to threaten many of them. The wave of coups continued with military takeovers in Niger and Gabon. The Niger coup had strong repercussions both regionally and internationally. ECOWAS imposed sanctions and threatened a military intervention to unseat the junta in Niamey, but the latter has remained in power. French troops, having previously withdrawn from Mali, left Niger. Not only France but Western countries in general saw a further decline in their influence. The jihadist insurgencies in the Sahel and else-

where continued, spreading to Benin and Togo and threatening more countries on West Africa's coastline. Ominously, the UN peacekeeping mission in Mali ended in December after the military junta asked the Blue Helmets to leave. It remains doubtful whether Russian mercenaries are of any help to the situation. The conflict in the Tigray region had been the bloodiest in sub-Saharan Africa. The ceasefire in Ethiopia held, however. Yet, Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed made remarks that may spark regional tensions: if his country does not gain direct access to the Red Sea, he stated, this might lead to conflict with Ethiopia's neighbours.

While democracy in Africa remained under pressure, key elections in Nigeria and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) turned out to be quite peaceful, although opposition forces cried foul regarding the free and fair nature of polling. Incumbent Félix Tshisekedi – who had promised to turn the DRC into an “African Ger-

many” – secured a first-round victory; so did Tola Tinubu in Nigeria.

The GIGA Institute for African Affairs (IAA) reacted robustly to many of these events. The IAA had a prominent media presence following the coups. The Institute is one of the few research institutions in Germany to have considered the military a political actor even before the recent wave of coups. There were several publications on the latter and on democratisation. A GIGA Forum in December discussed the coups’ causes and implications. In the Speaker Series on African Affairs, the IAA organised a panel discussion on the outcome of the Nigerian elections. The IAA did not neglect the role of religion, prominent in jihadism, either, organising two workshops in Berlin and in Lomé, Togo. A new DFG project will investigate the role of religious leaders as messengers of peace.

Organising events together with African colleagues was among our primary goals. Besides the Togo

event and the Nigeria discussion, three more occasions stand out. The IAA played a prominent role in the MIASA general conference in early September. The second MIASA Policy Conference “Accelerating Africa’s Economic Transformation Towards Shared Prosperity and Sustainability” was organised by Jann Lay in November. This event was followed, finally, by a publishing workshop for African colleagues (see Textbox), organised by the GIGA journal *Africa Spectrum*. The latter further increased its impact factor in the Web of Science Journal Citation Reports, now ranking second in Area Studies journals for Africa.

The IAA was keen to maintain close relations with decision makers in Germany on the country’s Africa policy. On several occasions, there were exchanges on the coups and the way forward regarding suitable guidelines for such Africa policy. A GIGA Focus urged that Africa be given a more central role in Germany’s National Security Strategy.

SECOND MIASA PUBLISHING WORKSHOP IN ACCRA



In December, *Africa Spectrum* together with the *Contemporary Journal of African Studies* organised the second MIASA Publishing Workshop for African scholars at the University of Ghana, Accra. The workshop was designed to provide African scholars with feedback on advanced research papers, helping facilitate submission to respected Area Studies journals. Experienced (former) editors and associate editors, including Edwina Ashie-Nikoi, Julia Grauvogel, Peter Narh, and Maxine Rubin (*Africa Spectrum*’s new co-editor), offered in-depth mentoring for 11 participants from seven different African countries while also reflecting on imbalances in academic-knowledge production with the group.

GIGA INSTITUTE FOR ASIAN STUDIES



Prof. Dr.
Patrick Köllner

An extensive two-year election cycle began in Asia in 2023. In the People's Republic of China (PRC), the 14th National People's Congress convened in March, unanimously electing Chinese Communist Party General Secretary Xi Jinping to an unprecedented third term as President of the PRC. Thailand's general election in May saw a record voter turnout of more than 75 per cent. The opposition Move Forward Party won the largest number of seats in the country's House of Representatives but was blocked by the monarchy and military-allied forces in the Senate from forming a government. Eventually, fellow opposition party Pheu Thai joined hands with conservative, pro-military parties and settled on real-estate tycoon Srettha Thavisin as Prime Minister. At the international level, tensions between China and the United States continued to simmer while India sought to present itself as leader of the Global South when it chaired the G20, culminating in the summit in New Delhi in September.

Scholars from the GIGA's Institute for Asian Studies (IAS) covered these and other developments in their research and knowledge-transfer activities. Amrita Narlikar served as co-chair of a G20–T20 task force and co-organised two T20 side events, including one as part of Hamburg's "India Week." IAS scholars also participated in, as well as organised themselves, high-profile knowledge-exchange events on Germany's new "Strategy on China." The anniversaries of Germany establishing diplomatic relations with Mongolia and New Zealand respectively informed two webinars the IAS organised, as involving high-level officials and other representatives from the two countries as well as from Germany. Our Diplomat in Residence and Fellow Wolfgang Rudischhauser organised two well-received international workshops in Berlin on tensions and confidence-building measures in the Indo-Pacific. A series of talks by younger scholars working on China, the "GIGA China Series," also got underway.

Against the backdrop of rising disinformation and digital authoritarianism in South and Southeast Asia, Sangeeta Mahapatra, Janjira Sombatpoonsiri, and Andreas Ufen started work on two research projects addressing these twin concerns. “Strengthening Civil Society against the Weaponisation of Anti-Fake News Laws” and “Mapping and Strengthening Civil Society Response to Disinformation” are first of-their-kind projects examining patterns and processes regarding governments’ weaponisation of anti-fake news laws to target civil society actors in these regions. The projects are also helping map countermeasures, conducting capacity-building workshops for civil society actors, and developing an online tracker on disinformation lawfare. Third-party funding at the IAS reached a new high in 2023. Funders included the Federal Ministry of Education and Research, the German Research Foundation, the Luminare Foundation, the National Endowment for Democracy,

the Thyssen Foundation, and the Leibniz Association.

IAS scholars published 17 articles in peer-reviewed journals last year in outlets including the Journal of Contemporary Asia, Land Economics, Millennium, and The Pacific Review. Books published in 2023 included *Routes to Reform: Civil-Military Relations and Democracy in the Third Wave* (Oxford University Press), co-edited by David Kuehn, and *Strategic Choices, Ethical Dilemmas: Stories from the Mahabharat* (Penguin), co-authored by Amrita Narlikar. The IAS also continued to publish its two journals: the Journal of Current Chinese Affairs, which featured a special issue on the politics of memory, heritage, and diversity in Modern China, and the Journal of Current Southeast Asian Affairs. The IAS furthermore hosted visiting scholars from Afghanistan, China, India, Japan, and New Zealand, while welcoming two new doctoral researchers from India, too.

INDO-PACIFIC OBSERVATORY IN FULL SWING



The Franco-German Observatory of the Indo-Pacific, bringing together scholars clustered around the Center for International Studies at Sciences Po, Paris, and the GIGA organised six more webinars on Indo-Pacific affairs. For the third year running, the Observatory convened a Track 1.5 Dialogue with high-level foreign affairs and defence officials from France, Germany, the European External Action Service, and the Netherlands. A book workshop on order and agency in the Indo-Pacific took place in Paris in June. The resulting edited volume will be published by Palgrave Macmillan. Preparations for closer research collaboration between the French and German partners also started in 2023.

GIGA INSTITUTE FOR LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES



Prof. Dr.
Mariana Llanos



Prof. Dr.
Sabine
Kurtenbach



Prof. Dr.
Bert Hoffmann

The year 2023 was one marked by many divergent political trends in Latin America. Three election outcomes illustrate this point well: In Guatemala, an outsider, the left-wing reformist Bernardo Arévalo, surprisingly won the country's run-off elections despite the fierce resistance of corrupt elites; international pressure was needed to prevent them from sabotaging his inauguration. In Ecuador, in turn, anti-corruption candidate Fernando Villavicencio was assassinated in the midst of campaigning. In the run-off, son of the country's richest banana entrepreneur and political newcomer Daniel Naboja was elected president. In Argentina, finally, eccentric right-wing libertarian Javier Milei was elected president on a so-called anarcho-libertarian agenda calling for a radical dismantling of the state. While the three electoral outcomes contrast starkly, they all reflect a profound disenchantment with established political parties.

GIGA Institute for Latin American Studies (ILAS) researchers in-

vestigate these and other recent trends that are likely to mark the region's politics and its international relations in the years ahead. In addition, Llanos co-edited *Latin America in Times of Turbulence: Presidentialism under Stress* (Routledge), an Open Access volume – including several chapters of her own, for example the one written together with Cordula Tibi Weber on judicial–executive relations during the COVID-19 pandemic. Together with doctoral researcher Jayane Maia, Llanos also co-edited a special section of the *Bulletin of Latin American Research* on elections from a multi-level perspective.

Sabine Kurtenbach continued to work on her collaborative and comparative project with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation on peacebuilding and perceptions of peace in a comparative study of six countries worldwide (Cameroon, Colombia, the Philippines, South Sudan, Tunisia, and Venezuela). In November 2023, the book *Building Pathways to Peace: State–So-*

ciety Relations and Security Sector Reform was published by Cambridge University Press and presented by Kurtenbach and her co-author Nadine Ansorg (University of Kent) at a GIGA Talk in Berlin. The discussant was Tobias Grothe from the Federal Foreign Office.

Several members of the ILAS team participated at the IPSA World Congress in July in Buenos Aires, Argentina, at ECPR Joint Sessions of Workshops in April in Toulouse, France, as well as at the ECPR General Conference in September in Prague, Czechia. While most of the ILAS's doctoral students continued with their writing, methods-training, and research processes (Katharina Fietz, Cornelius Haritz, Indi-Carolina Kryg, Jayane Maia, Janaina Maldonado, Valeria Morales, Johanna Pieper, Désirée Reder, Alina Ripplinger, Eduardo Tamaki), others successfully defended their thesis (Rafael Castro, Anna Fünfgeld, Aline-Sophia Hirseland, Jorge Rincón).

Daniela Osorio-Mitchell, postdoctoral researcher within the Leibniz Association-funded Democratic Institutions in the Global South (DEMINGS) project, undertook fieldwork in Bolivia.

The year 2023 was also one of commemoration. Detlef Nolte participated in events convened on the 50th anniversary of the Augusto Pinochet coup in Chile. Mariana Llanos took part in several online and in-person conferences on 40 years of democracy in Argentina, authoring a GIGA Focus Latin America issue on the topic, too.

Merike Blofield left the GIGA and the ILAS directorship as of 1 May for a professorship at the University of Hamburg. Lead Research Fellows Sabine Kurtenbach, Mariana Llanos, and Bert Hoffmann took over in August as ILAS's interim collegial leadership team.

Bert Hoffmann took over from Merike Blofield as President of CEISAL, the European Council for Research on Latin America.

THE SOCIAL DIMENSION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES



As part of the DAAD-funded German–Latin American Center for Infection and Epidemiology Research (GLACIER), Bert Hoffmann as principal investigator and Valeria Morales as doctoral researcher have been carrying out a comparative study of the political dimensions of the COVID-19 vaccination processes in Mexico and the countries of Central America and the Caribbean. In partnership with Charité's Institute of Virology, Merike Blofield, Bert Hoffmann, and a Colombia-based research team also led a survey project, funded by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), on the epidemic of syphilis among migrants living along the Colombian–Venezuelan border.

Opening of the GLACIER annual conference at the Universidad de la Habana's Aula Magna.



Prof. Dr.
Eckart Woertz

The eruption of the war in Gaza after the terror attack of Hamas on Israel showed the continued political significance of the Palestinian question. It laid bare the illusion of the Abraham Accords that a lasting normalisation of Israeli ties with other countries of the region could be achieved without a political solution to this long-standing issue.

The war also showed the growing gap between countries in the Global South and the West. Middle Eastern states are exploring foreign policy alternatives in pursuit of their own interests. Earlier in the year it was China, not the United States, that had brokered a rapprochement between Iran and Saudi Arabia. Later, both countries were admitted to the BRICS group alongside Egypt and the United Arab Emirates.

The regional isolation of Syria ended, being brought in from the cold and readmitted to the Arab League, but renewed protest in the mainly Druze city of Sweida showed the lasting sociopolitical fragility of the country. Like Turkey,

it was hit hard by an earthquake in February that left a devastating impact. Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu visited Cairo in March, indicating a further normalisation of the relationship between Egypt and Turkey. The Iranian nuclear file remained unresolved. No renewed nuclear deal like the JCPOA is on the table while Iran acknowledged that it has enriched uranium up to 84 per cent purity. The Iranian regime stabilised after the massive protests in 2021. It cracked down hard on opposition figures and sought renewed enforcement of its controversial hijab law.

In Sudan, the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the Rapid Support Forces (RSF) that had overthrown the transitional government in 2021 turned against each other, leading to massive civilian harm and refugee flows. In the Maghreb, as elsewhere in the region, authoritarian rule remained predominant. As a legacy of the Hirak protests of 2019/20, the Algerian government outlawed all demonstrations – including those against the Gaza War.

The COP 28 climate negotiations were held in the UAE, without breakthrough, and raised questions about a conflict of interest regarding its president, Sultan Jaber, who also heads the national oil company ADNOC.

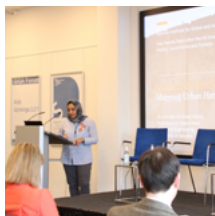
The GIGA Institute for Middle East Studies (IMES) covered these events via a number of third-party-funded projects, such as the Merian Centre for Advanced Studies in the Maghreb (MECAM), based in Tunis, the Monitoring System and Transfer Platform Radicalization (MOTRA), and the World Order Narratives of the Global South (WONAGO) project (all three funded by the BMBF). Workshops on the “Left in the Arab World and Latin America” and on “Legal Identity Under Insurgencies and Unrecognised States” were held, and cooperation within the DFG “Network on Migration and Im/Mobility in the Global South during a Pandemic” was intensified.

IMES researchers’ work featured in major peer-reviewed jour-

nals and with prestigious publishing houses, such as Cambridge University Press, Democratization, The International Journal of Middle East Studies, American Behavioral Scientist, British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies, International Studies Quarterly, and International Migration Review.

GIGA Forum and GIGA Talk events on Iraq 20 years after the US invasion and on Germany’s feminist foreign policy approach in Afghanistan, Iran, and Ukraine were organised. IMES researchers also contributed to the GIGA Focus series on such topics as China’s growing role in the region in the wake of the Gaza War and autocratisation and repression strategies in Tunisia. As always, they provided policy advice, too, inter alia to the German Federal Foreign Office, the European Commission, and the Bundeskriminalamt (Federal Criminal Police Office). They also reached out to the wider public via contributions to both German and international media.

CONFERENCE: IRAQ 20 YEARS AFTER THE US INVASION



Two decades after the US invasion of Iraq and the dramatic civil war and sociopolitical shifts coming in its aftermath, we organised a related conference in collaboration with partners from other academic institutions such as Brown University and the École des hautes études en sciences sociales (Paris). The focus was on Iraqi and European per-

spectives, and we were able to invite a number of Iraqi academics with the help of BMBF and DFG funding. Afterwards, a virtual lecture series at the University of Hamburg was organised with academics from around the world. Proceedings have been published in special issues of the International Journal of Middle East Studies and the Middle East Journal.

Dr. Ula Abd Al Khalel Merie at the Conference Iraq 20 Years after the US Invasion.

RESEARCH PROGRAMME I:

ACCOUNTABILITY AND PARTICIPATION



Dr. Thomas Richter

Given the global decline of democracy and the looming dominance of authoritarian politics, the GIGA Research Programme “Accountability and Participation” (RP1) examines contemporary trends in dealing with changes and dynamics in all four GIGA world regions. In the DFG-funded project “COVID-19 and Executive Personalization,” led by David Kuehn, Mariana Llanos, and Thomas Richter, the strategies used by chief executives in both democracies and autocracies to acquire additional power are explored. As part of this project, an international workshop was held in June 2023. The team from the Leibniz Competition-funded “Democratic Institutions in the Global South” (DEMINGS) project assisted with our work on democracies. Led by Mariana Llanos, one postdoctoral and two doctoral researchers focused on the functioning of democratic institutions in the Global South, and their current (in)ability to constrain powerful executives.

A new project on “Mapping and Strengthening Civil Society

Response to Disinformation” commenced. Jointly developed by Andreas Ufen, Sangeeta Mahapatra, and Janjira Sombatpoonsiri, and funded by the National Endowment for Democracy, it fulfils RP1’s research profile on civil society by investigating how governments in South and Southeast Asia have weaponised anti-fake news laws to control information flows and curtail the freedom of expression of critical actors like journalists, activists, and academics. Maria Josua continued to investigate, as part of her DFG-funded project “Justifying Repression in Authoritarian Regimes of the Arab World,” how state officials in autocracies legitimise, conceal, or deny repression. Supported by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Alyssa Miller started to explore questions of kinship and the affective politics of citizenship in post-revolutionary Tunisia.

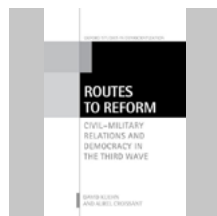
In spring began the main phase of MECAM, the Merian Centre for Advanced Studies in the Maghreb, located in Tunis and

funded by the BMBF. Under the guiding theme “Imagining Futures: Dealing with Disparity,” the project takes up the central idea that key looming issues and indeed the future itself will be shaped by how societies deal with disparities, and that the Maghreb offers interesting and significant experiences and perspectives for scholarly research on these matters. Led by André Bank, through 2029 the GIGA will primarily focus on managing publications and outreach events on the manifold topics researched by MECAM fellows. Bert Hoffmann continued to be a member of the five-year, multidisciplinary cooperation “German-Latin American Centre of Infection & Epidemiology Research and Training (GLACIER),” funded by the DAAD, which undertakes a comparative study of COVID-19 vaccination policies in Central America, Mexico, and the Caribbean. RP1 also contributes to the work of the project “Monitoring System and Transfer Platform Radicalization (MOTRA),”

funded by the BMBF and BMI, as a research cluster for the early detection, prevention, and combatting of radicalisation and extremism. Under Richter’s lead, the GIGA’s submodule deals with how and to what degree global and regional events influence and trigger radical or extremist attitudes and discourses both within the broader public and among Germany’s political elite.

RP1 members published their findings via leading academic outlets such as the British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies, Contemporary Politics, Globalizations, the Journal of Peace Research, Millennium: Journal of International Studies, Zeitschrift für Vergleichende Politikwissenschaft, Oxford University Press, Routledge, and De Gruyter. RP1’s “Democratic Erosion Series” was also continued. Guest speakers included Nina Wiesehomeier from IE University, Spain, and Michael Bernhard from the University of Florida, among others.

BOOK: “ROUTES TO REFORM”



In “Routes to Reform” (Oxford University Press 2023), GIGA researcher David Kuehn and co-author Aurel Croissant analyse civil–military relations in new democracies. Drawing on original data regarding the development and extent of such relations in 66 countries, their work combines large-N statistical analyses with detailed case-study narratives in identifying the core conditions and processes necessary for these states to succeed or fail when it comes to ensuring civilian control of the military, as well as the consequences hereof for the survival and quality of democracy. <https://global.oup.com/academic/product/routes-to-reform-9780198803362>

RESEARCH PROGRAMME 2: PEACE AND SECURITY



Prof. Dr.
Christian
von Soest

The year 2023 marked the second one of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. A further major security crisis erupted when on 7 October 2023 Hamas and other terrorist groups attacked Israel, killing more than 1,100 people and taking over 200 hostage – mostly civilians. Both the terrorist attack and the nature of Israel's response to it have been the source of significant controversy, dominating international media reporting.

Considerable interest was also taken in the perspectives of and reactions in countries of the Global South to Russia's continued war on Ukraine and the Israel–Hamas conflict.

Members of the GIGA Research Programme "Peace and Security" (RP2) provided their sought-after expertise to national and international media on the Gaza War, the Red Sea attacks by the Houthis out of Yemen, and the effects of the international sanctions imposed on Russia. Interviews, quotes, and op-eds appeared in, for instance, ARD, ZDF,

NDR, Wirtschaftswoche, Tagesspiegel, and Die Welt.

Furthermore, RP2 scholars produced innovative research on the role of identities, institutions, and interventions in peace and conflict. They published their findings in leading academic journals such as *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Democratization*, *Journal of Global Security Studies*, and *Terrorism and Political Violence*. Our researchers also analysed the effects of interreligious contact, the initiation and termination of sanctions, rebel governance, the relationship between political exclusion and foreign fighter outflows, and the governance of forced migration.

Extending our work on the relationship between religion and peace, the German Research Foundation (DFG) approved the renewal project "Religion for Peace: Investigating Messengers and Messages for Interreligious Peace" (led by Julia Köbrich and Matthias Basedau). It will start in

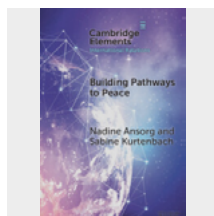
August 2024, building on the successful project “Religion for Peace: Identifying Conditions and Mechanisms of Interfaith Peace.” Together with his co-authors Jonathan Fox and Ariel Zellman, Baseldau also published a monograph on Religious Minorities at Risk with Oxford University Press.

Analysing the politics of sanctions was a further key topic addressed by the Research Programme’s scholars. In October, a new project started that systematically examines the determinants of United States and European Union sanctions listings. “Targeting: How the USA and EU Use Individual Sanctions” (Christian von Soest and Cecilia Natalie Strom) is funded by the German Foundation for Peace Research (DSF). Von Soest also published a book for a broader audience dealing with the question of how international sanctions work titled *Sanctions: Mighty Weapon or Helpless Manoeuvre?* (in German).

The awards received further demonstrate the recognition that the GIGA’s peace and security researchers’ work enjoys among their peers. Christiane Fröhlich and GIGA Associate Lea Müller-Funk (Danube University Krems) won the 2023 Routledge Area Studies Interdisciplinarity Award for their article “Mobility Control as State-Making in Civil War: Forcing Exit, Selective Return, and Strategic Laissez-Faire,” which was published by the journal *Migration Politics*. Hana Attia received the Aquila Ascendens Young Researcher Award in Security Policy (2nd place) for her PhD dissertation “Biased Coercion: The Imposition, Management, and Termination of US Sanctions.”

Many RP2 members were also heavily engaged in knowledge-transfer activities. They presented their insights at public events and ones for decision-makers too, for instance the GIGA Talks in Berlin on security sector reforms and sanctions against Russia.

BOOK: “BUILDING PATHWAYS TO PEACE”



A new monograph by Sabine Kurtenbach and GIGA Associate Nadine Ansorg (University of Kent), published by Cambridge University Press (Cambridge Elements), explores security sector reform (SSR) from a state–society perspective. SSR is a key element of the transition out of war, aiming to establish accountable institutions. While donor policies still

focus mostly on the state as the provider of security, from a state–society perspective functional equivalents, minorities, gender considerations, and human rights are key to SSR’s success and should thus drive reform efforts. www.cambridge.org/core/elements/abs/building-pathways-to-peace/F1F05B76EAC3C41D183D7AE748122CAF

RESEARCH PROGRAMME 3:

GLOBALISATION AND DEVELOPMENT



Apl. Prof. Dr.
Jann Lay

How do large-scale trends and events – digitalisation, climate change, and the reconfiguration of global production and supply chains – ultimately affect economic and human development in the GIGA's study regions? This was at the core of the research and knowledge-transfer activities of the Research Programme “Globalisation and Development” (RP3) in 2023.

In a series of studies and events on various aspects of the impacts of digitalisation on development and labour markets, and in its contribution to the Digital Transformation Lab (DigiTraL), RP3 further developed its research agenda on digitalisation. Some of these studies were presented and discussed in a GIGA Talk held in Berlin – “Platforms and Online Workers in India and Africa: Challenges and Opportunities for Decent Work.” Katharina Fietz and Jann Lay’s GIGA Focus on “Digital Skills in the Global South: Gaps, Needs, and Progress” highlighted that low-income countries exhibit extremely low levels of digital lit-

eracy, while the gaps between middle-income and high-income countries also vary considerable. The evidence on the use of digital technologies in schools suggests that most middle-income countries lag far behind high-income ones, particularly in schools providing an education to those of low socio-economic standing, which may cause digital skills gaps to persist or even grow.

The multiple ways in which mitigation efforts regarding climate change affect people in the Global South remained a key issue for our research agenda. In a study published in *Environment and Development Economics*, Hannes Greve and co-authors looked at the vulnerability of small firms to energy-price shocks. Our findings partly explain why fossil-fuel-subsidy removals in developing countries are so difficult to implement, as we see huge adverse impacts ensuing from higher fuel prices. Our analysis calls for policy measures that mitigate the effects of energy-price policies. Such vulner-

abilities and unintended consequences vis-à-vis climate action were also discussed with various stakeholders from academia and praxis, as well as the more than 100 participants who joined a side event at the Food and Agricultural Organization's Committee on World Food Security meeting in Rome. At this gathering, organised with various international partners as well as our collaborators from the Land Matrix initiative, we discussed land-intensive climate action and its impact on the sustainable food systems of indigenous peoples and local communities. The side event clearly highlighted the risks for both of the latter that can result from land-intensive climate action.

Another highlight was the Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa (MIASA) policy conference in Accra on "Accelerating Africa's economic transformation towards shared prosperity and sustainability" that we organised together with our MIASA partners

in Ghana and the Institute of Statistical Social and Economic Research. The conference discussed various facets of sustainable economic transformation, including Africa's integration into global production. "Skills for sustainability in Global Supply Chains" was the theme of a conference with almost 300 participants that RP3 researchers organised with various partners at the United Nations Industrial Development Organization's headquarters in Vienna. How global-production patterns shape development outcomes is of key interest to our group. For example, in a paper published in *Land Economics*, Christoph Kubitz and co-authors analysed the labour-market effects of Indonesia's trade-induced oil palm boom. They show that the latter led to an expansion of total cropland at the expense of forestland, resulting in higher agricultural-labour demand for men while women's employment rates declined due to a decrease in agricultural family labour.

PRIZE FOR POLICY RELEVANT DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH



With his dissertation on "Climate Change Mitigation and Economic Development," Hannes Greve came second in the Prize for Policy Relevant Development Research awarded to young scientists by the German Development Bank (KfW) and the Verein für Socialpolitik. His dissertation argues that any politically feasible climate-mitigation policy

must recognise conflicting goals, anticipate possible negative (and sometimes unintended) side effects, and mitigate them where necessary. In his dissertation, Greve looks at cases from Ghana, Mexico, and Indonesia.

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Julia Kubny (KfW),
Angelika Budjan,
Hannes Greve
(from left to right)

RESEARCH PROGRAMME 4:

GLOBAL ORDERS AND FOREIGN POLICIES



Dr. Miriam
Prys-Hansen

The GIGA Research Programme “Global Orders and Foreign Policies” (RP4) engages with theoretically inclusive and empirically relevant research on international cooperation, multilateralism, and foreign policy around the world. With two wars in the European neighbourhood and growing geopolitical tensions, RP4’s work is at the forefront of academic and public debate. Building on research projects including “World Order Narratives of the Global South (WONAGO),” “Populism and Foreign Policy,” and “Contestations of the Liberal Script,” our researchers provide timely insight on different facets and interpretations of a changing global order and the implications for world regions, regional integration, and for the foreign policies of states in the Global North and South alike. WONAGO members Mohammadbagher Forough and Khalil Dahbi co-authored an article on “Narratives of Global Order and Re-Ordering from the Global South.”

RP4 members have also shaped the debate on populism,

with an article in *Democratization* by Hakkı Taş on Populism and Civil–Military Relations and an upcoming monograph with Oxford University Press on Populist Foreign Policy by Johannes Plagemann and Sandra Destradi. Esther Song co-authored an article on “China’s Adherence to International Human Rights Treaties”; Miriam Prys-Hansen co-edited (together with Michal Kolmas and Alexandr Burilov) a Special Issue on Regional Powers, advancing one of RP4’s long-running research agendas with an article on the construction and re-construction of regional spaces. Another DFG-funded project, “Explaining Middle-Power Engagements in External Regions” led by Jens Heibach, has seen significant outputs, including an article on “Iran’s Foreign Policy Making: Consensus Building or Power Struggle,” co-authored with colleagues from RP1. RP4 also productively engaged with guest researchers and associates, including Sabine Mokry – who published on “China’s Foreign Policy

Rhetoric and Strategy” in Pacific Review.

RP4 members also research the role of international institutions within the global order. The project “Sources and Consequences of Legitimation Strategies of Regional Organizations” has resulted in several publications, including a Special Section in International Affairs on “Legitimizing International Institutions” co-edited by Tobias Lenz. Project members including Henning Schmidtke and doctoral researchers Swantje Schirmer and Niklas Krösche co-authored a publication in International Studies Perspectives on the dataset that is one of the project’s main outputs. Patrick Köllner and colleagues co-organised a book workshop in June within the framework of the Franco-German Observatory in the Indo-Pacific on the topic of “Orders and Agency in the Indo-Pacific.”

The annual Track 1.5 Franco-German Dialogue with French and German diplomats and defence

officials followed. We also engaged in manifold interactions in print, on social media, and on television: for instance, on the situation in Yemen (Heibach) or the BRICS Summit held in August (Prys-Hansen).

The year 2023 was also one of intense networking. We successfully applied for German Academic Exchange Service funding for “Foreign Policy Climate Obstructionism in the Global South,” a project run together with the Universidade do Estado do Rio de Janeiro. Mona Saleh concluded a two-month research stay at the University of North Carolina; Detlef Nolte served as a visiting professor at São Paulo State University, and Schmidtke completed a nine-month stay at Harvard University. We were present at many international conferences, including the International Studies Association Annual Convention and the Standing Group on International Relations of the German Political Science Association.

BOOK: “WIR SIND NICHT ALLE”



Johannes Plagemann and his co-author Henrik Maihack published a monograph of broad appeal looking at the interests, motives, and growing self-confidence of the Global South. The title translates to “We are not all.” The book shows the differences in the perception of international politics between the West and the Global South. It has

been extremely well-received by German media (with reports in Tagesspiegel and the TV format “Titel, Thesen, Temperamente (ttt)”) and policymakers, contributing to improved understanding of a changing world order.

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Dr. Johannes
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DOCTORAL PROGRAMME



Dr. Maren Wagner

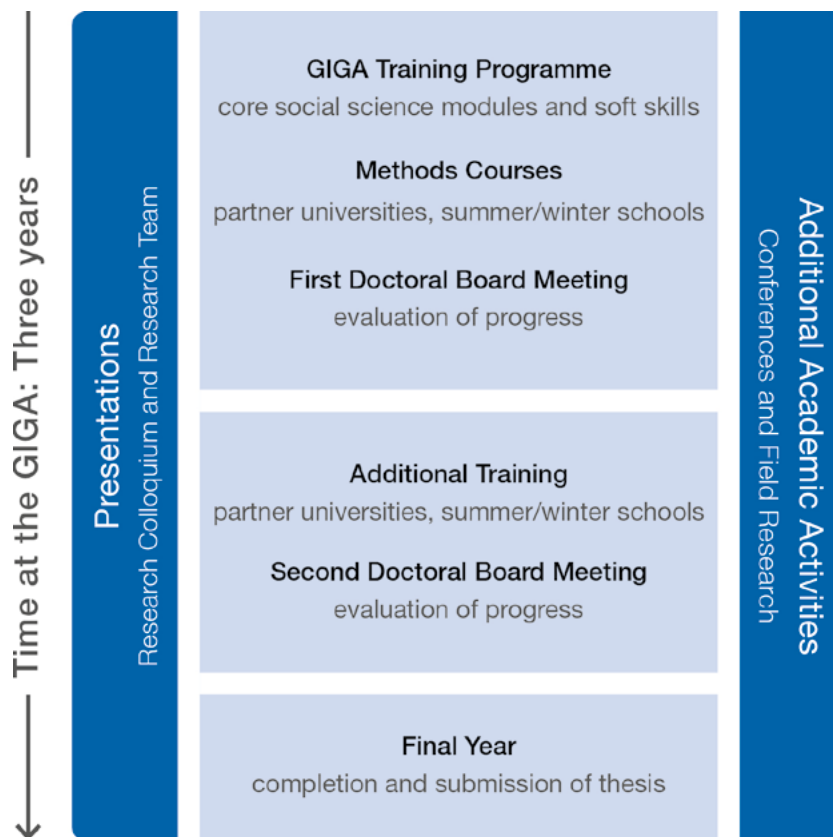
The GIGA Doctoral Programme (DP) offers an international working and learning environment for doctoral researchers wishing to pursue research in a structured yet flexible programme. In 2023, five new doctoral researchers joined the DP: Adhiraaj Anand, Mira Demirdirek, Mahima Duggal, Laurita Hargreaves, and Olena Osypenkova. In their dissertation projects they address a diverse range of topical issues, such as the continuities and similarities in Turkey's foreign policy towards Africa and the country's perception of its own global role; gender and social inequality in care work in Latin America; and the question of whether shared concerns are increasing transnational political engagement between youth in Malaysia, Taiwan, and Thailand. We also welcomed three visiting doctoral researchers at the GIGA, for example from the National Autonomous University of Mexico, who stayed for periods between five to 12 months with us to work on their projects.

As fully integrated members of the GIGA, our doctoral research-

ers significantly contributed to the Institute's publications and events. For example, Johanna Pieper (together with Daniela Osorio Michel) wrote a GIGA Focus Latin America titled "Crisis in the Andes: The Rise (and Fall?) of Two Women Leaders," revealing the dynamics of how women, often seen as political outsiders, bring renewal during crises – but also face added challenges. DP members Katharina Fietz, Niklas Krösche, Désirée Reder, and Mona Saleh also contributed to the 2023 GIGA Focus series.

Furthermore, Hager Ali, Rafael Castro, Diba Mirzaei, Hamid Talebian, and Juliana Tappe Ortiz were among the moderators and speakers of GIGA Forum events discussing current political, social, and economic matters, such as "the war on drugs" or Germany's feminist foreign policy work in Afghanistan, Iran, and Ukraine.

The DP celebrated eight completions this year and said farewell to Hana Attia, Rafael Castro, Anna Fünfgeld, Aline-Sophia Hirseland,



Tom Konzack, Niklas Krösche, Jorge Rincón, and Juliana Tappe Ortiz, who all successfully defended their dissertations. Their work looks at a fascinating spectrum of research topics, such as how leaders' individual characteristics influence the outcome and duration of civil conflicts, the drivers and dynamics of security regionalism in Africa, or the prospects for transforming the energy sector in one of the largest and most emission-intensive countries in the Global South, Indonesia.

We were especially proud of Hana Attia being awarded second place in the "Aquila Ascendens" Young Researcher Award for Se-

curity Policy for her outstanding dissertation "Biased Coercion: The Imposition, Management, and Termination of US Sanctions." Three more DP members have submitted their theses and are awaiting their defence.

The doctoral researchers held their annual General Assembly at the end of the year, organised by outgoing representatives Houssein Al Malla, Ardahan Özkan Gedikli, and Indi-Carolina Kryg, and elected three new ones for 2024: Houssein Al Malla resumes the role, being joined now by Adhiraaj Anand and Alina Ripplinger. www.giga-hamburg.de/en/the-giga/dp/

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INSTITUTIONAL
DEVELOPMENT

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INTERNATIONALISATION



The world is in turmoil; solutions for a better tomorrow can only be found by collaborating globally. This has become somewhat of a truism. And yet, the application of this premise – actually seeking joint paths forward – has not lost its importance as time goes by. At the GIGA, we have the guiding principle of working “with the regions” not “on them,” and therefore frame our research and outreach within cooperative exchange formats. This is about promoting complementary, context-sensitive expertise and allowing pluralism to unfold its productive force in seeking to tackle great complexity.

We hosted the next round of our Speaker Series on African Affairs with the aim of painting a nuanced picture of political and socio-economic developments in sub-Saharan Africa. To help foster own perspectives in international academia, we held the MIASA Publishing Workshop for African scholars. With our different lecture series, we brought in international experts from around the world

covering historic ground, such as the “Centenary of the Turkish Republic,” “Iraq 20 Years after the US Invasion,” as well as recent global developments.

The Franco-German Observatory of the Indo-Pacific analyses geo-strategic visions for the eponymous region as well as the expectations that the countries within it might have of the “West.” In 2023, we received input from East African, Eastern European, Indian, Japanese, and Korean perspectives, while also learning more about Chinese foreign policy regarding Vietnam. As part of our Digital Transformation Lab (DigiTraL), the GIGA Distinguished Speaker Lecture Series focused on the digital transformation taking place globally. WONAGO, our project on World Order Narratives of the Global South, launched a lecture series designed to generate interdisciplinary dialogue on how these narratives affect cultural, political, and social change, and to help build a community of scholars and policymakers engaged with these issues.

SUSTAINABILITY AT THE GIGA



While sustainability in organisational development, research processes, and personnel management is overseen by other GIGA bodies and units (such as the Research Council, the HR team, the Works Council, the Ethics Committee, the Ombudspersons for Good Research Practice, the Equal Opportunity Commissioners, and similar), our Task Force Sustainability Management focuses on related matters in the operation of premises and infrastructure as well as in procurement and mobility. A number of concrete measures have been initiated in this regard, for example:

- According to the GIGA's greenhouse gas accounting, undertaken in 2023, the amount of CO₂ we generated was reduced from 530.94 tonnes equivalent in 2019 to 307.33 tonnes equivalent in 2022.
- Electricity from renewable sources on all GIGA premises
- District heating on both Hamburg premises
- Only vegetarian catering at GIGA events and meetings
- Binding guidelines for the investment of the GIGA foundation's capital assets, including on social, ecological, and ethical standards
- Only recycled paper with Blue Angel certification used in printers and photocopiers
- Climate-neutral printing of the GIGA Annual Report 2022 and on Blue Angel paper (starting with this 2023 edition, the annual reports will only be published digitally)
- Participation as a team in the city cycling initiative ("Stadtradeln")
- Subsidising certain public-transport tickets (HVV ProfiTicket, now Deutschlandticket) for employees
- Provision of suitable facilities for bicycle storage
- Mainly cloud-based IT infrastructure (substantial reduction in energy consumption compared to on-site solutions)
- Enabling mobile work

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AND DIVERSITY



In 2023, we celebrated the GIGA's successful follow-up application and receipt of the TOTAL E-QUALITY (TEQ) award for equal opportunity-oriented personnel and organisational policy (see Textbox). With a re-aligned focus, the TEQ award now addresses gender and diversity equality from an intersectional and inclusive perspective.

Considering diversity to be an important part of our self-conception, we continued our efforts to make the Institute's structures and processes more inclusive. In April, we organised an internal workshop on "Inclusive Language" to exchange ideas on how we can broaden the existing recommendations on gender-inclusive language. As an initiative on the occasion of the German Diversity Day, falling on 23 May, we introduced an internal diversity mailing list for all colleagues interested in diversity-related topics to promote dialogue and offer respective activities. To get the ball rolling, a group of colleagues participated in a guided city tour that focused on

Hamburg's past of transatlantic human trafficking. We also continued our buddy programme throughout the year, an initiative to assist new colleagues getting started at the GIGA and in everyday life in Germany by matching five buddy pairs. Further, most of our job advertisements are now placed on job portals that are specifically aimed at people with disabilities (such as MyAbility). To mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, the GIGA participated in MyAbility's Purple Light Up campaign on 3 December.

We also continued to offer training sessions and workshops to colleagues. In a training session on "Intercultural Competence," participants gained insight into general challenges in cross-cultural communication and into approaches to minimise and leverage misunderstandings. Another workshop looked at how the mindsets of "New Work and Diversity" belong together by discussing the sociopolitical contextualisation of

diversity and awareness of related issues, including a focus on diversity-sensitive event planning. Based on a joint initiative by the Equal Opportunity Commissioners, Works Council, and the Ombudspersons to improve conflict counselling, the relevant colleagues participated in mediation training – where they actively practised the basics of working as initial advisors and mediators in conflict situations.

We also endeavoured to further promote individual training and mentoring with equal opportunity relevance. With the support of the Institute's Equal Opportunity Fund, female colleagues benefitted from, for example, individual training measures or visiting research stays to sharpen their professional profiles. Three female colleagues started out in the GIGA Mentoring Programme this year, with assistance provided on helping them define individual career goals and the pathways to achieving them. Regarding our ongoing goal of

reconciling work and family life, we continued our offerings for GIGA employees through a professional family service, including the option of using emergency childcare or making use of vacation programmes, as well as participating in events on various topics related to the reconciliation of work and care obligations and on mental health and well-being.

Throughout the year, the GIGA's Equal Opportunity Commissioners were active in various networking meetings, such as the 23rd Equal Opportunities Conference as well as the Diversity Network Meeting of the Leibniz Association. The GIGA's Inclusion Officer participated in the meeting of the Leibniz Association's network "Inclusion and Participation of People with Disabilities (Leibniz Inklusiv)."

In October, Lisa Sanger was appointed the new Deputy Equal Opportunity Commissioner. www.giga-hamburg.de/en/diversity-and-equal-opportunities

TOTAL-E-QUALITY AWARD



The TOTAL-E-QUALITY (TEQ) award is presented every three years and recognises organisations that actively promote equal opportunities in the workplace. The GIGA has been advocating gender equality, work–life balance, and diversity across the board for years, setting an important example for the future of equal opportunity-oriented personnel and organisational policies in the wider research landscape. We are delighted that our ongoing efforts to create an inclusive and fair working environment have been recognised by TEQ for the second time. www.giga-hamburg.de/en/press/giga-once-again-receives-total-e-quality-award-for-equal-opportunities

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KNOWLEDGE
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KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

Participants of the MIASA Policy Conference “Accelerating Africa’s economic transformation towards shared prosperity and sustainability.”



At the GIGA, we seek knowledge exchange based on our long-standing regional expertise and rigorous research. Be it regarding the impact of international sanctions, differentiated portrayals of Global South perspectives, the dramatic shifts in geopolitics, or the practically overlooked conflict in Sudan, the aim is to promote better understanding across various publics and to contribute to policy solutions.

As one of our key funders and our main interlocutor at the German federal level, our partnership with the Federal Foreign Office (FFO) lies at the heart of our mandate. To join forces – synchronising plans and expectations – in 2023 the GIGA’s leadership team met with their FFO counterparts to present and discuss our research agenda on the most pressing global and regional issues. Both sides agreed to hold such a broad, high-level symposium on an annual basis going forwards.

Our institutional cooperation is additionally supported by staff

exchange in both directions. The GIGA regularly hosts a Diplomat in Residence, who as a Fellow is fully integrated into the Institute’s research structures. In 2023, FFO diplomat Wolfgang Rudischhauser was a member of our team and developed, among other activities, a sequence of cooperation events on “Geopolitics, Militarisation, and Risk” at the GIGA Berlin Office. In turn, GIGA researcher Nora Kürzdörfer was seconded to the FFO for six months to contribute to the work of the Policy Planning Staff on “geoeconomics.”

Kürzdörfer’s secondment was part of the project “T4T – Transfer for Transformation. Knowledge Exchange with Global Reach,” which aims at nurturing the nexus between academia and policy with backing from the Leibniz Competition. We are certain that the insights gained will result in mutually beneficial best practices. Under the lead of Amrita Narlikar, T4T prepared an expert roundtable – held in cooperation with the United States-based initiative “Bridg-

ing the Gap” – that reflected on academic exchange with the policy world and drew on highlights from the centenary special issue of International Affairs (International relations: The ‘how not to’ guide) as well as a T20 side event that analysed India’s approach to reviving multilateralism during its G20 presidency and explored the Indo-German strategic partnership. Reaching out to the public at large, we organised a citizen dialogue as part of the German Unity Day celebrations in Hamburg.

Researchers, policymakers, practitioners, and other stakeholders discussed the most recent policy-relevant findings on Africa’s economic development and future

prospects at the MIASA Policy Conference “Accelerating Africa’s Economic Transformation Towards Shared Prosperity and Sustainability.” The Research Network “Sustainable Global Supply Chains” brought together researchers from Economics, Development Studies, and International Business Studies focusing on the impact in developing countries. Furthermore, the GIGA held a “World Food Security” side event highlighting lessons learned from the “global land rush” that threatens the livelihood of indigenous and smallholder farmers around the world.

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GIGA IN THE MEDIA



GIGA experts shared their findings on the year’s biggest developments via different media formats. In key focus were sanctions and the conflict hotspots in Ukraine, Sudan, and the Middle East as well as other urgent global matters such as shifts in multilateralism, climate change, or migration. Our researchers contributed their expertise in blogs and podcasts, such as “Business Diplomacy Today,” “Tonspur Wissen,” or “Zaren.



Daten. Fakten.” They were also cited or published by prestigious newspapers (print and online) as well as broadcasters (TV and radio), such as the BBC, Deutsche Welle, the Financial Times, TVP World, Al Jazeera, Global Policy, and, on the national level, Deutschlandfunk, Phoenix, Süddeutsche Zeitung, Tagesschau, Welt, WirtschaftsWoche, ZEIT Online, among many others.

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THE DAY OF GERMAN UNITY 2023

Philipp Abresch (NDR), Nora Kürzdörfer (GIGA), Düzen Tekkal (German Dream), Udo Schmidt (NDR), Désirée Reder (GIGA), Philipp Weber (NDR), Tevin Tafese (GIGA) (from left to right)



Hamburg hosted the celebrations for the Day of German Unity in 2023. The GIGA took the opportunity to present itself to the Hamburg public as a research institute with international reach. On 2 and 3 October, the team offered various activities at our booth and a panel discussion with the GIGA's longstanding cooperation partner NDR as part of the Leibniz Competition project "Transfer for Transformation – T4T."

We had many inspiring discussions with the visitors to our booth and collected questions from committed citizens. These were subsequently answered by GIGA researchers. This dialogue is available online via the GIGA's website. Also, the T4T team conducted a survey on advancing knowledge exchange together with our diverse audiences, which we are continuing via our website. The project aims at developing new outreach formats as well as integrating the exchange with our target groups into the research process.

In the panel discussion on "New Paths, New Knowledge: Research and Journalism Globally

and Digitally" / "Neue Wege, neues Wissen: Forschung und Journalismus global und digital," we shed light on new information channels and forms of knowledge transfer that have a role to play both today and in the future. Our guests talked about new formats and their potential as well as challenges for supporting the work of researchers and journalists. Three young GIGA researchers who deal with current developments in Africa, Asia, and Latin America exchanged ideas with colleagues from NDR's foreign desk / Auslandsredaktion and the activist Düzen Tekkal about which conventional methods they continue to use and what works better and faster today. Together with the audience, they discussed why we need in-depth analysis and substantive reporting despite fast-moving technological possibilities and information overwhelm in times of compressed formats and short attention spans.

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Participants of the GIGA Talk “India’s Presidency of the G20”: Prof. Dr. Seeta Prabhu (TISS), Prof. Dr. Amrita Narlikar (GIGA), Wolfgang Niedermark (BDI), Prof. Dr. Bert Hoffmann (GIGA), Prof. Dr. Sachin Chaturvedi (RIS) (from left to right)

The new geopolitical context makes it more important than ever for foreign-policy makers to engage with experts on and from the Global South. The GIGA’s Berlin Office organises precisely such an exchange.

Located at the heart of the German capital, in walking distance to the Federal Foreign Office and the Bundestag, it is an ideal venue for face-to-face dialogue between GIGA scholars, guest speakers, and policy practitioners. The regular GIGA Talks (see below) combine on-site presentations with online outreach to include audiences in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East.

The GIGA Berlin Office is also a well-suited venue for high-level workshops bringing together international experts and the Berlin-based foreign-policy community, as in the two-day workshop on “Security Architecture and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia,” held on 27–28 November 2023.

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GIGA Talks in 2023

- Weaponising Fake News Laws
- Do Security Sector Reforms Help Peacebuilding?
- “China: Partner, Rival, System Competitor” – Expectations on the Implementation of the German Government’s China Strategy
- Turkish Republic Turns 100: Reflections on a Century of Statehood
- India’s Presidency of the G20: “LiFE, Resilience and Values” in a World of Geopolitics
- Are Sanctions against Russia Working? European and US Perspectives, and the Way Forward
- Platforms and Online Workers in India and Africa: Challenges and Opportunities for Decent Work
- Myanmar Two Years after the Coup: Return of the Past?



Prof. Dr. Bert Hoffmann

IMPACT STORY: THE GLOBAL SOUTH AND THE WEST



The 2023 BRICS summit marked a new chapter both for the alliance itself and for the Western world. With Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, the United Arab Emirates, and potentially Saudi Arabia becoming members in 2024 and around 40 countries expressing their wish to join, questions of the BRICS+’s future positioning were high on the agenda. With its expertise on political, economic, and social developments in the Global South and on international politics, the GIGA helped address these key questions once more.

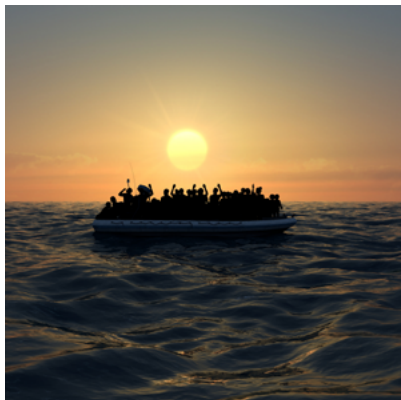
Miriam Prys-Hansen, Head of Research Programme 4 “Global Orders and Foreign Policies,” was a sought-after interview partner. Her assessment of the BRICS was broadcast, for example, by ZDF live, Phoenix, and Tagesschau 24. She previously was asked to comment on the G7, the G20, and the UN climate conferences.

The journal *Internationale Politik*, published by the German Council of Foreign Relations, featured conceptual work on the Global South by GIGA researchers Prys-Hansen, Amrita Narlikar, and

Nora Kürzdörfer. Policy papers on international institutions are also regularly published as part of the GIGA Focus series.

Wir sind nicht alle: Der Globale Süden und die Ignoranz des Westens (We Are Not All: The Global South and the Ignorance of the West) is the title of a much-recognised book by Johannes Plagemann (GIGA) and Henrik Maihack (Friedrich Ebert Foundation). It was on the Spiegel best-seller list (paperback non-fiction) for 2023 and was reviewed, inter alia, on Deutschlandfunk and the ARD flagship cultural format *ttt*. Rolf Mützenich, chairman of the SPD parliamentary group, attested in *Blog der Republik* that the authors “make an essential contribution to the development of a strategic German and European foreign and development policy with the countries of the Global South” (www.blog-der-republik.de/der-globale-sueden-und-die-ignoranz-des-westens-gastbeitrag-von-rolf-muetzenich/). Plagemann and Maihack were also invited to write op-eds for *Tagesspiegel*, *Zeit online*, and *Cicero*.

IMPACT STORY: MIGRATION IN EUROPE AND BEYOND



Over a period of five years, the EU-funded consortium “Migration Governance and Asylum Crises” (MAGYC, lead: University of Liège) analysed how European migration policy is influenced by the political crises triggered by (forced) migration. The final outreach conference took place in April 2023. It was attended by researchers from the consortium’s 12 partner institutions and from four further EU projects on migration.

The consortium’s research has demonstrated how policy decisions on migration and asylum have often been ad hoc, coming in response to crises rather than anticipating the changes occurring as regards these dynamics. The project therefore developed policy recommendations for the more efficient, forward-looking, and sustainable management of mobility. They aim to break path dependencies and are based on the experiences of experts, civil society actors, as well as migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers (in Europe and beyond).

The consortium’s report focuses on two sets of recommenda-

tions: one on EU foreign policy, the other on ways to support the reception and integration of migrants, refugees, and asylum seekers in Europe.

As part of MAGYC, the GIGA investigated the dynamics of South–South migration. Christiane Fröhlich coordinated the work package “Comparing Crisis” and was, together with Lea Müller-Funk, André Bank, and Nicole Hirt, responsible for policy advisory and academic papers on migration in North Africa, the Horn of Africa, and the Middle East.

The GIGA also contributes to shaping debates via the DFG-funded network “Migration and Im/Mobility in the Global South in Pandemic Times.” Fröhlich is also speaker of the German Network for Forced Migration Studies (Netzwerk Fluchtforschung e.V.). For their article “Mobility Control as State-Making in Civil War,” Fröhlich and Müller-Funk were awarded the 2023 Routledge Area Studies Interdisciplinarity Award. www.magyc.uliege.be/cms/c_11772161/en/magyc-summary-report

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Jan Lüth

The GIGA Information Centre (IZ) specialises in Area Studies and Comparative Area Studies, providing access to literature on and from Africa, Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East concerning international politics, the Social Sciences, and research methodologies.

In 2023, the IZ team developed a concept for the future acquisition and indexing of literature. Books that can be procured at short notice are no longer acquired in advance but “just in time” – that is, on demand. They will be acquired as e-books if the price and terms of use allow this. Following a market review and evaluation of supplier platforms, the IZ team has extended its existing cooperation with EBSCO Information Services for this purpose. Last year, the IZ team acquired 1,212 new titles, bringing the total number of items in its collection to 198,250. The IZ offers access to more than 11,000 e-books and 104,000 Open Access documents.

The IZ contributes to the German Information Network (FIV) and

added 4,208 new records to the World Affairs Online (WAO) bibliographic database. WAO is searchable in union catalogues of library networks, virtual subject libraries, subject portals, and resource-discovery systems worldwide, as shared under an Open Data licence. The IZ’s holdings appear in “KatalogHamburg,” a search engine operated by the State and University Library of Hamburg. This contributes to the increased visibility and dissemination of the GIGA’s research findings.

In future, the indexing activities of the IZ will focus on literature from the Global South, in this way contributing to the GIGA’s Global Approach to Scholarship. The indexing of the GIGA’s publication series and the publication of GIGA researchers’ work will continue. The concept will be implemented in cooperation with FIV partners in 2024.

The IZ team supports GIGA scholars throughout the research process, including on metadata curation for publications and research data in the GIGA’s research

information system. The research-data manager offers guidance, support, and training hereon, resulting in the documentation of 64 datasets on the GIGA website. Additionally, two datasets have been published on SowiDataNet, GIGA's partner repository for quantitative research data. The IZ team helps register ISSNs and ISBNs, assists with Open Researcher and Contributor Identifiers (ORCID) ID registration, and manages existing ORCID accounts. Since 2022, the IZ has consistently registered "Digital Object Identifiers" (DOIs) for the GIGA Focus and publication series from third-party-funded projects.

Scientific publishing is shifting to Open Access as a standard, as emphasised by the German Council of Science and Humanities and the German Research Foundation (DFG). The IZ has increased its participation in transformative licence agreements, ensuring GIGA researchers have access to major journals from Elsevier, Springer

Nature, and Wiley (DEAL agreements), as well as collections from Cambridge University Press, SAGE, and Taylor & Francis. Articles submitted by GIGA authors will be directly published Open Access. Securing publication funding is a strategic priority; the IZ's successful DFG grant application for the years 2023–2025 will contribute to these efforts. The management of publication fees is overseen by the IZ.

The IZ team indexed and deposited 34 GIGA Focus issues and 92 peer-reviewed journal articles by GIGA authors in the Social Science Open Access Repository (SSOAR). GIGA Focus texts were downloaded more than 68,000 times from SSOAR; deposited articles more than 42,000 times. Other publications that have been in part digitised in cooperation with external partners, such as the India and Korea Yearbooks or "China Aktuell," were also extensively downloaded – more than 59,000 times in 2023.

INFORMATION CENTRE UNDERGOES REFORM PROCESS



The reform process of the GIGA Information Centre that had been initiated in 2022 was carried forward in 2023. Its main aim is to shift priorities from classical library tasks to the development and provision of novel digital services. Staff members, in close exchange with the Institute's leadership, developed a concept for the future acquisition and indexing of literature based on the guidelines drawn up. The IZ team has successfully restructured its functions and related personnel resources. The re-organisation of the allocation of tasks will be continued in 2024, as will the revision of business processes.

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THIRD PARTY-FUNDED PROJECTS

RESEARCH PROGRAMME I: ACCOUNTABILITY AND PARTICIPATION

COVID-19 and Executive Personalization in Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, Latin America and the MENA Region (David Kuehn, Mariana Llanos, Thomas Richter, Martin Acheampong, Esther Song)
DFG, 2022–2024

Democratic Institutions in the Global South (DEMINGS) (Mariana Llanos, Daniela Osorio Michel, Alina Ripplinger, Eduardo Tamaki)
Leibniz Competition, Leibniz Programme for Women Professors, 2021–2026

Digital Diplomacy and Statecraft (Jann Lay, Amrita Narlikar (until Sept 2023), Miriam Prys-Hansen (as of Sept 2023), Thomas Richter (as of Sept 2023), Christian von Soest)
FFO unilateral funding, 2021–2024 (in collaboration with all Research Programmes)

German-Latin American Centre of Infection & Epidemiology Research and Training (GLACIER) (Bert Hoffman, Valeria Morales)
DAAD, lead: Univ. of Halle-Wittenberg, Charité Berlin, 2021–2025

Interventions on COVID-19 Vaccination and other infectious Diseases in the Migrant Population at the Colombian-Venezuelan Border (Bert Hoffmann, Merike Blofield, Jan Felix Drexler)
GIZ, 2022–2023

Justifying Repression in Authoritarian Regimes of the Arab World: Official Framing and Target Audiences (Maria Josua)
DFG, 2019–2024

Kinship and the Affective Politics of Citizenship in Post-Revolutionary Tunisia (Alyssa Miller)
AvH Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2022–2024

Mapping and Strengthening Civil Society Response to Disinformation (Andreas Ufen, Sangeeta Mahapatra, Janjira Sombatpoonsiri)
National Endowment for Democracy, 2023–2025

Merian Center for Advanced Studies in the Maghreb (MECAM) / Phase I (André Bank, Thomas Richter, Alyssa Miller)
BMBF, lead: University Marburg, 2020–2023

Merian Center for Advanced Studies in the Maghreb (MECAM) / Phase II (André Bank, Thomas Richter)
BMBF, lead: University Marburg, 2023–2029

Monitoring System und Transfer Platform Radicalisation (MOTRA) (Thomas Richter, Selman Almohamad, Mirna El Masri, Janosch Kleinschnittger)
BMBF, lead: BKA, 2019–2024

Sanctions Termination in Times of Crises: Unpacking the Role of External Shocks (Julia Grauvogel, Hana Attia)
DFG (prolongation), 2022–2024 (in collaboration with Research Programme 2)

Strengthening Civil Society Against the Weaponization of Anti-Fake News Laws: A Comparison of India, Indonesia, and Thailand (Andreas Ufen, Sangeeta Mahaptra, Janjira Sombatpoonsiri)
GIGA, 2023–2024

The Belt and Road Initiative and Southeast Asian Countries: The Debt Curse Perspective; WP “Political Implications of the BRI in Malaysia” (Andreas Ufen, Akihisa Mori)
Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, lead: Kyoto University, 2021–2023

The Political Risks of Subsidy Reform in the MENA region (Thomas Richter, Moritz Schmoll, Amir Abdul Reda)
Mohammed VI Polytechnic University, lead: Bath University, 2022–2023

Transnational Lives in the Shadow of Repression: Diaspora Youth and the Struggle for Democracy – Case Study Eritrea (Nicole Hirt)
Swedish Research Council, lead: University of Gothenburg, 2020–2023

RESEARCH PROGRAMME 2: PEACE AND SECURITY

Climate, Climatic Change, and Society, Phase I (Amrita Narlikar, Miriam Prys-Hansen, Christian von Soest)
Cluster of Excellence participation; lead: University of Hamburg, DFG, 2019–2025) (in collaboration with Research Programme 4)

Context Matters – Country-Specific Politico-Economic Analyses, Conflict and Crises Potentials, as well as Global and Regional Trends / Phase II (Sabine Kurtenbach, Daniel Dücker, Michael Radseck)
BMZ, 2019–2023 (in collaboration with all Research Programmes)

Context Matters – Country-Specific Politico-Economic Analyses, Conflict and Crises Potentials, as well as Global and Regional Trends / Phase III (Sabine Kurtenbach, Daniel Dücker, Sebastian Huhn)
BMZ, 2023–2027 (in collaboration with all Research Programmes)

Democratizing Security in Turbulent Time (Sabine Kurtenbach)
IFSH, HSU, and UHH, Landesforschungsförderung Hamburg, 2021–2024

Digital Diplomacy and Statecraft (Jann Lay, Dr. Amrita Narlikar (until Sept 2023), Miriam Prys-Hansen (as of Sept 2023), Thomas Richter (as of Sept 2023), Christian von Soest)

FFO unilateral funding, 2021–2024 (in collaboration with all Research Programmes)

Diversification and Economic Resilience of Iran (Sara Bazoobandi)

EC Marie Curie IF, 2021–2024

Freedom and Development? Religious Actors, Freedom of Belief and Religion, and Sustainable Development (Matthias Basedau, Amanda tho Seeth)

BMZ, 2020–2023

Impact of Sanctions on Senders Countries' Enterprises – the Case of the Russian–Ukraine Military Conflict (Julia Grauvogel, lead: Beata Stepien (PUEB))

NAWA, 2022–2023

Legal Identity Under Insurgencies and Unrecognised States (Marika Sosnowski, lead: Bart Klem, Alicia de la Cour Venning)

Swedish Research Council, 2022–2023

Mediating Islam in the Digital Age (MIDA), WP “Contested Authority and Knowledge Production” (Jens Heibach, Thijl Sunier)

H2020 ITN participation, lead: Centre for Near and Middle Eastern Studies, University Marburg, EC, 2019–2023

Migration and Im/Mobility in the Global South in Pandemic Times (Christiane Fröhlich, lead: Antje Missbach, Heike Drotbohm)

DFG Scientific Network, 2021–2024

Migration Governance and Asylum Crises (MAGYC), WP “Comparing Crises” (Christiane Fröhlich, André Bank, Nicole Hirt, Lea Müller-Funk)

H2020 participation, lead: Hugo Observatory, University of Liège, EC, 2018–2023

PEACEptions (Sabine Kurtenbach)

FES, 2021–2024

Reassessing European Development Assistance in Afghanistan, 2016–2023 (Nazir Ahmad Yosufi)

Gerda-Henkel Fellowship, 2023–2024

Religion for Peace. Identifying Conditions and Mechanisms of Interfaith Peace (Matthias Basedau, Lisa Hoffmann, Julia Köbrich)

DFG, 2020–2024

SAGE-Centre (Sustainable Adaptation to Global Change in the Middle East) (Christiane Fröhlich, Eckart Woertz, lead: Katja Tielbörger)

DAAD, 2021–2025

Sanctions Termination in Times of Crises: Unpacking the Role of External Shocks (Julia Grauvogel, Hana Attia)

DFG (prolongation), 2022–2024 (in collaboration with Research Programme 1)

Targeting: How the USA and EU Use Individual Sanctions (INSA) (Christian von Soest)

DSF, 2023–2025

The Dynamics of Mass Protests (DMP): The Influence of Composition, Demands, and Tactics on Violent Outcomes (Christian von Soest, lead: Belén González, Nils Weidmann)

DFG, 2023–2026

The Monopoly on the Use of Force and Paradoxes of Security – Discrepancies between Objective and Subjective Security in the Central African Republic and Lebanon (Tim Glawion)

DFG, 2020–2023

Women and Peace Negotiations: A Comparative Study of the Naga and Bodo Conflicts in Northeast India (Amrita Saikia)

Thyssen fellowship, 2023–2024

World Order Narratives of the Global South (Eckart Woertz, Amrita Narlikar)

BMBF Area Studies Call, lead: University of Hamburg, 2021–2024 (in collaboration with Research Programme 4)

RESEARCH PROGRAMME 3: GLOBALISATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Digital Diplomacy and Statecraft (Jann Lay, Amrita Narlikar (until Sept 2023), Miriam Prys-Hansen (as of Sept 2023), Thomas Richter (as of Sept 2023), Christian von Soest)

FFO unilateral funding, 2021–2024 (in collaboration with all Research Programmes)

Integrated Analyses of Policies for Sustainable Rural Economies (Jann Lay, Anette Ruml)

DFG, part of CRC 990 / Phase III, project C 11, 2020–2023

Land Matrix, Phase III (Jann Lay, Insa Flachsbarth)

BMZ, 2019–2023

Landscape-level Assessment of Ecological and Socioeconomic Functions of Rain-forest Transformation Systems in Sumatra (Indonesia) (Jann Lay)

DFG, part of CRC 990 / Phase III, project B10, 2020–2023

Leibniz Research Alliance “INFECTIONS in an Urbanizing World – Humans, Animals, Environments (InfUrb)” (Renate Hartwig, Lena Merkel)

Leibniz Competition, lead: Forschungszentrum Borstel, 2021–2025

Maria Sibylla Merian Institute for Advanced Studies in Africa (MIASA) (Jann Lay, Julia Grauvogel, Lisa Hoffmann)

BMBF, Maria Sibylla Merian Centre / Phase II, project participation, lead: University of Freiburg, 2020–2026

Platforms and Online Workers in India and Africa: Challenges and Opportunities for Decent Work (Jann Lay, Tevin Tafese)
GIZ, 2022–2023

Research Network, Sustainable Global Supply Chains, Phase II (Jann Lay, Tevin Tafese)
BMZ, lead: IDOS, 2022–2025

Scientific Support to and Research on the Impacts of the Special Initiative “Decent Work for a Just Transition“ (RéUsSITE) , Phase I (Jann Lay, Tabea Lakemann, Jan Priebe)
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Transfer for Transformation – Knowledge Exchange with Global Reach (T4T) (Amrita Narlikar)
Leibniz Competition, Transfer funding line, 2022–2024 (in collaboration with Research Programme 4)

RESEARCH PROGRAMME 4: GLOBAL ORDERS AND FOREIGN POLICIES

Climate, Climatic Change, and Society, Phase I (Amrita Narlikar, Miriam Prys-Hansen, Christian von Soest)
Excellence Strategy participation, lead: University of Hamburg, 2019–2025 (in collaboration with Research Programme 2)

Contestations of the Liberal Script, Research Unit (Re-)Allocation (Amrita Narlikar)
Excellence Strategy participation, lead: FU Berlin, 2019–2025

Digital Diplomacy and Statecraft (Jann Lay, Amrita Narlikar (until Sept 2023), Miriam Prys-Hansen (as of Sept 2023), Thomas Richter (as of Sept 2023), Christian von Soest)
FFO unilateral funding, 2021–2024 (in collaboration with all Research Programmes)

Ensuring Safe, Transparent and Mutually Beneficial Collaboration with China at Analytical Research Infrastructures (WIKOOP-INFRA) (Margot Schüller, Marcus Conlé)
BMBF, lead: DESY, 2021–2024

Environmental Crisis – Crisis Environments: The Contestation Pandemic and Governance of Environmental Changes as Crisis (CrisEn) (Miriam Prys-Hansen)
participation in Leibniz Research Network, lead: HSFK, 2021–2026

Explaining Middle-Power Engagement in External Regions: A Comparison of Iranian, Saudi, and Turkish Sub-Saharan Africa Policies (Jens Heibach, Mira Demidirek, Hamid Talebian)

DFG, 2022–2025

HNC³ – Hamburg Network on Compliance in Cooperation with China (Patrick Köllner, Margot Schüller)

BMBF “Regio-China“-Call, lead: University of Hamburg, 2023–2026

Integrated Earth System Research (iESF) (Miriam Prys-Hansen)

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DFG, 2018–2022

Performance Monitoring Asia Pacific Research Area (APRA), Phase II (Margot Schüller, Iris Wiczorek, Marcus Conlé, Yun Schüler-Zhou)

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4.	Amortisation of special items (reversal of accruals, etc.)	2,651,935
5.	Other operating income	48,503
Total revenues		15,096,450

Expenses (in EUR)

1.	Staff expenditures	8,111,237
2.	Service expenses; material and operating expenses	4,072,152
3.	Allocation to special items (accruals, etc.)	2,913,061
Total expenses		15,096,450

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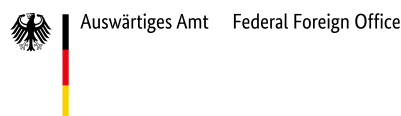
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