



GSGG General Meeting 23 June 2020

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Election of Doctoral Delegates



2. Report of GSGG Office

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1. The current situation

Survey from the April Newsletter to ramifications of the lockdown

- Child care and home office
- Access to libraries/archives/LSG
- Loss of jobs (outside the university) and engagements (freelancers)
- Psychic strains

Office

- Our new colleague Sabine Karger
- In the engine room: digitalisation of acceptance as doctoral student and registration with the GSGG

Feedback doctoral students/Covid-19 pandemic

The office's work was marked heavily by the Covid-19 pandemic in the last few months. Doctoral students, too, are facing unique challenges; it is primarily these points that trouble them in these times (from feedback to the survey in the April Newsletter):

- Child care and home office
- Access to libraries/archives/LSG
- Loss of jobs (outside the university) and mandates (freelancers)
- Psychic strain

Office

Since May, Sabine Karger works in the office's secretariat.

Project: Digitalisation of acceptance as doctoral student and registration with the GSGG:

- Daily life aspect: avoidance of redundancies for new doctoral students (no need to hand into the GSGG what has already been handed into the examination office), automatization of administrative work within the GSGG.
- University politics: Part of the university wide implementation of the University Statistics Law: Science politics and university research want data on doctoral studies (as well as on BA and MA studies), which were collected by hand so far and will be available superiorly edited.



2. Qualification Programme

Review

- Switch from events in presence to online offers

Upcoming Courses

- September: Schreibwerkstatt: Textproduktion analysieren und optimieren (Online Workshop, in German)
- October: Fairschreiben – Gute wissenschaftliche Praxis und wissenschaftliches Schreiben (Online Workshop, in German)
- November: Schreibwerkstatt kompakt (Online Workshop, in German)

Hetairos programme

Due to the pandemic, the **course programme** has been converted to online offers where possible. The doctoral students' reaction was entirely positive, so that a mix of presence and online courses will be kept in the future, too.

Currently, registrations are dropping; possible reasons are the challenges of the advanced semester, teaching commitment and oversaturation due to numerous online events.

The **Hetairos programme** won't be taking place in the winter semester 2020/21. No predictions can be made regarding the future development.



3. Alumni

Dr Till Manning, *Ministry for
Science and Culture of
Lower Saxony* (26 November
2019)

Dr Johanna Brumberg,
VolkswagenStiftung
(7 January 2020)



Alumni events will continue. If you have suggestions for topics and possible alumni, please contact the office.



4. Grants and allowances

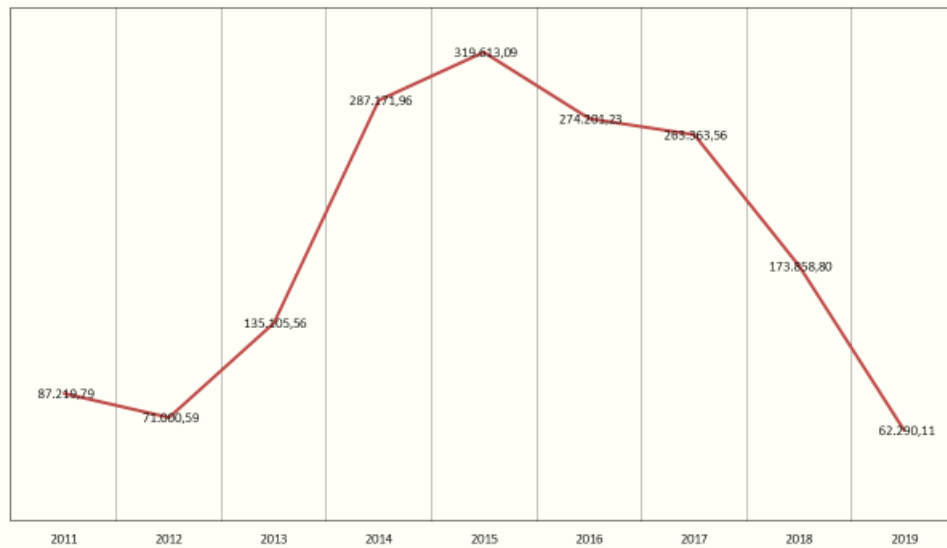
- Allowances for conference and research trips: Currently suspended due to the pandemic; decision on opening the line of funding on July 10
- More pandemic compatible lines of funding in preparation, further information thereon after the board meeting on July 10

Since March, **business trips** have been generally prohibited by the university administration, the respective **GSGG funding lines** (grants for conference and research trips) have therefore been suspended. A refund of cancellation fees for already granted allowances for trips was possible on short notice.

The GSGG is currently conceiving of **pandemic compatible funding lines**, which will be discussed during the next board meeting.



4. Grants and allowances



The **funding volume** dropped continuously over the last years. That is primarily due to a more restrictive granting of completion grants; allowances for trips and self-organised events will continue to be funded to their usual extent.



5. Prospects

- As in the previous year: No fundamental strategical decisions until the realignment of the university management
- Day of the GSGG: November 5 2020, this year without the insights into the Humanities, but as always with the Christian-Gottlob-Heyne award

Since the end of 2019, the university has been headed by **provisional president** Prof. Dr. Reinhard Jahn. Trend-setting decisions will only be made with a new administration – there is currently no call for a new president.

The **Day of the GSGG** on November 5 will take place this year without the insights into the humanities, the **Christian-Gottlob-Heyne-Award** will also be awarded this year. The preparations occur two-pronged (presence/online).





Thank you for your kind attention!
Questions, suggestions, criticism?

Umfrage Wahl

GSGG-Kursprogramm

Anzahl der ausgewerteten Fragebögen: 25

	Frage	Auswertungsteil der geschlossenen Fragen	Auswertung	n
Wahl zur Promovierendenvvertretung Kandidat*innen/Candidates				
		Lina Hartel (programmgebundene Promovierende/PhD student in program)		8.33 %
	Yassin Abou El Fadl (Individualpromovierender/individual PhD student)		51.67 %	