

NEWSLETTER

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*Dear members, partners, and friends of the
Research Training Group DYNAMICS,*

This newsletter addresses anyone interested in the activities of the DFG-Research Training Group DYNAMICS. DYNAMICS is a joint endeavor of the Department of Social Sciences at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and the Hertie School and funded by the German Research Foundation. Over the course of four years, a total of 35 doctoral researchers will study the relationship between demographic change, democratic processes, and public policy.

In our newsletter, we will inform you about past and upcoming events of the Research Training Group at Humboldt-Universität Berlin and Hertie School and will also introduce selected faculty, PhD students and their research. This is our first edition. We hope you enjoy it.

Best regards from the DYNAMICS –Team

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“The Dynamics of
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Meet the new DYNAMICS-Team:

Charlotte Reinisch is our Managing Director. She is a Social Scientist (University of Mannheim / UNC Chapel Hill) specializing in Science Management. Having worked in research and having taught at the Department of Political Science at the University of Zurich, Charlotte is familiar with the challenges and opportunities in academia, especially for early-career researchers. She has a strong background in higher education management from former management positions at the University of Zurich, the University of Potsdam and Technical University Berlin focusing on talent management, recruiting, internationalization and diversity.

As Managing Director at DYNAMICS, she is head of the management unit, undertakes governance tasks, coordinates the curriculum, the lecture series and other events, monitors doctoral track records and consults doctoral researchers.

Janette Ückert is our administrative assistant. She is a foreign language-secretary. After her apprenticeship, she worked in the medical-custodial field for 9 years, and in the last two years at the administration of a clinic for psychosomatic medicine and psychotherapy, where she additionally works until the end of 2019. At DYNAMICS, Janette takes care of the bureaucratic and organizational part of our Ph.D. program and supports our visiting researchers.

Isabella Montini is our student assistant. She was born and raised in São Paulo, Brazil. She moved to Berlin in August 2018 to begin her studies at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin with a DAAD-Scholarship. She is currently in the third semester of Social Sciences Mono-Bachelor. Isabella assists the Managing Director with the organization of events and administrative tasks and supports the doctoral students.



(From left to right) Isabella Montini, Charlotte Reinisch und Janette Ückert

Appointments

Prof. Thomas Meyer was nominated by the PhD students as Ombudsperson.

Anthea Alberto was appointed as Gender Equality and Equal Opportunity Officer 2020-2022.

António Valentim was nominated as the student representative in the Selection Panel 2020.

Daniele Florean was elected as Doctoral Student Representative and Dominic Gohla as his deputy.

News

DYNAMICS joined “METIS”, a platform for Gender Equality and Family Friendliness in Research Alliances at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin. This network of research alliances provides advice on how to promote gender equality and family friendliness in academic work environments.

More info: www.metis.hu-berlin.de

Events

DYNAMICS Welcome Event

On September 2nd, we held an inauguration for 11 emerging researchers who started their academic journey at DYNAMICS. Our first cohort of doctoral students was welcomed by the spokesperson from Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Prof. Heike Klüver, the Co-spokesperson from Hertie School, Prof. Michaela Kreyenfeld, and all principal investigators from both institutions.

The doctoral students were introduced to the academic program and received a tour of the North Campus of Humboldt-Universität where the DYNAMICS office is located. After a lunch break, Prof. Ellen Immergut from the European University Institute gave an inspiring talk about “The Dynamics of Policy Responsiveness in Health Care”. In the evening, a reception was held to foster exchange between doctoral students and faculty. Welcome aboard!



Lecture Series:

This semester, we welcomed visiting researcher Prof. Gunnar Andersson from Stockholm University, Prof. Fabrizio Gilardi from the University of Zurich and Prof. Catherine de Vries from Free University of Amsterdam at DYNAMICS. All of them gave inspiring talks in the framework of our lecture series. The DYNAMICS lecture series is a great opportunity for doctoral students to learn about recent work by international scholars and to increase their academic network by building close relationships with renowned international experts in the field.

Career Talks: Empowering Exchanges

The initiative Women @ DYNAMICS hosts various events for female doctoral students in our Research Training Group.

This semester, Career Talks with established female researchers and our female doctoral students took place for the first time.

The Career Talks aim at empowering exchanges and addressing challenges and opportunities for female researchers who follow an academic career path. We were grateful that Dr. Denise Traber from University of Lucerne and Prof. Catherine de Vries from Free University of Amsterdam gave insights into their career paths and powerful advice to our female doctoral students this semester.

We are looking forward to welcoming more excellent female researchers at DYNAMICS as role models in 2020.

Future Events in the upcoming semester:

February 11

Career Talks Women @ DYNAMICS with
Dr. Julia Schulte-Cloos, LMU Munich

February 13

Workshop on „Population Forecast
Intervention“ with **Prof. Gunnar Andersson**,
Stockholm University

April 6

Talk by **Prof. Evelyne Huber**, University of
North Carolina at Chapel Hill

May 18

Talk by **Prof. Silja Häusermann**, University of
Zurich
& DYNAMICS Advisory Board Meeting

June 29

Talk by **Prof. Georg Vanberg**, Duke University

June 4-5

Workshop „An Introduction to the Socio-
economic Panel“ with **Prof. Martin Kroh**,
Bielefeld University

Call for Applications

In the first call for applications, we recruited 11 excellent candidates as doctoral students at DYNAMICS. Our students come from a wide range of cultural backgrounds and universities, from Colombia, Mexico, Portugal, Italy, and Germany.

The second call for applications with 5 fully-funded doctoral researcher positions is now published. We are looking forward to recruiting more brilliant PhD candidates.

Deadline for application is January 7, 2020.

More information: www.dynamics.hu-berlin.de

Email: dynamics.admissions@hu-berlin.de

Say hi to our first cohort of doctoral students!



Cristina Samper, Daniele Florean, Maria Hornung, Gabriel Tarriba, Sarah Schmauk, António Diniz, Joshua Cova, Dominic Gohla and Tom Arend. (from left to right; missing in this picture: Anthea Alberto and Fabio Ellger)

We wish everybody happy holidays, and all the best for 2020! We are looking forward to working with you in the new year.

