

BGHS Annual Review 2022

Community and Activities



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BGHS Community Facts and Figures

Doctoral researchers at the BGHS
(winter term 2022/23)

**Admissions to doctoral
programme 2022**

**Successfully completed
doctorates in 2022**

	female	male	total
sociology	66	62	128
history	37	42	69
total	103	94	197

	female	male	total
sociology	12	15	27
history	0	3	3
total	12	18	30

	female	male	total
sociology	5	7	12
history	2	5	7
total	7	12	19

BGHS Community Facts and Figures

52% female, 29% international

2% BGHS doctoral scholarship/position holders, 17% other scholarship holders, 59% academic staff, and 22% individually funded researchers

225 alumni since 2008

55 professors: 20 in Department of History, 35 in Faculty of Sociology

BGHS Community Facts and Figures

Projects in the faculties with BGHS participation

Second funding phase of the Collective Research Center Practices of Comparing

First funding phase of Research Training Group Experiencing Gender

Leibniz ScienceCampus

Granting of second funding phase of Research Training Group World Politics

... and many more excellent research projects in the Department of History and the Faculty of Sociology!

BGHS Community People

Doctoral Representatives

Doctoral Programme:

Cornelis Holtkamp (history)

Mariza Mathis (sociology)

International Matters:

Frederic Kunkel (history)

Long Nguyen (sociology)

Social & Cultural Affairs:

Anastasiia Zaplatina (history)

Ilgim Simsek (sociology)

Directors

Klaus Weinhauer (director)

Ruth Ayaß (deputy director)

BGHS Office

Clara Buitrago (coordinator for internationalisation)

Nicole Käufler (student assistant)

Ulf Ortmann (coordinator non-university careers)

Sabine Schäfer (executive manager)

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19 successfully completed doctorates in chronological order

Lasse Bjoern Lassen (History): The “Castro Doctrine”: Cuban Diplomacy in Global Solidarity Organizations 1959-1967. Propagating Democracy of the Marginalized and Defending National Sovereignty in a Hostile World

Georg Kessler (Sociology): Kriminalität im jungen Erwachsenenalter - Bedeutung für kriminologische Theoriebildung und Methodologie

Laura Lükemann (Sociology): Gender inequalities in German work organizations: differences in claims-making for career progress and working time adjustment

Torben Möbius (History): Das Management ständigen Wandels: konkurrenzförmige Vergleichspraktiken der deutschen und der US-amerikanischen Eisen- und Stahlindustrie (1870–1940)

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Jan-Holm Sussieck (Sociology): Populismus. Die Zuschreibung illegitimer Volksorientierung in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland

Isabell Diekmann (Sociology): Good Muslims, bad Islam? Zur differenzierten Betrachtung feindlicher Einstellungen gegenüber Menschen und Religion

Eileen Peters (Sociology): Relational inequalities at work: How are social inequalities between categorically different groups (re-) produced in local workplace contexts?

Ayomide Kolawole (Sociology): The Ideas and Politics of Universal Social Pensions in the Global South: A Comparative Analysis

Katrin Weible (Sociology): Social citizenship for “the poor”? Large N data construction, conceptualization, and comparative analysis of social cash transfers across the global South

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Paul-Matthias Tyrell (History): „Only a stream between...“ Lokale Strategien im Umgang mit der „Filterfunktion“ der Grenze am Detroit River in den 1920er Jahren

Bastian Bredenkötter (Sociology): Mobile Manager als Boundary Spanner. Eine Untersuchung der Grenzstellenarbeit in multinationalen Unternehmen

Lili Zhu (History): Deutsch-chinesischer Waffenhandel (1922-1941). Eine Verflechtungsgeschichte

Jan Handelmann (Sociology): (Zwischen) Wissen und Nichtwissen: Vorstellungen von Fachleitungen zur Professionalität sozialwissenschaftlicher Lehrkräfte

Johannes Nagel (History): U.S. Military Reform and the Observation of the World, 1865–1905

Marcus B. Carrier (History): Der Wert von Methoden – Methodenwahl in der forensischen Toxikologie des 19. Jahrhunderts im deutsch-französischen Vergleich

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Yaatsil Guevara González (Sociology): Ad interim: Everyday life of Central American Refugees at the “La 72” shelter in Tenosique, Mexico

Mehran Haji Mohammadian (Sociology): The Rise of Retirement in Iran. A Movement from Margin of Social Policy to Center?

Junchen Yan (Sociology): Wie kann man die Waiqi white-collars als Gruppe beschreiben? – Eine kritische soziologische Untersuchung zur Deutungsaushandlung im Rahmen der Artikulation des chinesischen Modern-Werdens (2012–2018)

Theresa Hornischer (History): Interventionsstrategien weiblicher Intellektueller in der Zwischenkriegszeit in Frankreich: der Fall Léo Wanner / Stratégies d'intervention des femmes intellectuelles pendant la période de l'entre-deux-guerres en France: le cas de Léo Wanner (cotutelle with Université Paris Cité)

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Awards

BGHS alumna **Vera Linke** won a Dissertation Prize of the University Society of Bielefeld University for her work on *Common Grounds. A Study of the Shared Foundations of Today's Separate Spheres of Insurance*.

BGHS alumnus **Stefan Laffin** won a Dissertation Prize of the University Society of Bielefeld University for his work on the topic *Ein ‚Befreier‘, der nicht mehr geht? Die alliierte Besatzung Süditaliens, 1943-1947.*

BGHS alumnus **Zoltán Simon** received the 2022 Book Award from the International Commission for the History and Theory of Historiography (ICHTH) and the International Network for Theory of History (INTH) for his book *History in Times of Unprecedented Change: A Theory for the 21st Century* for the best book on any aspect of the history and theory of historiography, published between 2016 and 2020.

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Awards

BGHS alumnus **Edvaldo Moita** was awarded the price for the best dissertation in 2021 by the Brazilian Association for Philosophy of Law and Sociology of Law (ABRAFI) and the “European Award for Legal Theory” by the European Academy of Legal Theory (EALT).

BGHS alumna **Mahshid Mayar** was awarded the “Shelley Fisher Fishkin Prize for International Scholarship in Transnational American Studies” for her book *Citizens and Rulers of the World: The American Child and the Cartographic Pedagogies of Empire*.

Ngoc Luong, BGHS doctoral researcher has been awarded the VSG Graduate Essay Prize for the best text of a graduate this year by the Vietnam Studies Group (VSG) in the Association for Asian Studies for her contribution entitled *Betting on the Future: Financial Activities by Migrant Factory Workers in Vietnam*.

BGHS Activities

Doctoral positions and scholarships

The BGHS applied successfully for **3 doctoral positions** at the Faculty of Sociology. Ragna Verhoeven, Stefan Rohrhirsch and İlgim Çığıl Şimşek have been selected in the gender- and diversity-responsive selection procedure of the BGHS and started their positions in October and November.

The BGHS also applied successfully for **4 scholarships for international doctoral researchers** in the Graduate School Scholarship Programme (GSSP) of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). The selection procedure for 2 scholarships is running currently; 2 more scholarships will be advertised in spring 2023.

BGHS Activities

Congress of German Sociological Association (DGS)

The BGHS contributed to the DGS Congress (26-30 September) with an **information desk** in the main hall of Bielefeld University providing a poster and an information leaflet of the BGHS programme.

On 27 September, the BGHS organised an Interdisciplinary Dialogue on the topic **Gesellschaft in der Dauerkrise?** (society in permanent crisis?). The discussants were Eleonora Rohland and Silke Schwandt from Bielefeld University as historians and Oliver Dimbath (University of Koblenz-Landau) and Markus Schroer (University of Marburg) as sociologists.

BGHS Activities

Linie 4

5 lectures at vhs Bielefeld ([more information](#))

Tim Rieke: Deutsche Bürokratie in tropischen Gefilden – Wie können Historiker*innen zu deutschen Konsuln in Südamerika im 19. Jahrhundert forschen? (02.05.2022)

Christoph Herkströter: Erinnerung als politisches Mittel. Die Gedenkstätte Buchenwald zwischen Antifaschismus der DDR und Opfergedenken der BRD (16.05.2022)

Marie-Sophie Borchelt: Solidarität unter Nachbar*innen - politisches Handeln von unten (30.05.2022)

Elisa Gensler: „Ich bin kein Roboter“ – Wenn Algorithmen Entscheidungsprozesse in der Arbeitswelt übernehmen (13.06.2022)

Jan Gräber: Welche Gegenwart erzeugt eigentlich die Geschichtswissenschaft? Historische Erkenntnis zwischen Neutralität, Parteilichkeit und Auftrag (20.06.2022)

BGHS Activities

Linie 4 – in preparation for 2023

4 lectures at vhs Bielefeld

Paulo Isenberg-Lima: Einstellungen zur Umwelt in Familien – Generationenkonflikt oder Kulturkampf? (08.05.2023)

Carolin Kaiser: Von "Herrennaturen" und "Eunuchen" – Das schwierige Verhältnis der Soldaten zur Weimarer Republik (22.05.2023)

Catharina Wessing: Kolonialismus ohne Kolonien? Die Zeitschrift "Der Deutsche Kulturpionier" nach 1919 (05.06.2023)

Stella-Mo Nüschen: Was steckt hinter einem Clan? Die Kommunikation über vermeintlich kriminelle Großfamilien, wie sie konstruiert werden und wozu (12.06.2023)

BGHS Activities

Project Non-university careers

5 scholarships for practice projects successfully completed

Oluwasinmisade Akin-Aina prepared a programme evaluation on the Mathare Social Justice Centre's (Nairobi, Kenya) foundational campaign on *Extrajudicial Killings and Police Abuse of Power*.

Gladys Vásquez Zevallos organized, in collaboration with Kuskalla Abya Yala, an NGO devoted to the revitalization of the native languages of Quechua, a workshop with activists.

MD Moynul Haque carried out a discussion session titled *Nonviolent Civil Resistance: Insights from Bangladesh and Beyond* that he carried out in a non-university organization called Forum Ziviler Friedensdienst e.V. (forumZFD).

BGHS Activities

Project Non-university careers

Tipu Sultan organised two workshops on *Gender Role Attitudes and Work-Life-Balance among Dual-Earner-Couples in Pakistan* in cooperation with the District Population Welfare Office in Gujrat (Pakistan).

Stella Pölkemann prepared an expertise for Transcript Verlag.

All reports on practical projects can be found [here](#).

BGHS Activities

Project Non-university careers

8 Practitioners in talk

Rainer Volk, radio journalist at the Südwestfunk

Christian Ulbricht, BGHS alumnus and manager of the Welcome Center of the Greifswald region

Nicole Zielke, BGHS alumna and project coordinator at Theaterwerkstatt Bethel

Urs Ruf, manager of the Technologieberatungsstelle NRW with DGB NRW e.V.

Andrea Schneider-Braunberger, executive manager of Gesellschaft für Unternehmensgeschichte e.V.

Stephanie Geissler, executive manager of „Arbeit und Leben VHS/DGB im Kreis Herford e.V.“

BGHS Activities

Project Non-university careers

Susanne Kill, manager of the historical archive of Deutsche Bahn

Andreas Wenninger, research coordinator at Bayerisches Forschungsinstitut für Digitale Transformation (bidt)

All interviews with practitioners can be found [here](#).

BGHS Activities

Project Non-university careers

2 BGHS members took part in the **Mentoring Programme „Non-university careers“**. The programme ran from January to September 2022 and included mentoring tandems, peer mentoring and career talks.

Career talks, Doing-a-PhD-Coaching and PhD-Training

Ulf Ortmann offered individual talks about career development and both individual coaching and PhD training workshops for challenges in connection with the doctorate.

Outreach

Ulf Ortmann organised **two workshops** with colleagues at Bielefeld University employed in training for doctoral researchers and a panel discussion about the scholarships for practical projects with members of the Rectorate and scholarship holders.

BGHS Activities Internationalisation

Transatlantic Workshop Bielefeld/Notre Dame 2022

From 13 until 16 May 2022, 20 doctoral researchers mainly in History from the University of Notre Dame/Indiana and Bielefeld University exchanged research papers and discussed their dissertation projects ranging from ethnographic comparison in Late Antiquity to Fritz Bauer's Auschwitz Trial and German democracy. The annual workshop is organised by the Department of History and took place in Bielefeld this year. Next year it will be in Notre Dame.

PhD Conference Lund/York/Bielefeld

On 7 June 2022, the PhD Conference Lund/York/Bielefeld took place online, organised by the Department of History in cooperation with the BGHS. Doctoral researchers from the three universities presented their research projects and had the chance to exchange their experiences.

BGHS Activities

Internationalisation

International Workshop Social Movements on the Move: Interdisciplinary perspectives on global and local practices of street action, identity politics and remembrance

On 19/20 May, the BGHS organised an international workshop on social movements with scholars from the universities of Örebro (Sweden), Ostrava (Czech Republic), Bologna (Italy) and Guadalajara (Mexico) who commented on research projects of BGHS doctoral researchers.

Selection of 2 doctoral candidates in the GSSP

The BGHS is currently in the process of selecting doctoral candidates for scholarships funded by the DAAD in the Graduate School Scholarship Programme (GSSP). The scholarships will start in October 2023. 2 more scholarships (starting in April 2024) will be advertised in spring 2023.

BGHS Activities Internationalisation

In preparation

Clara Buitrago is currently preparing a **Blended Intensive Programme (BIP)** funded by the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union. With the topic *Understanding – the researchers' perspectives and knowledge production* the BIP will give doctoral researchers from up to 5 international universities and BGHS doctoral researchers the opportunity to present and discuss their research projects in presence (late September 2023) and online (October–December 2023).

Clara also plans to organise an online meeting where **international alumni of the BGHS** report on their career paths after their doctorate.

BGHS Activities continually ...

Organisation of the **Welcome Days** and the **Research Retreat** for the new BGHS members

Organisation of Transferable Skills workshops and information meetings on services for doctoral researchers at Bielefeld University

Coordination of the curriculum and enquiry about suggestions of BGHS members for courses

Allocation of work places on the BGHS floor

Publication of the weekly **BGHS Newsletter** and the **BGHS Blog**

Feedback on BGHS members' annual progress reports

Preparation of Transcripts of the Doctoral Programme

Support of third-party-funding proposals

Providing information, advice and support in all matters of the doctorate

BGHS Doctoral Representatives Activities

Organisation of the BGHS Plenary Meetings

Participation to BGHS formal and informal meetings: BGHS Board, Selection committees for doctoral positions/scholarships, Directors Meetings, Representatives Team Meetings, Welcome Days with university tour and Q&A session

Weekly coffee break on Fridays (1.30-3.00 p.m.) – **join all**

Organisation of social events: Halloween party

In preparation for 2023:

International Research Week in cooperation with Clara Buitrago





And finally ...

... Merry Christmas !