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Dear doctoral students,
Dear graduates,

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

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

Martin Ertelt

Information from the GGG:

[Introducing: The new PhD Representatives](#)

The PhD representative is the contact person for PhD students of social sciences and gives them a voice in the graduate school, the faculty, the university and in the general public.

[GGG Upcoming Courses](#)

The qualification program of GGG includes courses on self-competence and social skills, competencies needed for your PhD project, and professional skills. You will find the next upcoming workshops of the GGG online.

[Data Literacy with Focus on Research Data Management: Upskilling your data competencies for your thesis \(02. & 03./05./08./09./11./12.06.26\)](#)

Do you intend to strengthen your research with solid data practices? This hands-on in-person course introduces essential skills in Data Literacy and Research Data Management (RDM) – from data collection and organization to evaluation, sharing, and publication. Work directly with your own PhD project and gain practical tools you can apply immediately.

[Support Measures](#)

The Göttingen Graduate School of Social Sciences provides support measures and scholarships for PhD students of social sciences. At the moment GGG offers new support for your qualification and networking activities.

[KI/AI Sessions \(13.07./10.08./14.09./12.10./09.11./14.12.2026\)](#)

This July, the AI Sessions of GGG are about to start. In this new qualification series, you will explore the possibilities and limitations of specific AI tools – focusing on specific application areas and challenges for PhD candidates in each session. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss questions and share experiences with peers and relevant experts from the Göttingen Campus.

Looking for inspiration for your teaching practice?

Teaching students can be quite rewarding, but it can also be challenging. In case you need some new ideas of how to design your class sessions or maybe there are some aspects of your teaching practice that you would like to discuss with others in a safe space, the team of [Teaching and Learning in Higher Education](#) (Hochschuldidaktik) gladly supports you. Among the range of [workshops](#) you will find topics such as [Teaching for diversity and belonging in higher education](#) but also [Supervising bachelor and master theses](#). If you would like to dive deeper into teaching and learning, the brand new [teaching qualification programme ELEVATE](#) (starting in June 2026) might just be the right programme for you. The topics that will be addressed range from planning a course session to creating an encouraging classroom atmosphere and dealing with barriers that could hinder processes of teaching and learning. Running completely in English ELEVATE provides a compact introduction into teaching and learning for international academics of all experience levels. On the [ELEVATE website](#) you will get more details and the chance to [register](#).

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