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Betreff: GHS updates and upcoming events

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Dear GHS students, dear Supervisors, dear Expert Committee members

We would like to share with you some recent updates and upcoming events.

I. Summer closure:

The GHS Office will be closed from **July 18 – August 03, 2025**. We wish you all a nice summer!

II. Defenses in July, August & September:

- If students plan to defend the thesis during the summer closure of the GHS, please ask the GHS Office if this is possible.
- For students enrolled at the Medical Faculty who plan to defend in August or early September, the deadline for submitting the application documents as well as the assessments from the thesis advisor and co-referee is 8-9 weeks prior to the defense date. The GHS secretariat will inform you about the exact deadline.
- For students enrolled at the Faculty of Human Sciences, special deadlines and procedures apply. Please contact the GHS Office as soon as you start planning your defense.

III. Kind reminder: Please inform the GHS Office of any changes:

In case of changes in the PhD project or employment - including planned research stay abroad, parental leave or sick leave - please notify the GHS office via email and clearly document these changes in the Progress Report.

IV. Website and document updates:

- [Conference recognition](#): It has been specified that a conference presentation related to the same project or subproject can only be accredited once, even if it is presented at multiple different conferences. In case of uncertainties please contact the GHS office.
- [Awarded Title](#): It has been specified that only students under the new GHS regulations will be awarded a title with a German translation.
- Doctoral Agreement, specialization title: It has been specified that the extended list of doctoral degree specializations in KSL is only available to students under the old GHS regulations. Students under the new regulations can choose from the specializations in the drop-down list on the Doctoral Agreement. Please note that the final decision regarding the acceptance of a doctoral degree specialization will be made jointly by the GHS Office and the GHS Steering Board, based on the type of master's degree held by the candidate.

V. Doctoral Agreement, Progress Report, Exam Record & PhD Degree form:

When filling out Doctoral Agreements, Progress Report, Exam records and Degree forms, please always make sure to use the **latest templates**, available on the GHS website.

VI. Events and other initiatives:

- **Information meeting for GHS students on July 1st 2025 at 14:00**

At the request of the student representatives, the GHS will host an online meeting (please see the link below) to address open questions and discuss current issues.

Please register and submit any topics you wish to discuss via the [registration form](#) by **June 26th**.

[Join the meeting via this link](#)

Meeting ID: 338 613 789 719 4

Passcode: Zo3Zh7my

- **Call for Proposals: Digitalization Perspectives 2025**

On behalf of the Digitalization Commission of the University of Bern, the call for Perspectives Projects 2025 is now open. Innovative project ideas under the theme "The Human Being in Digital Transformation" that help strengthen your individual research profile will be considered.

Eligible applicants: Early-career researchers (including postdocs, academic staff, doctoral candidates, etc.)

Funding per project: Up to CHF 20,000 (total budget: CHF 265,000)

Eligible costs: Conferences, workshops, research projects, teaching activities, travel and material expenses

Submission deadline: **19 September 2025, 12:00 noon**

Further information and application:

https://www.digitalisierung.unibe.ch/implementation/focus_groups/focus_group_forum_mittelbau/index_eng.html

- **Invitation: Networking Event on 20 June 2025**

The "Forum Mittelbau" working group warmly invites you to the networking event on **20 June 2025, 09:00–11:30**, at the University of Bern main building. The event will feature presentations of funded projects, first insights, opportunities for exchange, and information on future funding options in the field of digitalization. A closing Apéro will follow.

Register by 10 June 2025: <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=cjgA1C8h6kOsf3eqEteXfp4Rvz8X79tOp5xBJuuy6QpUQzhOR09ZQTFUukpBQTNFV09MNE45NVRIRS4u>

- **Science Filmmaking Marathon**

Zurich 19-21 June 2025

For researchers at the University of Bern (PhD students, assistants, professors, postdocs, scientific staff, employed master students, regular master students just exceptionally etc.) Free of charge, supported by the University of Bern

In the Filmmaking Marathon, the researchers are trained in the tools of dramatic storytelling and filmmaking to communicate their research and make their science more accessible to a wider audience. Over three intensive days, participants will learn the basics of visual storytelling and filmmaking, and work in groups to produce short films under the guidance of professional filmmakers. See for more information: <https://mlab.unibe.ch/8th-science-filmmaking-marathon/>. Registration via mirko.winkel@unibe.ch.

VII. Symposium 2024 pictures:

The pictures of the Symposium 2024 have been uploaded to the website. Take a look [here](#).

We look forward to seeing you at the next GHS Symposium on November 26 & 27, 2025. The registration for the GHS Symposium 2025 will open in August.

Kind regards,
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