

Dear all doctoral students,

Outside it's dark, but not so cold yet. We are already more than half way through this semester and in just a few weeks, it's 1st of Advent, and in many households time for "glögg" (mulled wine), ginger bread cookies, and saffron buns. In times of taking extra measures to reduce our electricity use, we can lighten up with candles and compared to the last years, we'll be able to meet more in person again.

However, some world events during this autumn have been concerning. In a previous DO-letter I wrote about the situation in Ukraine, and in this letter I turn especially to our students from Iran. In the news we've seen pictures of how brave women and men demanding democratic changes, have been treated and controlled in a very brutal way. Many people have also been killed.

If you need someone to talk to or have concerns affecting you and/or your studies, don't hesitate to get in touch! I'll do my very best to help you and may also guide you to other possible support functions.

Warmest regards to all of you, Monika Appel