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Dear Juan Castillo,

Congratulations! It is my pleasure to inform you that you have been selected to join the 2005 in-coming class of the Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences. Our selection committee deliberated extensively and weighed many factors including disciplinary background, research interests, and personal qualifications. We are pleased to offer you this chance to become a member of our graduate program.

Please note that membership in the BGSS is dependent upon a mutual advising agreement with one of the BGSS professors. Prof. Dr. Bernd Wegener has offered to become your primary dissertation advisor (Erstgutachter). However, each doctoral candidate is free to choose their second dissertation advisor (Zweitgutachter). Furthermore, members must register as a doctoral student at the Philosophische Fakultät III at the Humboldt University.

Our new class consists of both German and International students with strong backgrounds in Sociology and Political Science. The program will begin with the start of the next Winter Semester on Monday, October 17. You will be receiving a packet of information regarding the exact time and location of the welcome meeting as well as the curriculum and schedule for the coming semester from us shortly. In addition, a complete package of our student services including university registration and housing options will be sent.

Please note that the final decision on your acceptance to the Humboldt University as a doctoral candidate must be made by the Philosophische Fakultät III (Faculty). In addition, if you graduated from a university outside of Germany, your degree must be approved by the Matriculation office's international section. Details on this process will be included in your welcome package.

We ask you to please accept or decline this offer by Friday, July 29 via Email to me at: Gert-Joachim.Glaessner@rz.hu-berlin.de and to bgss@rz.hu-berlin.de.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions. We would greatly enjoy welcoming you to the BGSS in October.

Gert-Joachim Glaessner