Dear Junior Fellows,

It is once again time to give you a concise overview of what happened during the last weeks in terms of events and to draw your attention on coming activities. However, our up-date for this edition will be very short. For this, we are right to blame “February” for having been too short (28 days instead of 30). Added to this, we accuse also the weather in February. Both issues certainly affected our motivation to run events that could have been reported here. But this does not mean that we were not active at all. Rather, we were and are busy with many other issues of crucial relevance ranging from writing down our chapters, making final corrections, preparing for submission and defence up to convincing some of you to be part of the Election Committee. This is a good occasion to say Kudos to our colleagues Charles Moyo and Marta Scaglioni who successfully defended some very few days ago! Apropos, Election Committee. Many thanks to our three colleagues (see their bios below) who reacted positively to our request of organising the next JF-Rep-Election.

There is not much to say but there at least something to read, so please take a look on the pages below.

Larissa and Hanza
JF-Reps elections - Our Election committee 2019

Each semester JF-Reps are elected and for each election at least three JFs are need as volunteers for the election committee. They are responsible for compiling the list of candidates and liaise with the University of Bayreuth Graduate School to setup the electronic voting system. For this spring term the following three JFs volunteered as election committee:

Rogers Hansine is doing his PhD in Geography on Reproductive disparities in the city of Maputo, Mozambique.

Adama Drabo is doing his PhD in Linguistics on The pragmatic and textual dimensions of French in Côte d'Ivoire.

Dikko Muhammad in African Literature on Female Voices in Northern Nigeria: An Exploration of Nature, Activism and Identity Politics in the Poetry of Nana Aishatu Ahmad, Angela Miri, and Maria Ajima.
JF-Reps elections - Candidates for JF Representatives SS 2019 wanted

Are you interested in volunteering as a representative and competing with us (Larissa Mbobda and Hanza Diman) in the upcoming elections? Do not hesitate to approach the JF-reps Election Committee. Otherwise, you can also nominate other candidates. But before doing this, you must make sure that the candidate you propose has agreed to run.

The rights and responsibilities of the JF-Reps include:

✔ Attend and represent JFs in respective BIGSAS structures. Liaise between Junior Fellows, and between JF and AC, MB, post-docs and the BIGSAS admin-office;

✔ Plan or suggest other Junior Fellows to plan social, academic, and any other (where necessary) programmes…

✔ Receive concerns of JF and consult with them. Addressing the concerns of individual or groups of JFs to the relevant bodies

✔ Give periodic feedbacks/update to Junior Fellows on issues raised at meetings with AC, MB or post-docs

✔ Attend the interview sessions of applicants to BIGSAS and communicate closely with the research area Representatives attending the interviews.

✔ Represent BIGSAS JF and collaborate with student bodies and organisations at the University of Bayreuth and other Universities or organisations in Germany.

✔ Help create a collegial atmosphere among BIGSAS Junior Fellows by organizing different informal forums that enhance such interaction.

In case you are ready to take on these responsibilities, please contact us via:

bigsas-reps@uni-bayreuth.de
Events

Past…

Thesis Defence:

- “Icons of Zimbabwe's Crisis and their Interpretation by European Union Officials” by Charles Moyo (March 2019)

Upcoming…

- Call for contributions for the PLURA ("Lern und Ressourcenplattform Afrika") platform of the Bayreuth Academy (http://www.bayreuth-academy.uni-bayreuth.de/de/news/Das-PLURA-Projekt-nimmt-Fahrt-auf/index.html). Contact person: Dr. Jennifer Scheffler jennifer.scheffler@uni-bayreuth.de
- Call for Applications International Summer Academy “Unfree Labour Old and New” 3 November – 10 November 2019, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Contact person: Dr. Felicitas Hentschke felicitas.hentschke@asa.hu-berlin.de
- CfP: The governance of sustainability energy transitions in the Global South. September 16/17, 2019 at the Merian Insitute for Advanced Studies in Africa (MIASA) MIASA project (http://www.mias-africa.org/) ifg4@frias.uni-freiburg.de
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