Dear Junior Fellows,

We come back after a short period of silence since the month of December was poor in events.

We hope that you had great holidays. For some of us, it was an opportunity to travel and celebrate this times with family and friends or to discover new places…and of course, for some others, the silence of Bayreuth was more pleasant to push their works. Anyways, we hope you all started the new year in good health, with refreshed mind and full energy!

Kindly find in this edition a very short update of the last two months as well as some important announcements about past and forthcoming events.

Larissa and Hanza

BIGSAS Annual General Assembly

On Thursday, December 6, 2018 the BIGSAS annual general meeting was held. As usual, it was a privileged occasion to recap all the events organised by the administration of BIGSAS, Alumni and JFs. Unfortunately, many of you could not attend this important meeting, which we deeply regret!

Besides the traditional reports, this session was a unique occasion to say an official “goodbye” to the former dean of Bigsas, Prof. Dymitr Ibrivzimow. The farewell meticulously organised by the Administration Team, to which Alumni and JFs also contributed, was full of heartfelt thanks to Prof. Ibriszimow for his valuable commitments to and achievements for BIGSAS during his years at the head of BIGSAS. May he find through these few lines our sincere gratitude and foremost our best wishes for his current and future projects!
Junior Fellow Christmas Celebration

On Monday, December 10, 2018, we could get-together in the Foyer of GSP and warmly celebrate our traditional Christmas Party. What's more beautiful than being in a relaxed atmosphere, sharing some snacks, having lively discussions and daring some dance steps?

Some of you made this possible and we can only hope that this to be repeated!

MAU-Movie Night for Narcisse Wandji

On December 18th, 2018 there was a movie night organised by Model African Union Association at Glashaus during which the audience enjoyed two short films by our colleague Narcisse Wandji. The musical interlude before, between and after the films was provided by Luna Simao and Elias Tebroke who supported the event with their voices as the main aim of the movie was to raise fund for IMANI, a new film Narcisse Wandji is preparing. Therefore, Narcisse would be highly grateful to all of you who would contribute and make IMANI possible by just browsing the following link: https://www.kisskissbankbank.com/de/projects/imani

How much can you donate? Well, it is up to you as Narcisse thanks you sincerely in advance irrespective of the amount you support his project with.
Events

Upcoming…

➢ „Traces of Kongo in the Nordic Colonial Archive“
   A Talk by Dr. Temi Odumosu, School of Arts and Communication, Malmö University.
   Wednesday, 23rd January // 19:00 at Iwalewahaus (Foyer)

➢ Call for papers for the panel "Old Age and migration, an African perspective" at ECAS2019, Edinburgh. Interested? Do browse the following for more details: https://www.nomadit.co.uk/ecas/ecas2019/conferencesuite.php/panels/7559

➢ Call for applications for two PhD Positions: https://www.bevsozgeo.uni-bayreuth.de/pool/dokumente/2-PhD-Positions_DFG-Research-Group-Call-FB-09_01_2019.pdf

➢ Call for application Summer School on “Intra-Regional Migration in Africa” (23rd-28th, May 2019 in Accra, Ghana). Deadline for sending your application is the 4th February 2019. Contact: scholze@em.uni-frankfurt.de

➢ Next AC Meeting:
   - Wednesday, 23 January 2019, 2 pm c.t.
   - Wednesday, 20 February 2019, 2 pm c.t.

Past events


! IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT BY BIGSAS ADMINISTRATION!

Do note that the BIGSAS secretary’s office have new opening hours starting from beginning of January 2019:

**Monday:** CLOSED

**Tuesday to Thursday:** 11:15 to 13:00 and 14:00 to 16:00

**Friday:** 11:15 to 13:00

Furthermore, we are asked you to reduce the heating in our workstations and also in the general workstation to “1-2” when we are not around, just to save energy. It doesn’t make sense to switch off completely the heating as the surrounding walls will then get too cold, but a slight reduction is very helpful.

Do you have any suggestions, enquiries or information to add or would you like to report about a certain activity, just send us an e-mail via bigsas-reps@uni-bayreuth.de