Kick off ' UBT supporting Entrepreneurship - Benefits and Opportunities for BIGSAS JFs'  

Many JFs expressed their interest in starting a career as entrepreneurs, either in addition or instead to an academic career or even linking both with each other.

Building on initial meetings of last year we are intensifying the support of JFs and their visions about a career in the field of entrepreneurship. In this context we would like to foster exchange between a core group of JFs and relevant partners at University of Bayreuth who can be essential to you as JFs in planning and implementing your career as entrepreneurs.

We are delighted to invite you to a kick-off meeting with Dr. Andreas KOKOTT and Dipl. Kaffr. Tanja MEFFERT of the Unit Entrepreneurship and Innovation of the University of Bayreuth. Both will introduce the Unit of Entrepreneurship and Innovation and give insights on services of University of Bayreuth to assist you in the field of entrepreneurship. We then will discuss on possibilities of mutual cooperation. The meeting will be an opportunity for you to highlight your needs to make your business idea and your career as entrepreneur a success.

Your input will influence in which direction our further effort will lead. Therefore this is a crucial meeting to engage in option how JFs can be supported and how our ‘BIGSAS goes Business’-Initiative will take shape.

When: 13.06.2018, 9:45-11:45  
Where: GSP, S17  
For whom:
- JFs who are aspiring to become entrepreneurs themselves either in Germany or elsewhere on the globe
- JFS who like to become (in the end well paid) resource person for entrepreneurs in Germany or Africa
- JFs who do research on entrepreneurship

Please be aware that the number of participants and the number of the core team for further cooperation in the initial phase will be restricted. Therefore we strongly advise for participation at this event to have you in the list for further cooperation and input.

Registration via e-mail is open until Monday 11.06.2018
BIGSAS meets Gärten der Begegnung BBQ

On Friday 11th May 2018 BIGSAS JFs and members of the Gärten der Begegnung e.V. had a relaxing get together at Glockenstraße, enjoying the Garden, a chilling view over Bayreuth, a marvelous BBQ and plenty of refreshments. Though harvesting time had not yet begun in the Garden all people left with full stomachs and were able at least for some time forget about the daily PhD-headaches routine…
BIGSAS ends priority support of the publications with LIT publishing house

Statement on Publication with Lit-publishing house: The statements on migration and migration policy made by the founder and head of LIT publishing house are incompatible with the goals, ideas and mission of the Bayreuth International School of African Studies (BIGSAS). Therefore, during its first meeting in the summer semester 2018 the Academic Committee (AC) of BISGAS unanimously decided to end the priority support of the publication of its dissertations in the series of the Institute of African Studies of the University of Bayreuth (IAS), which was established at LIT publishing house. Priority support for all summa cum laude or magna cum laude graded dissertations was to date 70% of the publication costs if published in one of the IAS series.

Workshop mit Exzellenz Cluster bei München

A delegation of BIGSAS Alumni and Junior Fellows went to Raitenhaslach for a meeting organized by the TU Munich. They are planning a Summer School and a further collaboration with universities in Kenya in the area of Public Health. The BIGSAS delegation held a workshop about EU-Africa Collaborations and gave insights about research ethics when doing research in or about Africa. Our input was very much appreciated, and we were able to meet new people, establish contacts and enjoy fruitful discussions.
Vorstellung der neuen JFs

Sheini Memunatu - Aspects of Dagombas
English

Carolin Herzog - Contemporary francophone literature in Burundi: From a regional to a national literature? (French literary studies)


Mai Azzam - Friends for change; Friendship Making Among Youth Activists in Khartou

Oladapo Ajayi

Katharina Raskob
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04.06.2018 **BIGSAS Workshop** Facilitating and Training Skills

13.06.2018, **BIGSAS Academic committee meeting***

12.06.2018 **Defense** Taylor Anne Riley, 11:30am, S17, GSP

17.-19.06.2018 **Workshop** “Revisiting Dams in Africa”, Point Sud Centre Maputo, Mozambique, for details contact valerie.haensch@ethnologie.lmu.de

18.-29.06.2018 **Summer Seminar** on Nationalism, Religion and Violence, Prague, nrysschool.fsv.cuni.cz

22.06.2018 **Application deadline** Prague Summer School of Journalism (1 September – 15 September 2018), summer-school@fsv.cuni.cz

27.-30.06.2018 **Music Master Class** “Valuing Music” Department of Anthropology and African Studies, Johannes Gutenberg-University Mainz, www.ifeas.uni-mainz.de/3432.php

29.–30.06.2018 **Interdisciplinary Conference**: Nation and Society; Copernicus Graduate School; University in Toruń; Poland, www.cgs.umk.pl

04.07.2018 **BIGSAS Academic committee meeting***

16.-20.07.2018 **Congress** IUAES 18th World Congress, Florianopolis, Brazil, www.iuaes2018.org

01.09.-15.09.2018 Prague **Summer School** of Journalism: CROSS-PLATFORM FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE, summer-school@fsv.cuni.cz


19.-22.09.2018 **Conference**: Vienna Anthropology Days, vanda.univie.ac.at, University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria

14.-16.11.2018 **Conference** Italian Association for Ethnoarchaeology "Dogs - Past and Present - an interdisciplinary perspective" Rome, Italy, www.ethnoarchaeology.net


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5.-06.10.2018 Annual Meeting Medical Anthropology Young Scholar (MAYS) Network, “Creative Methods and Participatory Arts Research in Medical Anthropolog, FU Berlin, https://mayseasa.org

10.10.2018 BIGSAS Academic committee meeting*

07.11.2018 BIGSAS Academic committee meeting*

14.-17.11.2018 Conference Cultural Sustainability, Performance and the Sustainable Development Goals in Time of Crisis, University of Maiduguri, Nigeria, further info: cspcs@unimaid.edu.ng

05.12.2018 BIGSAS Academic committee meeting*

20.02.2019 BIGSAS Academic committee meeting*

*AC meetings are non-public! In case you want to hand in an application to the AC [see regulations when this is the case] your application must have been submitted to the Admin-Team latest by the Monday morning one week before the meeting, since the Agenda is approved by MB accordingly)
31st Swahili Colloquium

The Swahili Colloquium, an annual established forum at the University of Bayreuth for research related to Swahili studies, was held for the 31st time from the 11th to the 13th of May 2018 at IwalewaHaus. Under the theme, ‘Mtandao/Networks’, this year’s about sixty participants explored networks as organizing forms with an emphasis on multidirectionality, interconnections and exchange. Presentations explored transnational Swahili social connections such as communities in the diaspora as well as local entanglements. Research fields such as anthropology, history, literature, linguistics and education provided a broad look at digital as well as ‘offline’ networks as organizing principles of everyday life in Swahili societies. In addition to the academic presentations, winners of the 2017 Mabati-Cornell Kiswahili Prize for African Literature were present to read from their winning works. The Swahili Colloquium is organized under the Chair of Literatures in African Languages.

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BIGSAS FORUM FOR YOUNG SCHOLARS OF AFRICAN LITERATURE

The first BIGSAS exchange forum for young scholars of African literature was held during 31st Swahili Colloquium on the 12th of May 2018. Conceived of by the organizers of the Swahili Colloquium, the objective of the forum was to create a space where JF’s from BIGSAS and other young scholars would exchange ideas with Senior Fellows from BIGSAS, professors from other universities and important figures in the literary field. The aim was to reflect upon the role of African literary and linguistics scholars in their fields as well as within African Studies and to posit visions for research in these fields. Uchenna Oyali, Nikitta Adjirakor, Oladapo Ajayi, Mingqing Yuan and Ibrahim Musa from BIGSAS together with Samuel Ndogo (alumnus of BIGSAS now with Moi University, Kenya) and Uta Reuster-Jahn (University of Hamburg) deliberated on their visions for African Studies, looking at issues such as curriculums, departmental divisions, job prospects, literary studies as a research discipline and research practices in different countries. In the end, the general consensus appeared to be the need for more interdisciplinary work between fields as well as a rethinking of the nature of the disciplines themselves.

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