Dear Junior Fellows,

It is time to break the silence and get back to the long-standing tradition and our duty of up-dating you about past, current and forthcoming issues within BIGSAS and beyond. It is our pleasure to be back with our newsletter!

Larissa and Hanza

A get together to welcome our new colleagues

Following our re-election, we were glad to bring our six new Junior Fellows together with some of the ‘old’ faces of the BIGSAS-Family in our get together that took place on the 23rd May 2019. It was an ideal occasion to introduce the ‘new’ to the ‘old’ and share some food and drinks. We therefore thank all those who made this internal event a success. For those who could not attend the event, in case you meet or hear about the following six persons just know that they are now part of the family:

**Name:** Andreas Wüst

Dissertation topic: "Cultural policies in Tunisia, Morocco and Mali after the Arab Spring - an instrument to foster domestic stability?", supervised by Prof. Alexander Stroh-Steckelberg.
Name: Shaden Kamel
Dissertation topic: Popular facebook groups exclusively for women and women empowerment in Egypt.

Name: Emiliano Minerba
The main focus of his research is the history of the metrical systems developed in Swahili and Wolof classical literatures, and the analysis of their several similarities derived in both cases from the influence of Arabic language and culture.

Name: Lena Naumann

Name: John Ebotui Yajalin

Name: Isaac Osei-Tutu
Here we were...

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We seize the same opportunity to draw your attention on the Welcome Seminar that replaces the former Welcome Day and is designed to provide overall information regarding the doctorate in BIGSAS. By introducing to essential aspects of the structured doctoral program, the following questions are triggered: What are the tasks, obligations and rights as a Junior Fellow in BIGSAS and which are those of the Senior Fellows? What is good academic practice and how does one cope with inevitable BIGSAS’ bureaucracy? How can I wisely plan and organize the dissertation research or my data management, who are the persons to get advice? How could I myself contribute to a healthy and friendly academic environment and how can I contribute to shape a doctoral culture in BIGSAS
and beyond? Why should and how can doctoral students organize themselves not just in the thesis projects but also as members of academia? Along such questions, the seminar offers basic but seminal information via insights into the German academic system and the BIGSAS environment in general, the specificities of doctoral project management and supervision, the crucial funding aspects, necessary research data management, good academic practice, workshop organization from application to accounting and last but not least, about the process of thesis publication. Furthermore, participants will get insights into the infrastructure of the Excellence Cluster ‘Africa Multiple’. Please find below the table with the overview of the next sessions.

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You are all invited to join the seminar held by Dr. Christine Scherer, Coordinator of Early Career and Equal Opportunity Fridays, 09 -11, BIGSAS-Seminar, Room 06.03.350, Building Geschwister-Scholl-Platz 3, Language: English.

Text by Dr. Scherer.
BIGSAS FC

Our team BIGSAS FC has enrolled in the Wilde Liga Season 2019 and we still lack talented as well untalented players to support the team. Currently we occupy the fourth position in the 4th Division of the Wilde Liga. We also participated recently in a tournament and finished 3rd of 32 participating teams. Our aim is not to win but to have fun. So feel free to join at any time you want by contacting Hanza Diman per E-mail (hanza.diman@gmx.de) or Mobile: 015789590217.
"We Counter Hatred with Love - Nazis vom Campus jazzen"

Up to 40 students and members of the university gathered last Saturday to demonstrate against the AFD official and habilitate Hans-Thomas Tillschneider at the University of Bayreuth. Tillschneider has been giving his title teaching in Islamic Studies since this semester, which has led to great discontent among the student body. The protest in front of the building GW1 was followed by music acts, discussions and workshops. David Mayonga, aka Roger Rekless, the author of "Ein Neger darf nicht neben mir sitzen" came to not only talk about his personal experiences as an Afro-German during the reading / concert, but also addressed the many questions students asked about the deeply rooted Racism in Germany and the intersections of discrimination. This topic was also addressed in a panel discussion, in which the importance of critical whiteness studies and a personal confrontation with one's own privileges was highlighted. The day gave great possibilities to connect with like-minded people, hopefully being the start of a productive discourse on discrimination in the setting of universities and especially here in Bayreuth.

Text: Veronika Rudolf and Assa Shirin

! Some important announcements from the BIGSAS administration!

➢ Note that all final accountings of travels which are funded by BIGSAS must first be handed in at the BIGSAS office. The final accountings will be then forwarded to the responsible department of the University after a thorough review from them.

➢ In order to apply for one of the ten permanent working stations for the period from July to September 2019 please do inform BIGSAS by no later than Wednesday, 16 June 2019. Thereafter, BIGSAS will allocate the rooms and inform you accordingly. Please be aware that BIGSAS selects according to certain criteria in case there are more applications than available places. The permanent working stations are primarily intended to provide a silent surrounding for Junior Fellows in an advanced or the final stage of dissertation writing. The main criterion for the decision is therefore, as always, the planned submission date according to the IRTP. Please note that you cannot apply if you are on a field trip during this time.
Do make sure to apply for and occupy a working station only if you really intend to use it.

**Events**

**Upcoming…**

✓ “Writing Articles for International Publication in Peer-Reviewed Journals” with Josie Dixon, 11-12 July 2019

✓ International Summer School in Uganda, 16-27 September 2019 on Survey Methodology and Data Management. For questions, contact: issu@gesis.org

✓ Young BRIAS Kick-Off-Meeting, Würzburg, 20-21 July 2019

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:

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