The weekly Welcome Seminar in BIGSAS 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 organise 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 get organized not just in the thesis project but also as relevant 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 new Excellence Cluster ‘Africa Multiple’.

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