Omar Egesah is Professor of Anthropology at the Moi University in Kenya with a focus on Medical Anthropology. His current areas of interest include field work oriented research on reproductive health and its dimensions for the African Societies mainly in Kenya. Recently, he evaluated a study of World Vision on maternal and child health in Kenya, Zambia, Cambodia and Nicaragua.

Professor Egesah joined BIGSAS as a visiting professor in May 2018. During former visits in Bayreuth he prepared, inter alia, a proposal for the AMAS-project1 together with other professors from the Partner Universities of BIGSAS in response to the call of the European Union (EU) for proposals for Intra-Africa Academic Mobility. During this visit he took actively part in meetings of the Management Board and the Academic Committee and contributed to the decision making. He also benefited from activities like the Model African Union Bayreuth Conference and the Swahili-Colloquium. In the regular Anthropology-Colloquium Professor Egesah presented a paper entitled “Contributions Made by Medical Anthropology Research to Reproductive Health in the Kenyan Context, Annotated Ethnographic Experiences”. Furthermore, he attended a seminar on Higher Education in Africa together with the Coordinator of BIGSAS, Christine Scherer, Postdoc Abraham Brahma, and his colleague, Brook Lemma Mamaru who is also a visiting professor of BIGSAS at the moment. The participants of the seminar contributed new ideas to an emerging interdisciplinary research project on Higher Education throughout Africa. This project will be conducted together with further professors of the BIGSAS Partner Universities and with BIGSAS Alumni.

“*This seminar [on Higher Education] is challenging our mindsets on methodology of teaching. Here you sit together, discuss and share experiences. It is a give and take: giving your experience and receiving experiences from other people, to learn from others.*”

Professor Egesah appreciates the activities hosted by BIGSAS which offer possibilities to meet experienced people in research and education in Africa and to interact with students, thus to strengthen and expand existing networks. In addition, he is impressed by the forum approach used at the University of Bayreuth, a concept of sharing ideas in workshops and colloquiums, which he will introduce at his home university.

Apart from his work at the Moi University, at BIGSAS and in the EU AMAS-Project, Professor Egesah enjoys being with his family and spending time in nature as well as following this year’s Football World Cup.

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1 For additional information about the AMAS-project see: [http://amasproject.org/](http://amasproject.org/).