

Dear Junior Fellows,

We are excited to be in touch with you again after a while. It has been a season! A season some people prefer to call “uncharted path”. On our part, we have tried to stay afloat and forward-looking in the past months. Much as we hate to talk about it, we want you to know that you are not alone when you try to account for your time in this fluctuate time. We encourage you as we encourage ourselves too that we all remain resilient, focused and positive because everything shall be just fine.

This edition of Newsletter will introduce and welcome our esteemed new junior fellows to the BIGSAS community. The edition also provides some general information for you as a member of University of Bayreuth community. It also contains an important message from our colleague, Joanna. We compiled some COVID 19 related or induced terminologies to brighten up our mood as we fight our way back to the “normal”. Let’s keep up the spirit and face the current situation with optimism and positive ☺

**Alice and Dapo**

## We Welcome Our New BIGSAS Junior Fellows



**Full name:** Ibrahim Bachir, Abdoulaye

**Nationality:** Niger

**Languages:**

Foreign languages: 1. Arabic 2. English 3. French 4. Turkish

National languages: 5. Fulani 6. Hausa 7. Zarma

**Field of Research:** Study of Religion

**Research Topic:** The Role of Charitable Activities of Turkish Organisations in Niger



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**Full name :** Hamissou Rhissa Achaffert

**Nationality :** Nigerien

**Languages:** French, English, Haoussa, Tamajeq, Zarma

**Field of research:** Religious studies

**Research Topic:** Thinking and Doing development in Niger: the role of Islamic actors (provisional title)



**Full Name:** Glory Essien Otung

**Nationality:** Nigerian

**Language(s) spoken:** Annang, Ibibio, Efik,  
English, French, German

**Field of Research:** English Linguistics

**Research Topic:** Identities and Power in  
Colonial Letters: The Case of Southern Cameroons (1916 - 1961)



## General Information

### Library:

- Opening Hours:

Main Library & Departmental Library RW: Mon to Fri: 9 am to 6 pm; Sat, Sun: closed

Departmental Library NWI, NW II & GEO: Mon to Fri: 9 am to 4 pm; Sat, Sun: closed

Please note that all libraries are closed on the following holidays in May and June:

Thursday, 21 May 2020 (Ascension ("Christi Himmelfahrt"))

Monday, 1 June 2020 (Pentecost/Whit Monday ("Pfingstmontag"))

Thursday, 11 June 2020 (Corpus Christi ("Fronleichnam"))

- Loan Period:

The loan periods of all media borrowed before our closure due to the corona pandemic have been extended temporarily until 30 April 2020. If these items' loan period cannot be extended any further, you will only receive notifications for expired loan periods again from 11 Mai 2020 onwards.

Please also check your account for orders that you have posted via our library catalogue. Orders can be picked up within 10 working days.

- Interlibrary Loan:



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Interlibrary loan is active again. An [overview of the e-book offer of the UB Bayreuth](#) can be found on our homepage. There you will also find a [summary of currently extended digital offers](#) by academic publishers. Please note that due to licensing regulations, only members of the University of Bayreuth have access to these digital contents.

If you have any questions please contact the information desk [auskunft.ub@uni-bayreuth.de](mailto:auskunft.ub@uni-bayreuth.de).

- workstations in Library:

Due to the hygiene measures, there are about 100 numbered places in the Law and Economics Department. The library will be open Monday to Friday from 9.00 to 18.00 hours. In three time-slots from 9.00 to 12.00, from 12.00 to 15.00 and from 15.00 to 18.00, 100 places can be reserved by students via the portal "Campus Online der Universität Bayreuth". Upon entering the library, they will then be handed out different "residence cards" depending on the time slot, which entitle them to use the reading workstation and must be displayed there. In addition, there will be a limited number of "transit passes" which will only allow users to borrow, return, scan or copy media in the library. Access for academic staff will be regulated individually. If

necessary, an area will be separated. The group-work rooms and doctoral student booths will remain closed.

The University Library will provide more e-books, digital journals and databases for the summer semester 2020 than ever before. Please also note our information about special offers, which we constantly update on the homepage of the University Library (UB) ([https://www.ub.uni-bayreuth.de/de/news/2020-03-27\\_temporaere-Verlagaangebote/index.html](https://www.ub.uni-bayreuth.de/de/news/2020-03-27_temporaere-Verlagaangebote/index.html)).

In your own interest and for the protection of the employees of the University Library we ask you to visit the library only when it is urgently necessary. At the same time, we ask you to observe the changed directions (Law and Economics Department) and the distance marks on the floor and to follow the rules of conduct regarding hygiene. We thank you very much for wearing masks when entering and leaving the library or when using the toilets!

Further information about the reopening can be found on the homepage of the UB. If you have any questions before visiting the library, you can contact the Law and Economics Department by e-mail ([tbrw@uni-bayreuth.de](mailto:tbrw@uni-bayreuth.de)) or by phone (0921/55-6187) or the information desk in the Central Library (0921/55-3420).

### **Catering on campus:**

The cafeteria and all other cafeteria facilities run by Studentenwerk Oberfranken (Upper Franconian Association for Student Affairs) have been closed since 18 March.

From 11.05.2020, Frischraum will be opening its doors again:

Monday to Friday, 10a.m. – 2p.m.

Sandwiches, various bakery products, coffee, drinks, and (from 11a.m.) two lunchtime meal choices will be provided. However, all food and drinks will only be available for take away, and dining facilities remain closed until further notice.

### **New Semester calendar:**

the lectures of winter semester 2020/2021 will begin on November 2, 2020.

[https://www.uni-bayreuth.de/en/campus\\_life/important-dates/academic-year/index.html](https://www.uni-bayreuth.de/en/campus_life/important-dates/academic-year/index.html)

### **Stay Healthy at Home:**



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Currently the university gym and sports center are closed due to the Corona situation, but some courses are offered online for free. To participate in the course, one needs to send an email to [hochschulsport@uni-bayreuth.de](mailto:hochschulsport@uni-bayreuth.de) for the password for the zoom meeting. Details of the courses can be found at:

<https://www.hochschulsport.uni-bayreuth.de/de/sportprogramm/Aktuelles/index.html>

### **Mental Well-being:**

University of Bayreuth has been taken measures to care about the well-being, motivation, and productivity of its staff members and students. Currently there are some projects going on, which can be found on the following website (<https://www.bgm.uni-bayreuth.de/de/index.html>).

English consulting session will be online in near future.

### **Childcare:**

The Gender and Diversity Office (GDO) of UniBayreuth strives to accommodate the needs of Cluster members and BIGSAS Junior Fellows with children and it has put several measures in place to support parents with special childcare assistance.

<https://www.africamultiple.uni-bayreuth.de/en/Gender-and-Diversity-Office/GDO-Childcare-Support-Measures-for-the-Cluster/index.html>

## **Research Data Management @UniBayreuth**

Sustainable research data management includes the collection, saving, long-term storage, documentation, and publication of research data according to subject-specific standards. Making data accessible and replicable for future use ensures their quality and opens up opportunities for further research. If you have questions about data from your field trip or research, feel free to check for more details on the following website:

<https://www.fdm.uni-bayreuth.de/en/index.php>

## **Support for Writing your THESIS; ARTICLES & Papers ... Letter from Joanna**



Dear colleagues,

I would like to draw your attention to the following support for academic writers in covid19-times, now also offered in English. I am one of several BIGSAS JFs who have profited from Katja's and Ingrid's guidance in the past and fully recommend it. They offer two daily online focus-writing sessions which you can log onto via Zoom, see if it works for you and if it does, continue participating for a voluntary monetary contribution. Find more info here:

<http://schreibaschram.de/de/seminare/the-daily-focus-session-3-30pm/> and below.

I also recommend to have a look at the 'Writing Ashram', a one week writing retreat which they offer in September, and which some JFs have participated in before, financed by BIGSAS in lieu of a summer school. More info can be found here:

<http://schreibaschram.de/en/>

Many greetings, best wishes and success in your writing projects,

looking forward to seeing you in the focus sessions soon,

yours

Joh

## **Covid 19/ Lockdown Lingo – New Terminologies and Mood Representational Memes (...)**

Source: Musings from My Quiet Place – by Dr. Ibe Kachikwu

<https://ibekachikwu.com/musings/>

**Coronacoaster:**

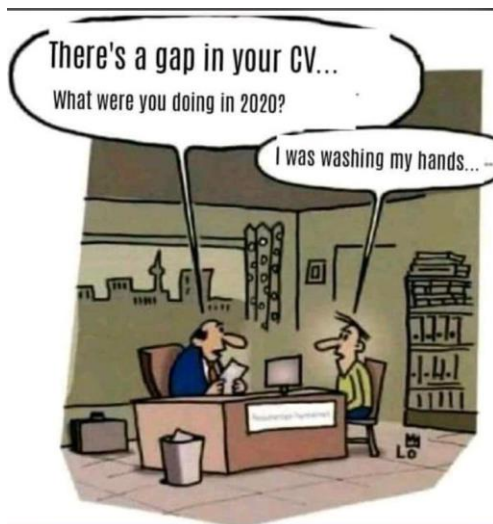
The ups and downs of your mood during the pandemic. You're loving lockdown one minute but suddenly weepy with anxiety the next. It truly is "an emotional coronacoaster".

**Quarantinis:**

Experimental cocktails mixed from whatever random ingredients you have left in the house. The boozy equivalent of a store cupboard supper. Southern Comfort and Ribena quarantini with a glacé cherry garnish, anyone? These are sipped at "locktail hour", ie. wine o'clock during lockdown, which seems to be creeping earlier with each passing week.

**Blue Skype thinking:**

A work brainstorming session which takes place over a videoconferencing app. Such meetings might also be termed a "Zoomposium". Naturally, they are to be avoided if at all possible.



**Le Creuset wrist:**

It's the new "avocado hand" – an aching arm after taking one's best saucepan outside to bang during the weekly 'Clap for Carers.' It might be heavy but you're keen to impress the neighbours with your high-quality kitchenware.

**Coronials:**

As opposed to millennials, this refers to the future generation of babies conceived or born during coronavirus quarantine. They might also become known as "Generation C" or, more spookily, "Children of the Quarn".

**Furlough Merlot:**

Wine consumed in an attempt to relieve the frustration of not working. Also known as "bored-eaux" or "cabernet tedium".

**Coronadose:**

An overdose of bad news from consuming too much media during a time of crisis. Can result in a panicdemic.

**The elephant in the Zoom:**

The glaring issue during a videoconferencing call that nobody feels able to mention. E.g. one participant has dramatically put on weight, suddenly sprouted terrible facial hair or has a worryingly messy house visible in the background.

**Quentin Quarantino:**

An attention-seeker using their time in lockdown to make amateur films which they're convinced are funnier and cleverer than they actually are.

**Covidiot:**



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One who ignores public health advice or behaves with reckless disregard for the safety of others can be said to display “covidioy” or be “covidiotic”. Also called a “lockclown”.

### ***Goutbreak:***

The sudden fear that you’ve consumed so much wine, cheese, home-made cake and Easter chocolate in lockdown that your ankles are swelling up like a medieval king’s.

Antisocial distancing:

### ***Coughin’ dodger:***

Someone so alarmed by an innocuous splutter or throat-clear that they back away in terror.

### ***Mask-ara:***

Extra make-up applied to “make one’s eyes pop” before venturing out in public wearing a face mask.

### ***Covid-10:***

The 10lbs in weight that we’re all gaining from comfort-eating and comfort-drinking. Also known as “fattening the curve”.



Do you have any suggestions, enquiries or you would you like to report about certain activities, kindly send an e-mail to [bigsas-reps@uni-bayreuth.de](mailto:bigsas-reps@uni-bayreuth.de)

We wish you sound health and productive days ahead!

Alice & Dapo