

AFECO Monthly Newsletter

March 2021

Registration AFECO modules summer term 2021

The first registration period for modules on BASIS of the summer term 2021 is between **08-19 March**. Check out the [AFECO Timetable Summer 2021](#) and register for your modules.

Ideas for semester break

Learning new languages: Uni Bonn offers all students a free account for the online language learning program Rosetta Stone. [Here](#) you can sign up for the free account and directly start with practicing new languages in your own pace. Make sure that you have to use your uni-bonn mail address.

Enjoying the spring weather: If you want to sit in the sun with a coffee, the coffee bike in front of the Poppelsdorf Castle is a good place. Afterwards you can also stroll through the botanical garden. If you want to enjoy a bit more nature, a walk up the Venusberg is recommended, from where you have a beautiful view of Bonn. If you still feel like it, you can walk through the Melbtal to the Kreuzberg and enjoy the evening sun. If you prefer to do some sports, you can of course either run along the Rhine or in the Rhine meadows or you do a lap on the Meßdorfer field.

Exploring the Path of German Democracy: If you are interested in the political history of Bonn, you can walk along the Path of German Democracy. The Path of German Democracy is also an online project. With your smartphone, you either navigate from place to place or experience the historical sites from the comfort of your own home. All useful information's and the interactive map can be found [here](#).

Bonn Water Network: Virtual launch of the Handbook of Water Resources Management

March 23, 2021 | 17:00 h - 18:30 h (more information's [here](#)) Virtual book launch on the occasion of World Water Day 2021. The handbook of Water Resources Management aims at facilitating communication and dialogue among actors of the international community involved in water resources management, discourses and multi-level decision-making processes.

Editor's Note: We want you to contribute!

So far, our newsletter team consisted of four people, three students and Manuela Meraner. Since Manuela is no longer the program coordinator and Iziodora and Iyanuoluwa also left the team, I would be very happy if a new newsletter team would be formed. Mr. Henderson, the intermediate study coordinator has already agreed to join the newsletter team. But the newsletter is from students for students and I would really appreciate if you would join continuing this newsletter with me. I really enjoy working on the newsletter! The nice thing is that we are completely free in the design (content as well as layout) and therefore every idea can be brought in. If you would like to

participate or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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Internship and Job Opportunities*

[Student Assistant/ Studentische Hilfskräfte \(WHF\) SABIO project](#), Transformation and Sustainability Governance in South American Bioeconomies (SABIO), Center for Development Research (ZEF), Bonn

Application deadline: open as long as online

[Student Assistant/ Studentische Hilfskräfte \(WHF\) \(12-19 hours/week\)](#), Program of Accompanying Research for Agricultural Innovation - PARI, Center for Development Research (www.zef.de), Bonn

Application deadline: open as long as online

[Praktikant*in Internationale Klimapolitik / Anpassung an den Klimawandel](#), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Bonn

Bewerbungsfrist: 02.03.2021

[Praktikant*in im Sektorvorhaben Nachhaltige Wirtschaftsentwicklung](#), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Bonn

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Check out the ILR [website](#) for PhD positions and other post-graduate job opportunities.

*job descriptions in German require fluent German skills

Testimonial: “No Worries Group”

Thanks to Hanna Huckestein for taking the time to answering some questions representative for the No Worries Group!

JM: What is the No Worries Group and to whom it is addressed?

HH: The No Worries Group brings together students who experience challenges in living abroad and want to find ways to deal with them together. Anyone who feels like meeting others in similar situations as them and learning about dealing with common challenges is welcome!

JM: Why did you get involved in the No Worries Group? And who is the organizer of the group?

HH: The No Worries Group is organized by a cooperation of the Department for International Students of the AStA Bonn and the International Club of the University of Bonn. I joined the team because I have lived in foreign countries before and know the challenges that can arise. Whenever I was abroad, I enjoyed talking to someone who knows what it feels like to be lonely, homesick, overwhelmed etc. I want to give others the opportunity to share their experiences and find ways to deal with the challenges together.

JM: What can I expect when I come to a virtual or face-to-face meeting of yours? (is there a structure for the meeting or is it a casual get together?)

HH: We want the meetings in the summer semester 2021 to each have a topic which we will talk about (e.g., stress management). There will be some input on the topics, and everyone will be

welcome to share personal experiences in a safe space for any sorrow. Of course, students can also contact us with individual needs.

JM: Could you give us a brief insight into some topics that are often outlined in the group?

HH: So far, some of the problems have been difficulties in getting to know others (especially due to COVID-19), organizing studies, and feeling overwhelmed.

JM: What are some feedbacks you received from students how come together in the group?

HH: Students have appreciated talking about their concerns and troubles to us and to other participants and have profited from each other's help.

JM: Now a practical question for all students that are interested in the group. When do you offer the group meetings and where can they find further information's of No Worries Group?

HH: During semester break, we offer personal meetings on demand. If you feel like talking to us just send an email to nwsg@asta.uni-bonn.de and we will arrange a meeting. The topics and dates for group sessions in the summer semester will be posted on our facebook page of the Department of [International Students of the AStA](#) and of the [International Club](#).

JM: Lastly, could you perhaps give us some tips for all international but also national students they feel overwhelmed or alone, how to face problems and worries?

HH: Join events of the Department for International Students at the AStA or of the International Club to meet people and have fun during the language café, sports sessions or game nights!

And never forget, it will get easier 😊

A big THANK YOU

At this point I would like to thank Manuela Meraner, Iziodora and Iyanuoluwa for their work in the newsletter team! Without your effort this newsletter wouldn't have been possible. I wish you all the best for your new job and the finalization of the master program.