

AFECO Monthly Newsletter

June 2020

AFECO Exam Registration

Exam registration on BASIS for this extraordinary semester **starts on June 10**, and the **deadline for registration is Tuesday, June 30, 2020!** Don't forget to register for all your exams including assignments, homework, and seminar papers you did or will do during the semester as well as the written and oral exams. Withdrawal from all written and oral exams is possible up to one week before the respective examination date! Viel Erfolg!

Go to Communications: Kommunikation und Präsentation in der Agrar- und Ernährungswirtschaft – analog und digital

Die Öffentlichkeit muss die Wissenschaft verstehen (lernen). Dafür muss die Kommunikation zwischen den Wissenschaftler(inne)n bzw. Studierenden der Universität und der Praxis - und damit letztlich auch dem Verbraucher / Bürger verstärkt werden. Komplexe Sachverhalte sind schwer verständlich und schwer einzuordnen. Das wird besonders in der jetzigen Zeit (Thema: Coronavirus) deutlich. Deshalb bietet Herr Dr. Hermann-Josef Baaken eine Veranstaltung am 19. Juni 2020 von 10:00 bis 11:00 Uhr an der Landwirtschaftlichen Fakultät an, um das Handwerkszeug zu verbessern. Anmeldung bis spätestens 12.6.2020 an tbs@ilr.uni-bonn.de (bitte aus Sicherheitsgründen ausschließlich über die studentische Email-Adresse) - Du erhältst dann den Link zur Videokonferenz. [Seminareinladung mit Programm am 19.6.2020](#)

PhenoRob Female Talk Series with Emily Burchfield

The next edition of the PhenoRob Female Talks Series will host a talk by Emily Burchfield, Assistant Professor at the Department of Environmental Studies at Emory University on **26.06.2020, 10:00-11:00**. Dr. Burchfield will explore the interactions between agriculturally-driven land use change, climate change, and agricultural production in the United States. Her research integrates “big” geospatial datasets with “deep” qualitative data to understand agroecological system dynamics at multiple scales. Virtual meeting via [Zoom](#) | [Flyer](#) | Contact: administration@phenorob.de

Digital offers at the International Office

International Club: During this summer semester, International Club events are to a large extent conducted online. The [program](#) includes regular online get-togethers as well as game, quiz and country-themed evenings. If you have an idea for an event and would like to discuss it with us, please contact the team: club@uni-bonn.de

Sprachcafé International online: The Sprachcafé International by the [General Students' Committee \(AStA\) Department for International Students](#) is offered online in cooperation with the International Club. We look forward to meeting you. When: Mondays 6:00–8:00 pm. Where: Zoom (Link to follow in the club's Facebook group!)

ZEF COVID-19 Blog

The Center for Development Research (ZEF) publishes articles on various aspects of the global COVID-19 pandemic in a [blog](#) dedicated to this topic.

Call for Participation

In this [interdisciplinary online course](#) of the [PRODIGY](#) project starting in September, interested participants will be introduced to various topics. There is also the prospect of field research (when possible again), for example as part of an internship or master thesis in the Amazon region. Under the first link above you can find out more about this offer and how to apply for the course.

Student loans in Times of Corona Crisis

If you have problems to finance your studies, lost your job or just want to take the opportunity to get a cheap loan, there is the opportunity to receive a student loan from KfW: up to 650 Euro per month from July on. Also, international students can apply (but from July on only). Find out if you meet the requirements (you probably will) and get all the information via this [link](#).

Internship and Job Opportunities*

[Studentische Hilfskraft / wissenschaftliche Hilfskraft](#), Zentrum für Entwicklungsforschung (ZEF), Bonn

[Praktikant im Qualitätsmanagement Fruchtkontore \(m/w/d\)](#), EDEKA Fruchtkontor Logistik GmbH, Roisdorf

[PraktikantIn für den Bereich internationale Zusammenarbeit](#), Andreas Hermes Akademie (AHA), Bonn

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

*job descriptions in German require fluent German skills

ILR Testimonial: Anna and Janina about the Department of Ecology from the AStA

There are some interesting student projects in Bonn. This week's newsletter introduces an organization that is part of the general students' committee (Allgemeiner Studierendenausschuss, AStA).

The department for ecology (Referat für Ökologie) is responsible for everything concerning the University with respect to sustainability and eco-friendly management and environmental protection. **Janina and Anna** are members of this department since spring 2019 and answered some questions for the newsletter:



Q: Please explain what the department for ecology does.

The department for ecology is part of the university policy and can be compared to a ministry. It is elected every year by the general students' committee. Within the department different topics concerning University and student life are dealt with. At the moment we are trying to establish a waste sorting system in the university. Moreover, we were involved in the decision of the University to use green electricity. Additionally, we are organizing panel discussions and presentations as well as excursions, for example to the incineration plant in Bonn or to the Hambacher Forst. Everything concerning bikes like the bike flea market or the bike repair shop are within our responsibility.

Q: How did you get involved in the department of ecology?

We were both interested in doing something voluntary for a long time. And additionally, topics such as sustainability, consumption and environmental protection and how to get involved are important to us. In spring 2019 we then took the chance to participate in one of the weekly meetings of the department for ecology and step by step, we got to know the structure and way of working. Being part of the department is very flexible. You can engage in one special project or support others with their ideas. As students we all have our studying peaks and exam periods, thus you can contribute as much as you like.

Q: What is the most important project right now?

Currently, one of our largest projects is networking with other actors to strengthen sustainability aspects in an interdisciplinary way. We are part of a governance group "sustainable strategy for the Uni Bonn until 2030" as well as a network called "netzwerk N" for sustainable initiatives in NRW.

Moreover, we are very busy with supporting the establishment of a so-called "Green Office" in Bonn. Such offices exist in other universities worldwide, they bundle everything concerning sustainability for the University and are a mixture of regular employees and student assistants. With such an office it would be much easier to organize projects and movements. A popular topic is, for example, the change in the food choice in the Mensa with a focus on vegetarian and vegan dishes and the increased processing of regional and seasonal foods. With this subject

the Mensa has recently been requested by three different university groups, the vegan university group, Fridays for Future and us. In this case, a Green office would help to bundle these requests so that the Mensa will only be contacted once.

Q: How can you find out about upcoming events and participation?

Next Wednesday, June 3 at 4 pm there will be a virtual meeting with all members of the Öko-Referat for those who are interested in what we do and who want to get involved. On our [facebook page](#) you can find the event and other important information. On our [website](#) you can also find information about us. At the moment we are organizing several events online due to the Corona Crisis. But take a look yourself and find out about our program and postponed projects. If you want to get involved, you can also just write a message via Facebook or eMail.

We want you to contribute!

This is a student run newsletter and we want to hear from you! If you would like to contribute to the newsletter, whether it be on a recurring basis or one time, please contact us at afeco.info@ilr.uni-bonn.de. If you have any helpful information about the AFECO program, job/internship opportunities, going-ons around town or advice for first year AFECO students that you would like to share, don't be bashful and have your voice heard!