



AFECO Newsletter April 2022



Application for the AFECO program ends at April 30th

The deadline for AFECO applications for the intake term 2021/2022 is April 30th, 2021. Spread the word amongst friends, former study colleagues and anyone who may be interested in joining the AFECO Master program. More information on the application procedure can be found [here](#).

Lecture period starts at April 4th

So far the university decided to plan the whole summer term as an on-site semester. So, the majority of modules will take place on campus. It might be useful to check on BASIS what exactly holds for your chosen courses meaning whether presence will be the chosen option, or hybrid, or online.

Deadline schedule summer term 2022

All deadlines can be found [here](#) and the examination periods can be viewed [here](#).



Seed and plant exchange

On April 3rd from 10:00-15:00 you can exchange your homegrown seeds or plants and talk about your plant-experiences in Crop Garden of the University of Bonn (Katzenburgweg 3). You will find specialty flowers and grasses as well as other new varieties for your garden. If you don't have seeds to swap yet, come anyway to have a chat with like-minded people and maybe buy new seeds and plants to green your garden.

Language Café International

The department for international students offers again some events in summer term. As usual, the Sprachcafé International Online takes place every Monday at 18:00 via Zoom. If you would like to learn a new language or meet new people, you are cordially invited! In different breakout rooms you can try out games, chat or work intensively on your language skills. The Sprachcafé team Fio, Hanna and Laura are looking forward to meeting you!

Join [Zoom Meeting](#), Meeting ID: 380 564 516, Passcode: 756451



Internship & Job Opportunities*

[HR Student Assistant \(m/f/div\)](#), FLOCERT, Bonn

[Studentische Hilfskraft \(w,m,d\)](#), 10-15 Std. / Woche, Andreas Hermes Akademie, Bonn

[Trainee \(w,m,d\) im Fördergeschäft](#), Landwirtschaftliche Rentenbank, Frankfurt am Main

[Praktikant \(w,m,d\) Agribusiness im Fördergeschäft](#), Landwirtschaftliche Rentenbank, Frankfurt am Main

*job descriptions in German require fluent German skills
Check out the ILR [website](#) for PhD positions and other post-graduate job opportunities



Fair for future

Fairtrade, fair cities, fair universities – you may have come across the Fairtrade logo in your everyday life and wondered what it may be about. Hence, in this month's testimonial, we like to get you acquainted with the non-profit organization and the different scales it operates in. The theme was developed together with Lena Weinecke who is currently as a working student at Fairtrade Germany. Thanks you!

Fairtrade International was founded in 1997 with the idea to assure social and environmental justice for producers in the Global South. This started with food products such as banana, coffee and cocoa and the belief that consumer product choices influence its producers. It is set-up of three components, FLOCERT that certifies Fairtrade, more than 25 national Fairtrade organizations and marketing organizations as well as three producer networks. Assuring decent working conditions and setting minimum prices for a most commodities. In the run of its existence, Fairtrade established [several standards](#) that reflect these aims, not just for producers but along the whole supply chain. Starting with the production standards based on the mode of operation: small-scale producer organizations, hired labour organizations and contract production standards exist. Beyond that, Fairtrade international has established a Trader Standard, a Climate Standard and a Textile Standard as well as one for the trade of metals. Thus, the non-profit organization now stretches over many product categories that are produced in the Southern hemisphere to allow everyone to benefit from trade. If you want to learn more about the Fairtrade producers and the effects the pandemic had on them you can check out these [documentary](#). It was made by local filmmakers in the different countries.

Germany has a national Fairtrade organization as well. Fairtrade Deutschland e.V. was founded in 1992, is based in Cologne and celebrates its [30th anniversary](#) this summer! Like Fairtrade International, Fairtrade Germany works to reduce the disadvantages of producers in the Global South and to promote fair trade on a regional level. This is done by including even more trading partners who carry the Fairtrade label on their products and thus, contribute to a fairer world. To achieve this goal, Fairtrade Germany's marketing, information and public relations work closely together. Through the regional



Reference: Fairtrade Germany, Katharina Kukalow

[Fairtrade campaigns](#) and the many different [action campaigns](#) that take place locally in Germany throughout the year, but still pursue the global goal of fair trade, Fairtrade Germany provides information about fair trade in general and thus, motivates civilians and politicians to get involved on a local level. The main goal is to draw attention to the inadequate working conditions of producers in the growing economies. Through the campaigns, Fairtrade Germany shows how Fairtrade improves the lives of producers in a sustainable way and involves all age groups. Even schoolchildren and students can come into contact with fair trade through the [Fairtrade-Schools](#) and [Fairtrade-Universities](#) campaign and thereby, learn a lot about sustainable development. Through the engagement of cities in the

[Fairtrade-Towns](#) campaign, the wider civil society can also get involved in fair trade and ensure that municipalities become fairer, for example in public procurement.

The many action campaigns that take place throughout the year each have a key theme that they aim to draw attention to. From April 19th to 24th, for example, the international [Fashion Revolution](#) campaign is taking place, in which Fairtrade Germany is also participating under this year's motto "Change Fashion - Choose Fairtrade." Working people in the textile industry are still exploited and pay the price for cheap fast fashion. You can read a lot of helpful information about Fairtrade and sustainable textiles [here](#).

Here's how you can advocate for fair trade and sustainable consumption:

- Make sure to buy [fair foods](#) that carry the Fairtrade label, e.g. in the supermarket or in the [world store](#).
- Cook delicious [fair meals](#).
- If you need new clothes, shop second-hand or have a look for [Fairtrade certified cotton](#). [Here](#) you can read where you can buy fair fashion in Bonn.

Fairtrade also plays a role at the University of Bonn. In 2018, a seminar at the Institute of Geography resulted in an initiative of students who are engaged in fairtrade. Since November 2020, the University of Bonn has been designated as a Fairtrade University by Fairtrade Germany. This means that fair products can be found in the procurement of products as well as in the catering at conferences and in canteens as well as cafeterias. In addition, the initiative regularly organizes events on the topics of fair trade and sustainability in cooperation with the Green Office and the Prorectorate for Sustainability as a part of the [quarterly campaigning months](#) (Fair February, Mighty May, Sustainable September, Nachhaltiger November). And research, for example at ZEF, also examines the effects of Fairtrade for the producers. If you want to learn more about the [Fair University of Bonn](#) or you would get involved directly take a look here:

Instagram: [Fairtrade_bonn](#)

LinkedIn: [Initiative Fairtrade-University Bonn](#)



We want to hear from you!

This is a student-run newsletter, and we would love to get your input. If you have any helpful information about the AFECO program, job/internship opportunities, events around Bonn or something else you would like to share, let us know! It doesn't matter if you would like to contribute one time or consistently, everyone is more than welcome to join us! Feel free to contact us at jmeder@uni-bonn.de or s7lahoop@uni-bonn.de.

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