



## AFECO Newsletter August 2021



### Reregistration for the winter term

Please keep in mind that you need to re-register to the University Bonn by paying the amount of 315.06 € until 31<sup>th</sup> of August 2021. You can check the semester fees paid or to be paid as well as your reregistration status on [BASIS](#). In case you did not pay the fee so far, please transfer the semester fee with your matriculation number to the following bank account:

Payment recipient: Universität Bonn

IBAN: DE 20 3701 0050 0010 9335 02

BIC: PBNKDEFF

Reference: student ID number

### AFECO Study Buddy

#### @ All incoming AFECO students:

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all students who will be starting the AFECO program in October. You will receive more information in the coming weeks. But if you already have questions, you are very welcome to contact [Dominik](#). He will be your study buddy and will help you with all your questions and problems. Feel free to contact him and at the same time don't stress, everyone is in close communication to make your start as smooth as possible.

#### @ All current AFECO students:

As you will probably still remember from the AFECO program or a previous exchange semester, arriving to a new country or just a new university can be difficult. Especially under the COVID-19 circumstance, the university would like to make it as easy as possible for the new incoming students. Thus, the ILR team is looking for volunteering AFECO students who are willing to be paired up with one or two new incoming students and help them to get the hang of things in Bonn. All volunteers will be supported by the AFECO buddy Dominik. If you want to become a buddy for the incoming students, please send an [email](#) including your name and the languages you speak so that you can be paired accordingly.

### Farewell - from Bonn to new adventures

The approaching summer holidays also bring some change to the AFECO program, many have finished their masters or pursue the AFEPa double degree, go on ERASMUS or take the double degree in Wageningen. Now, after having studied with you, making it through stressful times, and celebrating new insights, helping each other, even though we hardly, if ever, met in person, we would like to wish you all the best on your future path.



## Summer School on Green Business and Sustainability

From 23<sup>rd</sup> August until 03<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 the [international summer school](#) will take place virtually and all students with a special interest are happily invited to join. You can choose between five different workshops that deal for instance with the energy industry and sustainable mobility. Registration is still open and can be done [here](#).

### Laying Down Tracks – Podcast

The new podcast series was established in the face of the United Nations Food Systems Summit and will be composed of 8 episodes. With at least two guests in an episode, issues and opinions of food access, consumption, production, and climate change are assessed. This gives an extensive overview of what is already happening and still needs to change to live up to the Sustainable Development Goals within the food system.

The podcast is a collaboration of the United Nations Food Systems Summit and Sourcing Matters which is a podcast focused on discussions in the food system and based in the US.

You can listen on their [website](#), [Apple](#), [Google](#) and [Spotify](#).

### Förderpreis der Agrarwirtschaft

The agrarzeitung has been supporting bright minds in the agricultural sector for more than ten years with the "Förderpreis der Agrarwirtschaft". The award, which is endowed with 9,000 euros, is aimed equally at scientists, farmers and professionals in agricultural companies from industry, trade and processing. Ideas that advance the agricultural sector are in demand. Further information can be found [here](#).

### Ways to get active!

During the summer, a number of initiatives in Bonn allow you to get active for free! Join for example the 5 km [parkrun](#) through the Rheinaue, which takes place every Saturday morning. The initiative does not only connect enthusiastic runners, but also offers to measure your running time. For that, don't forget to register on their website! If you prefer sports classes, join the classes of [Opern Rasen](#) in front of the opera or [Sport im Park](#) in the Hofgarten, Beuel, Duisdorf or Bad Godesberg. They offer yoga, zumba, HIIT and many other classes. Both initiatives, you can join spontaneously without registration.

### Flea market summer shopping

Summer means flea market time! On the 15<sup>th</sup> August the [Bonn yard flea markets](#) take place. You can either organize a garage sale on your own property or visit an already existing yard flea market. Also, you can take a look at one of the largest flea markets in Germany in the [Bonn Rheinaue](#). In "normal times" the stalls are set up from April to October on every third Saturday of the month. If COVID-19 cases remain reasonable this month, the market will take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> August.



## Internship & Job Opportunities\*

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

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

[Student Assistant \(starting from September/October\)](#), Chair of Agricultural and Food Market Research, Bonn

[Graduate Assistant – Natural Capital Accounting](#), *Oleson Ecological Economics Lab*, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Management, University of Hawai'i Manoa, Honolulu

[Student/Research assistant](#) for the team "Contributions to stabilization and development in North Africa and the Middle East", The German Development Institute, Bonn

[Praktikant:in \(m/w/d\) für den Bereich Naturre Ressourcen](#) im Kompetenzzentrum der Entwicklungsbank, KfW Bank, Frankfurt am Main

[Intern \(f,m,d\) for the project "Policy pathways towards 1.5-degrees lifestyles](#), Institute for Future-Fit Economies, Cologne

\* job descriptions in German require fluent German skills

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



## New student coordinator: Nicolas Gerber

Dear AFECO students,

Starting 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2021, I will take over the coordination of the AFECO program. I thank the AFECO Newsletter editors for giving me the chance to introduce myself at this stage.

My name is Nicolas Gerber and I have been working at the University of Bonn for the past 14 years at the Center for Development Research (ZEF) as a senior researcher. Over the last 19 years, I have worked broadly on the management of biodiversity, land and water resources and their interlinkages with poverty, food security, nutrition, and health. At ZEF, I have led research projects investigating rural nutrition at the intersection of agricultural innovation and water and sanitation behavior in Africa and South Asia. More recently, I focused on the issue of urban nutrition in Africa in connection with the organization of the local food system, food safety and quality along the supply chains, and consumers' behavior.

Before joining ZEF, I have studied economics. I started with a Bachelor of Economics in my hometown University of Lausanne, in Switzerland, followed by an MSc in Environmental and Resource Economics at UCL in London, and finally writing my PhD on "Biodiversity measurement and conservation" at UNSW in Australia.

I hope to bring my international experience to the AFECO coordination and to get stimulated by my interactions with all of you – as a coordinator and as a lecturer. AFECO is a great program, offering you a chance to become experts in a wide variety of fields linked to agricultural, food or resource business and economics. Such expertise is in great demand, in particular as our society

aspires to a more sustainable future. You, as AFECO students and then graduates, will have the chance to help steering that change. These are exciting times!

I look forward to meeting all of you in the near future and wish you all a successful exam period.

See you in August!  
Nicolas Gerber

Editor's note: If you have any issue for which you would like to contact Nicolas Gerber you can use this email address: [ngerber@uni-bonn.de](mailto:ngerber@uni-bonn.de)



## We want you to contribute!

This is a student-run newsletter, and we want to hear from you! If you have any helpful information about the AFECO program, job/internship opportunities, events around town or something else you would like to share, don't be bashful and have your voice heard! If you would like to contribute one time or consistently contact us at [jmeder@uni-bonn.de](mailto:jmeder@uni-bonn.de) or [s7lahoop@uni-bonn.de](mailto:s7lahoop@uni-bonn.de).

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**Special thanks this month to Viktoria Leuschner, who supported us with her ideas and time.  
THANK YOU 😊**