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Newsletter

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Dear fellows and friends,

We hope you are all well?! We are currently undergoing difficult times and do not know how long the coronavirus pandemic will continue to disrupt our daily routines.

This uncertainty makes it difficult to plan anything, such as our events in the summer term. What is sure: Until 19 April, no lectures can take place, which also means that there will be no Jour fixe on 14 April. We will inform you by then whether we can meet on 21 April or if we hold digital Jour fixe meetings.

With this newsletter, we would also like to inform you about the results of our latest calls for applications: Towards the end of the last semester, we received many applications for the various funding programmes offered by the Zukunftskolleg. We are especially happy about almost 300 applications from around the globe for the ZUKOnnect Fellowships (further information below). Moreover, we are pleased to herald the arrival of our new 2-year Postdoctoral Fellows and our new 5-year Research Fellows, who will start working at the Zukunftskolleg in the coming months.

Please follow the [latest updates](#) regarding the coronavirus. We hope you and your families stay safe!

Despite Corona: We hope you will enjoy springtime – the days becoming longer, trees growing greener and the Easter holiday fast approaching.

We wish you all a good start (whenever it may be) to the forthcoming summer term!

Warmest regards,

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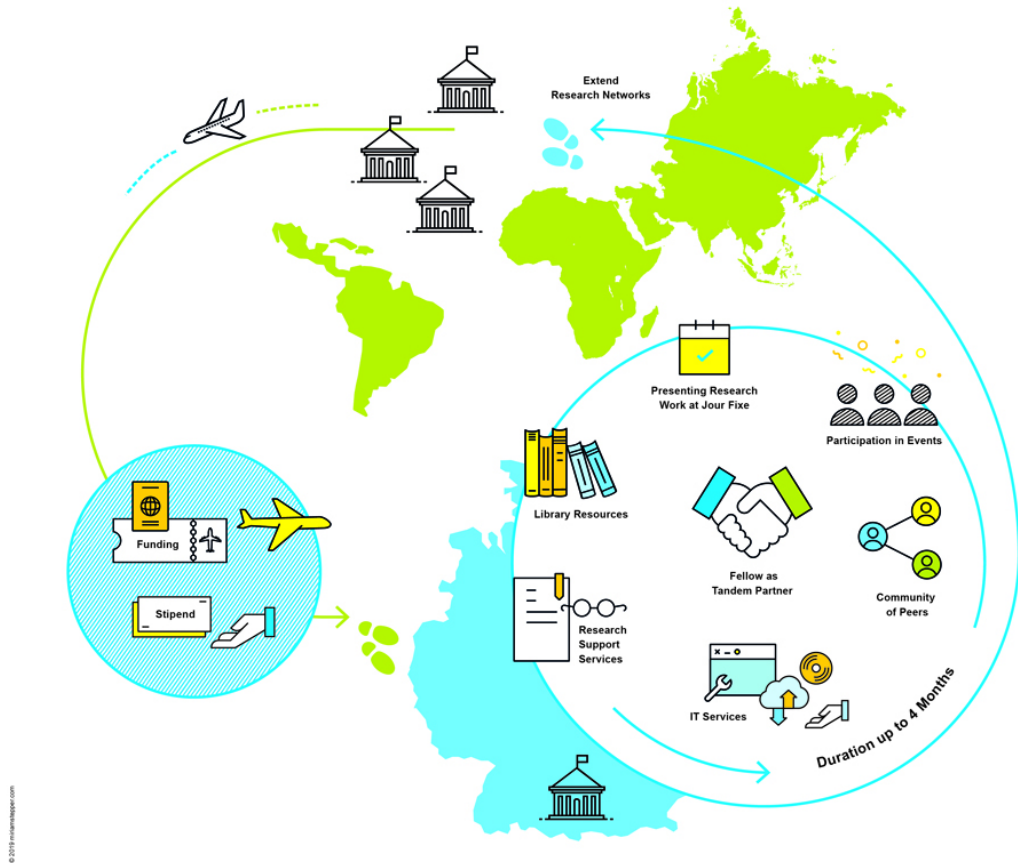
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New 2-year Postdoctoral Fellows and 5-year Research Fellows selected

In the 14th call for 2-year Postdoctoral and 5-year Research Fellowships (the closing date for applications was 15 October 2019), the Zukunftskolleg received 132 applications, of which 109 applications for the 2-year fellowships (applicants: 65 male, 43 female, 1 non-binary) and 23 applications for the 5-year fellowships (applicants: 19 male, 4 female). Of these 132 applications, 18 came from Germany and 114 from abroad.

In its first meeting on 4 December, the Recruitment Committee chose the finalists for the 2-year Postdoctoral Fellowships and the 5-year Research Fellowships. In its second meeting on 23/24 January 2020, the committee selected the 2-year Postdoctoral Fellows. [Read more.](#)

2-year Postdoctoral Fellowship recipients:

- Violeta Ivanova-Rohling (Physics)
- Ariane Bertogg (Sociology)

- Abena Yalley (Literature)
- Jacob Bloomfield (Literature)
- Sidney Carls-Diamante (Philosophy)

In its meeting on 12/13 February 2020, the Recruitment Committee decided on the 5-year candidates to be offered a Research Fellowship. [Read more.](#)

5-year Research Fellowship recipients:

- Armin Bahl (Biology / Cluster of Excellence for Collective Behaviour)
- Gruia Bădescu (History)
- Svetlana Boycheva Woltering (Biology)
- Cristina Ruiz Agudo (Chemistry)
- Azhar Fakhar Uddin (Physics)

The new fellows will start working at the Zukunftskolleg in the coming months. We congratulate the successful candidates and would also like to thank all those involved in the recruitment process for their time and commitment.



Decisions regarding research funding opportunities at the Zukunftskolleg

In its meeting on 25 February, the Executive Committee of the Zukunftskolleg decided on applications for funding programmes open to all postdoctoral researchers at the University of Konstanz. The deadline for all programmes was 15 February 2020.

Intersectoral Cooperative Programme

The Intersectoral Cooperative Programme aims to promote collaboration between early career researchers and the nonacademic community. It supports collaboration on joint research projects with companies, social and cultural institutions, archives, public institutions or nonprofit organizations. [Read more.](#)

The following project has been awarded funding:

“Cognitive behavioural Neuro-Psychotherapy for Patients with neurological disorders (PwND)”

A collaborative project between Jennifer Randerath (Psychology), Dominik Klaasen van Husen, Medical Section Head of Psychotherapeutic Neurology, Kliniken Schmieder, Konstanz, Dr Johanna Maier-Karius, Dipl. Psych. Eileen Murray and Jonas Matuschek, Head of Zentrum für Psychotherapie Bodensee, apb Konstanz.



Interdisciplinary Collaborative Projects Programme

The Interdisciplinary Collaborative Projects Programme gives grant holders the opportunity to identify and explore new, innovative or risky research perspectives with neighbouring disciplines and across disciplines. [Read more.](#)

The following project has been awarded funding:

“Stratification, ways of life and socio-political orientations in Kenya and Cote d’Ivoire. A comparative mixed-methods study in Sociology and Political Science”

A collaborative project between Anja Osei (Politics and Public Administration) and Florian Stoll (Cultural Studies, University of Bayreuth).



Independent Research Grant

The funding programme aims to promote independent research by postdocs at the University of Konstanz. In particular, applications by researchers at an early stage of their careers are welcomed, as is the exploration of new ideas in pilot projects.

The following researchers and initiatives has been awarded funding:

Philipp M. Lutscher (Politics and Public Administration)
Research project: Propaganda in crisis-ridden autocracies

David Koll (Economics)
Research project: The impact of divorce laws in the short and long run

Stephanie Dimitroff (Psychology)
Research project: The effect of early life adversity on relaxation experiences as indexed by psychophysiological reactivity

Vlad Demartsev (Biology)
Research project: Remote acoustic grooming in meerkats: selectivity of response and turn-taking efficiency as a function of social tie strength

Claudia Pogoreutz (Biology)
Research project: Characterizing antimicrobial and anti-inflammatory properties of shark skin bacterial isolates

Sebastian Krapp (Mathematics)
Research project: Analysis without the Archimedean Property

Katharina Zahner (Linguistics)
Research project: Getting the question: how German infants acquire intonational contrasts

Bing Ni (Chemistry)
Research project: Transformation of amorphous metal sulfides into well-defined crystalline nanostructures via a secondary nucleation mechanism

Guillermo González-Rubio (Chemistry)
Research project: Laser-assisted synthesis of colloidal alloy nanoparticles

Liam Beiser-McGrath (Politics and Public Administration)
Research project: The political economy of technological innovation and climate change



Research Visit Programme

The Research Visit Programme seeks to enhance international research cooperation and support international mobility. The Zukunftskolleg provides funding for research visits by international early career researchers (Invited Research Visits and Network Research Visits) and by Zukunftskolleg Fellows (Outgoing Research Visits).

One application was submitted for the Invited Research Visit. The support measure funds temporary research stays from one to three months by international early career researchers at the Zukunftskolleg. The aim of the Invited Research Visits is to provide an opportunity to engage in a research project in collaboration with a Zukunftskolleg Fellow at the University of Konstanz. Candidates must be nominated by a fellow of the Zukunftskolleg.

The following Invited Research Visit has been awarded funding:

Nihan Toprakkiran (Politics and Public Administration) has invited **Ekaterina Mikhailova** (Geography / Lomonosov Moscow State University) to work on the project “European border twin cities under strain of migration: responses by civil society and political actors”.



Review of events

Exhibition: 100 Spectres

Art, created from water samples from all over the world, was the subject of the exhibition. The works of art on paper by artist Sarah Bildstein built a bridge between natural phenomena and sensory forms. The exhibition was created in cooperation with the Zukunftskolleg, the Limnological Institute and the Department of Literature, Art and Media Studies at the University of Konstanz. Art students co-curated the exhibition within the framework of Tanja Klemm’s seminar “100 Spectres” funded by the Transdepartmental Collaborative Teaching Programme. [Read more.](#)



Special Jour fixe on the topic of the term (I)

Jour fixe on 14 January on “Change, Progress and Complexity” at the Zukunftskolleg

In the framework of the topic of the term there was an open discussion concerning the Zukunftskolleg.



Special Jour fixe on the topic of the term (II)

Jour fixe talks on 21 January 2020 concerning “Change, Progress and Complexity” at the university

Stefan Leins (Anthropology) spoke about: “Complexity in economic practice: A case for ethnography”
[Read more.](#)

Sebastian Findeisen (Economics) reported on: “The future of work and labour market institutions”
[Read more.](#)



Special Jour fixe on the topic of the term (III)

Jour fixe discussion on 28 January 2020 on “Change, Progress and Complexity” in the context of digitalization

In the framework of the topic of the term “Change, Progress and Complexity”, digitalization was discussed.

Ideas and examples were collected on:

1. How can digitalization improve our daily (scientific) life at the Zukunftscolleg?
2. What triggers digitalization and how does it influence us?
3. How far are we prepared to go in this process: Do we want and need digitalization? What is it all about? What is my personal point of view?



Jour fixe: Funding Programme Winners

Jour fixe talks by Michael Smith and Moritz von Brescius on 4 February 2020

Michael Smith (Biology / Associated Fellow) explained “How honey bees move within their nest”.

[Read more.](#)

Moritz von Brescius (History and Sociology / former Associated Fellow) reported on “Anticipations and disruptions of the first Synthetic Age: rubber, science and resources, c.1839–1945”.

[Read more.](#)



Jour fixe: Assembly of Members

In the last Jour fixe of the 2019/20 winter term on 11 February, the assembly of members convened for the election of two new members to the Executive Committee (as replacements for Carolin Antos-Kuby and Udith Dematagoda).

After the election there was a planning and discussion session and a get-together with all ZuKo members.



Forthcoming events

Anima Mundi – Vernissage at Landratsamt Konstanz

On 18 May 2020, the exhibition “Anima Mundi” with works of art by British illustrator George Butler will open at the Landratsamt Konstanz.

Following the special Jour fixe series on “Migration” in the summer of 2019 within the UBIAS’ Topic of the Year 2019 and the exhibition “Anima Mundi” in the foyer of the university’s library, George Butler’s artworks moved to Café Mondial in November 2019. The colourful illustrations will now be moving again, this time to the foyer of the Landratsamt Konstanz, thanks to cooperation between the Landratsamt, the Zukunftscolleg and the City of Konstanz.

At the opening ceremony, Andrea Flack (Biology / Cluster of Excellence “Collective Behaviour”) will present her research on storks and their migratory routes “In graphic detail: revealing the secret flight of storks”; she will be followed by Nihan Toprakkiran (Politics and Public Administration / Postdoctoral Fellow), who will provide an insight into her research on human migration and specifically on the voting preferences of immigrants.

We thank Andrea Flack and Nihan Toprakkiran for their contributions! We also thank the Landratsamt Konstanz for hosting the exhibition and George Butler for sharing his illustrations with us!

We cordially invite you to the official opening on 19 May at 18:00!

18 May 2020 - 16 June 2020
Landratsamt Konstanz, Benediktinerplatz 1, Konstanz
[Read more.](#)

Anima Mundi

18. Mai bis 16. Juni 2020
Ausstellung des Künstlers
George Butler

Ort: Foyer, Landratsamt
Konstanz, Benediktinerplatz 1
Dienstag, 19. Mai, 18 Uhr:
Vernissage mit Kurzvorträgen
und Empfang

Eine Kooperationsveranstaltung von:
Zukunftskolleg (Universität Konstanz),
Stadt Konstanz, Landkreis Konstanz

George Butler ist ein preisgekrönter britischer
Künstler, dessen Illustrationen zu Migration
bereits in Formaten wie der New York Times,
CNN und der ARD, sowie in mehreren Museen
veröffentlicht wurden.

*„When we think of ‘migration’ we think
of refugees in boats or swallows on the
wing. But not both. These drawings and
maps propose that due to the world we have
created these issues can no longer be consi-
dered separate. Whatever the reason – food,
fear, better futures, love, shelter or work – homo
sapiens and other species move. Why should we
be intimidated by that?“ George Butler*

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Jour fixe summer semester 2020

Jour fixe on the topic: “Change, Progress and Complexity”

Carolin Antos-Kuby (Research Fellow / Philosophy) on “Conceptual Change”

14 April 2020

15:15 - 16:45

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Postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

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Jour fixe on the topic: “Change, Progress and Complexity”

Morgane Nouvian (Research Fellow / Biology) on “Complexity in phototactic behaviour: why “like a bee to a flame” would not work...”

21 April 2020

15:15 - 16:45

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Postponed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

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Jour fixe: Research Visit Fellows

Ekaterina Mikhailova (Politics and Public Administration) on “European border twin cities under strain of migration: responses by civil society and political actors”

28 April 2020

15:15 - 16:45

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Cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

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Jour fixe: Research Visit Fellows

Ebi Antony George (Biology) on “The effect of social and individual information in regulating the foraging behaviour in bumblebee colonies”

Sergiu Sava (Philosophy) on “Internationality and Counter Internationality: Searle, Zahavi, and Marion”

05 May 2020

15:15 - 16:45

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Cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

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Jour fixe: Mentorship Winners

Maria Zhukova (Associated Fellow / Literature): guests from Manchester

12 May 2020

15:15 - 16:45

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Jour fixe: Vernissage LRA “Anima Mundi”

Official opening of the “Anima Mundi” exhibition with illustrations by George Butler at the Landratsamt Konstanz. With lightning talks by Andrea Flack and Nihan Topprakiran.

19 May 2020

18:00 - 20:00

**Landratsamt Konstanz,
Benediktinerplatz 1**

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Jour fixe: New fellow (I)

Svetlana Boycheva Woltering (Research Fellow / Biology) on “Autophagy: My journey to the recycling world”

02 June 2020
15:15 - 16:45
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Jour fixe: New fellow (II)

Ariane Bertogg (Postdoctoral Fellow / History and Sociology) on “Reconciliation of employment and family labour in the second half of life - What we (don't) know about it and why it matters to learn more about it”

09 June 2020
15:15 - 16:45
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See [all dates](#) for the weekly Jour fixe sessions in the forthcoming summer semester.



New EC members elected

In the Assembly of Members on 11 February, the fellows elected Nihan Toprakkiran (Postdoctoral Fellow / Politics and Public Administration) and Henri Kauhanen (Postdoctoral Fellow / Linguistics) to serve as new members on the Executive Committee.

The terms of office of Carolin Antos Kuby (Research Fellow / Dept. of Philosophy) and Udith Dematagoda (Postdoctoral Fellow / Dept. of Literature) of in total two years on the Executive Committee end in March/April.

We thank Carolin and Udith for their commitment and wish Nihan and Henri good luck for their role on the EC!





Careers, distinctions and grants

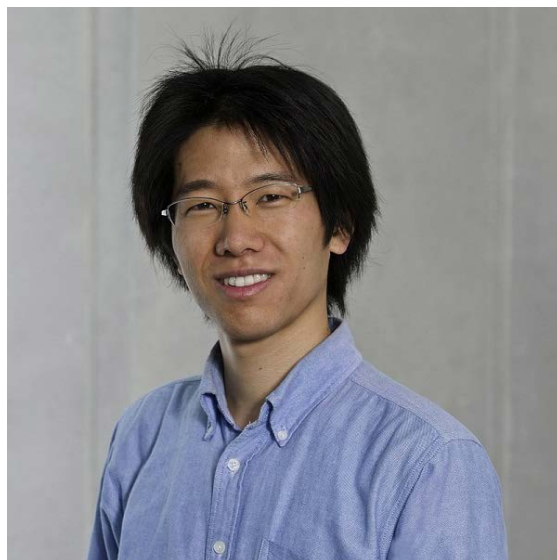
New position for Takayuki Kurihara

We congratulate Takayuki Kurihara (Research Fellow / Department of Physics) who has accepted a position as Research Associate (Assistant Professor) at the Laser and Synchrotron Research Center (LASOR) at the Institute for Solid State Physics of the University of Tokyo.

He started on 16 February 2020 and is working on the development of high-repetition attosecond laser pulses for condensed matter spectroscopy. "I more than thank the Zukunftscolleg for the opportunity to work here as a Research Fellow. With full financial support and heartwarming administrative assistance, I find it an ideal place for young researchers to promote science. I also greatly enjoyed the international and interdisciplinary environment at the Zukunftscolleg, which fits nicely with the openness of Konstanz University. I would love to keep in occasional touch with the people here for future collaboration and friendship."

He was a Research Fellow at the Zukunftscolleg from April 2018.

We wish him every success!





DFG Grant for Jennifer Randerath

We congratulate Jennifer Randerath – Department of Psychology / Research Fellow at the Zukunftscolleg since July 2015 - on receiving a DFG Grant worth up to 267.252 euros, plus 58.800 euros programme allowance for 36 months.

The funded project is entitled „Tun oder Nicht Tun: Grundlagen

Affordanzbasierter Entscheidungsleistungen“ („Doing or not doing: Basics Affordance-based decision services“).

