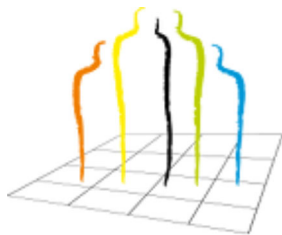


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Zukunftskolleg Newsletter Issue 03/2021

Dear fellows and friends,

We hope that you have all enjoyed the summer. We are more than happy to be back in seminars, lectures and hybrid meetings.

What has been going on at the Zukunftskolleg over the last summer semester? We launched the 2021 Constructive Advanced Thinking (CAT) call as well as a new call for applications for 5-year Research and 2-year Postdoctoral Fellowships. Further, the response to our calls for applications for various funding programmes was tremendous.

During the last few months, the Zukunftskolleg community was happy to welcome new Postdoctoral and Research Fellows, Senior Fellows, ZUKOnnect and Herz Fellows, filmmaker Sabine El Chamaa and several other guests. Together with them, we are looking forward to starting the new semester and to new possibilities to meet and connect.

We wish you a great winter semester!

Warmest regards,

The Zukunftskolleg team

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Recent calls for applications

Latest call for applications for 5-year Research and 2-year Postdoctoral Fellowships

The Zukunftskolleg has just closed its 16th call for applications for three Research Fellowships and three Postdoctoral Fellowships. **Application deadline was 15 October 2021.**

We received 84 applications in total: 67 for a 2-year Postdoctoral and 17 for a 5-year Research Fellowship. Among all 84 applicants, 53 are male and are 31 female.

Postdoctoral Fellowships are intended for researchers in the early stages of their careers who plan to develop and implement an independent research project.

Research Fellowships are destined for researchers with significant work experience at postdoctoral level. The fellows build their own academic profile by leading an independent research group at the University of Konstanz.



Both the 2-year and 5-year Fellowships are open to researchers from all fields represented at the University of Konstanz.

You can find more information about the fellowships on the [Zukunftskolleg website](#).



Constructive Advanced Thinking (CAT) 2021

Together with our sister institutes in Europe, we launched the 2021 call for proposals for research groups – **Constructive Advanced Thinking** – in short CAT.

CAT is an open international call designed to foster interdisciplinary research teams of young promising individuals wishing to address emergent societal issues with fresh ideas. CAT provides teams of early career researchers (three to five persons, possibly including a stakeholder) time and space for thought and discussion in the best research environments Europe has to offer.

Constructive
Advanced Thinking.

cat.

Deadline for the latest call for applications was 1 September 2021. We have received ten eligible applications which are currently undergoing peer review. Adjunct to the NetIAS business meeting at the end of November in Bucharest, the 2021 CAT groups will be selected. The projects will start in January 2022.

More information [online](#).



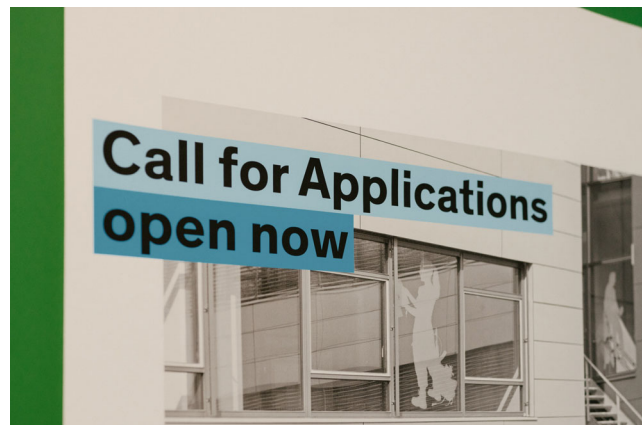
Latest intra-university calls for support measures

The Zukunftskolleg published calls for applications for several **funding programmes open to all non-tenured researchers at the University of Konstanz**. The application deadline for all programmes was 5 July 2021.

The following programmes were offered:

Independent Research Grant
(open to all non-tenured researchers at the University of Konstanz)

The funding programme aims to promote independent research by postdoctoral researchers at the University of Konstanz. In particular, we encourage applications which support the exploration of new ideas and for implementing pilot projects. The grant can cover consumables, equipment, travel costs and student research assistants.



Winners of an Independent Research Grant:

- **Maik Bieleke (Sports Science)**
Research project: Developing and validating a scale for assessing individual differences in the inclination towards physical effort – “Need for Physical Effort” (NPE)
- **Aneesh Bose (Biology/CASCB)**
Research project: Kin selection versus ecology in determining the structure of complex animal societies
- **Anna Czypionka (Linguistics)**
Research project: The role of timing and inter-individual variation in NPI licensing illusions
- **Ana Isabel del Arco Ochoa (Biology)**
Research project: Microbial-mediated protection against virus infections
- **Mohsen Jenadeleh (Computer and Information Science)**
Research project: Visually lossless compression for JND-based video quality assessment using crowdsourcing
- **Ana Isabel Lopez Garcia (Politics and Public Administration)**
Research project: Migration, Tax evasion and Bribery: Evidence from a Conjoint Experiment in Mexico
- **Andreas Spitz (Computer and Information Science)**
Research project: Crowdsourcing the Collection and Identification of Predatory Academic Junk Mail

You can find more information on the Zukunftskolleg [website](#).

Mentorship Programme (open to all non-tenured researchers at the University of Konstanz)

The programme enables non-tenured researchers at the University of Konstanz (postdoctoral researchers, junior professors, research group leaders, etc.) to network with distinguished colleagues both in Germany and abroad and to nurture these contacts.

Winners of a Mentorship:

- **Cornelia Klocker (Law)**
Mentor: Tove Hansen Malloy (European Centre for Minority Issues, University of Flensburg)

Beyond this, three winners of the Mentorship call 2020 received an extension to 2021 for the implementation of their projects:

- **Katharina Zahner-Ritter (Linguistics)**
Mentor: Anne Cutler (MARCS Institute, Western Sydney University, Australia)
- **Maria Zhukova (Literature)**
Mentors: Stephen Hutchings and Vera Tolz (University of Manchester, UK)
- **Katarina Zigova (Economics)**
Mentor: Chris Doucouliagos (Deakin University of Melbourne, Australia)

You can find more information on the Zukunftskolleg [website](#).

Interdisciplinary Collaborative Projects (open to all non-tenured researchers at the University of Konstanz)

The programme aims to promote research collaborations between non-tenured researchers (postdoctoral researchers, junior professors, research group leaders, etc.). An interdisciplinary research project gives grant holders the opportunity to identify and explore new, innovative and/or risky research perspectives with neighbouring disciplines and across disciplines.

Winners of Interdisciplinary Collaborative Projects:

- **Felix Hamborg (Computer and Information Science) and Franziska Weber (Sociology)**
Project title: Towards Assisted Content Analysis. Exploring the Potential of Natural Language Processing Methods to Reduce Cost in Social-Scientific Content Analysis

You can find more information on the Zukunftskolleg [website](#).

Transdepartmental Collaborative Teaching (open to all non-tenured researchers at the University of Konstanz)

The programme aims to promote the development of new teaching courses and expand departmental syllabi. It gives grant holders the opportunity to explore new, innovative topics in teaching and to further develop their teaching skills and teaching approach across disciplines.

Winners of a Transdepartmental Collaborative Teaching course:

- **Diego Frassinelli (Linguistics) and Caterina Moruzzi (Philosophy)**
Seminar title: The Present and Future of AI Research
- **Eva Johach (Sociology) and Anja Weidenmüller (Biology)**
Seminar title: Collective Behaviour: Inter-disciplinary Dialogues
- **Abena Yalley (Literature / Politics and Public Administration), Liliana Abreu (Politics and Public Administration) and Anke Koebach (Psychology)**
Seminar title: The legacy of violence in pandemic times: Global health challenges and gender dynamics

You can find more information on the Zukunftskolleg [website](#).

Intersectoral Cooperative Programme (open to all non-tenured researchers at the University of Konstanz)

The programme aims to develop cooperation between non-tenured researchers (postdoctoral researchers, junior professors, research group leaders, etc.) and the non-academic sector. Grants are given to support cooperation that fosters joint research projects with industrial partners, companies, social institutions, cultural institutions, archives, public bodies or non-profit organizations.

Winners of an Intersectoral Cooperation Programme:

- **Juhi Kulshrestha, Denis Bonnay (industrial cooperation partner / ResponDi SAS, France), and Marcos Oliveira (academic cooperation partner / University of Exeter, UK)**
Project title: Lockdown on the web: The unequal impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on people's web-browsing behaviour

You can find more information on the Zukunftskolleg [website](#).

Research Visit Programme

This programme seeks to enhance international research cooperation and to support international mobility. The Zukunftskolleg of the University of Konstanz provides funding for Research Visits for international early career researchers (Invited Research Visits), Research Visits for international early career researchers from partner research institutions (Network Research Visits) as well as Research Visits for Zukunftskolleg Fellows (Outgoing Research Visits).

Winners of a Research Visit Programme:

Network Research Visits:

- **Mirjam Lücking (Social Anthropology)**
Martin Buber Society of Fellows, Israel

Invited Research Visit:

- **Paula Tesche (Literature/Linguistics)**
Austral University of Chile

You can find more information on the Zukunftskolleg [website](#).



New fellows and guests at the Zukunftskolleg

Start of ZUKOnnect and Herz Fellowships

We welcome our new ZUKOnnect and Herz Fellows who joined the Zukunftskolleg on 1 September 2021 virtually for one year. They will be present on campus for 3 to 4 months in autumn/winter 2021.



from left to right: Neelma, David, Norman, Priyanshu, Gabriel, Anteneh, Mahsa, Ilesha

Our new members are (in the order of the photo collage):

- **Neelma Ashraf** (Biology, PhD candidate from Pakistan; research project: Identification of a Novel Strong Antifungal Polyene and Identification of the Lavendamycin Biosynthetic Gene Cluster of the Rhizobacterium *Streptomyces* sp. BR123 Isolated from the Rhizosphere of *Helianthus Annuus* from Pakistan; local host: Dieter Spiteller)
- **David Ubua Etta** (Linguistics, PhD candidate from Nigeria; research project: Towards a Phonology of Bokyi; local hosts: Miriam Butt and Theo Marinis)
- **Norman Chivasa** (Politics and Public Administration, postdoctoral researcher from South Africa; research project: Hybrid Conflict Resolution in Rural Zimbabwe's Customary Courts; local host: Tim Wegenast)
- **Priyanshu Goel** (Physics, PhD candidate from India; research project: Synthesis of Highly Efficient MOF and Perovskite Composite for Development of Stable and Efficient Optoelectronic Device; local host: Lukas Schmidt-Mende)
- **Gabriel Cerqueira** (History and Sociology, PhD candidate from Brazil; research project: Social Control, Hygienism and Family Law: Transnational Knowledge Exchange between Brazil and the League of Nations (1919-1930); local host:

- Anne Kwaschik)
- **Anteneh Getachew Gebrie** (Mathematics and Statistics, lecturer from Ethiopia; research project: Incremental Algorithms with Acceleration Techniques for Hierarchical Optimization Problems and their App)
 - **Mahsa Mozafari-Nia** (Computer and Information Science, PhD candidate from Iran; research project: Various Colourings of Fractional Powers of Graph; local host: Sabine Storandt)
 - **Ilesha Avasthi** (Chemistry, postdoctoral researcher from India; research project: Exploring Guanosine-Based Scaffold for Bioinspired Materials for 'Mineral Plastics'; local host: Helmut Cölfen)



Senior Fellow Giora Hon at the Zukunftskolleg

Giora Hon visited the Zukunftskolleg from July until September. He is a professor at the Department of Philosophy at the University of Haifa, Israel.

He joined the Zukunftskolleg for the first time in 2012 as a Senior Fellow. Since then, he has returned several times.

His research at the Zukunftskolleg focuses on the issue of “confidence”: “Against all odds: Commitment and confidence in the practice of physics” (Giora Hon and Bernard R. Goldstein).

“On what grounds does a scientist persuade himself or herself that pursuing a particular line of research is likely to be productive? This is a critical decision that tends to have long-term implications for the career of a scientist, for better or worse,” explains Giora Hon. “In this paper, we appeal to history of science as a resource for characterizing the concept of ‘confidence’.”

His paper, co-authored with Bernard R. Goldstein and entitled “Maxwell’s Role in Turning the Concept of Model into the Methodology of Modelling”, will be published shortly in “Studies in History and Philosophy of Science”.

Giora has also become a member (by nomination) of the Academia Europaea and the European Academy of Sciences.

More information on [Giora Hon](#).



Filmmaker Sabine El Chamaa at the Zukunftskolleg

Sabine El Chamaa was a guest at the Zukunftskolleg in July. She collaborates with **Gruia Badescu** (Research Fellow/Dept. of History and Sociology) in the framework of their

**intersectoral
cooperative
project** “Beirut-
Sarajevo
Intersections”.

“In my research on post-war reconstruction and memory, I reflected on the distinctive trajectories of two cities that some have put together in a category of “conflict cities”: Beirut and Sarajevo,” says Gruia Badescu, explaining the starting point of his collaboration with Sabine El Chamaa.



Sabine El Chamaa: Vertical Collisions

“Sarajevo’s 1992-1996 siege and Beirut’s experience in the Lebanese Civil War (1975-1990; continued by wars waged from abroad after 2000) – while echoing each other in terms of destruction and the trauma inflicted on residents – are remembered differently: an obsession with memory in Sarajevo and an enforced amnesia in Beirut. The correspondence between the two urban spaces and the contrast between their memory cultures has been a feature of my research,” says Gruia. “The question of experiencing the two cities and embodying experience and memory has also featured prominently in the thought of Sabine El Chamaa. Our project aims to explore through different visual media the research done and move it forward towards a new form of expression that would be experienced by various publics.”

They want to set up a visual project, which will comprise an exhibition and installation, including films and photographic media on the two cities. The project will examine how the trajectories of these cities intersect as well as interrogate whether and how their urban histories, memories and imaginaries mirror each other. The medium of film and other visual media will also bring an experimental edge and move beyond the horizons Gruia usually explores in an academic fashion. The aim is to produce a constellation of visual media – film, collage, photos – expressing both research as well as creative engagements with the material.

Sabine El Chamaa is a Lebanese filmmaker. She was born and raised in Beirut. Following her undergraduate studies in Communication Arts, she moved to Los Angeles to pursue film studies and worked as an editor in the US and in Europe before moving back to Beirut. She holds an MFA from the University of Southern California’s School of Cinematic Arts and a PhD by practice from Goldsmiths, University of London (UK). Sabine’s recent projects include photographic and video installations that question the ongoing reconstruction of memory in relation to personal archival images. Sabine currently lives and works in Beirut.

More information on [Sabine El Chamaa](#).

Watch her video “Promenade” (10 min.) on [vimeo](#) [password: promenade2009!].

More information about [Gruia Badescu](#).



News review

Intercontinental Academia by UBIAS has started in Paris

“Intelligence and Artificial Intelligence” is the theme of the fourth edition of the Intercontinental Academia (ICA 4).

The Zukunftskolleg is very pleased that [Diego Frassinelli](#), Junior Professor in Artificial Intelligence (AI) at the Department of Linguistics, has been selected to take part in the [ICA 4](#) and will be representing the University of Konstanz. The title of his project is: “The Effects of Culture and Society on Natural Language Models”



The ICA is a project by UBIAS, a network of 51 university-based Institutes for Advanced Study worldwide initiated in 2010. The Zukunftskolleg has been a member of UBIAS since 2018. Each ICA edition is hosted by two institutes from different continents. ICA 4 has been organized by the Institute of Advanced Transdisciplinary Studies (IEAT) at the Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG) in Brazil and the Paris Institute for Advanced Study (IAS).

The ICA 4 opening sessions were already held virtually in June this year. The face-to-face sessions will take place this October in Paris and in June 2022 in Belo Horizonte.



New EC Members elected

At the Assembly of Members on 13 July, the fellows re-elected **Cristina Ruiz Agudo** (Research Fellow / Chemistry) and elected **Gruia Badescu** (Research Fellow / History and Sociology) as well as **Violeta Ivanova-Rohling** (Postdoctoral Fellow / Physics) to serve as members on the Executive Committee.

The term of office on the Executive Committee has come to an end for Henri Kauhanen (Postdoctoral Fellow / Linguistics), Cornelia Klocker (Postdoctoral Fellow / Law) and Cristina Ruiz Agudo (Research Fellow / Chemistry). Cristina's re-election (second term of office) was possible.

We thank Cornelia and Henri for their commitment on the EC and wish Cristina, Gruia and Violeta good luck for their work!



Thank you ZUKOnnect Fellows of 2020/21

It was time to say “Goodbye” to our 2020/21 ZUKOnnect cohort, who finished their on-campus research stay at the University of Konstanz at the end of July.



from left to right: Josiah, Giovanna, Afrasa, Vishwanath, Krizler

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our second round of ZUKOnnect Fellowships for early career scholars from Africa, Asia and Latin America could not take place as originally anticipated and had to be launched digitally in October 2020. However, as our ZUKOnnect Fellows were able to use the digital services provided by the university, they already had the opportunity to build first research ties before coming to Konstanz. Following the digital fellowship, the Zukunftskolleg was able to welcome most of the 2020/21 cohort in person for the start of their on-campus research stay in April 2021. During the past three to four months, the fellows have become an integral part of our community at the Zukunftskolleg and enriched the scientific discussions within our university. We are happy to see that our fellows equally benefitted from their ZUKOnnect experience:

Afrasa Mulatu Urge: *“Within the scope of the ZUKOnnect Fellowship, I gained excellent practical and theoretical experience in conducting scientific research in Chemical Biology. I have generated a crucial result in collaboration with Professor Dieter Spiteller and Professor Erika Isono, which makes my PhD research project more complete. [...] Researching with scientists allows you to start thinking not just about your interests as a researcher but also about the needs of affected community members and stakeholders to develop innovative solutions that address their problems [...] being able to connect with national and international scientific communities allows me to look at the bigger picture in order to make a greater impact.”*

Giovanna Rodriguez-Garcia: *“During my ZUKOnnect Fellowship, the Zukunftskolleg helped me with many online resources to successfully finish and defend my PhD. Also, the international experience helped me to secure an offer for a postdoc to continue my research in the next year. The ZUKOnnect Fellowship also helped me to expand my network to European researchers. During my fellowship, I have met new researchers interested in corruption topics, and now I will start some collaborations.”*

Josiah Taru: *“The ZUKOnnect Fellowship provides a productive space for collaboration, networking, exchange of ideas and interdisciplinary conversations. I greatly benefited from the mentoring I received from my host, senior academics and the rich exchanges during the Jour fixe.”*

Krizler Tanalgo: *“Being part of the Zukunftskolleg is an amazing experience, despite the fact that we are facing a global pandemic. One of the things that was instilled in my mind during the fellowship is the strong support for independence and freedom to learn and explore your ideas, and that we were given the opportunity to learn from others’*

work and perspectives, which I think are very important strengths for the future of research.”

Vishwanath Varma: *“For me, the ZUKOnnect Fellowship turned out to be a stepping stone for a longer postdoctoral stay at the University of Konstanz through an idea I developed with my ZUKOnnect local host and a grant proposal that we compiled and received funding for from the Centre for the Advanced Study of Collective Behaviour. It was also great to talk to people from different backgrounds and hear about the work done across different disciplines at the Zukunftskolleg.”*

Although our fellows will keep their digital affiliation to the university until the end of this year, we want to thank Giovanna Rodriguez-Garcia, Krizler Tanalgo, Josiah Taru, Afrasa Mulatu Urge and Vishwanath Varma for the excellent cooperation during the past year and their contribution to intercultural exchange at the Zukunftskolleg.



Review of events

Event series: “Racism in Academia”

Everything passes except the past –

Discussion with artists in collaboration with the Goethe Institute Brussels

The event in the framework of the event series “Racism in Academia” took place on **30 June**.

Abstract:

Everything Passes Except the Past takes an artistic and discursive approach to coming to grips with a

colonial past that remains present in museums, public space and image archives. The contributions to the project, which is available as a book, propose visionary theoretical, practical and ethical foundations for future museums based on artistic and curatorial remediation of ethnographic collections. They also cover the role of colonial films in our collective and national memory as well as the challenges and perspectives of tearing down or replacing monuments and renaming streets.

Jana Haeckel, the coordinator of the project, and Bianca Baldi, one of the contributing artists, introduced the project and their work, followed by a comment by Kirsten Mahlke and room for questions from the audience.

Speakers:

Dr **Jana Johanna Haeckel** is an art historian, independent curator and lecturer based in Brussels. Her written and curatorial work focuses on the critical reflection of visual representation and documentation strategies in (post-)photography, with a special interest in postcolonial theory and intersectional feminism. She currently works at the Goethe Institute Brussels.

Bianca Baldi is a South-African artist based in Brussels. She deals with hidden infrastructures and narratives in her films, installations, photographs and images.



Evoking the histories of film, studio photography and trompe-l'oeil, she positions carefully chosen objects and images revealing complex webs of political, economic and cultural influences. Her work has been featured in several international exhibitions.

Professor **Kirsten Mahlke** is Professor of Cultural Theory and Methodology at the Department of Literature, Art and Media Studies at the University of Konstanz. Her interests include racism and colonialism in literature, and she is currently curating an exhibition on the colonial history of the city of Konstanz from 1500 to 1900 with her students.

Moderation: Cornelia Klocker (Postdoctoral Fellow / Dept. of Law)

Please find the programme of the event series [online](#).



Jour fixe: Collective Intentionality

In the framework of an extraordinary Jour fixe talk on 27 July, **Sergiu Sava** (Research Visit Fellow / Dept. of Philosophy, “Al. I. Cuza” University of Iasi) spoke about the “Elements of Collective Intentionality”.

Abstract:

Intentionality is the feature of (certain) mental states being directed at objects. The existence of an intentional state, however, does not necessarily depend on the existence of the object at which it is directed. For example, I can think of a fictional character, say, Rumpelstiltskin. I thus have a full-fledged intentional state – my thought is indeed directed at an object, that is, Rumpelstiltskin – even if the object does not exist.

Collective intentionality or we-intentionality is, too, the feature of certain mental states being directed at objects. One specific difference of collective intentionality is that the mental states featuring collective intentionality are not had by a single subject, but by a plural subject. The existence of the collective intentional states, again, does not necessarily depend on the existence of the object at which they are directed. For example, we as a plural subject can think of the same Rumpelstiltskin. We thus have full-fledged collective intentional states – our thoughts are indeed directed at an object, that is, Rumpelstiltskin – even if the object does not exist. The claim I tried to elaborate and defend in my talk pinpoints another specific difference of collective intentionality: An existing object can give rise not only to a collective intentional state, but also to the plural subject itself.



“The retreat fostered our creativity and community feeling”

Zukunftskolleg
Fellows came
together for a
**Writing Retreat on
Reichenau Island.**

The Zukunftskolleg
Writing Retreat took
place from **30
September to 2
October** at Hotel
Inselglück on
Reichenau Island.

The aim of the
Writing Retreat was

to give the fellows the opportunity to commit their time entirely to their writing project, with no other obligations that demand their attention. Simultaneously, each fellow was part of a supportive community of writers who have set themselves the same task.



Each fellow came prepared with his/her own writing goals, which were shared every morning in the group, and at dinner the fellows discussed their progress. The three days were structured according to several writing sessions with breaks in between.

To round off the Writing Retreat, the fellows hiked around the island's vineyards and had a guided tour of the local museum and cloister.

Participant statements:

"I thought that it was very well organised, I enjoyed the balance of edifying activities and also time to work."

"The food was great, the accommodation and working space were excellent and I thought that Reichenau Island was a really nice choice for a short getaway. I already got more work done than I had planned – the retreat was a total success for me."

"It would be great to have such writing retreats on a regular basis."

"I found Reichenau to be the perfect place for a writing retreat. The hotel was an excellent place to stay: great facilities and delicious food. Still, I would extend the retreat by one additional day. I enjoyed the experience very much and I would repeat it!"

"The writing retreat was an amazingly quiet and productive moment for me. It offered me the opportunity and time to stay focused for some comprehensive writing. It was good to be together with fellows and share thoughts and experiences. Super great atmosphere. Perhaps it would be better to spend more than two-and-a-half days next time for more efficiency."

"We self-organised in a very productive way and the retreat fostered our creativity and community feeling."

"The retreat experience was excellent! A wonderful opportunity to do some writing in a space without everyday interruptions, surrounded by likeminded colleagues. It was conducive not only to productive writing (I managed to write a conference paper from scratch and start working on revisions for a peer-reviewed article) but also helped our community feeling by getting to discuss and exchange with other fellows during meals and evenings. The venue was great as well – relaxing rooms, a variety of food options, wonderful views and a good working space. I am very grateful to Zukunftskolleg for organizing this!"



Exhibition on Konstanz's Colonial Past and Guided Tour at Café Fritz

For this year's day trip, the Zukunftskolleg offered the fellows two different

options.

On **28 September**, the fellows had the possibility to visit the **exhibition “Fabric. Blood. Gold. On the Traces of Konstanz’s Colonial Era”** at the Kulturzentrum of Konstanz.

The exhibition about the 16th-century colonial period in Konstanz was part of the Zukunftskolleg’s event series **“Racism in Academia”**. It was prepared as a collaborative project between the University of Konstanz, the University of Applied Sciences Konstanz (HTWG) and the University of Applied Sciences Kaiserslautern together with the City of Konstanz. Alumna **Kirsten Mahlke** – as main initiator of the project – was so kind as to offer a guided tour for the fellows.



Café Fritz

“Coffee meets Chemistry” was the topic of the second day trip on **11 October**.

After Klaus Boldt’s Jour fixe video presentation on “The Chemistry of Coffee” in June 2021, the fellows were invited to the practical part: a visit to the **Café Fritz** in Konstanz, which offered a guided tour on the different tastes and origins of coffee, with the possibility to try some of their fine products.

The fellows enjoyed both the cultural and the culinary excursion.



Forthcoming events

Jour fixe

Welcome to the 2021/22 winter semester

26 October 2021
15:15 – 16:30
Y326 / hybrid

Babu Thaliath (Senior Fellow / Philosophy)
“The Epistemic-Structural Intuition”

2 November 2021
15:15 – 16:30
Y326 / hybrid



Joint session with the Martin Buber Society of Fellows from Jerusalem/Israel

9 November 2021

15:15 – 16:30
Y326 / virtual

Perna Nadathur (Postdoctoral Fellow / Linguistics)
“Linguistic Inference and the Representation of Causation”

16 November 2021
15:15 – 16:30
Y326 / hybrid

Poster session with new ZUKOnnect and Herz Fellows
Presentation of the research projects of eight ZUKOnnect and Herz Fellows

23 November 2021
15:15 – 16:30
Y326 / hybrid

María Cruz Berrocal (Associated Fellow / History and Sociology)
tba

30 November 2021
15:15 – 16:30
Y326 / hybrid

Alice el-Wakil (Postdoctoral Fellow / Politics and Public Administration)
“Citizens as Agenda-setters in Democratic Systems”

7 December 2021
15:15 – 16:30
Y326 / hybrid

Assembly of Members
Election of members for the Executive Committee
and
**Stephan Streuber (Research Fellow / Computer and Information Science) and
Lorenz Assländer (Sports Science)**
“Augmented Reality”

14 December 2021
15:15 – 16:30
Y326 / hybrid

Mirjam Lücking (Research Visit Fellow)
“Not only at Christmas: Souvenirs from Bethlehem in Indonesians’ Cosmopolitan Religious Identities”

21 December 2021
15:15 – 16:30
Y326 / hybrid

Visit by Rector Katharina Holzinger

11 January 2022
15:15 – 16:30
Y326 / hybrid

Gabriella Gall (Postdoctoral Fellow / Biology)
“Exploring the Effect of Early Experience on Individual Vocal Flexibility and Group Functioning”

18 January 2022

15:15 – 16:30
Y326 / hybrid

Jennifer Randerath (Research Fellow / Psychology)
“Motor Cognition and Neurorehabilitation”

25 January 2022
15:15 – 16:30
Y326 / hybrid

Daniela Rößler (Postdoctoral Fellow / Biology)
“Hungry Eyes: An Experimental Framework Testing Eye Camouflage in Active Predators”

1 February 2022
15:15 – 16:30
Y326 / hybrid

Assembly of Members

Election of members for the Executive Committee

8 February 2022
15:15 – 16:30
Y326 / hybrid

See the [current Jour fixe programme](#).



Executive Committee meetings in the 2021/22 winter semester

26 October 2021
13:00 – 15:00
Virtual

30 November 2021
13:00 – 15:00
Virtual

11 January 2022
13:00 – 15:00
Virtual

8 February 2022
13:00 – 15:00
Virtual



The deadline for handing in applications for a forthcoming EC meeting is one week before the meeting, e.g. for the meeting on 30 November the deadline for handing in applications is 23 November, 12:00 noon.



Careers,

distinctions and grants

Scouloudi Publication Award 2021 for Jacob Bloomfield

We congratulate **Jacob Bloomfield** as a winner of this year's Scouloudi Publication Award.

The award comprises a publication grant of £1,000 for his book "Drag. A British History", which is based on his PhD thesis. The award is conditional on a positive peer review process.

Jacob earned his PhD at the University of Manchester, UK. His thesis was entitled "Male Cross-Dressing Performance in Britain, 1918-1970".

Jacob's research investigates the career and legacy of musician Little Richard. "Specifically, I am probing the question of how the singer, as a highly effeminate, flamboyant African-American man, achieved an extraordinary degree of mainstream popularity in both the United States and Europe in a period defined by racial bigotry and the repression of sexual and gender expression," explains Jacob.

Jacob has been a Postdoctoral Fellow since June 2020 and is affiliated with the Department of Literature.



Professorship for Stephan Streuber

Stephan Streuber (Research Fellow / Dept. of Computer and Information Science) has been appointed as professor (W2) for "Usability Engineering und User Interface Design in the area of Visual Computing" at Coburg University of Applied Sciences and Arts in Bavaria. He took up office in September.

Stephan Streuber studied Media and Computer Science at Harz University of Applied Sciences and received his PhD in Neuroscience from the University of Tübingen in 2013. He then held several postdoctoral positions at the Max Planck Institute for Biological Cybernetics, the Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems and the Brain Mind Institute at EPFL. From 2018, he was an assistant professor at the Department of

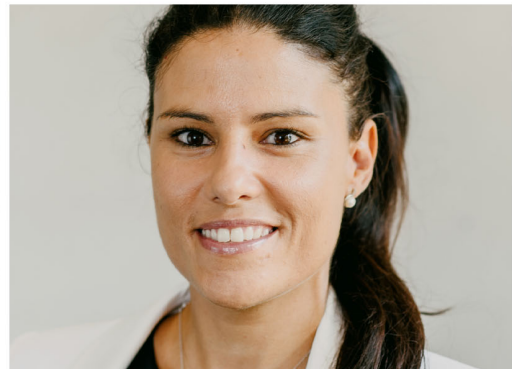
Computer and Information Science at the University of Konstanz. He was also a member of the “Collective Behaviour” Cluster of Excellence and has been a Research Fellow at the Zukunftskolleg since June 2019.

In his research, he studies the perceptual and cognitive processes underlying social interaction and collective behaviour in real and virtual environments. “We are using computational tools such as virtual reality and biometric avatars to study reciprocal social interactions under realistic and controlled experimental conditions,” he explains. “We are also interested in psychological questions related to social interactions, such as action coordination, person and body perception and the transmission of affective states across individuals in a group.”

We congratulate Stephan Streuber and wish him all the best!



Messmer Research Award 2021 for Ariane Bertogg and Cristina Ruiz Agudo



Ariane Bertogg and Cristina Ruiz Agudo

Ariane Bertogg (Postdoctoral Fellow / History and Sociology) and **Cristina Ruiz Agudo** (Research Fellow / Chemistry) are two of the three winners of this year’s Messmer Research Award 2021, which is conferred by the Werner and Erika Messmer Foundation.

Ariane Bertogg’s project is entitled “Social Aspects of Cognitive Ageing: The Role of Social Integration and Social Inequalities”, Cristina Ruiz Agudo’s project is called “Controlling M-S-H Crystallization for Building a Green Future”.

The prize is worth € 10,000 and intended to support researchers in their further scientific work. The selection was made in a multi-stage procedure by the foundation and the Rectorate of the University of Konstanz, in consultation with the faculties.

The award ceremony will take place during the Dies academicus at the University of Konstanz on 27 October 2021.

Congratulations!

More information about the [Messmer Foundation](#).



KlarText Prize for Science Communication for Mathematician Lothar Sebastian Krapp

Associated Fellow **Lothar Sebastian Krapp** has received the KlarText Prize for Science Communication.

Scientific work in mathematics is usually a closed book for people who are not familiar with mathematics. Yet mathematics is omnipresent in everyday life. Algorithms in particular influence many decisions, whether they involve search engines on the internet or route planners. Lothar Sebastian Krapp dedicated his doctoral thesis at the University of Konstanz to algorithms in mathematics. Together with five other award winners, he has received the KlarText Prize for Science Communication from the Klaus Tschira Foundation for the successful presentation of his research in a way that is easy to understand for the general public.

Read more [here](#).

