

Short Bio

Laura Guadagnano is Research Associate in the project *Health discourses as moral communication? Linguistic case studies from Côte d'Ivoire and Cameroon* within the Africa Multiple – Cluster of Excellence and Junior Fellow at Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies (BIGSAS).

Laura studied the interdisciplinary Master's degree *Language - Interaction – Culture* at the University of Bayreuth after obtaining a double B.A. in French Linguistics & Literature and Economics at the Bergische Universität Wuppertal (Germany).

She is mainly interested in French linguistics with emphasis on cultural, interactive, and multilingual aspects. Among her research interests are also health communication and moral discourse, language in media and sociolinguistics.

Project description

Moral communication in the field of sexual and reproductive health of young Ivorian women. A pragmatic-discursive analysis.

In her doctoral research, Laura is currently working on the analysis of moral communication in a specific health-related discourse. By placing the sexual and reproductive health of young women in Côte d'Ivoire at the center of her research, she focuses on a discourse that has received increased media attention in recent years due to discussions concerning pregnancies in school context. Based on a database including interviews and focus group discussions with young Ivorian women as well as (former) teen-mothers, she analyzes how linguistic devices and communicative practices contribute to the emergence and negotiation of moralities within interaction.

Academic vita

Since 02/2020	Doctoral fellow at Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies (BIGSAS)
Since 10/2019	Research Associate in the Research Project <i>Health discourse as moral communication? Linguistic case studies in Côte d'Ivoire and Cameroon</i> in the Africa Multiple – Cluster of Excellence University of Bayreuth (Germany)
10/2016 – 09/2019	Master of Arts in <i>Language – Interaction – Culture</i> (Sprache – Interaktion – Kultur) University of Bayreuth (Germany)
10/2018 – 12/2018	Student Assistant at the Department of African Linguistics of Prof. Dr. Dymitr Ibriszimow (University of Bayreuth - Germany)
02/2017 – 12/2018	Student Assistant at the Department of Romance and General Linguistics of Prof. Dr. Martina Drescher (University of Bayreuth - Germany)
10/2011 – 03/2016	Bachelor of Arts <i>Economics and French Linguistics and Literature</i> Bergische Universität Wuppertal (Germany)
03/2012 – 08/2013	Student Assistant in the DFG-Funded Research Project

„Subjekte und Objekte im Italienischen und Spanischen als *heritage languages* in Deutschland“ (Bergische Universität Wuppertal - Germany)

Conference contributions

- 2022: Presentation: *Exploring moral communication in sexual and reproductive health discourse of young women in Côte d'Ivoire* at **AFPCON2022 – The Second African Pragmatics Conference** at University of Nairobi, Kenya
- 2022: Presentation: *Young women's sexual and reproductive health discourse and moral communication: The case of Côte d'Ivoire* at **LOT Winter School - Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam**
- 2021: Presentation: *Zur Aushandlung von Norm- und Moralvorstellungen im Gesundheitsdiskurs. Das Beispiel der sexuellen und reproduktiven Gesundheit junger Frauen in der Côte d'Ivoire.* at **Normvorstellungen, Normalität(en) und Normativität – Interdisziplinäre Perspektiven auf das ‚Normale‘ in der Medizin** at Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster
- 2021: Discussant for Prof. Esmeralda Mariano: “Becoming woman, being person between visible and invisible words” at **Intersectionality and Critical Diversity (ICDL) Zoom Symposium** at University of Bayreuth: Gender and Diversity Office of the African Multiple Cluster of Excellence.

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