Dear students,

The Examination Board for Regional Studies has decided on 14 June 2021 that on the basis of the “Manteländerungssatzung”, § 10, all processing times for module assessments in SoSe 2021 will be postponed by four weeks. The decision refers to assessments with processing time (deadlines) such as term papers, written versions of oral presentations, written parts of portfolios as well as final theses (BA and MA). It does not apply to exams (Klausuren) and oral exams.

As a result of this extension, all deadlines for written module assessments with processing time in the BA and MA degree programs at the Institute of African Studies announced at the beginning of the summer semester 2021 for will be postponed by four weeks.

As a reminder, here is the official information about exams and examination procedures that you can find in the Examination Regulations (“Prüfungsordnung”) and on faculty and institute websites:

Examination Regulations § 4, 2: “A failed module exam may be repeated once within one year after completion of the first exam attempt. The period begins with the announcement of the result. At the end of this period, the repeat exam is deemed to have been failed. The first repeat exam can take place in the same semester, but no earlier than 14 days after the announcement of the result. A second retake exam can only be granted at the next possible exam date”.

If you have failed an exam, you must apply to Mr. Banik at the study office (Studienbüro) for a repeat exam at the next possible date. Please also inform the responsible lecturer or the person responsible for the module.

If you are unable to take part in a module exam due to illness, please present your medical certificate to Mr. Banik within three working days. The original receipt date of the medical certificate counts. It will be entered into AlmaWeb for the corresponding module exam. In case of sick leave for a module exam, the next exam date of this module is deemed valid. A separate registration is not necessary. This is done automatically due to the sick leave.

If the repeat exam is not attended without a valid excuse, a failed attempt will be recorded! There will be no written notification of failed exams. Please check with the lecturers or persons responsible for the module for retake exam dates.

Failed elective modules can be replaced by other modules, but compulsory modules (“Pflichtmodule”) must be passed! In MA African Studies these are: 03-AFR-2101 „Introduction to African Studies“, 03-AFR-2108 „Planning and Researching“, 03-AFR-2121 „Reporting and Communicating“ and 03-AFR-1801/02/03 „Semester Abroad“.

Examination Regulations § 15: "If a module exam of a compulsory module is definitively not passed, the Master exam is also definitively not passed".

Kind regards,

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