

## 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, Laura focuses on a discourse that has received increased media attention in recent years due to various discussions concerning the ongoing phenomenon of pregnancies in school context. Based on a data corpus including interviews and focus group discussions with young Ivorian women as well as (former) teen-mothers, she analyzes how linguistic and communicative elements contribute to the emergence and negotiation of moralities within interaction.

## Academic vita

Since 02/2020	<b>Doctoral fellow</b> at Bayreuth International Graduate School of African Studies (BIGSAS)
Since 10/2019	<b>Research Associate</b> 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	<b>Master of Arts in <i>Language – Interaction – Culture</i></b> (Sprache – Interaktion – Kultur) University of Bayreuth (Germany)
10/2018 – 12/2018	<b>Student Assistant at the Department of African Linguistics</b> of Prof. Dr. Dymitr Ibriszimow (University of Bayreuth - Germany)
02/2017 – 12/2018	<b>Student Assistant at the Department of Romance and General Linguistics</b> of Prof. Dr. Martina Drescher (University of Bayreuth - Germany)
10/2011 – 03/2016	<b>Bachelor of Arts <i>Economics and French Linguistics and Literature</i></b> Bergische Universität Wuppertal (Germany)
03/2012 – 08/2013	<b>Student Assistant in the DFG-Funded Research Project</b> „Subjekte und Objekte im Italienischen und Spanischen als <i>heritage languages</i> in Deutschland“ (Bergische Universität Wuppertal - Germany)

## Conference contributions

- 2023: *Sex education, transformation, and the emergence of moral concerns in young Ivorian women's health discourse* at **American Anthropological Association and Canadian Anthropological Society – AAA/ CASCA Annual Meeting** (Toronto, Canada)
- 2023: « *c'était comme une malaDIE contagieuse* » - *Metaphors and Moralities in Young Women's Health Discourse in Côte d'Ivoire* at **RaAM16 – Researching and Applying Metaphor** (University of Alcalá de Henares, Spain) – Highly commended Poster Prize
- 2023: *Doing Ethics. Manifestations of Moralities in Sexual and Reproductive Health Discourse in Côte d'Ivoire* at **COMET2023 – Communication, Medicine, and Ethics** (University College Cork, Ireland)
- 2022: *Exploring hein and quoi as markers of moral stance. The example of sexual and reproductive health discourse* at **Doing ethics: Interdisciplinary perspectives on communicative practices and verbal devices** (University of Bayreuth, Germany)
- 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 (Kenia)
- 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** (Netherlands)
- 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 (Germany)
- 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 (Germany)

## Summer/Winter Schools

- 2022: *LOT* (Netherlands Graduate School of Linguistics/ Landelijke Onderzoekschool Taalwetenschap) *Winter School* at the **Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam** (Amsterdam, Netherlands)
- 2019: *International Summer School on Linguistic Fieldwork (FieldLing)* at **CNRS** (Paris, France)

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