



AGYA Award
Initiatives and Projects Promoting the Role and Value of Humanities in
Research, Education and Society

In the framework of the
International AGYA Conference
‘The Place of Humanities in Research, Education and Society:
An Arab-German Dialogue’
8–10 November 2019
Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

Application deadline: 10 August 2019

Value of the award: 2 x EUR 2,500

The international AGYA conference “The Place of Humanities in Research, Education and Society: An Arab-German Dialogue” aims at exploring the potential and challenges of the humanities, engaging Arab and German key players in a transnational dialogue. The role of the humanities, their standing in the academic field and their impact on society are questions of global relevance. They have become highly topical in the Arab world where the humanities in particular are often facing considerable obstacles due to, among other reasons, limited access to financial resources, restricted access to international knowledge production and a lack of prestige and status, which may restrain promising students from choosing these disciplines. In Germany, similar topics are being debated.

In the framework of this conference, a prize will be awarded to initiatives and projects with special achievements in promoting the role and value of humanities in research, education and society, and in communicating humanities to a broader public. We are looking for, e.g.

- innovative projects driving humanities forward in educational settings,
- initiatives translating knowledge to society in journalism or exhibitions,
- theater or art projects raising awareness for the role of humanities,
- projects in Digital Humanities that facilitate access to the knowledge of the field.

Initiatives and projects realized in the Arab world, Germany or another European country are welcome to apply.

Application procedure:

Please send a short description of your initiative/project (approx. 1–2 pages) and a short biographical summary of the person designated to present the project at the conference to **humanities@agya.info**.

After the submission deadline, ten initiatives/projects will be shortlisted for the award and invited to take part in a poster presentation during the conference in Berlin. Travel and accommodation costs will be covered for one representative of each initiative to attend the conference. Two of the shortlisted initiatives (one from the Arab world and one from Germany or another European country) will be nominated for the AGYA award by the selection committee. They will be honored in an award ceremony on the second day of the conference.

From 8–10 November 2019, the conference will bring together Arab and German key academics, funding officials, and the media to engage in a transnational dialogue about the role of humanities. The poster presentation of the selected projects will raise awareness and make the initiatives known to international experts and opinion leaders.

Deadlines:

Abstract submission: 10 August 2019

Poster submission for selected initiatives/projects only: 30 September 2019

Organizers:

The conference is organized by AGYA members Nuha Al-Shaar (American University of Sharjah), Beate Ulrike La Sala (Freie Universität Berlin), Jenny Rahel Oesterle (Universität Heidelberg), and Barbara Winckler (Universität Münster).

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