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About AGYA

The Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA), at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (BBAW) and at the Academy of Scientific Research & Technology (ASRT) in Egypt, was established in 2013. It is the first bilateral young academy worldwide. AGYA promotes research cooperation among outstanding early-career researchers (3–10 years post-PhD) from all disciplines who are affiliated with a research institution in Germany or any Arab country.

The academy provides partnership building opportunities and funding to support the innovative projects of its members in various fields of research as well as in education and science policy. By promoting active engagement of early-career researchers in academia and society AGYA offers a sustainable research infrastructure to tackle common challenges together.

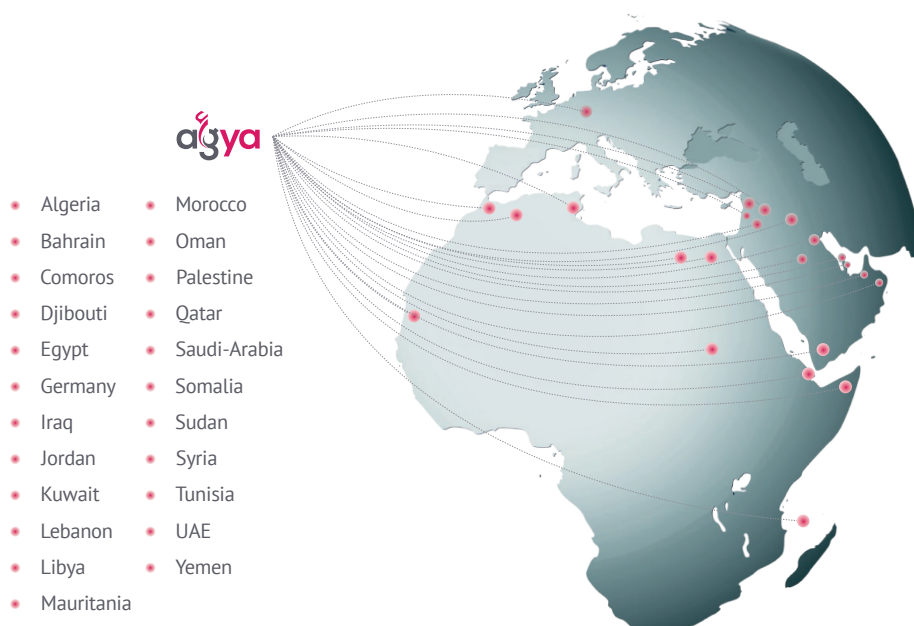
More than 50 members—in equal number Arab and German scholars—have been selected to join AGYA. They have realized joint projects and initiatives in the framework of six interdisciplinary working groups: Arab and German Education; Common Heritage and Common Challenges; Energy, Water and Environment; Health and Society; Innovation; and Transformation. AGYA connects its members with outstanding research institutions in Germany and the Arab countries and facilitates collaboration opportunities. Therefore, AGYA members exclusively benefit from access to an academic network of excellence. AGYA is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and various Arab cooperation partners.

Mission and Goals

The main goal of the Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA) is the effective strengthening of international cooperation between excellent Arab and German early-career researchers. In the light of the present challenges this mission is more relevant than ever. Arab and German researchers must intensify their contacts and establish new forms of cooperation. AGYA supports innovative research projects and collaborative initiatives in the framework of Arab-German research cooperation. The concept of AGYA is to maintain the practical application of interdisciplinarity. In relation to the format and content of its academic activities, AGYA is independent.

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- brings together excellent early-career researchers
- fosters collaboration from an innovative Arab-German perspective
- supports interdisciplinary research projects and initiatives of its members
- offers a sustainable research infrastructure to tackle common challenges together
- establishes cooperation networks by bundling regional competence centres
- effectively strengthens new forms of North-South-South cooperation
- creates innovation by cooperation



Organization of AGYA

The activities of AGYA are carried out by its members including the Steering Committee consisting of three Arab and three German members. They represent AGYA regularly at international conferences and actively engage in exchange with leading academic institutions in the Arab world and Germany. The academy is supervised by the Advisory Board consisting of five Arab and five German representatives of internationally renowned academic institutions:

- Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (BBAW)
- German National Academy of Sciences Leopoldina
- German Goethe Institute
- Prussian Cultural Heritage Foundation (SPK)
- German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)
- Academy of Scientific Research & Technology, Egypt
- Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS)
- Mikati Foundation, Lebanon
- Qatar Foundation
- Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation Morocco

Administrative support for the academy's activities and members is provided by AGYA's offices in Berlin, housed at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (BBAW), and in Cairo at the Academy of Scientific Research & Technology (ASRT). Furthermore, AGYA has regional coordinators in Beirut and Tunis who act as focal points in the region.

AGYA's Key Impact Areas

- Interdisciplinary research: realization of innovative research projects to tackle common challenges
- Capacity building and promotion of high potentials: initiation of projects at the interface of science and society
- Research-oriented policy advice: implementation of transnational initiatives on questions of education and science policy
- Network building and research cooperation: promotion of Arab-Arab-German collaborative projects and initiatives

Membership

AGYA offers its members a unique opportunity to take an active part in the life of the multidisciplinary academy and supports them to implement their own ideas, visions and creative projects in the framework of Arab-German research cooperation. AGYA members profit from a 5-year membership in the academy followed by a lifelong membership in the alumni network. The members of AGYA meet regularly: Travel expenses for workshops and conferences are covered for all members.

AGYA also provides funding to realize innovative research projects within its working groups and in joint projects between Arab and German members. Moreover, AGYA offers a range of training opportunities to enhance the academic careers as well as the interdisciplinary and intercultural skills of its members and promotes them as ambassadors of science and culture.

The call for membership is published annually at the beginning of the year.

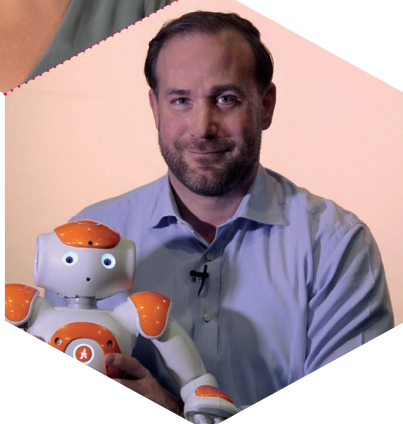
More information: www.agya.info



"AGYA is a highly beneficial platform to develop interdisciplinary and cross-regional projects, debate various perspectives and strike international friendships."

Tamirace Fakhoury

Political Science, Lebanon, AGYA member since 2014



"When innovative ideas meet, scientific achievements follow."

Oliver Korn

Computer Sciences, Germany, AGYA member since 2016



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