

**'AGYA is a unique and absolutely fascinating intellectual and cultural experience.'**

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AGYA alumna since 2018



**'AGYA is, where innovative ideas meet, and scientific achievements follow.'**

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### About AGYA

The Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA) is based at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (BBAW) and at the Academy of Scientific Research and Technology (ASRT) in Egypt. It was established in 2013 as 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 in any Arab country. The academy provides support for 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.

Currently, AGYA has 60 members and an increasing network of alumni from over 70 prominent institutions in 18 countries. They realize joint projects and initiatives in the framework of six interdisciplinary working groups and tandem projects tackling topics such as: Arab and German Education; Common Heritage and Common Challenges; Energy, Water and Environment; Health and Society; Innovation; Transformation. AGYA connects its members with outstanding research institutions in Germany and 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.

## The Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA)



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## 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 current challenges this mission is more relevant than ever: Arab and German scholars must intensify their research exchange and establish new collaborations beyond disciplinary borders in order to contribute to the development of innovative solutions. AGYA supports interdisciplinary research projects and collaborative initiatives in the framework of Arab-German research cooperation. In relation to the format and content of its academic activities, AGYA is independent.

## 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 new forms of Arab-Arab-German collaboration

## Organization of AGYA

The activities of AGYA are carried out by its members. The General Assembly of all members convenes twice a year at the AGYA Annual Conferences where the members decide on all matters of importance to the academy. They select the Steering Committee consisting of three Arab and three German members. The Steering Committee represents AGYA at international conferences and actively engages in exchange with leading academic institutions in the Arab world and Germany. The Steering Committee is led by two Co-Presidents. The academy is supervised by the Advisory Board consisting of five Arab and five German high-ranking 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 and 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, based at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (BBAW), and in Cairo at the Academy of Scientific Research and Technology (ASRT). Furthermore, AGYA has regional coordinators in Beirut and Tunis who act as focal points in the respective region.

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- Saudi-Arabia
- Somalia
- Sudan
- Syria
- Tunisia
- UAE
- Yemen

The Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA) brings together excellent Arab and German scholars to face shared challenges and develop solutions through research cooperation.

## Membership

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

Furthermore, AGYA provides funding to realize interdisciplinary research projects within its working groups and in joint tandem projects between Arab and German members. Moreover, AGYA offers a range of training opportunities to enhance the academic careers as well as the 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 each year.

More information: [www.agya.info](http://www.agya.info)

