



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
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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:

- 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.

Ten initiatives/projects will be shortlisted for the award and invited to take part in a poster presentation during the conference in Berlin. 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. Value of the award: 2 x EUR 2,500.

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.

This is a conference of the Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA) in cooperation with Freie Universität Berlin and Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster, with the collaboration of Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg and American University of Sharjah. Sponsored by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF).

Deadlines:

Abstract submission: Now closed!

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

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