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International AGYA Conference
**The Place of Humanities in Research,
Education and Society:
An Arab-German Dialogue**

Berlin, 08 – 10 November 2019

Friday, 08 November 2019

Freie Universität Berlin, Silberlaube, Hörsaal 1a

- 17:15 **Registration**
- 18:00 **Welcome Addresses**
- 18:30 **Opening Statements and Discussion:**
*How to Bridge Sciences and Humanities in
the 21st Century?*
Abdullatif Abuhijleh, President of Birzeit University,
West Bank | Günter M. Ziegler, President of Freie
Universität Berlin
- 20:30 **Reception & Poster Presentation 'AGYA Humanities
Award'**

Musical interludes: Berlin Oriental Quartet

Conference host: Julia Gerlach

The opening event is part of Berlin Science Week 2019.

Saturday, 09 November 2019

Freie Universität Berlin, Silberlaube, Hörsaal 1a

08:30 **Registration**

09:00 – 09:30 **Introduction**

09:30 – 10:15 **Keynote I: Digital Citizen Media and Emerging Modes of Knowledge Production**

Randa Aboubakr, Professor of English and Comparative Literature, Cairo University

10:15 – 11:00 **Keynote II: The Design Turn: Bridging the Humanities and Sciences Divide**

Claudia Mareis, Professor of Design Theory and Design Research, FHNW Academy of Art and Design Basel

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee Break & Poster Presentation 'AGYA Humanities Award'**

11:30 – 13:30 **Workshop Sessions I: Teaching Humanities at Universities and Secondary Schools**

Hörsaal 1a

Workshop I.A: Teaching Humanities at Universities

Chair: Tarek Tawfik, Cairo University, AGYA Alumnus | Anne Clément-Vollenbroich, University of Bern | Fadi El Hage, Saint Joseph University of Beirut | Andrea Geier, University of Trier | Bashshar Haydar, American University of Beirut | Christian Junge, University of Marburg, AGYA member | Rasha Sharaf, Egyptian National E-Learning University

Room L115

Workshop I.B: Teaching Humanities at Secondary Schools

Chair: Marko Demantowsky, University of Basel | Bassel Akar, Notre Dame University Lebanon | Shaimaa Atef, Boldan for Vernacular Heritage, Cairo | Inken Heldt, University of Kaiserslautern | Irene Pieper, University of Hildesheim | Susanne Popp, University of Augsburg

13:30 – 14:30 **Lunch**



14:30 – 16:00 **Panel Discussion I: Arab-German Cooperation in the Humanities**

Chair: Florian Kohstall, Freie Universität Berlin, AGYA Alumnus | Fadma Ait Mous, Hassan II University of Casablanca | Christian Hülshörster, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) | Mohamed Refâat Chaâbouni, University of Tunis EL-Manar | Georges Khalil, Forum Transregionale Studien, Berlin | Angelika Neuwirth, Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities


16:00 – 16:30 **Coffee Break & Poster Presentation 'AGYA Humanities Award'**

16:30 – 18:30 **Workshop Session II: Translating Knowledge to Society**

Chair: Luise Fischer, Fraunhofer Center Leipzig, AGYA member | Amro Ali Abdelmonem, American University of Cairo, AGYA member | Ashraf Amin, Al-Ahram Newspaper, Cairo | Aisha Deemas, Sharjah Museum of Islamic Civilization | Mona el Tobgui, Academy of Scientific Research and Technology in Egypt | Ricarda Ziegler, Wissenschaftsbarometer, Berlin

18:30 – 19:00 **AGYA Humanities Award Ceremony**

Initiatives and projects promoting the role and value of humanities in research, education and society



Sunday, 10 November 2019

Freie Universität Berlin, Silberlaube, Hörsaal 1a

08:30 **Registration**

09:00 – 10:30 **Panel Discussion II: *Research Funding in the Humanities***

Chair: Bilal Orfali, American University of Beirut, AGYA Alumnus | Amani Albedah, Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences | Sabine Behrenbeck, German Council of Science and Humanities | Hans-Dieter Bienert, German Research Foundation (DFG) | Beatrice Gründler, Freie Universität Berlin | Rima Mismar, Arab Fund for Arts & Culture, Beirut

10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00 – 13:00 **Workshop Sessions III: *Disciplinary Perspectives***

Room L 115

Workshop III.A: *History and Archaeology*

Chair: Jenny Oesterle, University of Heidelberg, AGYA Alumna | Ammar Abdulrahman, Freie Universität Berlin, AGYA Alumnus | Abdulhadi Alajmi, Kuwait University | Nadia El Cheikh, American University of Beirut | Julia Hauser, University of Kassel, AGYA Alumna | Haidar Lashkry, Koya University | Birgit Schäbler, Orient-Institut Beirut (OIB)

Room L 116

Workshop III.B: *Literary and Cultural Studies*

Chair: Barbara Winckler, University of Münster, AGYA Alumna | Marie Thérèse Abdelmessih, Cairo University | Ursula Frohne, University of Münster | Kristina Petzold, University of Hildesheim | Ali Souleman, Higher Institute of Dramatic Arts, Damascus/University of Oxford | Fatiha Taïb, Mohammed V University in Rabat | Daniel Weidner, Leibniz-Zentrum für Literatur- und Kulturforschung Berlin

Room L 113

Workshop III.C: *Philosophy and Ethics*

Chair: Beate Ulrike La Sala, Freie Universität Berlin, AGYA member | Nuha Al-Shaar, American University of Sharjah, AGYA Alumna | Mohammad Alwahaib, Kuwait University, AGYA member | Anne Eusterschulte, Freie Universität Berlin | Elizabeth Suzanne Kassab, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies | Andreas Lammer, University of Trier | Jean-Christophe Merle, University of Vechta

KL 29/208

Workshop III.D: Law and the Humanities

Chair: Lena-Maria Möller, Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law, AGYA Co-President | Marie-Claire Foblets, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology | Sabine Frerichs, Vienna University of Economics and Business | Samer Ghamroun, Saint Joseph University of Beirut | Anna-Bettina Kaiser, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin | Asem Khalil, Birzeit University, West Bank | Oday Talal Mahmood, Al Iraqia University, Baghdad | Amr Shalakany, American University in Cairo

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Workshop III.E: Gender Studies

Chair: Antje Flüchter, University of Bielefeld | Shereen Abouelnaga, American University in Cairo | Lama Abu-Odeh, Georgetown University of Washington, D.C./American University of Beirut | Rouba El Helou-Sensenig, University of Erfurt | Lydia Potts, University of Oldenburg | Sabine Schülting, Freie Universität Berlin

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 Panel Discussion III: Digital Humanities

Chair: Carola Richter, Freie Universität Berlin, AGYA Alumna | Usama Gad, Ain Shams University, Cairo | Najla Jarkas, American University of Beirut | Zena Kamash, Royal Holloway University of London | Daniel Kinitz, University of Leipzig | Michael Krewet, Freie Universität Berlin

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 – 16:45 Keynote III: Cultural Heritage at Risk

Jamila Al-Daily, Director of the Cultural Heritage and Handicraft Museum, National Museum Sanaa, Yemen | in discussion with Ronny Vollandt, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (LMU), AGYA Alumnus

16:45 – 17:30 Report of Workshop Results

17:30 – 18:00 Closing Words & Final Discussion

About the Conference

What are the most challenging issues in the humanities – today and in the near future? The conference invites Arab and German key players – scholars from various academic disciplines, university officials, policymakers, outreach professionals, educators and other creative minds – to explore the potential and challenges of the humanities by engaging in a multilateral dialogue. The aim of the conference is to raise awareness about the relevance of the humanities, discuss examples of best practice in research, teaching and outreach to society, and develop new visions and new formats of collaboration between the two regions. Recommendations resulting from the workshops and panel discussions will be published in a policy report.

In the framework of the conference, a prize will be awarded to projects with special achievements in communicating the role and value of the humanities to the general public.

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