



Dear colleagues and friends of AGYA, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is our great pleasure to send you the first edition of the digital newsletter of the Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA). At the close of another year, we gratefully pause to wish you a warm and happy holiday season.

The AGYA Team

AGYA IN FOCUS



AGYA Opens New Office in Cairo: Arab-German Research Cooperation in Action

On 25 October 2018, the Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA) celebrated the official opening of its new Regional Office located within the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology (ASRT) in Cairo. On the occasion of the opening festivities in Cairo the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) announced the award of an additional 3.3 million euro in funding to AGYA.

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AGYA Annual Conference 2018 in Egypt

This year's AGYA Annual Conference took

place in Egypt from 26 to 28 October 2018. During the conference, AGYA members warmly welcomed 14 new members. The members convened in the General Assembly to discuss the recent, current and upcoming activities of the academy, in addition to holding elections for the 2019 AGYA Steering Committee and Co-Presidents. READ MORE >



for Green Transformation

The growing urbanisation trends in Arab countries and Germany call for a core strategy to transform cities into so-called 'smart cities'. We are looking at concepts, their implementation and potential for future solutions from an interdisciplinary perspective. READ MORE >

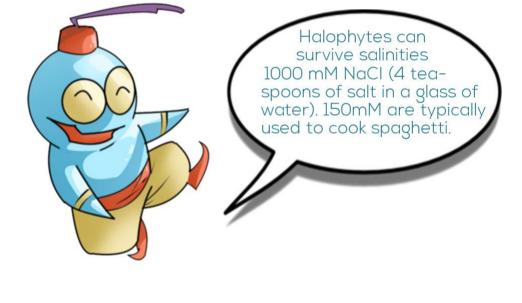


Bosnia and Herzegovina The Working Group *Transformation*

explored opportunities and pitfalls of reconciliation politics in post-conflict countries in Bosnia and Herzegovina in September 2018 together with guests from the Arab world and Europe. READ MORE >

AGYA SCIENCE JINN

It is the task of the AGYA Science Jinn is to translate the latest scientific findings into words that are easily understood by everyone. The Science Jinn was invented for the first AGYA Science Comic whose authors later won the Science Outreach Slam in Kuwait. The graphic novel introduces the next botanic superhero of our time—the powerful Halophyte.



rarely utilized. AGYA members Ahmed Debez, Carsten Montzka, Skander Elleuche, and Jan Friesen investigated on an interdisciplinary level how halophytes could play a role in the field of sustainable energy production in their paper 'Facing the challenge of sustainable bioenergy production: Could halophytes be part of the solution?'. READ MORE > **OUT NOW**

Halophytes are plants that are able to survive and flourish in environments with high salinity levels. They grow in many regions of the Arab world and Germany, but they are

'Arab and German Tales—Transcending Cultures'

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The exhibition 'Arab and German Tales—Transcending Cultures' is based on a joint research project. A catalogue accompanying the exhibition provides precious insights into the history of Arab and German fairy and folk tales, and how the two cultures

influenced each other. To promote the idea of a shared cultural heritage, the catalogue is published as one book in Arabic, German and English. Find more information on the project here. edited by Verena M. Lepper in collaboration with Sara Aisha Sabea 'Arab and German Tales—Transcending Cultures' Kulturverlag Kadmos Berlin. Wolfram Burckhardt, 2018

'Academia in Transformation. Scholars Facing the Arab Uprisings' The book provides an insightful and illuminating view of the transformation of the

analyses how the academic discourse in and on this region has changed and reflects on how the transformation processes, which are still ongoing, are shaping lines of inquiry in different disciplines. The book's authors are members of the Arab-German Young

Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA). Find more information on the project here. Kohstall / Richter / Dhouib / Kastner 'Academia in Transformation. Scholars Facing the Arab Uprisings' Nomos, 2018 ISBN 978-3-8487-2829-9 Order the book here.

academic landscape in the aftermath of the popular uprisings in the MENA region. It

UPCOMING EVENTS

19 Jan 2019

21 Dec 2018

Kuwait

application of contractual and legal frameworks faced in the construction industry in GCC countries. In addition to

Understanding Construction Law & Its

The workshop will focus on understanding construction law & its implementation in order to create a platform for knowledge sharing on topics posing challenges in the

Implementation

this, it will discuss and analyses the role of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) in resolving the disputes arising between the parties to the contract of FIDIC, and the uniqueness of arbitration in such disputes. READ MORE > Salon Sophie Charlotte 2019 On 19 January 2019, the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (BBAW) will hold its annual 'Salon Sophie Charlotte'. The Arab-

German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA) will participate in this prestigious event with a rich program of

performances.

discussions, lectures and art

BBAW, Berlin, Germany

READ MORE > The next AGYA Annual Conference will take place in Berlin from 14 - 17 April 2019. AGYA members will assembly and develop their project ideas in Working Group and Task Force Meetings. Part of the conference are scientific excursions to Berlin's state of the art science centers and technology parks. The conference will close with the public opening of the

14 - 17 Apr 2019

Berlin, Germany

exhibition 'Arab-German Tales: Tanscending Cultures' at the Neue Museum on the world famous Museum Island on 17 April. READ MORE >

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