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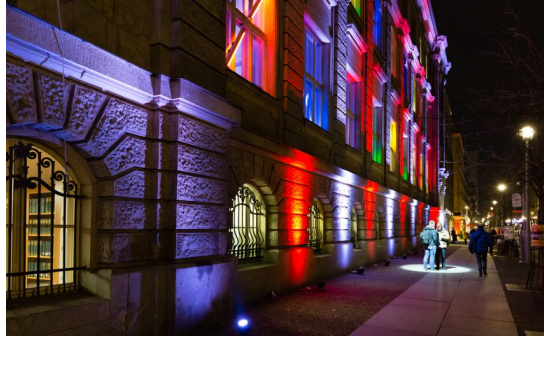
Welcome to the first AGYA newsletter edition for 2019. We hope that you had an excellent start to the year. AGYA members have been very busy in the last few months, realizing interdisciplinary projects like a conference on the Mediterranean agriculture and an evening-filling programme for the prestigious 'Salon Sophie Charlotte' held in Berlin at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (BBAW). One of the topics across all working groups addressed issues of gender. We will also keep you updated on our latest news and upcoming events in this edition of the AGYA newsletter.

Are you a young researcher affiliated with a university or a research institution in Germany or any Arab country? Do you have innovative ideas for interdisciplinary research cooperation yourself? The Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA) is currently looking for new members. The AGYA Science Jinn invites you to apply and explains the core mission of AGYA.

We wish you an inspiring read.

The AGYA Team

AGYA IN FOCUS



'The Right Measure' from Arab and German perspectives: AGYA contributes to the Salon Sophie Charlotte 2019 of the BBAW

AGYA's contribution to Salon Sophie Charlotte 2019 explored the various connotations of the German expression 'Das Rechte Maß' (The Right Measure) from the mathematical and natural science idea of measurement to the philosophical and legal idea of balance and good judgement.

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Aesthetics and the Human Scale in Contemporary Architecture in Germany and the Arab World: AGYA contributes to the Aesthetic Salon of the BBAW

AGYA invited renowned Lebanese architect Bernard Khoury and prominent German architect and design professor Friedrich von Borries to debate human scale as a basic principle in design as well as the political aspects of architecture.

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Promoting Maternal Health in Arab Societies

AGYA invited experts from over 10 countries to Beirut to discuss the challenges and solutions in the field of Maternal and Reproductive Health (MRH). The experts focused on gender dimensions of medical issues causing maternal mortality as well as the social and economic factors affecting the health of girls and women in vulnerable communities. The conference was organized by AGYA in cooperation with the Saint Joseph University of Beirut (USJ) and the Global Health Next Generation Network (GHNGN).

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Gender Equality in the Arab World and Germany: Challenges and Prospects

AGYA members organized an interdisciplinary conference on 'Gender Equality in the Arab World and Germany: Challenges and Prospects' in Fez, Morocco on 29 November – 03 December 2018, in cooperation with the ISIS Centre for Women and Development.

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Mediterranean Agriculture: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Historical Developments and Future Visions

Urbanization, climate change and poor resource management policies are jeopardizing the agricultural potential of the Mediterranean region. AGYA members and international experts addressed these challenges in an interdisciplinary conference in Barcelona in November 2018. Presented solutions ranged from improved organic farming to genetic modification and even agriculture in space.

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AGYA Members Benefit from Tailor-made Professional Trainings

The opportunity to request and organize tailor-made professional trainings is one of the many benefits of membership in the Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA). AGYA trainings aim to enhance members' intercultural knowledge and leadership skills, boost personal capacities like communicating in different contexts, and provide members with alternative science communication formats.

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AGYA SCIENCE JINN

Come and join AGYA! AGYA is looking for excellent and engaged early-career scholars (3-10 years post-PhD) from the fields of Natural Sciences, Technical Sciences, Life Sciences, Social Sciences, Humanities and the Arts who are invited to apply for AGYA Membership. Applicants must be affiliated with a university or research institution in Germany or in any Arab country.



AGYA brings together **excellent Arab and German scholars** to face common challenges and develop innovative solutions through interdisciplinary **research cooperation**.

Apply for AGYA Membership before 24 March 2019!

AGYA fosters research cooperation among outstanding Arab and German early-career researchers from all disciplines. The Academy supports innovative interdisciplinary projects proposed and executed by its members in various fields of research, science policy and education. To date, AGYA members from 17 countries have realized more than 100 joint projects and initiatives on diverse topics such as Arab and German Education; Common Heritage and Common Challenges; Energy, Water and Environment; Health and Society; Innovation; and Transformation. AGYA promotes its Arab and German members as ambassadors of science and culture.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

28 Feb - 02 Mar 2019
Institut Pasteur de Tunis and Tunis
Science City
Tunisia

Raising Awareness for Rare Diseases

AGYA is organizing a conference on 'Raising Awareness for Rare Diseases' on the occasion of the global Rare Disease Day on 28 February 2019 in Tunis.

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15 Mar 2019
Submission Deadline

CfP: Destruction/Re-Construction: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Cultural Heritage in Conflict

An international and interdisciplinary conference organized by the AGYA Working Group Transformation, held in Beirut in autumn 2019, aims at discussing the cycle of the creation and decay of architectural heritage. Contributions from various disciplines in the humanities and social sciences, law, architecture, and the arts are welcome. The Call for Papers is open until 15 March 2019.

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01 - 04 Apr 2019
Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (BBAW), Berlin, Germany

The 9th International Symposium on Plant Senescence: Capacity Building in Modern Crop Science

Senescence is a complex, genetically programmed phenomenon that constitutes an important biological process for plant fitness in natural ecosystems and for agricultural productivity of crops. While in the absence of stress, senescence is under the control of developmental age, it is also largely affected by diverse environmental cues. The '9th International Symposium on Plant Senescence' in Berlin, Germany, from 01 – 04 April 2019 addresses major breakthroughs in plant senescence and aging research. Keynote speeches and invited talks, as well as talks selected from submitted abstracts, will cover a broad spectrum of plant aging topics.

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14 - 17 Apr 2019
Berlin, Germany

AGYA Annual Conference

The next AGYA Annual Conference will take place in Berlin from 14 - 17 April 2019. AGYA members and alumni come together and discuss their current and future interdisciplinary research projects and decide on all matters relevant to the academy. The conference offers a diverse program including a keynote lecture by Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. mult. Martin Grötschel, President of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (BBAW), and the festive opening of the exhibition 'Cinderella, Sindbad & Sinuhe. Arab-German Storytelling Traditions' at the Neues Museum Berlin.

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