



Dear colleagues and friends of AGYA,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

With the worldwide spread of COVID-19, the Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA) has switched to innovative forms of online communication: In order to meet the members' needs for networking and exchange despite the difficult conditions, AGYA managed to set up a self-hosted online communication platform. From 9 – 10 July 2020, AGYA held its first of a kind online General Assembly Meeting. Next to conferences and workshops taking place in interactive online formats, the Academy has successfully started a podcast series in which Arab and German AGYA members explore the diverse implications of COVID-19 for science and society at large. Tune in for the newly released episode on coronavirus warning apps.

We would also like to invite you to take part in or share our current AGYA calls: AGYA members and alumni currently call for participation in various projects - be it for students in the field of 'Materials for Energy', a book project on COVID-19 or 'Housing in the Context of Metropolization'.

We wish you an inspiring read.

The AGYA Team

#### PODCAST 'AGYA GOES VIRAL'



Welcome to the podcast 'AGYA goes viral!' The Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA) invites you to explore the diverse implications of COVID-19 for science and society at large.

In the newly released podcast episode #4, AGYA member Dr. Amro Ali from Egypt and AGYA alumnus Dr. Kalman Graffi from Germany discuss Coronavirus warning apps, delving into their advantages, disadvantages and effectiveness from both a technological and ethical point of view.

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#### CURRENT AGYA CALLS



**CfP: 'The Standing and Understanding of Scholars in Society: Arab and German Experiences'**

The call for papers for the International AGYA Conference 'The Standing and Understanding of Scholars in Society: Arab and German Experiences' is now open. Contributors are invited to submit their abstract (max. 200 words) by 31 August 2020. The conference aims at bringing together scholars from various disciplines who are interested in understanding the societal role of academic scholars in the Arab world and in Germany.

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**CfP: AGYA Book Project 'The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Arab World and Europe'**

The COVID-19 pandemic has quickly spread around the globe and put almost all countries under immense pressure. The book project 'The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Arab World and Europe' aims at analysing the various impacts the pandemic has on different aspects of social, political, economic, cultural, academic and individual life in countries of the Arab region as well as in Europe. Abstracts (max. 250 words) together with a short bio (of max. 100 words) for the book project are welcome from any academic discipline.

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**CfA: InnovationH Competition**

Take part in the InnovationH Competition of the Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA) and use your creativity to develop innovative, cost-effective and practical lifting solutions for people with mobility impairment. Fabricate your device in a workshop in 2021 and win up to €1.500. Put the pedal to the metal and apply now!

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**CfP: 'Online Trainings Course: Materials for Energy'**

The Call for Participation for the Online Trainings Course 'Materials for Energy' is open. Interested students are invited to submit their applications until 31 August 2020. The training aims at bringing together Arab and German students of various disciplines who are interested in understanding of innovative and sustainable materials for energy technologies.

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#### AGYA IN FOCUS



**Meet the New AGYA Members 2020**

AGYA welcomes 15 excellent new members from a wide range of disciplines from Algeria, Egypt, Germany, Kuwait, Libya, Oman and Sudan. In a highly competitive selection process, they were selected out of 300 applications received in 2020. The new members will be officially inaugurated at the AGYA Annual Conference, 7 - 11 November 2020.

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**AGYA Carries on – Online!**

AGYA successfully held its first of a kind online AGYA General Assembly Meeting on 9 - 10 July 2020. The joy of reunion was great, and AGYA members eagerly engaged in exploring new ways of communication and collaboration in different online formats.

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#### PUBLICATIONS

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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**3 Sep 2020**  
Application Deadline

**CfP: Housing Facing Metropolization: Innovative Approaches in Architecture and Urban Planning**

The Call for Papers for the international AGYA Conference 'Housing and Identity in the Context of Metropolization' is now open. The aim of the conference is to discuss the effects of identity and lifestyle on architecture and urbanism and vice versa in order to reflect on conceptions of 'home' from Arab, German and international perspectives. Contributors are invited to submit an article on one or several of the listed topics until 3 September 2020.

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**24 - 25 Oct 2020**  
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**Materials for Energy: Interdisciplinary Online Training**

The two-day online workshop for Arab and German students focuses on different aspects of sustainable materials for energy production. High-ranking international speakers will train students in the highly innovative field of new materials.

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**7 - 11 Nov 2020**  
Online

**AGYA Annual Conference**

The Annual Conference of the Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA) will take place online from 7 - 11 November 2020 in cooperation with Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Sciences (KFAS) and Gulf University for Science and Technology (GUST).

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**14 - 16 Dec 2020**  
Berlin, Germany

**The Standing and Understanding of Scholars in Society**

Scholars' efforts to provide scientific advice for evidence-based crisis management throughout the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 have sparked public debates on the role of researchers in political decision-making and the society as a whole. How does research influence political decision-making? What role are societies ascribing to researchers? How are researchers communicating their findings to the public?

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