



Dear colleagues and friends of AGYA,

We are delighted to announce the relaunch of the AGYA website: [agya.info](http://agya.info). In recognition of the increasing number of the academy's research projects and the growing importance of science communication, the new website displays the diversity of AGYA's research activities.

Discover new perspectives on the role of humanities in the blog series 'The Humanities in the 21st Century'.

At this year's Salon Sophie Charlotte at BBAW, AGYA will present a city soundscape installation involving five DJ(ane)s and a 3D printer. Find out more and get a sneak preview below!

We highly recommend the immersive 360° walkthrough of the exhibition '**From Cinderella to Sindbad: German and Arab Timeless Tales**' currently at display in Abu Dhabi.

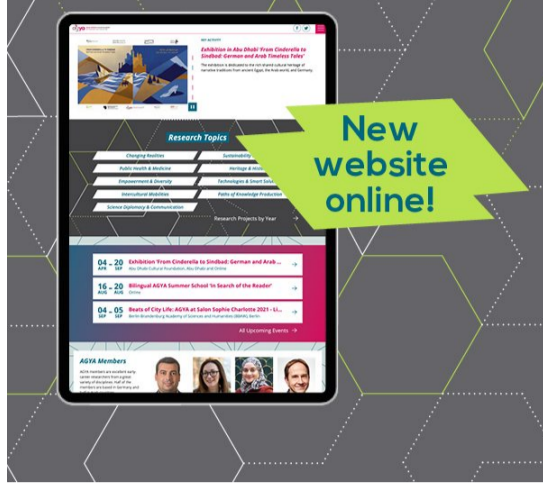
We also invite you to explore the AGYA project on the wild sorghum crop in Sudan, where the rural population has a predominantly sorghum-based diet. The project aims to improve the nutritional value of this grain to counter the effects of an unbalanced diet.

Cherishing the shared heritage of microtonal music in Europe and the Arab countries, a research activity on Arabic avant-garde music produced the first AGYA composition.

We wish you an enlightening read!

The AGYA team

## LAUNCH OF NEW AGYA WEBSITE



### Restructured, redesigned, responsive:

We are very glad to present the relaunched AGYA website with a new design, improved functionality, and enhanced content.

The new website features nine curated topic pages on AGYA research, displaying projects, publications, podcasts, videos, and activities of the working groups, as well as recommendations of AGYA members, alumni, and alumnae.

Take a look and explore the AGYA research activities from Public Health to Sustainability, from Empowerment to Smart Solutions.

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## AGYA IN FOCUS



### Beats of City Life: AGYA Soundscape

Come and listen closely: Do you know how Beirut, Berlin, Cairo, Kuwait City, and Tunis sound? AGYA gathered professional DJ(ane)s to create soundscape compositions for the listening station 'Beats of City Life' at the Salon Sophie Charlotte 2021 by the Berlin-Brandenburgische Akademie der Wissenschaften (BBAW).

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### The Humanities in the 21st Century

Strengthening the humanities in research, education, and society: Why is it important to study, teach, and do research in the humanities? In a blog series, scholars from various fields of the humanities as well as representatives of cultural institutions from Germany and Arab countries contribute their ideas.

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### Biofortification of Sorghum's Wild Relatives: Agricultural Field Experiment

Increasing nutritional value of sorghum: In Sudan, the population depends almost entirely on single staple crops, like sorghum, in their diets. The sorghum plant is capable of retaining water even during prolonged periods of drought and intense heat and is therefore mainly cultivated. This AGYA project aims at improving the nutritional value of sorghum.

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### Contemporary Arab Music: New Compositions of Microtonal Music

Exploring the richness of 'in between': This AGYA project gathered a diverse ensemble of composers and musicians from Germany, Egypt, Syria, and beyond. They ventured a contemporary interpretation of traditional Arab maqamat making use of their special potential for improvisation. The first piece is waiting for curious ears to listen!

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## CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

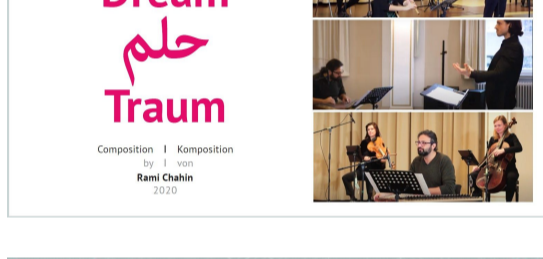
### Summer School Quantum Technology

The online summer school offers training on quantum materials in energy technologies and aims to connect talented students with international experts and their laboratories. It is open for Arab and German graduated students with a background in the natural sciences and technical sciences. Find the Call for Participation here.

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## VIDEOS



### The Sound of the Rainbow: Hulm I Dream I Traum

Listen to Rami Chahin's composition 'hulm' (Arabic for dream) and tenor singer Hussain Atfah who performs a poem by the Syrian poet Muhammad al-Maghout.

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### Awareness Campaign: Let's Move for Health

To spread the awareness for a healthy lifestyle in Kuwaiti society, Mohammad Alkatan created short video clips with recommendations on how physical activity can prevent variety of chronic diseases.

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## PUBLICATIONS

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

04 - 05 September 2021  
Berlin

### Life is Life: AGYA at Salon Sophie Charlotte 2021

In the framework of the Salon Sophie Charlotte 2021 by the BBAW, AGYA presents the soundscape composition 'Beats of City Life' featuring the sounds of Berlin, Beirut, Cairo, Tunis, and Kuwait City mixed by professional DJ(ane)s.

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Until 20 September 2021  
Abu Dhabi & Online

### Exhibition 'From Cinderella to Sindbad: German and Arab Timeless Tales'

The folk tale Cinderella is told in hundreds of variants around the globe: the young heroine known as Cinderella, Aschenputtel, or Hamda can be found in German, Arab, and other narrative traditions around the world. The exhibition is dedicated to the rich shared cultural heritage of tales from the Arab world and Germany.

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19 - 22 September 2021  
Online

### Workshop 'Academic and Professional Skills for Entry into the Labour Market'

This workshop aims to equip young professionals with practical skills for career entry in academia and industry. The expertise of high-ranking trainers and speakers is combined with the AGYA members' experience from several academic fields. It is open for up to 50 graduates from Egypt, Palestine and neighbouring Arab countries.

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01 - 03 October 2021  
Egypt & Palestine

### Training 'Academic and Professional Skills for Entry into the Labour Market'

Intensive on-site training course in Egypt and Palestine, where participants can practise interview situations. The expertise of high-ranking trainers is combined with the AGYA members' experience from several academic fields and interdisciplinary collaboration.

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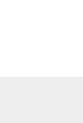
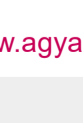
10 - 14 October 2021  
Online

### Summer School Quantum Technology

The summer school is an educational and experimental research on quantum materials in energy technologies. The event will connect talented students from Arab countries and Germany with international experts on quantum technology.

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