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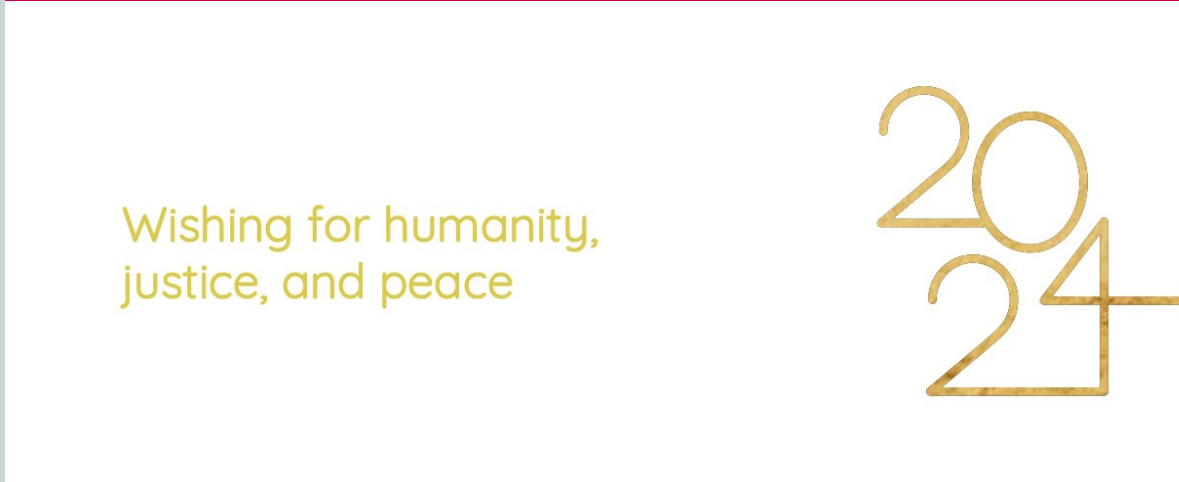
In these challenging times, the AGYA family stands together for humanity, justice, and peace. In our shared grief over the loss of many lives due to violent conflicts and natural disasters in the past months, the celebration of AGYA's 10th anniversary has been postponed.

Today, however, we share the anniversary edition of the AGYA logo, which takes the shape of a symbol for dialogue and exchange. It also incorporates the Arabic number 10, illustrating a decade of fruitful Arab-German cooperation and science diplomacy. We are convinced that together we can tackle common challenges and contribute to sustainable solutions for the future.

In this newsletter, we offer a glimpse into AGYA's research projects of the past year on topics such as education systems, intangible heritage, food security, and fatherhood in multicultural Berlin. Additionally, you will get to know the new cohort of outstanding Arab and German researchers inaugurated as AGYA members during the AGYA General Assembly in autumn 2023. We further invite you to tune in to the new AGYA podcast exploring healthy city life in Berlin, Kuwait City, and Cairo. Please do not forget to check out our upcoming events planned for 2024.

We firmly believe that research collaboration has the strong potential to foster positive change in our world and we look forward to continuing on this path together.

The AGYA Team



AGYA IN FOCUS



Meet the New AGYA Members 2023

At the AGYA General Assembly in autumn 2023, AGYA welcomed 14 excellent Arab and German scholars from diverse disciplines as its new members. These researchers are affiliated with institutions and universities in Egypt, Germany, Morocco, Lebanon, Qatar, and the UAE.

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AGYA Alumni Network Expands

The AGYA Alumni Network is delighted to introduce 12 new alumni/ae to its community. After five years of active membership, they will continue to join forces with AGYA members and benefit from each other's energy, ideas, and experiences.

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Digitising Historical Sound Recordings

The digital archive ArabicPhonogramSearch provides access to an extensive compilation of chants, music, and linguistic material from various Arab countries stored in museums across Western Europe and North America.

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Education Under Contested Rule

How have political conflicts and changing governments affected the education system in Iraq? A field study in Erbil and Mosul on the educational sector provided data to establish an online database of legislation, curricula, and schoolbooks that have shaped the Iraqi education system in the last two decades.

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Ensuring Food Security in Conflict Regions

This agricultural campaign encourages the cultivation and consumption of nutritionally rich Sorghum crops. Through multi-stakeholder communication platforms, it facilitates farmers' access to biofortified Sorghum seeds addressing malnutrition and food security in conflict-affected areas like Sudan.

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Arab-German Perspectives on Fatherhood in Berlin

Berlin offers diverse role models for fatherhood also among its Arabic-speaking community. This empirical study investigates the diverse understandings of fatherhood in Berlin's multicultural environment and offers strategies for family's well-being. This project is part of the Global Berlin project funded by the Berlin Senate Department for Science, Health and Care.

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NEW AGYA PODCAST



Urban Health and Well-being in Arab and German Cities

Discover ways to enhance the health and sociability of urban living. In each podcast episode, we feature cities across the Arab region and Germany, which have developed ideas, concepts, and solutions for healthy city life. Embark on this exciting journey as we explore our first destinations: Berlin, Kuwait City, and Cairo. [LISTEN HERE >](#)

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