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Migration and Transnational Cooperation in Education, Research and Innovation: An Arab-German Dialogue

2-3 May 2016

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Timetable

Monday, 2 May 2016

11.30 Registration

German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF),
Kapelle-Ufer 1, 10117 Berlin

12.00 Admission & Lunch

Opening of the international AGYA conference

Alexander von Humboldt I-II

12.30 Welcome Addresses

13.00 Keynote: Migration and higher education

14.00 Coffee break/Poster Session

14.30 Panel Discussion I

Migration and higher education:

Experiences, challenges, and long-term potential

16.00 University Presidents Meeting (closed session)

Alexander von Humboldt III

18:30 Transport to Neues Museum

and

16.00 Transport to Maritim proArte Hotel & Coffee break for participants of Parallel Workshops

16.30 Parallel Workshops (Session A) (in between coffee break & snacks)

Maritim proArte Hotel, Friedrichstraße 151, 10117 Berlin

Integrating migrants into the university

Maritim proArte, Hall I B

Innovation and knowledge transfer

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Online and blended learning initiatives and institutions

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Teacher education and education research

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Migration research and education

Maritim proArte, Hall II

18.45 Transport to Neues Museum

Evening Event

19.00 Admission

Neues Museum, Museum Island Berlin,
Bodestraße 1-3, 10178 Berlin
Greek Courtyard

19.30 Keynote: Arab-German dialogue 4.0

20.15 Conference Reception

Tuesday, 3 May 2016

Maritim proArte Hotel, Friedrichstraße 151, 10117 Berlin

9.00 Morning Lecture

Maritim proArte, Hall II

Long-term potential of migration for internationalization of research and education

9.30 Coffee break/Poster Session

9.45 Workshops (Session B)

Integrating migrants into the university

Maritim proArte, Hall I B

Innovation and knowledge transfer

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Online and blended learning initiatives and institutions

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Teacher education and education research

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Migration research and education

Maritim proArte, Hall II

11.15 Coffee break/Poster Session

Maritim proArte, Hall II

11.45 Report of Workshop Results

12.15 Panel Discussion II

Mastering current challenges - building bridges for the future

13.30 Award Ceremony

13.45 Lunch

Maritim proArte, Hall I B-C

Market of Opportunities

Monday, 2 May 2016

11.15 **Transport to BMBF for guests in Maritim proArte Hotel**

11.30 **Registration**

German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF),
Kapelle-Ufer 1, 10117 Berlin

12.00 **Admission & Lunch**

12.30 **Opening of the international AGYA conference**

Alexander von Humboldt I-II

Moderation: Julia Gerlach, journalist and author, Berlin, Germany

Welcome Addresses

MinR Frithjof A. Maennel, Deputy Director General, International Cooperation in
Education and Research, BMBF, Bonn, Germany

Prof. Dr. Verena Lepper, Co-President of AGYA/Curator, Egyptian Museum and Papyrus
Collection Berlin/Honorary Professor, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany

Dr. Maha Al-Hendawi, Co-President of AGYA/Director, Core Curriculum Program &
the Foundation Program, Qatar University, Doha, Qatar

13.00 **Keynote**

Migration and higher education

Prof. Dr. Sascha Spoun, President of Leuphana University of Lüneburg, Germany

14.00 **Coffee break/Poster Session**

14.30 **Panel Discussion I**

Migration and higher education:

Experiences, challenges, and long-term potential

The opening panel discussion addresses Arab-German research collaborations,
experiences with the exchange of students and scientists, education as reason of
migration, flight experiences of scientists and examples of educational work with
refugees.

Organizer: Dr. Vanessa Lux, AGYA member/Research fellow, AE Genetic
Psychology, Ruhr University Bochum, Germany

Moderation: Julia Gerlach, journalist and author, Berlin, Germany

Speakers:

Prof. Dr. Ammar Abdulrahman, AGYA member/Former Director of the
Archaeological Department, Damascus University/Konstanz, Germany

Prof. Dr. Abdelhamid El-Zoheiry, President of the Euro-Mediterranean University,
Portorož, Slovenia

RD Julie Klein, Deputy Head of Division, Cooperation with Developing and
Emerging Countries, Africa and the Middle East, BMBF, Berlin, Germany

Dr. Florian Kohstall, AGYA member/Head of Freie Universität Berlin Cairo Office
& Coordinator "Welcome@FUBerlin", Germany

Prof. Dr. Steffen Mau, Department of Social Sciences, Humboldt University of
Berlin, Germany

Dr. Maha Shuayb, Director of the Centre for Lebanese Studies, Beirut, Lebanon

16.00 **University Presidents Meeting**

Alexander von Humboldt III

Closed session

18.15 **Transport for University Presidents to Neues Museum**

and

16.00 **Transport to Maritim proArte Hotel & Coffee break**

For participants of **Parallel Workshops**

18:45 **Transport to Neues Museum**

16.30 **Parallel Workshops (Session A)** (in between coffee break & snacks)

Maritim proArte Hotel, Friedrichstraße 151, 10117 Berlin

Workshop 1

Maritim proArte, Hall I B

Integrating migrants into the university:

Recent initiatives and prospects for Arab-German cooperation

The workshop focuses on experiences and challenges of integrating migrants
into institutions of higher education. The participants will discuss different
programs that aim at facilitating access to the university as well as scholarship
initiatives which help provide shelter from forced migration.

Chair: Dr. Florian Kohstall, AGYA member/Head of Freie Universität Berlin Cairo
Office & Coordinator "Welcome@FUBerlin", Germany

Rapporteurs:

Dr. Assem Abu Hatab, AGYA member/Lecturer at the Department of Economics &
Rural Development, Suez Canal University, Al-Arish, Egypt

Prof. Dr. Ammar Abdulrahman, AGYA member/Former Director of the
Archaeological Department, Damascus University/Konstanz, Germany

Speakers:

Dr. Christian Hülshörster, Head of Division, Scholarship Programmes Southern Hemisphere, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Bonn, Germany

André Nollmann, Head of International Office, Magdeburg-Stendal University of Applied Sciences, Magdeburg-Stendal, Germany

Dr. Brigitte Perlick, Central Office for International Affairs, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany

Prof. Dr. Mahmoud Sakr, AGYA Advisory Board member/President of the Academy of Scientific Research & Technology, Cairo, Egypt

Abraham Willem van Veen, Head of Department I – Student Services, Technical University of Berlin, Germany

Dr. Anja Zorob, Project Manager “University without Borders”, Ruhr University Bochum, Germany

Workshop 2

Maritim proArte, Hall I C

Innovation and knowledge transfer:

Cross-institutional and cross-national migration of knowledge

The workshop aims at the exchange of experiences between initiatives for innovation and knowledge transfer in Arab countries and Germany. In particular, the contribution of migration and transnational networks shall be discussed.

Chair: Jun.-Prof. Dr.-Ing. Kalman Graffi, AGYA member/Junior Professor at the Lab for Technology of Social Networks, Heinrich Heine University of Düsseldorf, Germany

Rapporteurs:

Dr. Ralf Hermann, DLR Project Management Agency, European and International Cooperation, International Bureau, Bonn, Germany

Susanne Ruppert-Elias, DLR Project Management Agency, European and International Cooperation, International Bureau, Bonn, Germany

Speakers:

Prof. Dr. Juliane Brach, Department of Economy and Society of the Arab World, Bremen University of Applied Sciences, Bremen, Germany

Dr. Mona El-Tobgui, Fraunhofer, Senior Advisor, Cairo, Egypt

Prof. Dr. Abdelhamid El-Zoheiry, President of the Euro-Mediterranean University, Portorož, Slovenia

Prof. Dr. Martin Franz, Institute of Geography, University of Osnabrück, Germany

Dr. Victor Zengyu Huang, Assistant Professor of Entrepreneurship, Zayed University, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Dr. Sybille Krummacher, Head of International Relations, Forschungszentrum Jülich, Germany

Prof. Dr. Ghaleb Natour, Director of the Central Institute of Engineering, Electronics and Analytics – Engineering and Technology at Forschungszentrum Jülich/University Professor at the Faculty for Mechanical Engineering at RWTH Aachen University, Germany

Dr.-Ing. Hani Sewilam, Academic Director of the Department of Engineering Hydrology, RWTH Aachen University, Germany

Workshop 3

Maritim proArte, Salon 3

Higher education across borders:

Online and blended learning initiatives and institutions

This part of the workshop focuses on online and blended learning initiatives which address refugees and migrants. What are best practices and how will this transform the role of online learning programs in the future?

Chair: Dr. Tobias Redlich, AGYA member/Scientific Head of Laboratory, Chief Engineer, Senior Lecturer & Head of Research Group “Value Creation Systematics”, Institute of Production Engineering, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg, Germany

Organizer/Rapporteur: Jun.-Prof. Dr. Barbara Winckler, AGYA member/Junior Professor of Modern Arabic Literature & Culture, Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, University of Münster, Germany

Speakers:

Dr. Nuha Al-Shaar, AGYA member/Department of Arabic and Translation Studies, American University of Sharjah, United Arab Emirates

Hila Azadzoy, M.A., Head of Academics, Kiron Open Higher Education, Berlin, Germany

Nafez Dakkak, CEO of Edraak, Queen Rania Foundation, Amman, Jordan

Mohamad Mourad, Limkokwing University of Creative Technology, Cyberjaya, Malaysia

Prof. Dr.-Ing. Rolf Granow, Director of the Institute for E-Learning Services at

the Lübeck University of Applied Sciences and Managing Director of oncampus GmbH, Lübeck, Germany

Workshop 4

Maritim proArte, Salon 4

Teacher education and education research

This part of the workshop addresses teacher education in the context of migration summarizing experiences, concepts and best practices from Arab countries and Germany.

Chair: Dr. Ahmad El-Guindy, AGYA member/Department of Mathematics, Texas A&M University at Doha, Qatar

Rapporteur: Dr. Samar Saad Eldeen Azab, AGYA member/Assistant Professor of Pharmacology and Toxicology, Faculty of Pharmacy, Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt

Speakers:

Prof. Dr. Anies Al-Hroub, American University of Beirut, Lebanon

Tabea El-Hokayem, Research Associate, Herder-Institute, Leipzig University, Germany

Prof. Dr. Abdel Meguid Kassem, Kasr Al-Aini Faculty of Medicine, Cairo University, Egypt

Jun.-Prof. Dr. Anne-Christin Schondelmayer, Institute of Pedagogy, Chemnitz University of Technology, Germany

Dr. Maha Shuayb, Director of the Centre for Lebanese Studies, Beirut, Lebanon

Workshop 5

Maritim proArte, Hall II

Migration research and education

The workshop focuses on possibilities and challenges of Arab-German cooperation on the interfaces of migration research and education for the analysis of the current migration movement both between Arab countries and from Arab countries to Europe.

Chair: Dr. Jan Völkel, AGYA member/DAAD Long-term Lecturer at the Euro-Mediterranean Studies Programme, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, Egypt

Rapporteur: Dr. Hanan Badr, AGYA member/Institute for Media and Communication Studies, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

Speakers:

Prof. Dr. Christian Kaurert, Professor for Political Science, Director of the European Institute for Security and Justice, University of Dundee, Scotland

Prof. Dr. Laura J. Khoury, Department of Social and Behavioral Science, Birzeit University, West Bank, Palestinian Autonomous Territories

Dr. Melissa Siegel, Head of Migration Studies Training & Research Projects, Maastricht Economic and Social Research Institute on Innovation and Technology, Department Migration and Development, Maastricht, The Netherlands

Prof. Dr. Rabih Shibli, Director of the Center for Civil Engagement and Community Service, American University of Beirut, Lebanon

Commentator: Steve Thorpe, Ph.D. Scholar, University of East London, formerly IOM Cairo, Egypt

Evening Event

Neues Museum, Museum Island Berlin, Bodestraße 1-3, 10178 Berlin

19.00 **Admission**

19.30 **Arab-German dialogue 4.0**

Najem Wali, Iraqi novelist and journalist, based in Berlin, Germany

Moderation: Julia Gerlach, journalist and author, Berlin, Germany

20.15 **Conference Reception**

21.30 **Transport to Maritim proArte Hotel**

Tuesday, 3 May 2016

Maritim proArte Hotel, Friedrichstraße 151, 10117 Berlin

9.00 **Morning Lecture**

Maritim proArte, Hall II

Long-term potential of migration for internationalization of research and education

Prof. Dr. Christian Kaunert, Professor for Political Science, Director of the European Institute for Security and Justice, University of Dundee, Scotland

9.30 **Coffee break**

9.45 **Parallel Workshops (Session B)**

Workshop 1

Maritim proArte, Hall I B

Integrating migrants into the university:

Recent initiatives and prospects for Arab-German cooperation

This part of the workshop will explore prospects for closer Arab-German cooperation, especially when it comes to facilitate the mobility of students and guarantee a continuous knowledge transfer between different home and host institutions of migrants.

Chair: Dr. Florian Kohstall, AGYA member/Head of Freie Universität Berlin Cairo Office & Coordinator "Welcome@FUBerlin", Germany

Rapporteurs:

Dr. Assem Abu Hatab, AGYA member/Lecturer at the Department of Economics & Rural Development, Suez Canal University, Al-Arish, Egypt

Prof. Dr. Ammar Abdulrahman, AGYA member/Former Director of the Archaeological Department, Damascus University/Konstanz, Germany

Speakers:

Prof. Dr. Natheer Abu-Obeid, President of the German Jordanian University, Amman, Jordan

Dr. Ahmed Debez, AGYA member/Assistant Professor, Center of Biotechnology of the Technopark of Borj-Cedria, Tunis, Tunisia

Dr. Christian Hülshörster, Head of Division, Scholarship Programmes Southern Hemisphere, DAAD, Bonn, Germany

Workshop 2

Maritim proArte, Hall I C

Innovation and knowledge transfer:

Cross-institutional and cross-national migration of knowledge

In the second part of the workshop the participants continue their discussion with a focus on challenges and best practices in transnational cooperation as well as cooperation between research and private economy: Effects on employability, infrastructure and sustainability of investments shall be discussed.

Chair: Jun.-Prof. Dr.-Ing. Kalman Graffi, AGYA member/Junior Professor at the Lab for Technology of Social Networks, Heinrich Heine University of Düsseldorf, Germany

Rapporteurs:

Dr. Ralf Hermann, DLR Project Management Agency, European and International Cooperation, International Bureau, Bonn, Germany

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Dr. Victor Zengyu Huang, Assistant Professor of Entrepreneurship, Zayed University, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Prof. Dr. Imad Khatib, Secretary General, Palestine Academy of Science and Technology, Ramallah/Jerusalem, Palestinian Autonomous Territories

Dr. Sybille Krummacher, Head of International Relations, Forschungszentrum Jülich, Germany

Prof. Dr. Ghaleb Natour, Director of the Central Institute of Engineering, Electronics and Analytics – Engineering and Technology at Forschungszentrum Jülich/University Professor at the Faculty for Mechanical Engineering at RWTH Aachen University, Germany

Prof. Dr. Mahmoud Sakr, AGYA Advisory Board member/President of the Academy

of Scientific Research & Technology, Cairo, Egypt

Dr.-Ing. Hani Sewilam, Academic Director of the Department of Engineering Hydrology, RWTH Aachen University, Germany

Presentation:

Fostering innovation ecosystems in Southern Mediterranean partner countries - outline of a new funding initiative.

Stephan Epe, DLR Project Management Agency, European and International Cooperation, International Bureau, Bonn, Germany

Workshop 3

Maritim proArte, Salon 3

Higher education across borders:

Online and blended learning initiatives and institutions

This part of the workshop addresses the role of online and blended learning programs for internationalization and knowledge transfer as well as for the future of learning in higher education.

Chair: Dr. Tobias Redlich, AGYA member/Scientific Head of Laboratory, Chief Engineer, Senior Lecturer & Head of Research Group "Value Creation Systematics", Institute of Production Engineering, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Helmut Schmidt University Hamburg, Germany

Organizer/Rapporteur: Jun.-Prof. Dr. Barbara Winckler, AGYA member/Junior Professor of Modern Arabic Literature & Culture, Institute for Arabic and Islamic Studies, University of Münster, Germany

Speakers:

Christina Gloerfeld, M.A., Research Group Mobile Learning, University of Hagen, Germany

Anja Penßler-Beyer, M.A., Linguistic Engineering Team, Philipps-Universität Marburg, Germany

Prof. Dr. Hosam Refai, Dean of the Faculty of Tourism and Hotel Management, Helwan University, Cairo, Egypt

Prof. Dr. Rana Tamim, Assistant Dean for Research and Graduate Studies, College of Education, Zayed University, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Workshop 4

Maritim proArte, Salon 4

Teacher education and education research

This part of the workshop aims at exchanging on problems and best practices in student education as well as the potential of education research for internationalization and knowledge transfer in higher education.

Chair: Dr. Ahmad El-Guindy, AGYA member/Department of Mathematics, Texas A&M University at Doha, Qatar

Rapporteur: Dr. Samar Saad Eldeen Azab, AGYA member/Assistant Professor of Pharmacology and Toxicology, Faculty of Pharmacy, Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt

Speakers:

Dr. Maha Al-Hendawi, Co-President of AGYA/Director, Core Curriculum Program & the Foundation Program, Qatar University, Doha, Qatar

Christine Freudenberg, International Education of Students, Berlin, Germany

Jun.-Prof. Lena Heine, Managing Director, Department of Language Teaching Research, Faculty of Philology, Ruhr University Bochum, Germany

Prof. Dr. Bashshar Haydar, Department of Philosophy, American University of Beirut, Lebanon

Commentator: Dr. Jochen Pleines, Associate Professor, Dean of School of Applied Humanities and Languages, German Jordanian University, Amman, Jordan

Workshop 5

Maritim proArte, Hall II

Migration research and education

Like during the first meeting, this session of the workshop focuses on possibilities and challenges of Arab-German cooperation in migration research and education, analysing the impact of migration within the Arab world and towards Europe on the interlink between education and academia.

Chair: Dr. Jan Völkel, AGYA member/DAAD Long-term Lecturer at the Euro-Mediterranean Studies Programme, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, Egypt

Rapporteur: Dr. Hanan Badr, AGYA member/Institute for Media and Communication Studies, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

Speakers:

Prof. Dr. Ibrahim Awad, Professor of Global Affairs, Director, Center for Migration and Refugee Studies, American University Cairo, Egypt

Dr. Mohamed Limam, Associate Professor for Political Science, Department of Law and Political Science, University of Sousse, Tunisia

Simon Morris-Lange, Deputy Head of Research, Expert Council of German

Foundations on Integration and Migration, Berlin, Germany

Commentator: Nora Jasmin Ragab, PhD Fellow, Maastricht Economic and Social Research Institute on Innovation and Technology, Maastricht, The Netherlands

11.15 **Coffee break/Poster Session**

11.45 **Report of Workshop Results**

12.15 **Panel Discussion II**

Maritim proArte, Hall II

Mastering current challenges - building bridges for the future

The panelists share experiences and best practices in regard to existing infrastructures and organizations. They will also identify forms of transnational cooperation which need to be established to harvest the long-term potential of the ongoing migration movement.

Chair: Dr. Vanessa Lux, AGYA member/Research fellow, AE Genetic Psychology, Ruhr University Bochum, Germany

Speakers:

Dr. Maha Al-Hendawi, Co-President of AGYA/Director, Core Curriculum Program & the Foundation Program, Qatar University, Doha, Qatar

Prof. Dr. Anies Al-Hroub, Chairperson of the Department of Education, American University of Beirut, Lebanon

Dr. Abdulrahman H. Alhmedhi, Cultural Attaché of the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia in Berlin, Germany

Prof. Dr. Mohamed Ellouze, President of Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation Maghreb Alumni-Network/Department of Physics, University of Sfax, Tunisia

Dr. Michael Harms, Director Communications, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Bonn, Germany

Ziad Mikati, AGYA Advisor Board member/Head of the Beirut Office of the Mikati Foundation, Beirut, Lebanon

13.30 **Award ceremony**

Maritim proArte, Hall II

AGYA award for poster presentations of initiatives and projects supporting migrants in education

13.45 **Lunch**

Maritim proArte, Hall I B-C

Market of Opportunities

University Presidents Meeting (closed session)

Chair: Dr. Sabine Behrenbeck, Head of the Department Higher Education of the German Council of Science and Humanities, Cologne, Germany

Rapporteurs:

Prof. Dr. Verena Lepper, Co-President of AGYA/Curator, Egyptian Museum and Papyrus Collection Berlin/Honorary Professor, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany

Prof. Dr. Ronny Vollandt, AGYA member/Professor of Judaic Studies, Institute for Near and Middle Eastern Studies, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich, Germany

Participants:

Prof. Dr. Reda Abu Hatab, former Vice-President of Suez Canal University and Dean of the Higher Institute of Tourism, Language and Management Studies in Egypt, Ismailia, Egypt

Dr. Abdul Latif Abu Hijleh, President of Birzeit University, West Bank, Palestinian Autonomous Territories

Prof. Dr. Natheer Abu-Obeid, President of the German Jordanian University, Amman, Jordan

Prof. Dr. Hassan Hamdan Al Alkim, President of the American University of Ras Al Khaimah, United Arab Emirates

Prof. Dr. Pierre Al-Khoury, Vice-President for Development, Lebanese German University, Sahel Aalma, Lebanon

Dr. Riad Chedid, President of Rafik Hariri University Lebanon, Meshref, Lebanon

Prof. Dr. Ahmad Hassan Fahal, Academic Secretary for the University of Khartoum/Professor of Surgery, Faculty of Medicine, University of Khartoum, Sudan

Prof. Dr. Imad Khatib, President of Palestinian Polytechnic University, Hebron, Palestinian Autonomous Territories

Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Abdul Ghani Maa Bared, former President of Damascus University, Vice-President for International Relations, Arab International University, Damascus Coordination Center – Europe, Berlin, Germany

Prof. Dr. Abbas M. Mansour, President of the South Valley University, Qena, Egypt

Dr. Driss Ouauoucha, President of Al Akhawayn University, Ifrane, Morocco

Prof. Dr. Yasser Sakr, President of Helwan University, Cairo, Egypt

Dr. Fairouz Sarkis, Director of the Arab Open University, Beirut, Lebanon

Prof. Dr. Ahmad Smaili, Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Rafik Hariri University, Meshref, Lebanon

Prof. Dr. Hans van Ess, Vice-President for International Affairs of Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich, Germany

Prof. Dr. Reiner Finkeldey, President of the University of Kassel, Germany

Prof. Dr. phil. Michael Kämper-van den Boogaart, Vice-President for Academic and International Affairs of Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany

Prof. Dr. Anne Lequy, Rector of Magdeburg-Stendal University of Applied Sciences, Magdeburg-Stendal, Germany

Prof. Dr. rer. nat. Christian Maercker, President of Esslingen University of Applied Sciences, Esslingen, Germany

Prof. Dr. Sascha Spoun, President of Leuphana University of Lüneburg, Germany

Prof. Dr.-Ing. Dr. h.c. (NUWM, UA) DSc.h.c. Jörg Steinbach Hon.-Prof. (ECUST, CN), President of the Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus-Senftenberg, Germany

Prof. Dr. Bettina Völter, Vice-Rector of Alice-Salomon University of Applied Sciences

Berlin, Germany

Initiatives presenting at the Poster Session

Al Salam - Help Foundation, Witten/Herdecke, Germany

supports refugees with basic supplies such as food and clothes, and beyond this create sustainability in education with buying school boxes that contain school supplies.

Collateral Repair Project, Amman, Jordan

aims at getting and keeping low-income refugee children enrolled in school, and at promoting their success through academic enrichment programming.

CONQUER BABEL: Students for Refugees, Göttingen, Germany

offers free German classes, translation and further social services to overcome language barriers and isolation between refugees and local citizens in and around the city of Göttingen.

FAU INTEGRA: Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany

gives detailed advice on study opportunities for refugees, helps them to prepare for study and offers German courses and tutorials for refugees accompanied by a buddy program.

GHATA: Bringing Education to Informal Tented Settlements, Beirut, Lebanon

assembled eight portable Ghata schools in Beqaa catering for an average of 700 refugee students with schoolyards unloading shelter equipment and supplies.

IFF: Initiative für Flüchtlinge Bonn, Germany

focuses on connecting young people and refugees by activities: events for refugees and students, language partnerships and consultation hours for refugees.

Jusoor, Philadelphia, USA

provides Syrian refugee children with preschool and primary education at Jusoor's three educational centers in Lebanon.

Kiron Open Higher Education, Berlin, Germany

offers online study programs for the first two years. The courses can be completed at partner universities where displaced people can obtain an accredited university degree.

Lernwerkstatt Halle 36, Munich, Germany

offers a variety of vocational trainings to refugees including courses in different handicraft fields such as electric engineering, plumbing, painting and carpentry.

NaTakallam - A Different Kind of Arabic Learning, New York City, USA

pairs students learning Arabic with displaced Syrians in Lebanon and beyond, for

conversation-focused sessions over the internet.

oncampus, Lübeck, Germany

created an online platform where refugees can register for the German and English courses allowing them to seek exchange with a course mentor and participate in web conferences.

READ: Room for Emancipation, Access and Dialogue, Potsdam, Germany

is an intercultural space dedicated to refugees, students and supporters with a focus on encounters and education. It is a casual space at the university to read, learn and discuss together.

Science in Asylum, Vienna, Austria

provides practical information on recognition of qualifications and the Austrian and European research system as well as trainings in scientific writing, CV, presenting etc.

StARS: St. Andrew's Refugee Services, Cairo, Egypt

provides educational services to refugee children of a wide spectrum of refugee communities in Cairo who have no access to state schools.

Students4Refugees, Munich, Germany

The aim of the project is to ease the transition into the German college system for refugees, alongside supporting them to reach the B1 Level.

Zusammen Essen, Denken und Leben, Freiburg, Germany

links newly arrived refugees with locals on their online platform available in five languages. Locals can invite refugees for different activities such as eating, doing sports or cultural events.

ABOUT US

AGYA has been established as the first bilateral young academy worldwide and aims at promoting Arab-German research cooperation based on the idea of scientific excellence and social commitment of early career scholars (3-10 years after PhD). AGYA effectively supports their interdisciplinary research projects at the interface of science and society, and actively enhances north-south-south collaborations. In 2016, AGYA has received the funding of 4 million Euros for the next 4 years from the BMBF to realize up to 31 interdisciplinary research projects yearly.

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