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Who Reads Modern Arabic Literature, How and Why? Interdisciplinary Approaches to Readers, Media, Translation and Reception in a Globalized World

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Wednesday, 5 October 2022

Arrival Day

18:00 – 20:00 **Welcome & Networking Meeting: Restaurant Colosseo**

Thursday, 6 October 2022

Venue: Center for Near and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Marburg, Germany

- 10:00 – 10:30 **Introduction to the Conference:
Who Reads Modern Arabic Literature, How and Why?**
Susanne Abou Ghaida
Independent Scholar, Lebanon
Christian Junge, AGYA member
University of Marburg, Germany
- 10:30 – 11:15 **Reading Books, Shaping Tastes:
Gulf Social Media Influencers for Arabic Literature**
Ildiko Kaposi
Gulf University for Science and Technology, Kuwait
Shahd Alshammari, AGYA member
Gulf University for Science and Technology, Kuwait
Chairperson: **Christian Junge, AGYA member**
University of Marburg, Germany
- 11:15 – 12:00 **A Proposed Framework for Studying the Response of the Arab
Audience to Literature – YouTube Comments on the Poem
Spartacus's Last Words by Amal Dunqul as an Example (in Arabic)**
Emad Abdul Latif
Qatar University, Qatar
Chairperson: **Christian Junge, AGYA member**
University of Marburg, Germany
- 12:00 – 13:30 **Lunch Break**
- 13:30 – 14:15 **Augmented Reading and Distributed Authorship:
Arabic Literature in the Artificial Intelligence Age**
Reham Hosny
Minia University, Egypt
Mohamed A. Nasef
Minia University, Egypt
Chairperson: **Mounira Soliman**
Cairo University, Egypt
- 14:15 – 15:00 **Prison Heritage: On the Making, Circulation,
and Reading of a Journal Inside Palestine Branch**
Anne-Marie McManus, AGYA member
Forum Transregionale Studien, Germany
Jaber Baker
Forum Transregionale Studien, Germany
Chairperson: **Mounira Soliman**
Cairo University, Egypt
- 15:00 – 15:30 **Coffee Break**

- 15:30 – 16:15** **Reading Egyptian Literature at Home and Abroad:
Transnational Reception of Mirāl al-Tahāwī's Brooklyn Heights**
Nancy Linthicum
University of South Carolina, USA
Chairperson: **Susanne Abou Ghaida**
Independent Scholar, Lebanon
- 16:15 – 17:00** **Readings of the Revolution: The Transregional Reception
of al-Aswany's Republic of False Truths (2018) on Social Media**
Christian Junge, AGYA member
University of Marburg, Germany
Sohaila Awad
University of Marburg, Germany
Chairperson: **Susanne Abou Ghaida**
Independent Scholar, Lebanon
- 17:00 – 18:00** **Break**
- 18:00 – 19:30** **Keynote Speech 1**
Readers, Connected: On the Rise of "Bookish" Social Media
Dorothee Birke
University of Innsbruck, Austria
Moderator: **Christian Junge, AGYA member**
University of Marburg, Germany
- 20:00 – 22:00** **Reception**

Friday, 7 October 2022

Venue: Center for Near and Middle Eastern Studies, University of Marburg, Germany

- 09:30 – 11:00** **Keynote Speech 2**
**Reading for Normal:
Young People and Fiction in the Time of Covid-19**
Alison Waller
University of Roehampton, UK
Moderator: **Susanne Abou Ghaida**
Independent Scholar, Lebanon
- 11:00 – 11:30** **Coffee Break**
- 11:30 – 12:15** **Modern Arabic Literature and the General Education Classroom:
A Case Study**
Katie Logan
Virginia Commonwealth University, USA
Chairperson: **Barbara Winckler, AGYA alumna**
University of Münster, Germany
- 12:15 – 13:00** **"But this Novel is Full of 'Ammiya!": Language Ideologies
in the Responses of Lebanese High School Students to two
Arabic Adolescent Novels**
Susanne Abou Ghaida
Independent Scholar, Lebanon
Chairperson: **Barbara Winckler, AGYA alumna**
University of Münster, Germany
- 13:00 – 14:30** **Lunch Break**

- 14:30 – 15:15** **Book Clubs in Lebanon: A Particular Form of Sociability**
Maud Stephan Hachem
Lebanese University, Lebanon
 Chairperson: **Katie Logan**
Virginia Commonwealth University, USA
- 15:15 – 16:00** **Modern Arabic Literature and the Reading Politics of Book Clubs**
Mounira Soliman
Cairo University, Egypt
 Chairperson: **Katie Logan**
Virginia Commonwealth University, USA
- 16:00 – 16:30** **Coffee Break**
- 16:30 – 17:15** **Who, Why and How Readers Perceive Layla Magazine (1923–1925)?**
Nadeen Abboud
American University of Beirut, Lebanon
 Chairperson: **Nancy Linthicum**
University of South Carolina, USA
- 17:15 – 18:00** **How to Write, How to Read and How to Critique Books?
 Debates on Literature and Criticism in Periodicals
 of the Nahda Period**
Barbara Winckler, AGYA alumna
University of Münster, Germany
 Chairperson: **Nancy Linthicum**
University of South Carolina, USA
- 18:00 – 18:30** **Final Session: How to Study Reception in Modern Arabic Literature**
Susanne Abou Ghaida
Independent Scholar, Lebanon
 Chairperson: **Christian Junge, AGYA member**
University of Marburg, Germany
- 19:00 – 21:00** **Dinner with all Participants: Restaurant Rotkehlchen**

Saturday, 8 October 2022

Departure Day

Venue:

Center for Near and Middle Eastern Studies (CNMS)
 Room 00A26 (ground floor)
 Deutschhausstraße 12
 35032 Marburg

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Restaurant Colosseo
 Deutschhausstraße 35
 35037 Marburg

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