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Tuesday, 30 January 2024

Arrival Day

19:00 **Get-together Dinner**

Wednesday, 31 January 2024

*Venue: Merian Center For Advanced Studies In The Maghreb (MECAM)
ISEAHT, 27, Rue Florian - Borj Zouara (Bab Saadoun), Tunis, Tunisia*

9:00 – 9:15 **Opening Address and Introduction to AGYA**

Prof. Dr. Sascha Hein

AGYA Co-President, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

9:15 – 9:30 **Words of Welcome**

Dr. Julius Dihstelhoff

MECAM Academic Coordinator, Tunis, Tunisia

Dr. Faouzia Zeraoulia

Member of the AGYA Steering Committee, Jijel University, Algeria

SESSION I

Women and Security Vulnerability in Conflict Zones

Chair

Dr. Amro Ali

AGYA Member, The American University in Cairo, Egypt

9:30 – 9:50 **Women Empowerment and Civil Society in Lebanon: Obstacles, Efforts, and Best Practices**

Cyril Badaoui

Human rights activist, Beirut Bar Association Legal and Political Advisor in Madanyat for Equality, Lebanon

9:50 – 10:10 **Women's Rights and Fight for Women and Girls Against Violence in Algeria: SARP Experience**

Prof. Dr. Messaouda Saadouni

Department of Psychology, University 2, Algiers

Founder of the Algerian Society of Research and Documentation in Psychology (SARP), Algeria

10:10 – 10:30 **Verbal Violence Against Women in North Africa: Reality and Challenges**

Dr. Samia Chabouni (Online)

Jijel University, Algeria

10:30 – 11:00 **Discussion Round**

11:00 – 11:20 **Coffee break**

SESSION II

Women and Security Vulnerability in Transitional Settings

Chair

Dr. Anis Ben Amor

AGYA Alumnus, Higher Institute of Humanities Department of Applied Languages, University El Manar, Tunis, Tunisia

11:20 – 11:40 **Challenges Facing Women in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: Insights and Solutions**

Dr. Fathiyah Hamid Yousuf

Assistant Professor, FabLab Libya Foundation, Benghazi, Libya

11:40 – 12:00 **Identification of Factors Affecting the Quality of Education in the Conflict Zones in Iraq**

Aliya Jameel (Online)

European Association for Cancer Research, Medical Laboratory Technician and Human Rights Activist, Erbil, Iraq

12:00 – 12:30 **Discussion Round**

12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch**

SESSION III

Educational Methods and Trauma of Violence in Conflict and Transitional Societies

Chair

Dr. Cyrine Kortas

MECAM Fellow, University of Gabes, Tunisia

14:00 – 14:20 **Violence Against Women and Children in Egypt: Concluded Lessons from Rehabilitation Program**

Marwa El-Abd

Psychoterapist, Educational Consultant and CEO of El-Abd Charity Foundation for Family Counselling, Psychological Support and Early Intervention, Alexandria, Egypt

14:20 – 14:40 **Violence and Research in Iraq**

Dr. Abdulsatar Sultan

Member of the AGYA Steering Committee, Catholic University in Erbil, Iraq

14:40 – 15:00 **Gender Determinant in Transitional Societies**

Jamil Kummo Elias

Team Leader at UN Migration, Mosul, Sinjar, Iraq

15:00 – 15:30 **Discussion**

15:30 – 15:50 Coffee Break

Session IV

Education as a Way of Freedom and Resilience

Chair

Dr. Julius Dihstelhoff

MECAM Academic Coordinator, Tunis, Tunisia

15:50 – 16:10 **Decolonising Peace Education:
Current Perspectives and Challenges**

Dr. Luise Fischer

AGYA Alumna, University of Leipzig, Germany

16:10 – 16:40 **Education in Turbulent Contexts:
The Case of Palestine**

Dr. Ahmad Amro

AGYA Alumnus, Al-Quds University, Palestine

16:40 – 17:00 **Young Refugees in the German Educational
System: Challenges and Resources**

Dr. Lina Alhaddad

Martin Luther Universität Halle-Wittenberg, Germany

17:00 – 17:20 **Circular Economy Challenges and Opportunities
Amidst Sustainable Development and Perpetual
Crisis: A Reflection from the Learning Lens of
Palestinian Universities**

Nour Mattour

*Ph.D. student, School of Commerce, University of Manouba, Tunisia
& Birzeit University, Palestine*

17:20 – 17:40 **Discussion Round**

19:00 **Dinner**

Thursday, 1 February 2024

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SESSION V

**Researchers in Front of Violence in Conflict Zones
and Transitional Societies**

Chair

Dr. Nora Lafi

MECAM Fellow, Tunis, Tunisia

09:00 – 09:20

**The Role of Women in the Tunisian Academic
Landscape**

Dr. Aida Seddik and Dr. Ahlem Selmi

*Department of English and International Relations,
High Institute of Human Sciences, Tunis, Tunisia*

09:20 – 09:40

**Female Academics, Grassroots Organizations,
and Democratic Transition in Sudan**

Dr. Mai Mamoun Ali Hassan

*Forestry and Gum Arabic Research Center, Khartoum University
and Human Rights Activist, Sudan*

09:40 – 10:00

**Women's Resistance to the Violence of the
Black Decade: Forms and Methods**

Dr. Hayette Rouibah

Associate professor, Political Science Department, Jijel University, Algeria

10:00 – 10:30

Discussion Round

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee Break

SESSION VI

**Researchers in Front of Violence in Conflict Zones
and Transitional Settings**

Chair

Dr. Faouzia Zeraoulia

AGYA Member, Jijel University, Algeria

11:00 – 11:15

**What It's Like to Be a Researcher Working in a
Conflict Zone**

Dr. Ahmed Siddig (Online)

*AGYA Member, Khartoum University, Sudan and
Research Fellow at Harvard Forest, Harvard University, USA*

11:15 – 11:30

**Academic Landscape and Discrimination Against
Women in Libya**

Dr. Ibtihal Fawzi Elshami

College of Electrical and Electronics Technology-Benghazi, Benghazi, Libya

11:30 – 12:00

**An Agenda for the Role of Academics in Post-
Conflict Reconstruction in the Middle East**

Dr. Mujtaba Ali Isani (Online)

*Member of the AGYA Steering Committee, Quaid-i-Azam University,
Pakistan/Germany*

12:00 – 12:30

Discussion Round

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:15 **DAAD and Scientific Collaboration
in the Arab Region with Q & A**

Dr. Renate Dieterich

Director of the DAAD Office in Tunis, Tunisia

15:30 – 18:00 **Networking and Scientific Excursion**

19:30 – 21:00 **Networking Dinner**

Friday, 2 February 2024

Departure Day

About AGYA

The Arab–German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA) is based at the Berlin–Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (BBAW) and at the Academy of Scientific Research and Technology (ASRT) in Egypt. It was established in 2013 as the first bilateral young academy worldwide. AGYA promotes research cooperation among outstanding early-career researchers (3–10 years post-PhD) from all disciplines who are affiliated with a research institution in Germany or in any Arab country.

The academy effectively supports the interdisciplinary projects and collaborative initiatives of its members in various fields of scientific research, science policy and education. AGYA is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and various Arab and German cooperation partners.

About the Merian Centre for Advanced Studies in the Maghreb (MECAM)

MECAM, founded in 2020, is a platform for regional and international scientific exchange in Tunisia based on the central theme “Imagining Futures – Dealing with Disparity”. The centre is located at the Université de Tunis. Its research work focuses on the effects of multidimensional disparity on models, visions and ideas about the future. MECAM’s research agenda focuses on questions of Aesthetics & Cultural Practice, Inequality & Mobility, Memory & Justice, Resources & Sustainability, and Identities & Beliefs. MECAM is a joint endeavour of a consortium of seven Tunisian and German research institutions: It is coordinated by the Philipps-Universität Marburg and the Université de Tunis and supported by the Universität Leipzig, the German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA) in Hamburg, the Forum Transregionale Studien in Berlin, the Institut Tunisien des Études Stratégiques (ITES) in Tunis, and the Université de Sfax.

