

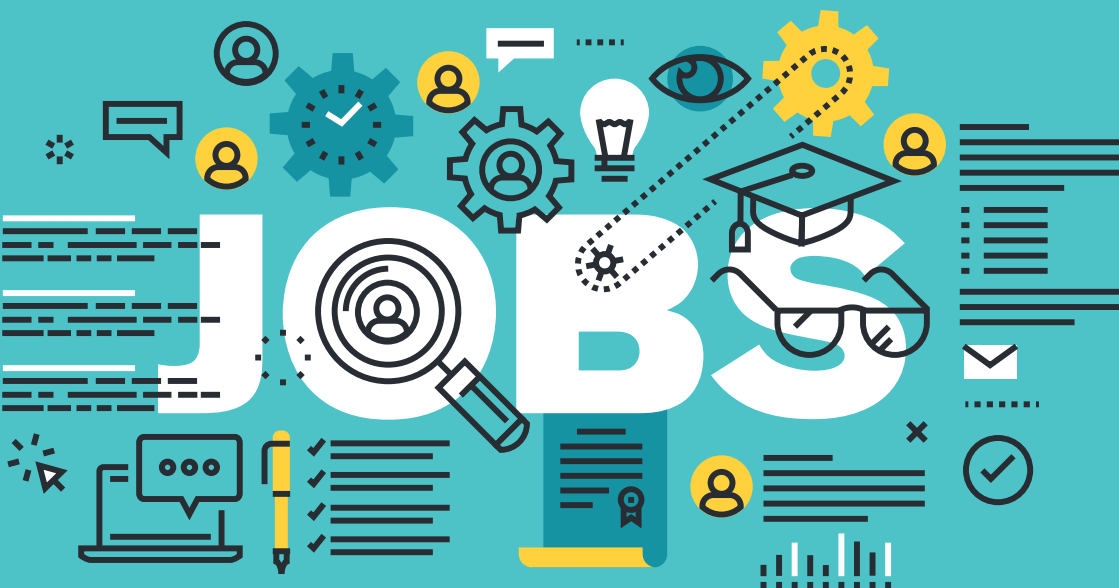
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Impact of Education on Employment: Cases from Germany and Arab Countries

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► **About AGYA**

The Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA), at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (BBAW) and at the Academy of Scientific Research & Technology (ASRT) in Egypt, was established in 2013. It is 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 any Arab country. AGYA is funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and various Arab cooperation partners.

The conference is organized in cooperation with the Higher Institute of Human Sciences of Tunis (ISSHT), University of Tunis El Manar.

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Seeing the fact that the so-called “Arab Spring” in Tunisia and in other Arab countries was motivated by social and economic factors in addition to the political reasons: The youth participating in the uprisings were mostly well-educated and most of them hold a university or other education degree. They suffered from joblessness and social marginalization and hoped through the revolution to improve their socio-economic conditions. Nevertheless, the transitional process since the 14th of January 2011 has been slow which has made the Tunisian youth feel disappointed and this in its turn explains their reluctance to take part in the 2014 legislative and presidential elections. Similar scenario is observed in Egypt and other Arab countries. On the other hand, Germany is showing great progress in the education system and in youth employment. Unemployment rate in Germany in November 2017 was 3.9 % versus 15.30 % in Tunisia. However, the rising number of refugees in Germany has its strong impact on education and employment. But still Germany has the lowest youth unemployment rate in Europe. Germany may contribute with solution-oriented approaches to combat the crisis of youth unemployment and by collaborative actions with Tunisia and other Arab countries the crisis can be reduced. The AGYA Conference “Impact of education on employment: Cases from Germany and Arab countries” will address these developments by providing a platform for knowledge exchange between the involved German stakeholders and Arab experts. The AGYA Conference aims at raising awareness among the stakeholders about the necessity of reform at the level of tertiary education and the measures to be taken in order to decrease high rates of youth unemployment, especially unemployment among graduates. It will bring together scholars, decision makers, stakeholders from different universities, companies and ministries to discuss “lessons learnt” from Germany and Arab countries for the education system and its impact on employment and how the collaboration between the different organization can help to solve the problems that graduated youth are facing.

Conference Organizers



Dr. Henda Mahmoudi

*International Center for Biosaline Agriculture
(ICBA), Dubai, United Arab Emirates*

Dr. Henda Mahmoudi works as Biotechnologist at the International Center for Biosaline Agriculture, Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Prior to her current role, she had worked as a researcher and contractual assistant professor with the National Institute of Scientific and Technique Research in Tunisia. Her main research interests are Plant Eco-Physiology, Plant-Biology, Water Conservation, Soil Improvement, and Salinity Management. In 2008, Dr. Mahmoudi obtained her PhD in Plant Biology from the Faculty of Sciences of Tunis El Manar and the National Institute of Scientific and Technique Research currently

the Centre of Biotechnology of Borj-Cedria (CBBC), Tunisia.

She has published more than 35 research publications in peer-reviewed journals, book chapters and proceedings and she is leading different projects.

Dr. Mahmoudi is currently a member of the Steering Committee of the Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA) and member of the Working Groups Energy, Water and Environment; Common Heritage and Common Challenges, Innovation & member in charge of the Working Group Arab and German Education.



Dr. Anis Ben Amor

*Higher Institute of Human Sciences of Tunis (ISSHT),
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Dr. Anis Ben Amor is Head of the Department of Applied Languages, Higher Institute of Humanities at the University of Tunis El Manar in Tunisia (German Culture and Society, Translation). He obtained his PhD in 2011 in Literary Studies, Humboldt University of Berlin; Germany. From 2009-2011 he was Project Manager of Neighbourhood Management Programs in Ber-

lin-Neukölln; Germany. Then from 2011-2013 he served as Program Coordinator at Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Tunis Office; Tunisia and 2013-2014 as Project Coordinator of the German-Tunisian DAAD-Funded Project "Tunisia in Transition".

He is member in charge of the AGYA Working Group Arab and German Education.



PD Dr. Salma Balazadeh

*Max Planck Institute of Molecular Plant
Physiology, Potsdam, Germany*

PD Dr. Salma Balazadeh studied biology and obtained her MSc degree in Cell and Molecular Biology at the University of Tehran, Iran, in 2004. In 2008 she completed her PhD and obtained a Dr. rer. nat. degree in Molecular Plant Biology at the Max Planck Institute of Molecular Plant Physiology (MPIMP) and the University of Potsdam, Germany. Afterwards, she continued as a Postdoctoral Research Assistant and from 2010 until November 2016 she was the Head of the Cooperative Research Group “Gene Regulatory Networks” at the MPI-MP. In 2016, Dr. Salma Balazadeh obtained her habilitation

degree in Molecular Plant Physiology (Dr. rer. nat. habil.) from the University of Potsdam, Faculty of Science. She currently leads the group “Stress Control Networks” at the MPIMP. The group focuses on understanding the signaling mechanisms that trigger responses to environmental stresses and on unravelling the cellular processes through which plants counteract the stress. Dr. Balazadeh has published over 45 refereed papers in international journals, work which has attracted the following citation statistics: Google Scholar indices (April 2018): h-index = 24; total citations =1985.



Prof. Dr. Chedly Abdelly

General Director of the National Agency of Scientific Research Promotion (ANPR), Tunisia

Presentation: "Tools implemented by the National Agency for Scientific Research Promotion to boost the employability of young researchers and innovative entrepreneurship"

Prof. Chedly Abdelly is Head of the Laboratory of Extremophile Plants (LPE) in the Centre of Biotechnology of Borj-Cedria (CBBC), General Director of CBBC from March 2011 to October 2017 and General Director of National Agency for scientific Research Promotion (ANPR) since November 2017.

Prof. Abdelly obtained his Thesis of Doctorate of State in Natural Es-Sciences (specialty: plant ecophysiology) at the Faculty of Sciences of Tunis in 1997. His research activities include the characterization and valorization of halophytes and xerohalophytes (as sources of fodder, feed, and bio-active substances), and the investigation of plant responses to abiotic constraints such

as drought nutrient deficiencies (especially iron and phosphorus) and heavy metal contaminations (Phytoremediation).

Prof. Abdelly has published more than 400 articles in peer-reviewed journals, written 25 book chapters, edited a book on Biosaline Agriculture and High Salinity Tolerance, and holds 3 patents (H index: 47, citation number: 9022). He has directly supervised 35 Masters Students and 60 PhD students. Prof. Abdelly has also been involved in 11 international collaboration projects, several national projects, and 06 agreements with economic partners. Holder of the National Prize for Research in Biotechnology, July 2016.



Prof. Dr. José Luis Araus

Professor Plant Physiology, Section of Plant Physiology, Faculty of Biology, University of Barcelona, Spain

Presentation: "The case of Spain, a South European country: somewhere in between or not?"

Jose Luis Araus is a Biologist (1978) and PhD in Plant Physiology (1983) from the University of Barcelona (UB) and a Technical Agricultural Engineer (1982) from the Catalanian Polytechnic University. He conducted postdoctoral research in crop physiology at the University of Georgia (US), spent a sabbatical at the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Ar-

eas (Syria) and at various times in his career has worked at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (Panama), the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT, Mexico) and other institutions. He became Full Professor of Plant Physiology at the UB in 1993. From 2000-2003 he was a National Seconded Expert at the Directorate General for Research

of the EU (Brussels) and from 2006-2008 was Principal Scientist at CIMMYT. He is PI of several international projects (EU and elsewhere) and co-author on more than 200 publications in SCI and SSCI Journals, mostly from the first quartile.

His main research interest is Crop Physiology in a wide sense, including the study of photosynthetic metabolism, the mechanisms of plant adaptation to abiotic stresses (such as water stress, salinity, nutritional deficiency, heavy metals), developing phenotyping techniques for crop breeding, and paleore-

construction of the agricultural conditions in antiquity. The main plant species targeted have been cereals, where he has contributed to developing novel uses of stable isotopes in applications ranging from plant breeding to archaeology. His current research interest also includes the deployment of different remote sensing approaches for phenotyping with emphasis in low-cost approaches. International cooperation is also a main interest, which includes projects in North Africa and Sub-Saharan countries, Latin America and China.



Prof. Dr. Nouredine Naifar

Director of the Higher Institute of Human Sciences of Tunis (ISSHT), University of Tunis El Manar

Presentation: "Quelle formation universitaire pour quelle employabilité en Tunisie d'aujourd'hui?"

Prof. Nouredine Naifar is a full Professor of Philosophy. He has obtained his PhD in humanities, his Habilitation in quantum and relativistic theories and an Aggregation in philosophy from the University of Tunis. He also has a Degree in private law and a Degree in economics from the University of Tunis El Manar. He is a Professor in human and security sciences at the Military and Security School of the Tunisian Police and Armed Forces, in multidisciplinary sciences in the High school of Domestic Security of Tunisia and in geopolitics and law at the "Ecole de Guerre" (High School for the Higher Army commanders)

of the Tunisian Army and the Defense Ministry of Tunisia. Prof. Naifar is also a member of the National Committees of University teachers' recruitment, a member of National Committee for Aggregation and a member in the National Committee for the Ethical Standards of Experimentation in Bioscience Using Animals. He is also an expert in criminology and victimology, terrorism and international crime. He was the guest speaker of several local and International Radio and TV channels (Russia Today, France 24, Al-Mayadeen, Al-Jazeera) where he has taken part in debates about the Tunisian Revolution and terrorism.



Mrs. Beate Schindler-Kovats

*Director of the German Academic Exchange Service
(DAAD) Office in Tunis,
Presentation: "The DAAD in the Maghreb-region:
Activities - programmes - lessons learnt"*

Mrs. Beate Schindler Kovats holds a Master degree (Msc) in German language and literature and Educational Science, obtained at the Friedrich-Wilhelm University of Bonn. Since September 2012, she is the Director of German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Branch Office

Tunis. Before this, she was notably the Head of Division 22 "Higher Education Projects abroad" at the DAAD headquarters in Bonn, the Head of Section 316-Turkey, manager of the project German-Turkish University (DTU), as well as performing consulting activities.



Prof. Dr. Bernd Müller-Röber

*University of Potsdam, Germany
Presentation: "The organization of the research
infrastructure in Germany – where scientists find their jobs"*

Prof. Dr. Bernd Müller-Röber studied Biology at the Universities of Tübingen and Marburg and obtained a Dr. rer. nat. degree from the Freie Universität Berlin in 1992 for research conducted at the Institute of Genbiologic Research Berlin. From 1995 – 2000 he headed an Independent Junior Research Group at the Max Planck Institute of Molecular Plant Physiology (MPIMP) in Potsdam. Since 2000 he is Full Professor (C4) of Molecular Biology at the University of Potsdam. His research fields are: plant genomics and systems biology, and synthetic biology.

Prof. Müller-Röber is elected member of the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (BBAW; since 2003) and of the National Academy of Science and Engineering (acatech; since 2006). From 1998 – 2007 he was member of Germany's Biosafety Commission (ZKBS). From 2010 - 2017, he

served the Permanent Senate Commission on Genetic Research of the German Research Foundation (DFG). From 2009 to 2011 he was Deputy Head of the German Bioeconomy Council, an independent advisory body to the German Federal Government. Since 2014 he is president of VBIO – German Life Sciences Association. Since 2017 he is member of the Advisory Board of GASB – German Association for Synthetic Biology.

Prof. Müller-Röber has widespread experience in coordinating national and international research consortia. Together with colleagues from Potsdam/Germany and Plovdiv/Bulgaria he is currently setting up the Center of Plant Systems Biology and Biotechnology (CPSBB) in Plovdiv. He has published more than 200 scientific papers, has an h-factor of 70, and more than 16,000 citations.



Dr. Rahmat Ali Saberi Haghayegh

Islamic Azad University (IAU), Tehran, Iran

Presentation: "How does Education Affect Employment Rates"

Dr. Rahmat Ali Saberi Haghayegh is a University teacher and member of faculty of Islamic Azad University since 2000. He has a 20 years' experience of diverse executive and of consulting in the fields of academia, industry and commerce. He has published 25 recognized national and international papers. He is applicant and associate of 15 applied research projects at provincial, national and

international levels.

Dr. Rahmat is inventor of registered software of individual strategic planning. He is author of 5 books in planning and development. He got an outstanding master of the years 2009, 2011, 2013, Outstanding management consultant of the years 2008, 2012, Outstanding producer of the year 2005 and Outstanding exporter of the year 2006.



Dr. Samira Mechri

Vice-Director (Director of Studies)

Higher Institute of Human Sciences of Tunis (ISSHT)

University of Tunis El Manar, Tunis, Tunisia

Presentation: "Towards Internationalization and Employability: The MA in English and International Relations As a Case Study"

Dr. Samira Mechri has obtained a BA in English, a diploma in Translation studies, Faculty of Arts, University of Manouba, Tunisia, an MA in Cultural Studies, University of Warwick, England, a certificate in Migration, University of Hannover, Germany, and a PhD on a joint programme between the University of Warwick, England and the Faculty of Arts, University of Manouba, Tunisia. She is a senior lecturer in cultural studies and the coordinator of the MA in English and International Relations. She is also a member of the teaching staff of the Department of Culture and Society, University of Palermo. She

was the Head of the Department of English at the Higher Institute of Human Sciences and a member of the National Commission for Curriculum Development at the Ministry of Higher Education from 2011 to 2017. She is the coordinator of the double diploma in International Relations between the University of Tunis El Manar (UTM) and the University of Palermo, Italy, and the Erasmus+ coordinator at the UTM. She is the co-editor of Transnational Relations and Postmodern Poetics (Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2017).

Dr. Aïda Siddik

Higher Institute of Human Sciences of Tunis (ISSHT), University of Tunis El Manar

Presentation: “‘International Relations’ Students’ employability amidst the new political context in Tunisia: Insights from various stakeholders”

Dr. Aïda Siddik holds a Ph.D. in Applied Linguistics (ISLT). She attended MA and PhD courses, seminars, research groups and units at the University of Reading, Birmingham and Lancaster in the UK. She currently teaches at ISSHT. She has been involved in teaching various courses including Reading and Writing, Grammar, ESP, EST, Pronunciation, Introduction to Linguistics, Teaching Pedagogy, Syntax, Phonology-Morphology,

Semantics, Research Skills, and Advanced Reading/Writing. Dr. Siddik presented several papers in Tunisia, helped in organizing many events including study days, national and international conferences and also acted as a member of scientific and organizing committees. Her areas of interest include Curriculum Development and Evaluation, Assessment, Testing, ESP, Writing and Research Methodology.



Dr. Ahlem Selmi

*Higher Institute of Human Sciences of Tunis (ISSHT),
University of Tunis El Manar*

*Presentation: “‘International Relations’ Students’
employability amidst the new political context in Tunisia:
Insights from various stakeholders”*

Dr. Ahlem Selmi holds a PHD in applied linguistics (ISLT). She started her doctoral studies as a Fulbright Scholar at the Department of Education of the University of Georgia (UGA-USA). She currently holds the position of Assistant Professor at the Higher Institute of Human Science of Tunis (ISSHT - University of Tunis El Manar). She made several paper presentations in Tunisia and abroad

and co-authored five books in vocational ESP. Dr. Selmi acted as Head of the English Department at ISEAH Zaghuan, co-organized scientific events in applied linguistics/translation, and has been member of various scientific committees. Her research interests include ESP, VESP, teacher training, research methodology, curriculum development, and specialized translation.



Mr. Ghazi Jawad Al Jabri

Capacity Building Specialist, International Center for Biosaline Agriculture (ICBA), Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Presentation: "Education beyond limitations: Voices from the field"

Mr. Ghazi Jawad Al Jabri joined the International Center for Biosaline Agriculture (ICBA) in 2000. He is in charge of managing ICBA's in-house, regional and international capacity-building programs in the Middle East, North Africa, Sub-Sahara Africa and Central Asia regions. These programs aim at building the capacity of scientists, technical and extension staff of national agricultural research systems (NARS) as well as farmers to support ICBA's mission in achieving water, food, and nutrition securities and increasing income of rural families. Over many years of

service at ICBA, he has also developed networks with NARS, academic institutions and donor agencies in the region.

He holds a master's degree in international business from the Australian University of Wollongong and a B.A. in business administration from the University of Aleppo in Syria. He has more than 30 years of experience in the region, amongst others: advertising private company in Saudi Arabia and with the International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA).

Dr. Sami Hannachi

Institut National du Travail et des Etudes Sociales de Tunis (INTES)

Dr. Sami Hannachi studied at the Faculty of Management and economics FSEG, University of Tunis El Manar. Dr. Hannachi served for 6 years as Head of the Department of work

sciences at the institute of work and social sciences, University Tunis Carthage. He is now the Head of the Department of Studies and Internships at the same institute.



Mr. Edjadessiba Marc

Promoter and Manager of Local Development Initiatives in Southern Countries, University of Liège in Belgium

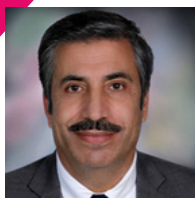
Presentation: "Agriculture and processing sectors as a source of youth employment"

Mr. Edjadessiba is a technical agent and facilitator of association and group of young of the environment and development co-operation. He graduated in International Cooperation and Development; Bachelor of Rural Development Engineer and Master in Environmental Science and Management at the University of Liège in Belgium.

He is specialized in environmental management in developing countries and his studies provides approaches of understanding on the dynamics of functioning of natural systems and on the interactions between human being and environment through the management of resources in a

context of sustainable development.

He is a civil servant and executive of public administrations involved in environment and agriculture in my country "Benin". He adds all issues related to environmental management in developing countries such as biodiversity, global warming, soil conservation, food and nutrition security and water resources management. He as well developed skills related to geopolitics and development. He also have knowledge of socio-economic issues and technical intervention and management strategies adapted to the realities of Southern countries, including project design and management.



Prof. Dr. Mousa Mohsen

Dean of the American University of Ras Al Khaimah (AURAK), United Arab Emirates

Presentation: "Challenges and expectations in academia and industry collaboration"

Prof. Dr. Mousa S. Mohsen is a Professor of Mechanical Engineering, currently he is the Dean of the School of Engineering and director of RAK Research and Innovation Center at the American University of Ras Al Khaimah; he obtained his PhD in mechanical engineering from Wayne State University, Michigan, USA in 1991; and MS and BS degrees from State University of New York at Buffalo in 1983 and 1982, respectively.

His research interests are energy systems, renewable energy, water treatment and desalination, integration of energy and water systems, environment, higher education related issues, innovation and decision making. In his research, Prof. Mohsen focuses on both, the theoretical aspects and practical issues of the problems and he is interested in participating in interdisciplinary projects. His published work exceeds eighty jour-

nal papers, and he was an invited speaker in different international conferences and workshops. Prof. Mohsen managed and coordinated several research projects that are funded by regional and international agencies such as European Commission, Middle Desalination Research Center and NATO science for peace program. Prof. Mohsen is the Editor-in-Chief of the International Journal of Sustainable Water and Environmental System and Jordan Journal of Me-

chanical and Industrial Engineering and he is an associate editor for other international journals. In 2009 he was awarded the National Research Leader Award by Elsevier Scopus. He is on the Directors' Board of the International Association of Sharing Knowledge and Sustainability, Canada and on the Scientific Board of the Sharing Knowledge Foundation, Geneva. He is a member of the International Scientific Committee of many International conferences.



Dr. Moez Ben Messaoud

Institute of Press and Information Sciences (IPSI), Tunisia

Moez Ben Messaoud, Dr. PhD, Associate Professor, is a studies Director at the Institute of Press and Information Sciences (IPSI) at the "University of Manouba" in Tunis. He holds a doctorate in Communication Studies and has been working for more than 20 years in academia focusing on public and political communication and communication in organizations in his research and teaching. He is a founding member of the Research Unit on Communication (URCOM) at the IPSI and participated in the creation of the Association for Research in Science Information and

Communication (ARSIC). Since 2012, he is the deputy editor of the Tunisian communication review RTC. He was the manager of the project "Preparing political parties for the elections in Tunisia" which was co-funded by the European Union Commission and co-managed other projects in collaboration with Deutsche Welle and the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation. Since 2013 he is the regional coordinator of The Arab-European Association for Media and Communication Researchers (AREACORE) in Maghreb area.



Dr. Lassaad Mouelhi

Directeur du département des sciences de l'éducation

Institut Supérieur de l'Education et de la Formation Continue de Tunis (ISEFC)

Presentation: "Education à l'entrepreneuriat, orientation universitaire, réforme de l'enseignement supérieur et employabilité en Tunisie"

Dr. Lassaad holds a PhD in Education Sciences (didactic option of Biology): co-supervised thesis at the University Claude Bernard-Lyon 1 & at the Higher Institute of Education and Continuing Education of Tunis (ISEFC).

He is Assistant Professor at the L'Institut Supérieur de l'Education et de la Formation

Continue (ISEFC) and Director of the Department of Educational Sciences. He is facilitator in academic pedagogy and didactics and he is a researcher responsible for courses of didactics of life and earth sciences, neuroscience and education, health education, education for sustainable development.



Prof. Dr. Matthias Weiter

Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany

Presentation: "Education, Economic Development and Employment"

Prof. Dr. Matthias Weiter presently teaches development studies at the Humboldt University in Berlin and works as a consultant for the German government, including the establishment of German-Arab Masters programmes, jointly implemented by German and Arab Universities. On his previous positions, he served from 2003 to 2007 as director of the Middle East division of the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development in Bonn, and from 1996 to 2001 as Director of the Minister's Office for Parliamentary and Cabinet Affairs.

He was born in 1947 in Berlin, Germany. He holds an M.A. degree in engineering and economics of the University of Hamburg, a PhD in Geography of the University of Gießen, and is an alumnus of the German Development Institute. He joined the German Ministry for Development in 1973. Until 2007 he served there, as well as in various organisations and foreign countries in the field of development cooperation. This included Indonesia, Egypt, Yemen, Belgium (EC) and the USA (UNDP New York, MIT Cambridge).



Mrs. Pia Zachrisson

Mentorship, Labor Management & Administration, Helsingborg, Sweden

Presentation: "Mentorship for immigrants with clear professional identity, City of Helsingborg"

Mrs. Pia Zachrisson serves as Coordinator Mentorship, City of Helsingborg, Coworker in Interreg-project Common Labor Market Sweden & Denmark, Chairman of Leader Nordvästra Skåne med Öresund.

She is as well leader of a local development method to engage local actors in the design and delivery of strategies, decision-making and resource allocation for the development of their rural areas. She is bringing together

public, private and civil-society stakeholders in a particular area and she is financing these projects with funding from the EU.

She is as well Chairwoman of Helsingborgs Filmstudio, a society for showing movies from all over the world to the people in Helsingborg, arranging Film- and culture tours. She studied in Film, Media- and Communication in University of Skövde, and University of Halmstad 1992-1995.



Dr. Omar Ahmed Siddig Almagzoub

Sultan Qaboos University, College of Arts and Social Sciences, Muscat, Oman

Presentation: "Academic accreditation and its impact on employment, Empirical evidence from the Gulf States"

Dr. Omar Ahmed Siddig Almagzoub holds PhD from the College of Arts - Khartoum University- Specialization (Ancient Arabic Literature). He is currently Faculty Member of Arabic Language College of Arts and Social Sciences Department in the Sultan Qaboos University. He served for five years (2010-2015) as Associate-Dean of the college of Arts and Education and as Professor at Al Ghurair University. From 2001-2007

he served as well as Assistant Professor - Associate Professor as well as Head of the Department of Arabic-language Agent Dean of Student Affairs at Ajman University of Science and Technology and as vice-director of the building of University in Al Ain. From 1992-2000 he served as teaching assistant and assistant professor and as faculty member of Department of Arabic Language-College of Education at Nile Valley University.



Ms. Khawla Konyina

Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany

Presentation: "Youth Employment: Education, and other framework conditions"

Ms. Khawla Konyina is currently a PhD-candidate at the Humboldt University in Berlin and is working as a consultant for the development agencies in the field of Labor Market and TVET.

Ms. Konyina started her professional career as a Software Developer and Head of the Competence Development Unit of Damascus Chamber of Industry. She also served as a Human Resources Development (HRD) & Vocational Education and Training (VET) Consultant for the Syrian Vice Minister of Industry (2006-2009), as well as a Devel-

opment Advisor for the GIZ in Syria (2009-2012) and Egypt (2013-2016). In 2017, she was an international short-term advisor for GFA Consulting Group GmbH in Cairo, and GIZ in Yemen. She also works as a consultant for the Arab Federation for Engineering Industries since 2009.

Ms. Konyina holds a Master of Applied Mathematics from Harvard University in Boston, an MBA International from Dauphine University in Paris, and a Master of Informatics from Damascus University.



Dr. Yousri Daly

Assistant Professor of Higher Education, Higher Institute of Human Sciences of Tunis (ISSHT), Department of Psychology, University of Tunis El Manar

Presentation: "Enabling Anthropology: Case Study"

Assistant Professor of Higher Education,
Higher Institute of Human Sciences of Tunis

(ISSHT), Department of Psychology, University of Tunis El Manar.



Mrs. Jihad Al Rajabi

Novel Writer, Amman, Jordan

Presentation: "Reading and Education"

Mrs. Jihad Al Rajabi is a writer and journalist who writes in political literature and works in the audio media. She has many books in the novel, short story as well as children's literature. She has published in many newspapers and periodicals at fixed angles, in addition to

writing many documentaries. She has many international, Arab and local awards in literature and is a member of a number of local and international associations and unions. She is currently writing on the Jerusalem Al Jazeera Net page and following her literary work.



Dr. Nadia Hanana-Marzouki

Higher Institute of Human Sciences of Tunis (ISSHT),

University of Tunis El Manar, Department of English

Dr. Nadia Hanana-Marzouki is currently a Lecturer in the Department of English at the Higher Institute of Human Sciences of Tunis where she teaches grammar courses, Irish Studies as well as British and American Literature. She earned her PhD in June 2017 from the Faculty of Arts, Letters and Humanities of the University of Manouba in Tunis. She got her B and Master's Degree from the

University of Bretagne Occidentale in France and was an Erasmus scholar at the University College of Galway in Ireland. She attended the Teacher Knowledge Test Course as well as the Teacher Training Course and is now a Certified Teacher. Her research interests include Irish Studies, Gender Studies, Urban Literature and Psychoanalysis.



Mr. Hesham N. Athamneh

Manager of Director General Office, Director of Public Relation and International Cooperation Unit, National Center for Agricultural Research and Extension NCARE, Jordan.

Mr. Hesham Athamneh received a M.Sc. degree in computer information system (CIS) from the Arab Academy for Banking and Financial Sciences. He is currently working as the Head of Public Relations & International Cooperation Unit at NCARE. A strong advocate of multi task management he involves his subordinates within a variety of community service, problem-solving, and

technology infused activities. In addition, he serves as the Manager of the Director General's Office of NCARE, and is a member of the Arab academy for Banking and Financial Sciences since 2006. He was recently honored with many awards from several organizations such as OSS (Tunisia), GIZ, ICARDA, JICA, and FAO.



Dr. Mariam Dadashzadeh

Allameh Tabataba'i University, Tehran

Dr. Mariam Dadashzadeh studied at Southern Illinois University (SIU) in Carbondale, Illinois, United States. She studied economics at graduate level and continued her study in the field of higher education (teaching economics in the community and junior colleges). She returned back to Iran in 1975 and started teaching in Shemiran College. While teaching, she was responsible for the Child Study Center which provided her a great experience about how to apply theories to the everyday life of children. Later, she became a faculty member of Allameh Tabataba'i University in Tehran concentrating on teaching and research in the areas of economics and economics education. She has over 25 years of teaching and re-

search experience. Her research interests focus on the effect of preschool education on primary school performance and the effect of children TV programs on children behavior.

She has published several books and papers covering the following topics: Private schools, advantages and disadvantage; The impact of tourism on economy of Iran; Factors affecting the quality of education; Text books and translation; Preschool and primary education (University of Payame Noor); Corporative social responsibility; Challenging behavior, Good children, bad behavior, are you listening? Discipline without tears. At the time being she is writing a book about what the world means by moral classroom.



Eng. Nadia Al-Khassawneh

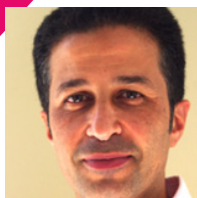
Head of Private Nurseries, National Project Coordinator of Management of the Invasive Plant Solanum elaeagnifolium in the Near East, Amman, Jordan

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