The Middle East and the Islamic World in the Mirror of Humanities and Social Sciences
Joint International Conference, 24–26 September 2015

22nd International Congress of the German Middle East Studies Association (DAVO)
1st Section Conference of the Islamic Studies Section of the German Oriental Society (DMG)

Institute of Development Research and Development Policy (IER), Ruhr University Bochum

CALL FOR PANELS AND PAPERS

The German Middle East Studies Association for Contemporary Research and Documentation (DAVO) and the Islamic Studies Section of the German Oriental Society (DMG) are pleased to announce their Joint International Conference which will take place on 24–26 September 2015 at Ruhr University Bochum. Given the dramatic changes in the Middle East and the Islamic World, which in many cases resist classification according to established categories, the conference will provide a forum for methodological exchange between the different disciplines of the humanities and the social sciences in their research on the historical and contemporary Middle East and the Islamic World. Simultaneously with this event, the 4th PhD Conference on International Development will be organized by the Institute of Development Research and Development Policy of Ruhr University together with national and international partners on 24–25 September.

Submission of proposals for panels and papers

Scholars from all fields of the humanities and the social sciences dealing with history, culture, society, politics and economics of the Middle East and the Islamic World are cordially invited to participate with panel presentations and papers. In addition posters are also possible. Panels may be offered with a closed selection of presentations or as an open forum for individual contributions. Each presentation should not exceed 20 minutes, allowing 10 minutes for discussion. They can be held in German or English, though the conference is aimed at an international audience. Please note the following submission deadlines:

Open panels by 15 April 2015, abstract up to 200 words;
closed panels, individual presentations and posters by 31 May 2015, abstract up to 200 words.

The topics of the open panels will be announced after 15 April 2015 via the DAVO and EURAMES Info Service and on the conference website at http://davo-iswidmg2015.de/en/cfp -en.

Review of proposals and decision on their acceptance by 15 July 2015.

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Conference registration

For personal registration as well as for the submission of proposals for panels, papers and posters please use the attached forms and send them to the email address congress@davo-iswidmg2015.de. The organizing team should receive the registrations together with the conference fees (€ 65, reduced € 35, without DAVO or DMG Membership € 85, reduced € 45) by 31 July 2015 at the latest.

After 31 July 2015 a late fee of € 20 will be charged.

A list of conveniently located hotels and reasonably priced accommodations for students as well as information on directions to the conference venue will be provided shortly on the conference website. The final program will be available online after 1 September 2015 and announced to all participants via email. Additional information can be found on the conference website (http://davo-iswidmg2015.de/en).

For any requests please email the organizing team at congress@davo-iswidmg2015.de.

Panels for the Presentation of Research Projects by Advanced Students and Postgraduates

Advanced students and postgraduates who are members of DAVO will have the opportunity to present their current MA or PhD research projects in special panels. The discussions are intended to offer additional advice and suggestions for the improvement of the research work of junior members of the German Middle East Studies Association. For further information please contact Dr. Nadine Scharfenort (Center for Research on the Arab World, University of Mainz), email: n.scharfenort@geo.uni-mainz.de.

4th PhD Conference on International Development

In addition PhD students may present their research projects at the 4th PhD Conference on International Development to a regionally open and interdisciplinary audience. The Call for Papers with detailed instructions for registration and abstract submission will soon be available on the website of the Institute of Development Research and Development Policy at http://www.development-research.org.

The Organizing Team

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