

### 11:30 am – 1 pm Session III

#### Cultural and epistemic perspectives on refugee knowledge transfers

Chair: Marwan Rowayheb<sup>Byblos/Beirut</sup>

##### Presentations

Leslie Tramontini<sup>Marburg</sup> • Writing as Strategy of Survival – The Contribution of the German-Iraqi Writer Hussein al-Mozany to German Culture

Florian Kohstall<sup>Berlin/Cairo</sup> (AGYA Member) • Current Examples of Integrating Refugees into the University: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives on Transnational Student Exchange

Carola Richter<sup>Berlin</sup> (AGYA Member) • Refugees' Use of the Media and Knowledge of their Destination Country, Germany, Before, During and After the Process of Flight

1 – 2:30 pm Lunch

### 2:30 – 4:30 pm Session IV

#### Tying Challenges with new perspectives and opportunities: Success stories, drawbacks and policy reflections

Moderator: Chiara Butti<sup>Beirut</sup>

Participation of invited academics and representatives from international organizations, and invited civil society organizations.

### 13th of April

Departure Day

## About AGYA:

The Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA) has been established in 2013 at the Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities 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 any Arab country. The academy provides partnership-building opportunities and funding to support the innovative projects of its members in various fields of research as well as in science policy and education.

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## Refugee transfers in the Euro-Arab Mediterranean zone: Tying the past with the present

Towards a transregional and transhistorical understanding in times of crises

10 – 12 April 2017  
Lebanese American University,  
Byblos, Lebanon

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## GENERAL INTRODUCTION

In collaboration with the Lebanese American University and the University of Heidelberg, the Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities and its working Group 'Transformation' are organizing an international and interdisciplinary workshop that will problematize from both historical and contemporary perspectives the theme of 'refugee transfers in the Euro-Arab Mediterranean zone'. The workshop will take place from 10 until 12 of April 2017 at the Lebanese American University (Byblos Campus).

In the wake of the Arab uprisings and ensuing upheavals, displacement and refugee crises have been mainly tackled through the prism of securitized policies, practices and speech acts. Migration scholars and social scientists have reflected on the shortcomings and pitfalls of international cooperation in burden sharing and have deplored the 'securitization' of the so-called refugee crises in Europe, the Middle East and beyond.

The workshop seeks to contribute to the literature on the transnational diffusion of norms through the prism of migration, asylum and flight. It draws on a joint trans-regional and trans-historical approach with a view to investigating the nature and contents of sociocultural, political and religious transfers that refugees have channeled within the Euro-Arab Mediterranean zone.

While taking into account challenges that refugee flows pose for policy making and local communities, the workshop will discuss theory guided contributions and case study analyses. Overarching themes include but are not restricted to:

- Historicizing refugee knowledge transfers from the Middle Ages until the 21st century;
- Shining a light on various economic, cultural and political contributions that refugees have circulated;
- Inquiring into methodological tools of transregionality, transnationality, and transculturality that allow us to capture both quantitatively and qualitatively refugee norm diffusion in historical perspective;
- Generating insights and cross-comparative lessons that could inform policy-making approaches and international organizations' programmatic strategies in the Euro-Mediterranean zone

## PROGRAM

### 10th of April

#### Arrival of Participants

#### 6 pm: Opening session and public keynote lecture

→ Venue: FREM Center 201 (Multipurpose Room)  
Ibrahim Awad <sup>Cairo</sup> • [The Current Displacement Crises in Regional and International Perspectives](#)

7:30 pm: Welcome Dinner

### 11th of April

→ Venue: FREM Center 203 – 204

#### 9 am Greeting by LAU's president Joseph Jabbra

9:30 – 10 am Introduction: Context and Objectives of the Workshop (Tamirace Fakhoury <sup>Beirut/Byblos</sup> / Jenny Oesterle <sup>Heidelberg</sup>, AGYA Members)

### 10:00 – 11:00 am Session I

#### Historical perspectives on refugee knowledge transfers

Chair: John Meloy <sup>Beirut</sup>

#### Presentations

Nicholas Terpstra <sup>Toronto</sup> • [Mass Migrations in the Late Medieval and Early Modern Mediterranean](#)

Dawn Chatty <sup>Oxford</sup> • [Syria and Its Refugees: A Historical Perspective](#)

11:00 – 11:30 am Coffee break

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Ammar Abdulrahman <sup>Tübingen</sup> (AGYA Member) • [Deportation in the Ancient Near East](#)

Jenny Oesterle <sup>Heidelberg</sup> (AGYA Member) • [Protection for Refugees in the First Decades of Islamic History](#)

Theresa Jäckh <sup>Heidelberg</sup> • [The Ruler as Refugee. Peril and Protection in the Medieval Mediterranean.](#)

1 – 2:30 pm Lunch

### 2:30 – 3:30 pm Session II

#### Refugee movements in contemporary perspective: Contextualising and Mapping their social, political and economic contributions

Chair: Sami Baroudi <sup>Beirut/Byblos</sup>

#### Presentations

Heaven Crawley <sup>Coventry</sup> • [Remembering the Past, Looking to the Future: Creating Opportunities for Dialogue and Exchange in the Context of Displacement](#)

Paul Tabar <sup>Beirut/Byblos</sup> • [Conceptualizing Social Remittances in the Context of the Syrian Refugee Influx](#)

3:30 – 4 pm Coffee Break

### 4 – 4:30 pm SESSION II

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#### Presentation

Paolo Boccagni <sup>Trento</sup> • [Mapping Social Remittances in the Context of Forced Migration: Social Actors, Units of Analysis, Research Options](#)

18:00h Dinner with participants

### 12th of April

### 9:30 – 11:00 am Session II

#### Refugee movements in contemporary perspective: Contextualising and Mapping their social, political and economic contributions

Chair: Makram Ouais <sup>Byblos/Beirut</sup>

#### Presentations

Jennifer Skulte <sup>Byblos/Beirut</sup> • [Competing Conceptions of Borders Regarding Refugees and the Syrian Conflict.](#)

Marieke van Houte <sup>Amsterdam/Oxford</sup> • [Transnational Engagements and Agency of Afghan Refugees in the Diaspora and After Return](#)

Dogus Simsek <sup>Istanbul</sup> • [Refugee Knowledge Transfers in Turkey](#)

11:00 – 11:30 am Coffee break