

Dear Madame, dear Sir, dear colleague and friend,

Please find below the following announcements:

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2. Annual Meeting of the Dutch Association for the Study of Religion (NGG): “Religion and Social Cohesion: Challenges and Perspectives”, University of Groningen, 25–26 October 2012
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4. International Conference: “Religion and Democracy in Europe and the Arab World”, Lebanese American University, Byblos, 29–30 November 2012
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Best regards,

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1. 19th International Congress of the German Middle East Studies Association (DAVO), Erlangen, 4 – 6 October 2012

The 19th International Congress of the German Middle East Studies Association for Contemporary Research and Documentation (DAVO) will be hosted by the University of Erlangen–Nuremberg, 4–6 October 2012. The deadline for proposals of papers and panels is 2 July 2012. A new website with the <http://davo2012.de> relevant information is available at

2. Annual Meeting of the Dutch Association for the Study of Religion (NGG): “Religion and Social Cohesion: Challenges and Perspectives”, University of Groningen, 25–26 October 2012

The 2012 Annual Meeting of the NGG uses the 100th anniversary of the publication of Émile Durkheim’s *Les formes élémentaires de la vie religieuse* (1912) as an opportunity to look critically at the concept of ‘social cohesion’ and the many, often conflicting ways in which scholars, politicians, and others have correlated religion to values of equality, solidarity, democracy, and tolerance (or their opposites) in contemporary Western societies. We want to raise the question whether religion(s) and discourses on religion(s) promote social cohesion or social conflict in multicultural and plural modern societies. The conference will combine sociological, anthropological, and historical approaches to the theme of social cohesion and will provide a contribution to the ongoing debates in Europe regarding the benefits and problems of religious convictions.

We invite proposals for papers, panels, and posters from all disciplinary perspectives on religion and social cohesion. Proposals may also address other aspects of Durkheim’s legacy in the study of religion. In addition, PhD and MA students are given the possibility to present their ongoing research in a paper session that is not related to the conference theme or with a poster. Deadline for submitting an abstract for an individual paper is 1 July 2012. Abstracts should be emailed to e.p.den.boer@religion.leidenuniv.nl to NGG secretary Dr. Elizabeth den Boer (

http://www.godsdienstwetenschap.org/agenda_detail.php?agenda_id=47 Information

3. First Global Conference of the Association for Middle Eastern Public Policy and Administration (AMEPPA): “Public Policy and Administration in the Middle East”, Rabat, Morocco, 8–9 November 2012

AMEPPA's inaugural conference will provide a welcoming venue for academics and practitioners to come together to explore how public policy and administration professionals can contribute to the region's transformation. The conference will explore the dynamics of emerging governance models that can address the uncertainty and turbulence gripping the region in the aftermath of the Arab Spring. Leading voices in public policy and administration will present their perspectives on these challenges. Panels of scholars and practitioners will present the results of recent research and practice.

Papers and proposals for panel presentations are welcomed, including case studies, survey research, best practices, and comparative analyses between and among countries. We particularly welcome evidence-based proposals that focus on themes and the sub-themes within the public policy and public administration tracks identified below as well as perspectives from practitioners that highlight experiences in innovation and change management.

<http://www.ameppa.org/AMEPPA-Annua> Deadline for proposals 31 August 2012. Further information [1-Conference.html](#)

4. International Conference: "Religion and Democracy in Europe and the Arab World", Lebanese American University, Byblos, 29–30 November 2012

Adyan foundation, the Lebanese American University in Lebanon (Byblos), and Konrad Adenauer Foundation (Amman office) are organizing this conference. The conference will join 40–50 academicians and researchers in politics and religion as well as policy makers and experts from political, diplomatic and social spheres, to:

- promote in depth critical reflection amongst Arab and European experts and policy makers on the role and place of religion in the public sphere, and the relation between religion and democracy
- foster dialogue and sharing expertise between European and Arab experts on religion, democracy and public sphere
- promote a paradigm–shift in the place and role of religion in the public sphere, from an identity–based paradigm to a values–based paradigm.

Abstract submission deadline: 10 September 2012. For more information, visit the conference webpage <http://www.adyanonline.net/course/view.php?id=32> on:

5. International Conference: "The Arab East and the Bedouin Component: Features and Tensions from Late Antiquity to the Present", Orient–Institut Beirut, 29 November – 1 December 2012

The presence of Bedouin groups – nomadic and sedentary – has been a pervasive feature of Arab societies since Late Antiquity and some have played a central role in the history of the Arab lands. Nevertheless, Bedouin are often considered to be marginal groups with little influence on broader trends in society and of mainly folkloristic interest. They are thus 'intimate strangers', always present but largely ignored. This conference aims to bring together historians and anthropologists in order to find formulas that will enable a better description of the specific fluidity that surrounds Bedouin agency in history and the Bedouin impact on the region's culture.

Orient–Institut Beirut in collaboration with the Collaborative Research Centre "Difference and Integration" (SFB 586) in Halle and Leipzig invite scholars to propose papers along the following broad themes: The Bedouin and the Arab East in history – Identity claims and assignments – Conflict management and violence

The deadline for the submission of abstracts (300 words maximum) is 15 July 2012. Your abstract, buessow@orient-institut.org together with a short biographical note, should be sent to Johann Büssow (). For a detailed Call for

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Papers please see [g](#)

www.orient-institut.org/English/EventsDetails.aspx?pageid=1879

POSITIONS

6. Scholars for Research Group at the Institute of Iranian Studies, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna

Establishing the New Frontiers Groups programme, the Austrian Academy of Sciences (OeAW) intends to develop a flexible structure with which it can respond rapidly to cutting-edge developments in science and research, which are largely driven by young researchers. The NFG programme aims at investigator-driven innovative research in order to promote promising academic careers and to further <http://www.oeaw.ac.at/nfg/> strengthen the Academy's research portfolio. Details are to be found on the Web:

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documentation and application material for the call is to be found on the Web: <http://www.fwf.ac.at/en/new-frontiers-groups/index.html>

www.oeaw.ac.at/iran The Institute of Iranian Studies at the Austrian Academy of Sciences located in Vienna, Austria () is eligible as a host institution of a project within the frame of the programme. Target: applications by candidates with records of significant post-doctoral research experience and achievement to lead an independent research group of up to 6 researchers at the Institute of Iranian Studies.

The project can be on any topic relevant to Iranian studies (Iran and Persianate / Iranian societies, any period in history, any field of study), including interdisciplinary projects; the NFG project may NOT add to an existing research project / program already established at the Institute of Iranian Studies, but should add a new and innovative aspect to our research portfolio

Applicants must hold a doctoral degree which was conferred no more than 7 years prior to the submission deadline.

Duration: 5 years. Submission deadline is July 15, 2012. Applicants should contact the head of the) as soon as possible florian.schwarz@oeaw.ac.at institute (i.e. Florian Schwarz at

7. Fellowship in the Politics and/or International Relations of the Muslim World, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies

The Centre is seeking to appoint a leading scholar who will be engaged in teaching, research and publication on the domestic politics of Muslim countries and/or their external regional, transnational and international relationships. The Fellowship offers excellent support for research, the opportunity to work with world-class graduate students, and an intellectually stimulating research environment both within the Centre and through full integration of the Fellow into the broader intellectual life of the University of Oxford.

www.oxcis.ac.uk Salary according to qualifications and experience; closing date 13 July; full details at [/vacancies](#)

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. Fourth Media Arabic Webclass (Winter Term 2012/13): An Intensive Training of Speaking and Listening Comprehension Skills, Munich

Over the past decade the Arab World has witnessed the emergence of powerful transnational satellite media which lead to the formation of new public spheres with hitherto unknown opportunities for open debate on a variety of political, cultural and socio-economic topics. During the Arab Spring and its repercussions these transnational media have played a central role in sending the spark of change from one "maidan" to another. Consequently, good command of Media Arabic is an essential prerequisite not only for researchers on Arab World related topics but also for practitioners in the field.

The Munich Institute of Near and Middle Eastern Studies offers an intensive course to meet the needs of PhD students, scholars, diplomats, lawyers, etc. with a sound theoretical knowledge of Standard Arabic, but no time to follow conventional language training. In this webclass, we will improve your listening comprehension of films and TV shows. Courses are taught at three different levels by experienced teachers with strong academic background.

www.naher-osten.lmu.de/maw For detailed information, please visit our website:

9. Call for Articles for Edited Book on "Society, Cyber Media and Social Transformation in the Arab Gulf"

Zayed University Press (the Interdisciplinary Studies on the Arabian Gulf) is accepting sub-missions to be considered for publication of an edited book which aims at understanding the full range of the Arab Gulf information environment through focusing on its new media, in general and cyber media, in particular.

Through focusing on case studies from Arab Gulf countries, the manuscript seeks to establish a scholarly dialogue so as to achieve better understanding of both the impact of cyber media on socio-cultural transformations (experienced within and across local contexts) and the impact of social factors (including economic and political among other elements) on the use of cyber media.

Papers should focus on the Arab Gulf region and can be written from different academic approaches and perspectives. Using MS Word format, please, submit your contribution (7,000 to 10,000 words) to elsayedelaswad@gmail.com by December 1, 2012.

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