The Departments of Arabic/Islamic Studies II and Iranian Studies of the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen invite you to the congress:

Societies in Transition: Law, Culture and Politics in the Middle East

Organization: Prof. Dr. Irene Schneider, Prof. Dr. Riem Spielhaus, Prof. Dr. Eva Orthmann, JProf. Dr. Kata Moser (SAI I), Ahmed Amer.

Co-organizer: German Middle East Studies Association (DAVO)
(30th International DAVO Congress)

Date: September 26 to 28, 2024
Location: University of Göttingen, Waldweg 26, 37073 Göttingen

Our website is here: https://gesellschaften-im-wandel30.de/frontend/index.php?sub=14367

This congress invites submissions on topics in the humanities and social sciences that deal with research on the Middle East, North Africa and other states influenced by Islam or their relations with other regions.

Proposals are particularly welcome for the following thematic sections:

Thematic Section 1: Law

Thematic Section 2: Philosophy and History of Ideas

Thematic Section 3: Theology and Religious Practice
Workshop Talks

All sections welcome contributions dealing with issues of gender research and diversity!

You can register individual presentations as well as panels (with 3-4 contributions). As a separate category, the workshop talks provide space for the presentation of final theses and doctoral projects.

Individual presentations are organized thematically and grouped into panels. When registering for individual presentations and panels, please choose one of the above mentioned sections.

A maximum of two presentations per participant can be registered. Each presentation and panel must be accompanied by an abstract. The abstract will be crucial for determining the acceptance of the submission based on quality.

Registered participants will have the opportunity to follow a number of presentations online. Presentations will however not be recorded.

Registration and Deadlines

- Registration of papers (with abstract, max. 300 words) and panels (abstracts per paper and abstract for the panel max. 300 words) by April 30, 2024.
- Abstracts will be reviewed in order to ensure quality of contributions.
- Authors of presentations and panel leaders will be informed by June 15th 2024 upon the acceptance of their presentation or panel.
- Abstracts will be reviewed as soon as possible. Please submit your abstracts as early as possible.

Requirements for abstracts of proposed individual presentations and panels

Two reviewers will decide on the acceptance or rejection of presentations according to the following criteria:

- Does the paper have a clear research question?
- Does the paper develop an argument, test a hypothesis or answer the question using its own empirical, source-based, theory- or literature-based research?
- Does the article refer to the current state of research or literature on the topic?
- Is the contribution scientifically innovative?
The review of the proposed panels will take into account the following questions:

- Do all contributions meet academic standards?
- Does the panel promise a coherent contribution?
- Are the papers all well matched?

The panel coordinators are jointly responsible for the quality control of the contributions and may reject presentations due to poor quality of the abstracts.

When formulating your abstracts, please ensure that these requirements are met.

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**Conference Rates**

Regular Rate: 15.02.2024 until 15.07.2024

- DAVO members € 65,-
- Non-members of DAVO € 95,-
- BA- and MA-students € 35,-

Rate for Later Payment: 16.07.2024 until 25.09.2024

- DAVO members € 95,-
- Non-members of DAVO € 125,-
- BA- and MA-students € 65,-

- An additional service fee of €10 will be charged for registration at the begin of the conference.

- Participation at the gala dinner (September 27th 2024): € 60 (limited capacity)

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