

**International Conference**

**Failed State Syria -  
Analytical Perceptions and Perspectives  
on Future Plans for Reconstruction**

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## **Organization**

The international conference „Failed State Syria - Perceptions and Perspectives on Future Plans for Reconstruction” is held from 19th to 21st of February at Department of Geography at Justus-Liebig-University Giessen.

The conference that is funded by Fritz Thyssen Stiftung is organized by Prof. Dr. Hussein Almohamad and Prof. Dr. Andreas Dittmann, Section Human Geography at Department of Geography, Justus-Liebig-University Giessen.

## **Aims of the conference**

The interdisciplinary framework of the international conference offers a broad platform for scientific knowledge in order to discuss and develop conceptions for the reconstruction of a war torn Syria for post-war scenarios. The conference aims at combining knowledge on a wide-range geographical understanding from the areas of Human Capacity Building, planning, reconstruction and the protection of cultural and geo-heritage. Thereby a network of scientists with regional or contextual understandings is created necessary to sustain future reconstruction from a scientific perspective.

The programme consists of lectures and discussions about the conceptions of Failed States and strategies of reconstruction in a post-conflict society as well as practical analysis of regional problems. On the basis of theoretical considerations on Syria as a “fragile” or “failed State” the conference intends to analyze potentials and scenarios for future reconstruction. The geographical perspective is a specific focus of the conference, human as well as physical geographers are invited to share their research interests in order to strengthen networks and find practical solutions for future academic reconstruction.

## Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016

- 14:00 - 14:30 Welcome Address and Opening Ceremony  
Introduction to the Programme  
Prof. Dr. Hussein Almohamad and  
Prof. Dr. Andreas Dittmann  
(Justus-Liebig-University, Giessen)
- 14:30 - 15:15 “The Failure of State Building Process in  
Afghanistan.”  
Prof. Dr. Sardar Kohistani  
(Kabul University, Afghanistan)
- 15:15 - 16:00 “Failing States and Failed States in the Near  
and Middle East.”  
Prof. Dr. Andreas Dittmann  
(Justus-Liebig-University, Giessen)
- 16:00 - 16:30 *Tea Break*
- 16:30 - 17:30 Discussion Panel: “What do Syrian Migrants  
expect from Germany?”  
Prof. Dr. Hussein Almohamad,  
Ahmad A. Al-Rawie (M.Sc.),  
Mariam Kaddah (MA),  
Dipl.-Geogr. Basher Ali,  
Moderation: Prof. Dr. Andreas Dittmann
- 17:30 - 18:00 Joint Discussion - Gathering Results
- 18:00 - 20.00 *Welcome Dinner Restaurant Istanbul,  
Giessen*

## **Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

- 09:00 - 9:45      “The Impact of Syrian Crisis on Wheat Production.”  
Hassan Alsheikh Ibrahim (M.Sc.)  
(University Deir-ez-Zor, Syria)
- 09:45 - 10:30    “Decreasing Crop Yield in northwest Syria since 2011.”  
Prof. Dr. Ahmad Assouad  
(University of Aleppo, Syria)
- 10:30 - 11:00    *Tea Break*
- 11:00 - 11:45    “Remote Sensing in Syria: Facts and Perspectives.”  
Dipl.-Eng. Hussein Othmanli  
(General Organization for Remote Sensing, Syria)
- 11:45 - 12:30    “The Impact of Syrian Refugees in Turkey.”  
Prof. Dr. Mohammed Alhussein  
(University of Aleppo, Syria)
- 12:30 - 14:00    *Lunch Break*
- 14:00 - 14:45    “Water Management in Syria: From Conflict to Reconciliation.”  
Ahmed Haj Asaad (M.Sc.)  
(GeoExpertise Association, Switzerland)

- 14:45 - 15:30 “Der Umgang mit dem kulturellen Erbe in  
Syrien: Ein Blick in die Vergangenheit und  
die Gegenwart.”  
Ahmad A. Al-Rawie (M.Sc.)  
(Eberhard Karls University, Tübingen)
- 15:30 - 16:15 „Die syrischen Diaspora-Netzwerke und die  
Flucht nach Deutschland.”  
Mariam Kaddah (M.A.)  
(Johannes-Gutenberg-University, Mainz)
- 16:15 - 16:45 Tea Break*
- 16:45 - 17:30 “Foreign Involvement in Syrian War and it’s  
future Perspectives.”  
Prof. Dr. Hussein Almohamad  
(University of Aleppo, Syria)
- 17:30 - 18:00 Joint Discussion - Gathering Results

## Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2016

- 09:00 - 09:45 “Cultural Heritage Sites in Syria: Protection and Reconstruction.”  
Prof. Dr. Andreas Dittmann  
(Justus-Liebig-University, Giessen)
- 09:45 - 10:30 “Social and economic Conditions of Islamic State.”  
Prof. Dr. Fares Mahmoud  
(University of Aleppo, Syria)
- 10:30 - 11:00 *Tea Break*
- 11:00 - 11:45 “Agricultural Water Policy in Syria - Past, Present and Future.”  
Ibrahim Alabdullah (Dipl.-Ing. agr.)  
(University of Aleppo, Syria)
- 11:45 - 12:30 „Zur Rolle Sozialer Medien als Hilfsmittel auf der Flucht.“  
Dipl.-Geogr. Basher Ali  
(Justus-Liebig-University Giessen, Germany)
- 12:30 - 14:00 *Lunch Break*
- 14:00 - 15:45 “The Impact of geographical Location of Aleppo on Trade trough Centuries.”  
Prof. Dr. Abdulhalim Mohammed Eroglu  
(Ankara University, Turkey)



- 15:45 - 16:30 “Ethnic and religious Distribution,  
Immigration and internal Migration in Syria.”  
Prof. Dr. Hussein Almohamad  
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- 16:30 - 17:30 Joint Discussion - Gathering Results

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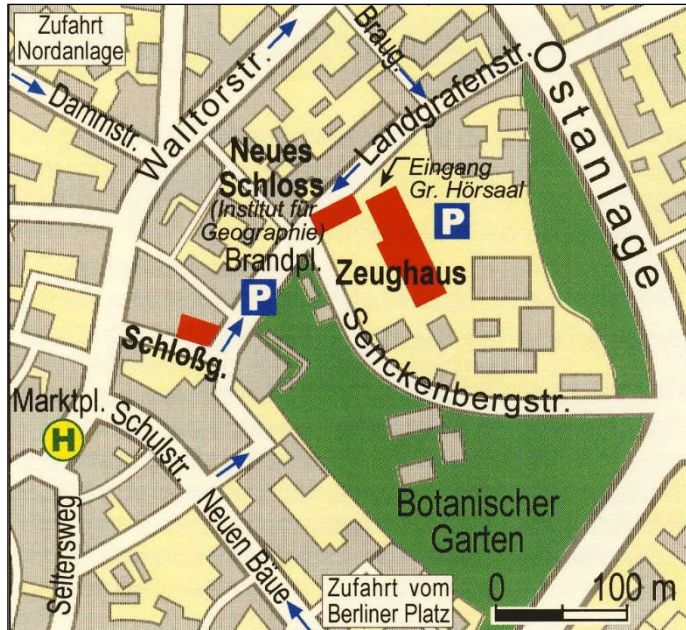
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## Venue Plan



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All presentations will take place at the lecture hall “Großer Hörsaal” at “Zeughaus”, Senckenbergstrasse 3.

The Coffee Break will take place at the lecture room “Großer Seminarraum” at “Neues Schloss”, Senckenbergstrasse 1, unless otherwise noted.

## Notes





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