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Analytical Perceptions and Perspectives on Future Plans for Reconstruction

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Programme

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Department of Geography
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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, 19th 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)


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 Instanbul, Giessen
Saturday, 20th 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, 21st 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 through 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
(University of Aleppo, Syria)

16:30 - 17:30  Joint Discussion - Gathering Results
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The Coffee Break will take place at the lecture room “Großer Seminarraum” at “Neues Schloss”, Senckenbergstrasse 1, unless otherwise noted.
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