

Public Lecture:  
“The German-Egyptian Digital Library for Oriental Manuscripts”**CULTURAL HERITAGE IN CYBERSPACE****Education . Preservation. Access**

Location	Online, MS Teams
Date	Thursday, September 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2021, from 5 pm until 6.30 pm (Cairo Local Time)
Guests	researchers working in the field of cultural heritage, history, archaeology, museology and digital sciences senior-level students, graduates, academics, experts from Egypt
Duration	5 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. (1,5 h)
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## Concept Note

The preservation of Cultural Heritage through digital formats has become a necessity in the past years and various institutions have been steering their investments and efforts in this direction. But not only institutions are highly engaged in the process, also the civil society in Egypt is –informally- part of the process of documentation, preservation and accessibility of cultural heritage through social media.

Furthermore, due to a lack of access to historical and cultural sights during the Corona pandemic, more museums and governmental institutions have started offering parts of their work in the virtual space.

In 2020, the DAAD Regional Office Cairo has organised a virtual conference in the framework of its lighthouse project “Clusters of Scientific Innovation in the Middle East and North Africa” (COSIMENA) and in cooperation with the German Archeological Institute (DAI) entitled “Cultural Heritage between Digitalization and the Pandemic”, in which the opportunities and challenges in the field of digitalizing cultural heritage in the MENA region have been presented and discussed. At the same time, the scientists have highlighted how digitalization contributes to the documentation, preservation, education and accessibility of Cultural Heritage for experts and the civil society.

This year, the DAAD is continuing this discussion in its project-related Public Lecture on “The German-Egyptian digital Library for Oriental Manuscripts”. With this event, the DAAD Regional Office in Cairo aims to shed the light on the funded binational project “Cultural Heritage in Cyberspace” between German and Egyptian Universities and institutions which recently have received a DAAD funding under the umbrella of the programme German-Egyptian Progress Partnerships. The project’s objectives include fostering teaching and research in the field of Cultural Heritage and discussing the opportunities and challenges of cross-cultural collaboration in this field. An inauguration of a joint master’s programme in the field of preservation, documentation and digitization of tangible and intangible heritage is also planned in the scope of the project.

Agenda Public Lecture  
“The German-Egyptian Digital Library for Oriental Manuscripts”  
on Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021  
5.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m.  
Link: [Click Here](#)

Greeting Words

Ms. Isabell Mering  
Director of the DAAD Regional Office Cairo

5.00 p.m. – 5.10 p.m. Mr. Philippe Maupai  
Head of Science and Protocol, Embassy of the Federal Republic of  
Germany in Cairo

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5.10 p.m. – 6.10 p.m. “The German-Egyptian Digital Library for Oriental Manuscripts”  
Prof. Dr Albrecht Fuess  
Professor of Islamic Studies at the Phillips-Universität Marburg

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6.10 p.m. – 6.25 p.m. Discussion

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6.25 p.m. – 6.30 p.m. Wrap-up  
Ms. Nermine Abdelaty  
DAAD Regional Office Cairo

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## Short bio of the speaker

*Prof. Dr Albrecht Fuess* studied History and Islamic Studies at the University of Cologne and Cairo University. He obtained his Ph-d in Cologne in 2000 with a dissertation on the history of the Syro-Palestinian coast in the Mamluk era (1250-1517). Since 2010 he is a Professor of Islamic Studies at the Center for Near and Middle Eastern Studies (CNMS) at the Philipps-Universität Marburg. His main research interest are the History of the Near and Middle East from the 13th to 16th centuries and the contemporary Muslim presence in Europe.

## About the DAAD Regional Office Cairo

### DAAD Regional Office Cairo

It was in 1960 when the DAAD Regional Office Cairo was established on the basis of the German-Egyptian Cultural Agreement. Since then, the academic relations between Egypt and Germany have evolved steadily. The close cooperation has unwrapped new horizons for the scientific bonds of both countries to further develop and flourish. Thousands of Egyptian scholars have benefited ever since from these ties (<https://www.daad.eg/>).

### DAAD Project: Clusters of Scientific Innovation in the Middle East and North Africa (COSIMENA)

In the framework of COSIMENA, the DAAD Regional Office Cairo realises various interdisciplinary events on current issues in science and innovation, such as workshops, conferences, roundtable discussions, the German Science Day, the COSIMENA Science Night and Summer/Winter Schools. The project COSIMENA aims to intensify and strengthen scientific cooperation between Germany, Egypt and the whole MENA region to make existing networks of researchers and universities visible and to initiate potential new cooperation in the field of academia and science. Through the different activities, the DAAD brings together various stakeholders from science, business, politics and civil society. Also young scientists and researchers are promoted and supported through networking opportunities ([www.daad.eg/cosimena](http://www.daad.eg/cosimena)).

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