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our first official edition

## the FIRST ISSUE

A collection of our experiences and interests spanning the last few months.

## get to meet SABE

meeting the downtown creative part of GJU. The natural habitat of all our creative minds

## our Outgoings where are they now

talking about our German year experience, from the food we cooked to the people we met

## GJU clubs come in one

dig into the various clubs we have in our community.

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# A welcoming Message

Written by :Eliane Salsa

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Welcome to the very first issue of On Campus Magazine, a new media space for GJU'ers.

Our monthly magazine is run by GJU students, who love to share their passion of writing, editing, photography or any other talents with other GJU students and the world.

If you ever dreamt of reading a magazine like the one in The Devil Wears Prada movie: The Runway, well okay let's face it, we are neither The Devil Wears Prada nor Runway, but we are close enough, nicer maybe. But I can assure you one thing, we are more about GJU'ers.

Our magazine is multilingual; it will be published monthly with very interesting contents every time. Our aim is to reach all GJU'ers who like to express their talents and give them the opportunity to share .Our amazing team has all different styles, from fashionistas to political people, from bookworms to technology maniacs.

For our first issue, our team has shared with you more than their experiences and talents, but also what they think and feel. We have worked hard through the ups and downs to come up with ideas, time managing, exams, university and work, but we are finally here and ready to be published!

See you in the next issue,

Founder/Editor in Chief

Elaine Salsa

*Elaine*

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# MAKE YOUR winter stylish



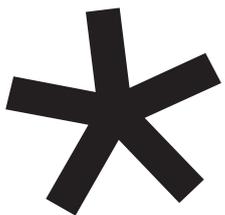
Winter is officially here, so are you ready to go make some winter shopping? I have gathered some of the newest fashion trends just for you. I know that some of you are not big fans of long walks around the mall or scrolling down through shopping websites, in order to make shopping easier for you I have collected some ideas that will make your winter more stylish. Be ready to start filling your online shopping cart and emptying your wallet. Take a look at these fashion trends that will make this year's winter season the most fashionable season for you.



#OOTD

IDEAS

*Get yourself a pair of ripped jeans – It always makes the outfit casual.*



# BACK TO

THE 80s

Not only the fur coat is back, the AMAZING 'Denim Jacket' is also back, and it goes with everything! You can wear it with dresses, jeans, skirts... whatever you want. It is the classiest, comfiest, and easiest piece of clothing to wear.



# #BLACK IS NEVER A SAD COLOR

*"Here are some ways to style your beautiful black leather jacket."*

Whenever you are unsure of what color you want to choose, always buy it in black and trust that you will be happy with the result, because black goes with everything. Also let's not forget that 'Black Leather Jackets' are HOT this winter.



*"Fur has made its return back to the fashion world! The nice thing about fur is that it is available in all styles and colors. The question is: Would you wear it? "*

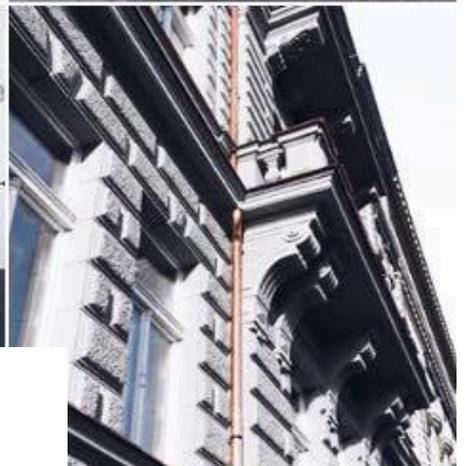
# # FUR IS BACK

Fur also joined the world of accessories. With the new 'Fur Key Chains' your bag is going to look DOPE! So make sure to get one this winter.





Interview with Aya Barqawi  
by @theemilysmiths January 29, 2017



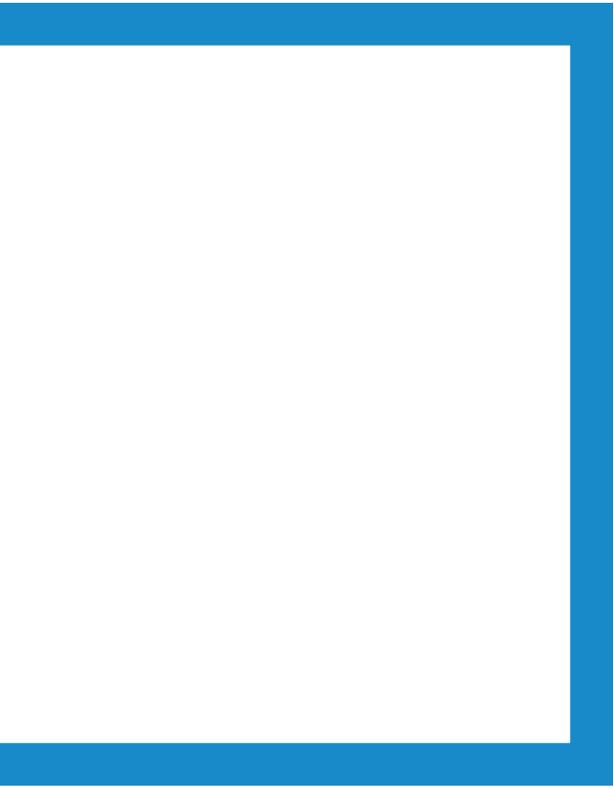
# # SCREENSHOTS

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# **CAMPUSES**

what's going on ?



# EVENTS IN MADABA CAMPUS

# PIE

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ON CAMPUS-TUESDAY, 27 DECEMBER 2016



“The Program for innovation and Entrepreneurship (PIE) in cooperation with the office for industrial links (OIL) have organized and brought together the ‘Green Hackathon’ event, whereby tens of GJU students from various majors came together in ‘The Uminah Think Tank’ to come up with green solutions and entrepreneurship ideas to solve a number of local environmental issues. 57 students made up a number of 17 total teams taking on different challenges.”

Students were given a 3 day period of brainstorming and idea execution, in which most set up simplified business models and working project prototypes. Technical and business mentors were there to guide the teams throughout. The ideas were then presented to a stream of judges including; Dr.Natheer AbuObeid, Fadi Marji, Sami Jarrar, Faisal alHaqqi, and Ruba el Zoubi.

The winning team, consisting of students: Sara Khashmar, Ahmad Qudah, Majd Al-Saadi, and Abdulrahman Rababa’a who had developed a simplified and green method for solar heating in refugee camps. In second place came the team members, Dina Jaber, AlHarith Farhad, Shahd Shamout, and Mohammed Noor Al-Jbour, for their development of sustainable house systems for rural areas. In third place arrived the team members Roya Abu Summaqah, Mohammed Ghanim, Rahaf Ghanim, and Mohammed Fageer, for their development of self-cleaning solar cells for the lighting of rural areas.

Honorable rewards and thank you notes were given to the other teams, for their ideas for green challenges.

The 3 most distinguishable teams were awarded 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place positions along with a cash reward and the opportunity to further develop their innovative solutions.\*

# School of Architecture and Built Environment

# SABE

Written by Laura Aghabi | Edited by : Laila Ajlouni

ON CAMPUS-FRIDAY, 16 DECEMBER 2016

To those who are unaware of SABE, it is a second campus for the German Jordanian University which binds two majors, Architecture and Design. The purpose of SABE News is a peek into an architect/design student's campus life for those who are in Madaba, and to update my fellow colleagues on what new facilities, and external lectures are coming up.

To all outsiders, I invite you to our Wonderland, where every day is Halloween, and each person is known by their style. Someone once said "I'm as mad as the Hatter, as lost as Alice, as jealous as the Queen, as loyal as the Cards, as anxious as the Rabbit and as mysterious as the Cat". He was obviously referring to the characters of Alice in the Wonderland. I referred it to SABE, we're all mad because "Imagination is the only weapon in the war against reality", we are so lost through feedback we want to crash our heads in our own projects because the flow of ideas either never ends or just never starts. As for the jealous part, maybe we're just jealous of where normal college students attend their classes, yet we're loyal to our major and all the consequences that come with choosing it. Anxiety is part of the normal SABE students jury life, a jury is when we present our work to a jury that review it and grade it, and finally the mystery is part of surprising our doctors on our finally jury.

As for the facilities in SABE, SABE students will be happy to hear that we officially have a baby foot, bean bags and a clinic. Before, we had our own ways of entertainment. SABE lies on the edge of Downtown and our campus has 4 terraces with the most amazing views, thus, terraces are our hangout spots, where we play catch with water bottles, and ouch (in Arabic).

Finally, I'd like to inform all students about the second Grad 1 Jury for 5th year Architectural students. The students will present a program of functions they expect to design in their building and how these functions display their concept. Hope to see you there!

*"We were too mad,  
they decided to  
take us to another  
campus"*

# GJU CLUBS

## PART ONE

• *“Just in case you thought  
• Student clubs are a waste of  
• time!”*

### ROBOTICS CLUB

• A group of students interested in initiating technology  
• related activities started a club which grew into  
• a real community. Students in the club initiate  
• university activities to share and deliver their technical  
• knowledge with the rest of the students, hoping to  
• prepare students for future projects in the field of  
• their course or robotics. Hence, they aim to allow  
• the students with theoretical knowledge to gain an  
• experimental application. One example is the robotics  
• show. With proposed themes such as; games and  
• interaction between robots and users, the students  
• learned to launch projects in the field of robotics like  
• building and programming robots.

• Indeed, many students often join the club to gain  
• help and technical experience that are required to  
• succeed in assigned projects of their courses like  
• instrumentation and control systems. In fact, the  
• club launched a five-week course in Arduino basic,  
• CATIA, and Raspberry PI in November and plan on  
• future advanced courses like MATLAB throughout this  
• semester. Make sure to check their facebook page  
• GJU Robotics club for the all the club’s activities,  
• offered courses, and registration links to the courses.

• Last but not least, the club believes in its responsibility  
• to deliver their knowledge to everyone in the  
• university as well as our community. An example to  
• that is their visit to governmental schools in Madaba,  
• to offer students free courses in vital robotics and  
• basic Arduino considering the scarce resources and  
• knowledge they receive in this field.

### IT CLUB

• Passion is why we have an IT club in our university.  
• Students from computer oriented majors deliver their  
• passion in what they study, to inform others all about

• computer science and technology, and help students  
• to look deeper into the operation of routinely used  
• devices such as digital watches, calculators, or mo-  
• bile phones. The club offers the basic knowledge in  
• programming through launching several courses each  
• semester, interactive activities, events and revision  
• classes.

• The club offers revision classes and video recordings  
• in basic programming courses like Java and C (which  
• is a basic course that supports all CS 113, 115, and  
• 116 students). The IT club will also provide courses  
• in gaming development in unity 3D and hence teach  
• students how to program their own games. Moreover,  
• other courses like Basics Android Development and  
• Excel are on the club’s current plan for this semester.  
• In addition, Hour of Code and Code Camp, which is a  
• three-day comprehensive event, is the highlight of the  
• upcoming events that you can read more about on  
• the club’s page, GJU IT Club.

• “All you need is your computer and attending ”, as-  
• sured the club’s president, emphasizing that no previ-  
• ous knowledge is required to join any of the basic  
• offered courses.

### MUN CLUB

• The MUN (Model United Nations) was born from the  
• need to experience the MUN challenge in a university  
• level. The major signature of the MUN club through-  
• out the year is through its three days’ conference. The  
• conference is a stimulation of the real life UN. The  
• main aim of the MUN conference is to “host thought-  
• provoking debates that would broaden your perspec-  
• tives on international politics and develop your nego-  
• tiation skills.” as quoted from the 2016 MUN guide.  
• Students who participate as delegates are given  
• highly effective or averagely effective countries to  
• represent, based on their experience with MUN. “The

most interesting part is the debates that happen in the session” the club’s president emphasizes as he points out that the major advantage of the session is that it “combines between the fun and learning, it develops the speaking skills of the students, and offers a relief to students from the university’s stress.” Moreover, all participants receive an official certificate from the university that enriches their CV if well used and presented to institutions. The club offers workshops and gatherings when required to train students and prepare them before the conference. As more and more students join each year, the majority becomes well acquainted with the procedures of the sessions and regulations.

The MUN club understands the importance of delivering the learned values in the MUN sessions to the real community through community service, where they distributed school stationery to students in less privileged governmental schools in Madaba. After two successful MUN conferences, the third was conducted in the last week of November this semester and hoping for a fourth one next semester too.

Facebook page: GJUMUN

### **GERMAN ASSOCIATION CLUB (GAC)**

Created in 2015, the club was made as a bridge between German exchange students and GJU students. Working with the Student Deanship and the International Office, the club aims to clear false stereotypes on both cultures, providing a platform for exchanging views, understanding both cultures, and allowing German students to easily interact with the Jordanian community. GAC also launches activities like meet and greet, intercultural training, and trips that view Amman in the eyes of Jordanians. .

Facebook page: German Association Club - GAC

### **ASSOCIATION OF ENERGY ENGINEERS (AEE)**

The Energy Engineering Club is associated with AEE, an international organization that combines energy engineers from around the world. AEE has student chapters around the world and four in Jordan, including GJU. The club’s main goal is to offer hands on experience for energy engineers in the university to support their experimental experience and prepare them for the real energy engineering workforce market. The club launches several activities such as workshops on softwares (SAM) and MATLAB.

In addition, a future course in PV system (Photovoltaic cells) will be conducted, as it’s a vital course for the energy engineering students. The club also launches interactive trips, one of them was to a wind farm in Al-Tafeeleh and an upcoming trip is to a PV factory, aiming to give the students a real vision on the theoretical knowledge they gain in their lectures. Moreover, in the upcoming awareness session of the club, they will be offering for 4th and 5th year students a session in CEA (Certified Energy Auditor).

Make sure to check their Facebook page @gju.aee to stay updated to their interesting upcoming events.\*

Written by : Dana Kohf

ON CAMPUS-TUESDAY, 3 JANUARY 2017

# PART TWO

### **BOOK BUSTERS CLUB**

The club’s idea came up after participating in Amwaj Farah contest, which is sponsored by Coca-Cola and King Abdullah II Fund for Development. Many Arab countries competed in this contest. Firstly, the club was just a project and then it was transformed into an official club at the end of 2015. It was estimated through a survey that the number of books read in the Middle East is 0.5 books and the number of books read in the USA is 11 books a year. After looking at this survey the idea of the club started developing.

The main goal of the club is to enhance reading in the Arab world starting with children. Club members invented ways to increase reading for children and that’s by making them participate in the pattern of reading through art. This was applied by buying short stories for children and acting it out for them. Afterwards, there was a discussion with the children about their opinion of the play and there was a magnificent respond from them. Then, the children were divided into groups and each group read a story with one of the members of the club and then acted the play. In the end, everyone received awards.

The goals of the club also include developing the relations and love between the children and enhancing reading at a young age. It also involves changing the point of view of the Jordanian society towards reading. As well as training the largest amount of story tellers in Jordan and building a group of enhancement of options for children’s stories in Arabic. Their goals are to build children’s future, enhance their brains and expand their imagination. Also, to spread awareness to parents regarding the importance of reading and its benefits on children.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE CLUB**

The club spreads the education of youth volunteering by involving them in activities inside and outside the university that benefit the society and engages the youth with each other. The club works on leaving an effect in people’s lives and motivating them in helping others. One of the club’s projects, which are happening in December, is the initiative ‘Your Humanity is Warmth’. Through this initiative, club members are going to collect blankets from university students and distribute them to students from the less fortunate schools. Another project, is to focus on education by bringing volunteers from the universities to give the children of the cleaning workers lessons in Math, Arabic, and English. The club’s aim is to focus on English, especially that it is one of their weaknesses. The club’s message is to spread the culture of reading, apply what we learn in the university, give others and serve them, and leave a good impression.

# THE LAUNCH OF Bibliothek

Written by : Zaina Issa | Edited by : Laila Ajlouni

ON CAMPUS-TUESDAY, 27 DECEMBER 2016

“How often do we hear about university students volunteering to help their colleagues through creating an entire website made to improve the quality of their studying? This new, website founded by our fellow students Abdunnasser Al-Othmany, and cofounded by Hamzeh Al-Khateeb and Youssif Al-Shamali, was launched on the 8th of November 2016. ‘Bibliothek’ is as its name indicates, is a library that consists of material which is important to all students of the university.”

On the website, there are portals that redirect you to certain pages, such as notes and past exam papers, which are organized according to the study plan of each major. As well as text books, information on lecturers, and a page where students can buy and sell books. There is also a page for activities, which includes study groups, where students themselves can register to either give or attend revision lectures. The website is accessible to everyone, and more content is constantly being added.

‘Bibliothek’ is particularly helpful for students because of the fact that it makes the studying process much more organized for those who use it. Before the website was launched, students resorted to the university pages on Facebook to look for notes and past exam papers. The problems with that included time consumption, as well as the fact that some posts can get overlooked among the flood of posts resulting in them not getting replies. Now students can easily browse through the website and find what they are looking for in a much less time consuming and efficient way.

All in all, ‘Bibliothek’ took 4 months to make and finalize. The website is a brilliant creation by the students of our university made to highly ease the process of studying and preparing for exams for all students. Hopefully everyone, including students from different universities, will be able to benefit from it.

# TECHNOLOGY

what's new about it?

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# WHAT'S NEW IN TECH

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ON CAMPUS-SATURDAY, 17 DECEMBER 2016

These few months have been quite loaded in terms of new tech. We had the reveal of Google's-own smartphone, innovative products from old and new companies, and a possible Nintendo comeback? Welcome to the very first issue of What's New In Tech!

## Meet the Nexus Successor: Pixel by Google!

Many of tech-savvy Android users are familiar with Google's Nexus devices. The developer-friendly environment, instant software updates, and an attractive price tag, made the Nexus phones an excellent choice for Android enthusiasts. Unfortunately, they failed to make an impact on the market the way Samsung and Apple do. This time however, Google is attempting to change that; for better or worse. On October 4th, Google unveiled the Pixel and Pixel XL. Both versions offer top-of-line hardware and interesting software features. The Pixel XL has a 2560x1440 5.5-inch display, while the smaller Pixel has a 1920x1080 5.0-inch display, both AMOLED. Battery capacities are 3,450mAh for the XL, and 2,770mAh for the Pixel, both Non-removable. The phones are identical everywhere else, 12.3MP back/8MP front cameras, fingerprint sensors, 4G LTE and \*ahem\* headphone jacks. Baked into Android 7.1 on the Pixel devices is the new Google Assistant, a chattier version of Google Now. It features automatic daily forecasts based on your frequent searches, smart replies, image recognition and

fun interactions. It remains to be seen if Google will win people over this, especially with the competition not only from industry giants, but also from rising Chinese OEMs offering similar spec'd phones for at least half the price.



### The Xiaomi Mi MIX: Bezel me this...

And on the topic of Chinese OEMs, Xiaomi released possibly one of the most innovative smartphones design-wise, the bezel-less Mi MIX! The screen itself is a 6.4-inch 2048x1080 IPS LCD, with an insane 91.3% screen to body ratio. The front camera is on the bottom, and call audio is allowed via ceramic vibrations from a piezoelectric speaker at the bottom. Also, a sonar-based sensor is used for proximity detection! On top of all that, the phone packs the latest Snapdragon 821 chipset backed by either 4 GB or 6 GB (depending on the version), 16 MP rear/5 MP front cameras and a large 4,400mAh battery. So what is the catch here? Unfortunately, being a proof-of-concept device, it will be very limited in quantity, and importing one is a very tricky task. Still, it is a breath of fresh air in terms of smartphone design that hopefully pushes other companies to pursue more creative ideas.



### The New MacBook Pro 2016: Now with Touch Bar.

On October 27th, Apple announced a new update to its laptop lineup, the MacBook Pro 2016. It comes in two variants, 13-inch and 15-inch. Both sport a familiar overall design, with a couple of additions sprinkled in (and some omissions). For starters, the standard USB ports have been replaced with 4 USB-C new ones, and the SD card slot and Thunderbolt port have been removed. Thankfully, a headphone jack is still available. The 15-inch model and the 13-inch model are both 20% and 17% thinner, respectively. The Apple logo on the back is now metallic. Perhaps the most interesting addition is the Touch Bar, a new dynamic touch screen replacing the function keys. It provides various functions depending the application running. You can answer FaceTime calls, navigate through Safari, scroll through photos/videos, access emojis, use Touch ID for authentication and add custom shortcuts. The 15-inch model comes with a sixth-generation Intel Core i7 and Radeon Pro graphics combination, and the 13-inch model comes with a Core i7/i5 and Intel Iris graphics. Shipping starts in 3-4 weeks, with a non-Touch Bar version available immediately.

### The New Surface Studio: Hybrid Beast.

On the other side of the laptop spectrum, Microsoft is heavily banking on the hybrid tablet/laptop setup with its new Surface Studio. As the name suggests, the massive 28-inches Surface Studio is aimed for designers and creative professionals. It comes with an Intel Core i7 processor coupled with NVIDIA GeForce graphics and 2 terabytes of storage. Running on Windows 10, Cortana (Microsoft's voice assistant) is included and integrated with third party design programs. The new peripheral that truly caught people's attention however was the Surface Dial. It is basically a puck-like device that adds an extra tool in your design arsenal. Similar to the dynamic Touch Bar in the new MacBook, the Dial provides functions depending on the app you're using. It can be used as a colour picker in drawing apps, contextual menus, undo-redo functions, dials in music editing apps and many more. It's good to see Apple and Microsoft going neck-and-neck and giving us new sweet tools to play with!

### Nintendo Switch: Can Nintendo survive the console wars?

Nintendo is in a rough patch these days. Despite the impressive 3DS sales, Nintendo's contender in the living room, the WiiU, has been struggling to reach the PS4 and the Xbox One -let alone compete- and has been discontinued. Now, with the PS4 and Xbox One aiming to release beefed-up 4K capable models in the forms of PS4 Pro and Scorpio, Nintendo is taking a different approach. Meet the Nintendo Switch: a hybrid console/portable gaming system. At home, the Switch sits in a dock connected to the TV. You can remove it from the dock and "instantly" continue playing on the portable screen. Controllers are detachable and can be shared for local multiplayer. The system packs a custom high-end NVIDIA Tegra processor with a new physics engine and advanced game tools. Big gaming companies like Activision, EA, Ubisoft, WB, Konami, Bethesda and many others are developing high quality titles for the system, with also first-party titles from Nintendo, such as The Legend Of Zelda Breath of The Wild, Mario Kart, and a new 3D Mario game. People are so far split on Nintendo's venture however. Some applaud the company for trying new things instead of aiming for just brute power, and some doubt if the Switch can survive a console environment focused mainly on amazing graphics and blockbuster titles. You can expect the Switch to be available in stores on March 2017.

Sources: Android Authority, Wired, PC Advisor, NVIDIA, Popular Science, Macworld UK, Gamespot, IGN.





# **POLITICS**

what about their opinions?

# GERMANY is the new AMERICA

Written by : Tariq Fadel

ON CAMPUS-TUESDAY, 20 DECEMBER 2016

“America has been attracting the young and ambitious since the 19th century or earlier. Nobody could resist the “American dream”. How could they when it promises equality, freedom, a high standard of life and above all the opportunity to reap success and wealth by hard work and dedication. ”

Immigrants came in massive waves from Ireland, east Europe and Vietnam. Latin Americans risked their lives crossing the border and the Indians and Chinese wasted no chance to arrive at the promised land. Some of them did indeed find what they were looking for such as Albert Einstein, Elon Musk and Nikola Tesla.

And while America was attracting millions of immigrants from all over the world the situation in Germany was much different. It was going through instability during the 19th century with the napoleon wars. Then the rise of the Nazis, two devastating wars in the 20th century and the division between the east and west. Germany definitely wasn't a land people dreamt of living in.

But time moves forward and nothing stays the same. Germany was reunited in 1990 and has been a very stable and peaceful country since. Rising quickly to become one of largest economies in the world and playing a central role in the EU and the international community. With Angela Merkel becoming Chancellor in 2005 Germany reached unprecedented levels of economical growth and prosperity.

With the establishment of the Schengen area and the abolition of borders among EU countries German language is becoming increasingly popular among youths in many countries around the world. Wherever you go you see people determined to live, study and work in Germany. Berlin will leave you astound by the variety of nationalities of its citizens. The good quality and Free education is also irresistible for youths. With Trump winning the American elections it is easy to see Germany taking America off of its throne as a world magnet and everyone will dream of becoming ein Berliner.

# MAKING a MURDER

Written By : Claudine Kishek | Edited by : Laila Ajlouni

ON CAMPUS-TUESDAY, 20 DECEMBER 2016

“Trump’s election, Brexit, ISIS, those and many more are the news making the headlines. Many of us are left wondering, how did extremism reach power and when did racism become a campaign seller? Is there a way we could have foretold this future or could we fix this mess the world is making? ”

According to Mamdouh Al-edwan in his book ‘the animalization of humans’ \* which is a compilation of works of literature. There are 3 main components for a human being to become capable of hurting another (whether mentally or emotionally) and sometimes lead to murder, those are:

## **1.THE PRESENCE OF A HIGHER POWER OR AUTHORITY**

This higher power could be an official, someone higher in military ranks or even the illusion of a higher power (a god or a mythical being) willing to take the blame off of you. Just like in the movie ‘I for Icareus’ where a social experiment showed that more than 60% of the people are willing to implement hurt on others if there is a higher authority giving the orders and taking the blame.

## **2.DISTRIBUTION OF TASKS**

If the person is psychologically led to believe that he is only following the orders and has just this one task, he is willing to turn a blind eye on the consequences of this one task. In Nazi’s concentration camps one of the methods of execution and the most used, was actually

shooting the victims through a small hole in the wall, saying that there is no one behind this wall and it is only an experiment. Whether the soldier knew at that time or not, it didn’t matter, because his mind understood the smaller task which is simply pull the trigger. ‘Sabra and Shatila’ and many more masacres used this distribution of commands so that each group carries out one action missing out that they are all causing the same harm.

## **3. DEHUMANIZING THE OTHER PARTY AND BELIEVING IN THE SUPERIORITY OF A CERTAIN RACE**

Emotionally charging the person that he is more superior, his ethnicity ,his religion or beliefs are better and that the other person is not even a human, his beliefs are wrong and his practices are inhuman, he is not worthy of respect. Hence, he would be capable of hurting the other person with minimum to even no amount of guilt. So the history shows with minorities all over the world.

It is important to understand what is happening around us and why is it happening in order to understand how to stop it, as most of the extremist wars are mental wars.



# ENVIRONMENT

what about it ?

# MOVING BACKWARDS & FURTHER APART

Written by : Claudia Kildani | Edited by : Laila Ajlouni

ON CAMPUS·MONDAY, 19 DECEMBER 2016

*“What if you found out that the thing you mistreat the most, makes you a better person”*

“We all aim to be the best versions of ourselves, hoping that by the end of the day we feel good and not filled with regret. What if you found out that the thing you mistreat the most, makes you a better person? Many of us go around our daily lives, not really thinking about the environment surrounding us. We never really stop and consider the consequences of our actions that lead to big and terrifying reactions. Each one of us thinks that what they do will not make a difference as they are just one individual, but this is where things start to go south.”

If we do not start being Environmentally Conscious, then we will be aiding the already existing major issues that have become the normal state of what is becoming our Earth. Pollution, global warming and climate change are not okay.

In 2009, a peculiar study was conducted by psychologist Netta Weinstein. In this study, she showed people pictures

of both natural and urban landscapes. She then proceeded to ask them questions about their life goals. The people, who were shown pictures of natural landscapes, responded with answers concerning the community and human connection goals. However, those shown the urban landscapes did not. Thus, Netta Weinstein’s conclusion was that nature “brings individuals closer to others, whereas human-made environments orient goals toward more selfish or self-interested end.” Another series of experiments were conducted on the matter by Juyoung Lee in 2014. The study explored “the potential impact of nature on the willingness to be generous, trustful, and helpful toward others, while considering what factors might influence that relationship.” The researchers showed the participants beautiful nature scenes varying in their beauty and then observed their behavior while playing two economic games; The Dictator Game and The Trust Game. The participants who were shown the more beautiful scenes acted more generously and more trusting than those who were shown less beautiful scenes. They then explored a different aspect in where,

sitting in a room filled with beautiful plants, they told the participants that the experiment was done and they could leave. However, they could volunteer to make paper cranes for a relief effort program in Japan if they want to. The number of cranes made, per individual was used to measure their willingness to help. It was concluded that the presence of more beautiful plants greatly increased the number of cranes made. This is due to the positive emotion generated by natural beauty. This emoting invoke is thought to be due to a feeling of awe, where we get the sense of being part of something bigger. This leads to voluntary behavior intended to benefit others.

Despite all the benefits that the environment gives us, humans are destroying it at a rate that has never been done. Carbon Dioxide levels are the highest they have ever been and species are going extinct at a rate more than 100 times faster than before. Deforestation is decreasing forest areas and putting the lives of animals in danger. Each year, billions of plastic bags are being made. One hundred billion of these bags are thrown away according to Worldwatch Institute, with less than one percent actually ending up in the recycling bin. Moreover, a study concluded that one half of all plants and animal species on dry land, are at risk of extinction by the year 2050 due to global warming. As stated by the World Resources Institute, 100 species die each day due to tropical deforestation. The state, in which we are currently in, is truly depressing.

We are poisoning nature with our thoughtless behavior. It is good to remind ourselves every now and then, why we should work so hard to protect the environment. The list of the reasons why, could go on and on. But sadly, the list of how we are destroying it does too. It provides us with so many benefits, that we often forget about. The problem, we also face nowadays, is that people rarely go outside anymore. Therefore, it's harder to appreciate what you are not aware of. Going outdoor can make you smarter, healthier, kinder, less stressed and more creative. So go outside, and protect the greatness that is the environment.

*climate change between*

# POLITICAL STANCE & REAL DANGER

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*“Climate change or commonly known as global warming, is one of the most basic and infamous scientific explanations to an observed phenomenon, that has been occurring nonstop for the last million years.”*

As a person living in the 21st century, you would expect this issue to be known between the average adults. Yet to my horror, the leader of the world's arguably strongest country is “skeptical” about the validity of the science behind it. As he argues: “The concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese in order to make U.S. manufacturing non-competitive.” We all should stop and ask ourselves: how could something like this even be true? Not to throw shade at the American electoral qualification requirements and process, but especially during this period of time, where science has a huge and tangible effect on our lives and our collective species.

Well the answer lies in the common way, in which we treat life and the things it throws at us, understanding skills, processing ability and an active choice inciting emotional and mental recognition of information plays a huge role in dealing with new information. Although many people choose to not believe in foreign ideas at the spot, many actually go through it and take it in wholly. Yet, that does not mean they choose to act on this new knowledge. As we are social animals, we tend to weigh the direct or indirect threat of the new information we acquire against the direct danger of unconformity from the social group, in which we are born in or choose to surround ourselves with, and the end result is either a state of bigotry, denial,

or lack of values. But in reality when the common person believe they know what climate change is, regardless of their stance on it, is confronted with the opportunity to explain the way in which it operates, they fail to deliver a viable response as it has been proven in the outcome of many professionally conducted studies on varying population sample, and thus what is the physical or chemical mechanism in which climate change takes place? In order for us to understand how climate change works we have to understand what the climate is. The climate is simply defined as the weather of a geographic area spread over a time period.

At first, I'd like to explain the meaning of climate change at the level in which no human interference is present: As the earth constantly rotates around the luminous sun, it absorbs the energy which it emits in the known form of light usually within the visible human spectrum. And so with anything out of matter, it has to release that excess energy, and because the earth is much cooler than the sun, it can only release the energy in the lower form of infrared light, which is below our ability to see, and that's why the earth doesn't glow and isn't classified as a luminous astronomical object. In minimalistic terms, the earth

transforms most of the energy it receives from the sun into infrared light. Green house gases like Methane and Carbon Dioxide, which are abundant in the atmosphere, allow visible light that reaches the earth to pass through, but absorbs the emitted infrared light causing the atmosphere to retain heat, this energy can be absorbed and reemitted by the atmosphere many times before it returns to space in the form of light. The added time this process gives, helped keep the atmosphere warm enough for the planet to support and sustain life in the known range of atmospheric requirement for the incubation of life as we know it. Although we now know that life could thrive in extreme environments, like the freezing depth of the sea where the sun doesn't reach the bottom, scorching hot water springs or radioactive areas. Nevertheless, the human body adapted to the heat levels of the planet. Without the green house affect the earth's surface temperature would be 27.8 Co cooler, which is well below the freezing point of water.

So how have humans changed the environment?

Since the dawn of the industrial age, around the year 1750, the amount of atmospheric Carbon Dioxide increased by 40% and Methane had almost tripled. These increases caused extra infrared light absorption, meaning an extra Green House effect which has caused earth to heat above it's typical heat range. In other word, energy that gets to earth has a harder time leaving the earth, even light. Which in turn, causes the increase of the globe's heat levels thus creating what is known as global climate change.

This scientific hypothesis is vastly accepted amongst the scientific community with a lot of data and research to back up the claims and terms of the hypothesis, that explains the astounding 97% of the scientific community who agree upon that. Yet, the denial amongst those who are educated an uneducated is still visible, regardless of the scientific proofs against that. Which is totally fine, since everyone is entitled to their own reality. But when it comes to politics and legislation, science is no opinion. And as comforting as it is, to think of climate change as fiction or a fact of the future, it has reached way beyond that. And it's a matter of present change, affect and an actual direct threat. Therefore, this is why it's very important to turn to science on the issues that concern the wellbeing of the whole entirety of species. We can no longer afford to be skeptical about the role science plays, we have to either educate ourselves or recognize our inadequacy to give opinion on the things we have no prior experience or knowledge in. Nonetheless, give power to someone to decide our faith for us.

# COOKING

what's on our menu?

# مطبخ عطاف

ON CAMPUS•SUNDAY, ٢٥ DECEMBER ٢٠١٦

إعداد: عطاف ملحيس | تحرير: رقة سالم

## كرات الشوكولا(بريديجيرو):

يمكن تقديم طبق التحلية هذا في الإفطار الجماعي ( Frühstück ) أو عند زيارة الأصدقاء

المكونات:

-بسكوت شاي (علبتين)

-كاكاو (ثلاث معالق)

-حليب محلى مكثف (علبة)

-شكلا قابلة للدهن

-فستق حلبي مطحون او جوز هند لزيينة ( حسب الرغبة)

طريقة التحضير :

-يطحن البسكوت جيدا

-يضاف إليه الكاكاو و من ثم الحليب المكثف المحلى بتدريج

-يخلط المزيج حتى يتماسك و يصبح قوامه كالعجين

ثم نقوم بتشكيل كرات من المزيج

-تذوب الشوكولا القابلة للدهن بوضعها في المايكرويف لمدة عشرين الثانية

تغمس الكرات في الشوكولا ويرش عليها الفستق الحلبي أو جوز الهند

-توضع في الثلاجة لمدة نصف ساعة على الأقل إلى أن تصبح جاهزة لتقديم.

أعزائي القراء، نقدم في هذه الصفحة لمحببي عالم الطبخ وصفات شهية ومعلومات غذائية وصحية متنوعة، حيث تتعرفون على وصفات شهية في مطبخ عطاف، وتجدون معلومات ونصائح غنية في زاوية طارق والصحة.

بالنسبة لكثيرين يتعدى تناول الطعام وظهيه نشاطا روتينيا يمارسه المرء كضرورة من ضرورات الحياة اليومية، بل يمثل وقتنا للاستمتاع بتلاقي المكونات والنكهات على اختلافها. والاستمتاع بالطعام لا يشترط القدرة على طهيه، فالمهم أن نصنعه بحب، ونتلذذ بتناوله ما أعدناه من تجارب ممتعة.

كأي عمل فني، يعتمد الاستمتاع بالطعام على الفنان الذي يعده. والأهم من هذا هم الأشخاص الذين يشاركوننا بينما ابتكاره والاستمتاع به. مثلا على ذلك، أقدم لكم بحب وصفة مفضلة وبسيطة، يمكن لأصدقائنا وأحبائنا الصغر المساعدة في إعدادها.

# **SOCIAL ISSUES**

what's on our issue list?

# FALSE INTIMACY ,THE INTERNET & COMPLEXITY OF MODERN DAY RELATIONSHIPS

Written by: Joud Odeh | Edited by : Sama Al Kurdi

ON CAMPUS-SUNDAY, 25 DECEMBER 2016

"I have always been an advocate of the Internet, particularly social media, seeing it as an open platform for knowledge and self-expression. I was always fond of how globalized the Internet has made each and every user. The world has become a small village. In 9th grade, when my Arabic teacher told me to write about social media networks, I said they were personalized digital spaces, places I could portray my thoughts and present my individuality. When I was applying to universities, I used the social media card and said social media was my bridge to the outside world. In most discussions and debates on the benefit and harm caused by social media websites, I've always been on the pro-side. "

Amongst my friends, I always stand out as the one with the most active online accounts. In my graduation ceremony, the title my friends gave me was social butterfly. I've always appreciated the great sum of chances the internet has given me, and the amazing people on the edge of the globe that I have been given the chance to talk to. Nowadays, I'm not sure I feel the same way I used to before.

Social media is starting to feel like one big pile of over sharing, a space whereas privacy is nonexistent, a space where all the tiniest details of your life are shared with people you hardly know. You pour yourself out, like a running stream, speaking of your innermost thoughts, fears, ambitions, aspirations and dreams with strangers. You build a false sense of intimacy and a sort of bond that is bound to break any time of the day. You assume, you overthink, and you come to conclusions, all due to miscommunications caused by this inadequate communication portal.

You lose many dimensions of direct human communication. You lose body language, voice tone and eye contact. You lose true one-on-one conversations. You lose pitch rises and drops and most importantly, you lose human touch. I miss getting phone calls to congratulate me, or help me grieve. I miss getting a pat on the shoulder, or a warm hug. I miss true and genuine human communication. The Internet has become one publicity and self-image factory, and it is getting harder everyday to be that genuine person, whose thoughts are an open-book, and who bruises like a peach.

This is a thank you note to the Internet, that made our world much smaller, but also much colder.



# EXAMS ARE on doors!

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ON CAMPUS-SUNDAY, 5 MARCH 2017

*"Are you afraid that exams will knock on your door soon and you don't know where to start? Well, don't worry because I have got some tips that will motivate you to study."*

## # GET STARTED

### # STUDY PREPERATIONS

Before you start make sure that you have a nice and tidy work place to study! It would be better if you sat on a desk and a chair rather than just sitting on a couch.

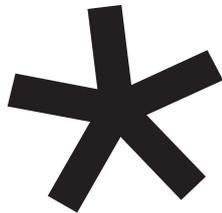
## # GIVE YOUR PHONE A BREAK

Get rid of any source of distraction, and we all know how big of a distraction our phones can be. Your WhatsApp will keep buzzing and you won't help yourself not to check your messages, you will get notifications whether on Facebook, Instagram or any other application and you'll just have to see them. Or maybe your phone will ring and you will get a call from a friend asking you to leave your studying and hang out! And let's admit that, sometime hanging out can ruin the whole studying plan we had in mind. So just put your phone away while you are studying and get back to it later because you have the whole day to use it freely.



# # PRODUCTIVITY

## TIPS



## # LETS GET PRODUCTIVE

We know that putting you phone away will not stop you from surfing social media websites while working on your laptop, so downloading a SELF-CONTROL application would be a great idea, because it will block you from going into any social media website while studying for a specific period of time which you set by yourself.

## # PLAY SOME MUSIC

And by music I do not mean your favorite songs! We do not want you to be dancing along and singing the lyrics. We want you to concentrate, there are plenty of nice and calm study playlists that you can find on YouTube, so give them a try.

## # LIFE IS EASIER NOW

I do not think that a lot of you heard of something called GOOGLE SCHOLR, but now since you know you about it, it will become a huge part of your university life. You can type whatever you want and you will get articles about it and use it in an essay.

## # DO NOT SLEEP

Sleep and studying are inseparable, let's not deny that holding a book when you are not in the mood to study can turn that book into a sleeping pill, so let's avoid sleeping by drinking a cup of warm coffee or tea.

## # GROUP STUDY

This will help you a lot, because when you study with others and see everyone focusing and working hard this will motivate you to work as hard as them. It will not only motivate you but it will also help you when you do not understand something, you will have plenty of people in that group who are ready to help you understand it.



## # TAKE NOTES

Do not think that you will always remember the information if you do not write. Sometimes our memory fails us, and remembering that tiny little information may be impossible. Always make sure to write notes whether in lectures or during your own studying because that will make studying a lot easier.

## # YOU CAN DO IT

Nothing can motivate you more than yourself. If you want to study nothing can stop and if you want to get distracted nothing can stop you either. But keep in mind that it is your own future that we're talking about here, studying is one way to achieve your dreams, so do not make anything stop in the way of those dreams.

*"Motivation comes from within you"*

# العلاقات الأجتماعية

ON CAMPUS • TUESDAY, 10 JANUARY ٢٠١٧

كتابة : معاذ البسيوني | تدقيق : طارق فضل

التفوه باي شيء يمضون الوقت بالتفكير به، يجدون صعوبة بتوسيع دائرة معارفهم ومن الصعب ان تكسب ثقتهم. قد يتبادر الى ذهنك بان احد النوعين افضل من غيره وهذا خطأ لان الحياة تتطلب مزيجا من الاثنين. والتعاون بين الاثنين يولد مجتمعا قادرا على التطور والتقدم.

توقف قليلا عن القراءة وانظر لاصدقائك ستري بأن بان كل شخص منهم عبارة عن مزيج خاص بين الصفتين بين هاتين الصفتين. منهم من يريد إمضاء الوقت وحيدا بالبيت والاخر لا يستطيع امضاء دقيقة لمفرده. منهم من يكتفي بمعرفتك بشكل سطحي (انطوائي)، ومنهم من لا يستطيع امضاء يومين من غير ان يتعرف على وجوه جديدة (اجتماعي). ولاساعدك على استيعاب هذه الفكرة اجمع اصدقائك بمكان مليء باناس غرباء وابتعد عنهم. ستجد احدهم سارع للاختلاط بالآخرين وقد تراه يجذب الانتباه له بتصرف طائش او ضحكة مميزة. بالمقابل قد تجد ان احدهم يعمن النظر بالحائط بغية ان لا يراه احد ويطلق عليك اسوأ الدعواي لما جلبته له ولأنك ابتعدت عنه وسيتمنى لو انه رفض دعوتك.

احضر هذين الشخصين لمكتبة عامة او مكان هادئ يتخلله منظر مميز أو نشاط هادف وستري العكس تماما وبأن الذي سارع للإختلاط بالناس اصبح الان ضجر ويريد مغادرة المكان وستري بأنك اصبحت الشخص المفضل للشخص الثاني والذي اصبح سعيدا وكأنه في الجنة. ان استطعت معرفة الشخص الذي امامك وكيف يفكر اعدك بانك ستتنجب الكثير من المشاكل في حياتك الاجتماعية وستكون أقدر على فهم الكثير مما يدور من حولك.

الحياة عبارة عن معادلة رياضية كثيرة المجاهيل وكلما استطعت معرفة المجاهيل وتطبيقها بالمعادلة ستقترب من فهمها وحلها.

الماء والطعام أمران أساسيان لا غنى عنهما من اجل العيش والبقاء على قيد الحياة. لكن الحياة الإنسانية ليست بهذا البساطة، فالإنسان كما يقول أرسطو حيوان اجتماعي. ولهذا السبب فانه من المهم أن يكون الإنسان على فهم ودراية بطبيعة العلاقات الاجتماعية.

لا يمكن لأي شخص انجاز شيء والنجاح به بمفرده. كلنا بحاجة للآخرين في حياتنا وكلنا نعتمد على غيرنا لتحقيق غاياتنا والوصول إلى أهدافنا. ولكون العلاقات الاجتماعية بهذه الأهمية إليك بعض النصائح لفهم طبيعة علاقاتك مع الآخرين وكيفية تطويرها.

بانتهاه يومك الشاق والمليء بالأحداث قد تراودك بعض الأسئلة مثل : لماذا بدر ذلك التصرف من فلان؟ لماذا رفض فلان ما اقترحت عليه؟ ولماذا غضب فلان من ذلك التصرف؟

ولتجيب عن هذه الأسئلة إليك معلومة قد تفيدك:

يصنف المختصون الأشخاص حسب ميلهم للاختلاط بالآخرين الى نوعين: الاجتماعيين والانطوائيين وبالتأكيد تتفاوت درجات الاشخاص بين الاثنين ولا تبقى هذه النسبة ثابتة طوال عمر الانسان وانما تتغير مع المواقف والتجارب التي يمر بها.

الاجتماعيين عزيزي القارئ يميلون لاحداث الضجة حولهم ولمشاركة الجميع بكل شيء، متهورين ويتحدثون غالب الوقت من غير تفكير ولا يستطيعون امضاء الوقت من غير الحديث مع اشخاص اخرين يستمدون طاقتهم من غيرهم. يعتبرون العلاقات الشخصية شيء مهم جدا ويتميزون باتساع دائرة معارفهم. بعكس الانطوائيين فهم يميلون لإمضاء الوقت لوحدهم، يستمدون طاقتهم من العزلة. يترددون قبل اتخاذ اي قرار خاصة إن كان له نتائج اجتماعية وقبل

# THE GERMAN EXPERIENCE

all about the excursion

# Inter - kulturalität

*“Der Begriff Interkulturalität hat viele Bedeutungen. Eine dieser Bedeutungen.”*

Ist die historische und gegenwärtige Verhältnisse von Menschen aller Kulturen der Welt. D. h. die Art und Weise wie die Menschen einer Kultur sich früher und heutzutage in den Alltag Situationen verhalten. Dies beinhaltet auch solche Themen wie zum Beispiel, Gesellschaften, Sprachen, Religionen, Essen, und usw. Sprachen sind der Schlüssel zur Welt der Kommunikation, denn ohne Sprachen gäbe es keine Kommunikation. Sie dienen als Brücken und bringen die Menschen bzw. die Kulturen nah zueinander, indem Menschen miteinander kommunizieren, und das geschieht besonders gut durch Sprachen. Man sollte andere Kulturen kennenlernen, indem man Sprachen anderer Kultur lernt. Warum ??.

Die Antwort auf diese Frage ist nicht so einfach. Erstens, viele finden das Lernen von Sprachen anderer Menschen interessant. Das stimmt, aber es reicht leider nicht nur die Sprache zu lernen, um die Kultur zu kennen. Zweitens, man lernt Sprache und Kultur anderer Menschen kennen, um Unterschiede zu erkennen, und Missverständnisse zu vermeiden, und mit anderen Kulturen zu vergleichen. Der einfachste Weg eine Kultur zu kennen ist die Kommunikation mit den Menschen dieser Kultur und in dem Land dieser zu leben.

Welche Unterschiede gibt es zwischen Kulturen? Ein einfaches Beispiel dafür ist die Begrüßung. In Jordanien zum Beispiel fängt man die Begrüßung mit „Al Salam w Alaikom“ - Friede sei mit Dir/Euch! - und gleichzeitig Händeschütteln an und dann je nachdem, in welchem arabischen Land man lebt, die Wange küssen. Das ist natürlich zwischen zwei Männern. Frauen hingegen fangen ihre Begrüßung mit Küssen und Umarmung an. In Deutschland fängt man die Begrüßung zwischen

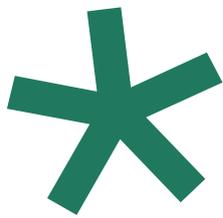
Frauen und Männern mit einer höflichen Grußformel wie Guten Tag und dann mit Umarmung an. Blickkontakt gilt in Deutschland als Zeichen von Respekt und Höflichkeit.

Ein deutscher Spruch heißt „ein deutsches Nein heißt nein“. Wenn ein Deutscher zum Essen eingeladen wird und nein sagt, dann heißt es wirklich nein. In Jordanien hingegen Nein heißt „bitte frag mich noch mal „, schon interessant wie Kulturen zwischen Menschen und Ländern sich unterscheiden.

Die Zahl einer Familie spielt, abgesehen von der finanziellen Lage, immer eine große und wichtige Rolle in der arabischen Kultur. Denn die Araber früher haben die Zahl der Kinder als eine große Ehre gesehen, besonders männliche Kinder. Anfang der 20. Jahrhundert war auch die Zahl einer deutschen Familie groß wie die Araber. Im Laufe der Zeit hat es sich geändert. Jetzt beträgt die Zahl durchschnittlich bis 3 Kinder.

Ein typisches negatives Muster vieler Jordanier, dass sie überall rauchen, obwohl Gesetze geben, die verbieten es, aber daran halten sich die Leute nicht. Raucher in Deutschland haben in der Regel keine Zigarettenpause, aber sie können während der Arbeitszeit ca. 5 Minuten eine rauchen gehen. Diese ist zwar nicht offiziell gestattet, und könnte sogar die Kündigung drohen.

Ich bin der Meinung, dass das Wissen und Lernen anderer Kulturen sehr wichtig ist, damit man Missverständnisse vermeidet und nicht in peinlichen Situationen gerät. Wir sollten das Gute an unserer Kultur anderen Menschen beibringen und von denen das Gute zu uns holen. Es geht hier nicht um richtig oder falsch, aber alle Menschen wünschen sich immer das beste in ihrem Leben.



# Meine Erfahrung in Deutschland

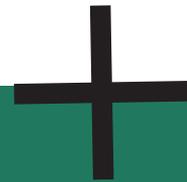
Written by : Dana Kohf

ON CAMPUS-SATURDAY, 14 JANUARY

Ich war in Deutschland für einen Monat. Ich war in Germersheim. Germersheim ist eine ganz tolle Stadt. Ich habe dort ein Übersetzen und Einführung, in die Dolmetschen Kurs besucht. Die Leute sind sehr nett und freundlich. Die Atmosphäre ist sehr ruhig und schön. Ich habe viele Leute kennengelernt. Die meisten waren Italienern. Neben der Studentenwohngemeinschaft gibt es einen kleinen Teich. Ich habe viele Städte besucht.

Ich habe Speyer, Heidelberg, Straßburg, Bruchsal und Maulbronn besucht. Heidelberg hat es mir am besten gefallen, weil die Stadt sehr schön ist. Ich habe viele Kirchen und Schlösser besichtigt. Das Essen hat es mir gut geschmeckt. Döner war mein Lieblings Essen.

Ich empfehle vielen Leuten nach Germersheim, zu fahren. Es ist eine sehr ruhigere und kleine Stadt. \*



Written by : Yasmin Shabani

ON CAMPUS-SUNDAY, 8 JANUARY 2017

## PART TWO

*"It all begins somewhere. You pack your luggage, say goodbye and head to the airport."*

You pack memories with you, like the adoring face of your mother, as well as the pride of your father. You head to Germany which you'll call home for the next 12 months. I have been admitted to the Hochschule Bonn-Rhein-Sieg in Bonn, the former capital of Germany. It is in the district of the Nordrhein-Westphalia; the western part of Germany. I am very grateful to have lived in such an area of Germany, because the people here are very open-minded and friendly. Not only had I had the best semester in Germany, but I have also enjoyed my courses at the university where I have passed them all with the rank of very good.

Despite Germany's cold weather, the landscape is miraculous where I currently live. The greenery is fascinating. International students are available here in abundance and are always ready to explore Europe with you. For example, I have roamed Europe in a month during my semester break in Germany. Pictures of France, Belgium, Holland, Italy, Hungary, Austria, Slovakia and the Baltic Sea are hanging on my dormitory wall.

I have also successfully found an internship in an English company in the same Nordrhein-Westphalia region, where I have studied during my first exchange semester. Sending out applications was time consuming and challenging, but the effort in the end was definitely worth it. It is true that students send out up to hundreds of applications until they find the apt one in accordance to their aspirations and career choices.

As Michelle Obama previously said: "The only limit to your achievements is the strength of your dreams and your willingness to work hard for them." My tip for outgoings would be to be flexible in your methods but bold in your principles.

# ENTERTAINMENT

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# هل تعلم؟

ON CAMPUS-TUESDAY, ١٠ JANUARY ٢٠١٧

كتابة : أسيل أبو حمدة | تدقيق : طارق فضل

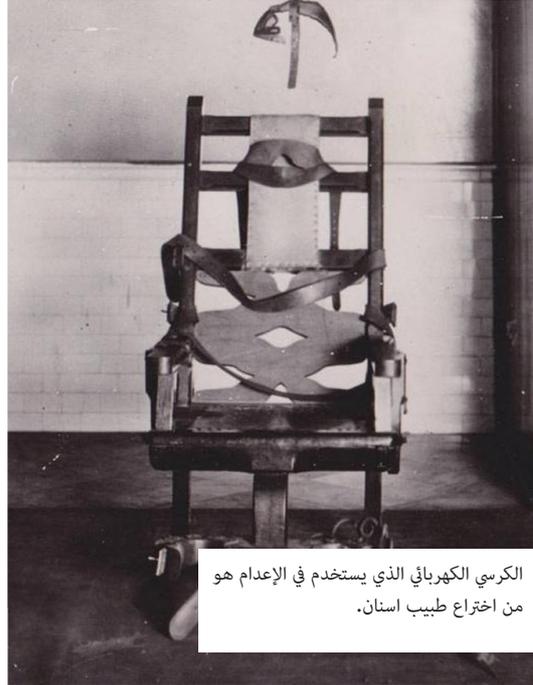
لا يسمح الأسد للحيوانات الأخرى بالاصطياد في منطقة قطرها ٤٠ كم ويقوم بنشر خليط من البول والرائحة على الشجيرات لتنبيه الدخلاء.



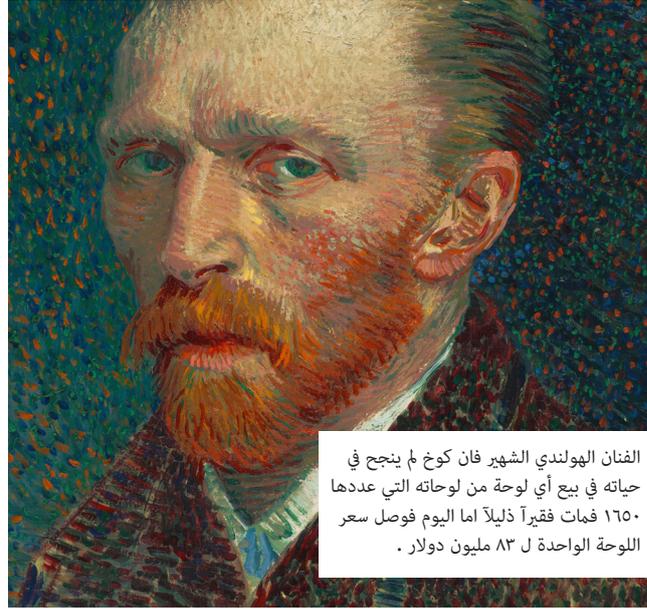
في الإعلانات المصورة تستخدم البطاطس المهروسة في إعلانات الأيس كريم والبخور لحرارة الأكل والاكليريك الشفاف لشكل الثلج في المشروبات الغازية.



الكرسي الكهربائي الذي يستخدم في الإعدام هو من اختراع طبيب اسنان.



الفنان الهولندي الشهير فان كوخ لم ينجح في حياته في بيع أي لوحة من لوحاته التي عددها ١٦٥٠ فمات فقيراً ذليلاً أما اليوم فوصل سعر اللوحة الواحدة ل ٨٣ مليون دولار .

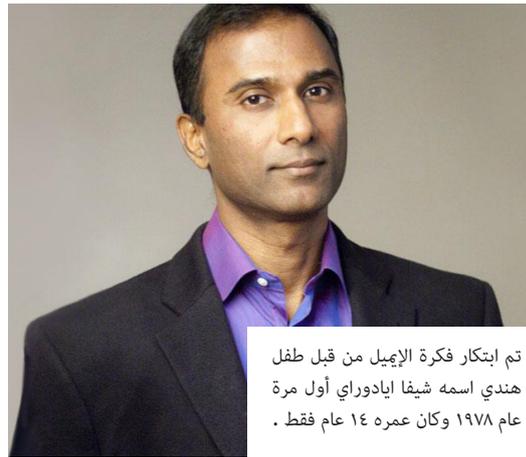


قامت ستاربكس بإزالة الاسم الموجود على شعارها والسبب هو محاولة لإنتاج منتجات أخرى لا تتضمن القهوة.



تمثال الحرية هو عمل فني نحتي قامت فرنسا باهدائه الى الولايات المتحدة الأمريكية في ٢٨ أكتوبر عام ١٨٨٦ كهدية تذكارية.

تم ابتكار فكرة الإيميل من قبل طفل هندي اسمه شيفا إبادوراي أول مرة عام ١٩٧٨ وكان عمره ١٤ عام فقط .



بعد انتهاء حيوانات الباندا من عملية التزاوج، تقوم الأنثى بطرد الذكر من المكان وتتولى تربية الصغار وحدها.



متحف الثلج السحري أو الجليد السحري في تركيا هو أول متحف ثلجي دائم يحتوي على أكثر من ٣٢ مجسم ويفتح للزوار مرة واحدة كل ٣ أشهر.



# *the* **xx** *on hold*

Written By: Shahd Shammout

ON CAMPUS·November 11, 2016

The xx are an English band formed in 2005 in London. The group released its debut album, *xx*, in August 2009. The album was a massive commercial and critical success and garnered recognition from renowned publications such as *The Guardian* and *NME*. In 2010, the band won the Mercury Prize for its debut album. Their second album, *Coexist*, was released on 10 September 2012 and it too received positive feedback.

After a little bit over four years since their latest release, *Coexist*, British Indie Trio, the xx, surprised their fans on 10 November 2016 with their newest single, *On Hold*. The band took to their Facebook fan page, announcing the release date for their new album, *I See You* in a heartfelt post that also included exclusive streaming links for the single.

*On Hold* might be quickly becoming my favorite song by the xx. It is a journey that shows us what we have rightfully missed from the young Brits: Romy and Oliver's emotionally-heavy vocals, the spacey instrumental play laced with deep bass. But my personal favorite element in *On Hold* has got to be the use of Jamie XX's sampling ability, one that has been missing from the xx's music as a band but ever present in Jamie XX's work as a solo artist. So, if you're a fan of Jamie xx, this song will appeal to you, too.

From a first-listen, *On Hold* may sound a little bit crowded and packed with original vocals and a prominent sample from Hall and Oates' 1981 hit *I Can't Go For That (No Can Do)*, but I promise you, *On Hold* is a song you will only grow to absolutely love, just give it the time it deserves.

**Release date: November 10 2016**

**Song duration: 3:44 minutes**

**Genre: Indie Pop, Dream Pop**

**Our rating: 4/5**

# from WORDS ON PAPER to PICTURES ON SCREEN

## *Books turned into Movies*

Written by : Laila Ajlouni

ON CAMPUS·November 11, 2016

From Harry Potter to Eat Pray Love, The Great Gatsby to The Lord of The Rings. What first came to your mind when you read those titles, the book? or the movie? These are just four titles of the almost three hundred books that were turned into movies in the past 50+ years.

There are some books who just beg to be adapted into movies, specially successful books who gained top ranks in the New York Times Best Sellers. Some people believe that every successful book should get its own movie, just like The Hunger Games, Harry Potter and Twilight. These were all A-List books that were read by millions of readers and their movies have been watched by millions as well. It is assumed that by that way both industries would have a win-win situation, and not to forget the fact that there are people who are more of "watchers" than "readers".

But the popularity of a book isn't just an indication of the popularity of its movie and vice versa, take for example a book that is called The Mortal Instruments:City Of Bones. This book is part of The Mortal Instruments series, written by Cassandra Clare. The series has been a New York Times Best Seller, but the movie has been a little of a let down. It didn't gain the popularity that was expected and the shootings for the rest of the series had been canceled. The same things happened with The Book Thief by Markus Zusak, the book was also a New York Times Best Seller (Which I totally recommend for you guys to read) but the movie wasn't as popular. On the other hand,

there are movies that prove to be better than the books themselves, like Queen Bees and Wannabees by Rosalind Wiseman, the exact book that was turned into the well-known movie Mean Girls. Some people don't even know that that movie was based on the book!

Now I do identify myself as a "Book-Lover", like I'd always choose the book over its movie, the movie never satisfies me. I would rather imagine the characters than having them seen. But I can't go over the fact, that there are people who just don't like to hold a book and read. They would prefer to watch a two-hour movie than read for hours. Some writers transfer their books into movies to reach for these kind of people, they want their message of the book to be shared to all kind of people; readers or non-readers. As Rachel Cohn, the writer of Nick and Nora's Infinite Playlist, say:"The movie is just a two hour advertisement for your book". Other writers believe that transforming their book into a script would just take the magic away.

The books are naturally more detailed than the movies. in the books you get to read what the character itself is thinking while in the movie you could just hear snippets of their thinking and see what they're doing. It requires a great director to transfer the magic of the book to the screen. Sometimes the movie of a book is just the tip of an iceberg and sometimes its the whole thing. My advice to you is to never judge a book by it's movie and never judge a movie by its book.

# THOUGHTS

what's running in our minds?

# كلمات

## Mayanna

ON CAMPUS • SUNDAY, ٢٥ DECEMBER ٢٠١٦

كتابة : ريانة أبو وندي | تدقيق : طارق فضل

كثيراً ما نخطئ بقراراتنا لأنها بُنيت على أساس خاطئ ولا ندرك ذلك إلا بعد فوات الأوان. حينها نردد الكلمات «يا ريت ما عملت هيك وما حكيت هيك. يا ريت فكرت بعقلي وما استخدمت قلبي. ياريت لو درست. يا ريت لو عملت وهكذا». ما أقسى الندم حتى ان البعض يتمنى لو أنه يملك قوى خارقة لإعادة الزمن قليلاً إلى الوراء لكي لا يخطئ ولكن يبقى شعور الندم مرافقاً لنا طيلة حياتنا. هكذا نحن البشر لا ندرك قيمة عقلنا الذي ميزنا به الله عن باقي المخلوقات الا بعد الضياع. عندها يصبح الإنسان كأنه في متاهة لا يعرف ما يتوجب عليه فعله. ليس باستطاعته النسيان كما لا يمكنه أن يمضي إلى الأمام. يبقى ثابتاً في مكانه. لو اننا تأيننا لما أخطأنا كما يقولون: «في العجلة الندامة وفي التأني السلامة». أنا مررت بهذه المشاعر كالندم والتسرع وتمني العودة في الزمن الى الوراء. تسرعت في اختيار شخص لا يستحق قلبي وعلمت حينها بأن قلب الفتاة ملك لربها وعائلتها فلا الله جل وتعالى سيتركها ولا عائلتها. تسرعت بالوثوق بصديقات واناس لمجرد رؤية ابتسامتهم وسماع الكلمات الطيبة. تسرعت في التفكير بالمستقبل كيف سيكون وبالماضي كيف كان دون أن أقدر اللحظات التي أعيشها وأعطيها حقها. ولم أستفد سوى أنني شعرت بالضعف والعجز فلا المستقبل أعلم ما سيجلب ولا الماضي سيعود. شعرت حينها بشعور صعب لا يكاد يُوصف. شعرت كالإنسان فاقد الحركة الذي لا يستطيع الحركة الا اذا اتى احد وقام بدفع كرسيه. قراراتنا تحدد مصيرنا إما أن يكون مصيراً رائعاً وإما أن يكون قراراً كئيفياً بتحويل حياتنا إلى جحيم. لم يمنحنا الله شيئاً الا بحكمة. فالعقل أفضل نعمة يتوجب شكر الله عليها ليلاً ونهاراً. نحن نضع أنفسنا بعقولنا وقراراتنا ومبادئنا وأفكارنا إما أن تحسن صنع نفسك وإما أن تبقى كما أنت الإنسان العاجز الذي ليس بيده حول ولا قوة.

### كوفي تلك الأنثى المتمردة

كوفي تلك الأنثى المتمردة التي لا تخشى من الحياة، القادرة على صنع عالم من لا شيء، القادرة على إسعاد نفسها بنفسها. لا تكوني تلك الأنثى الغبية المرتبطة بحياتها بوجود رجل ليعوضها عن ما فقدت من حرمان وما تشعر به من فراغ. لا يوجد أحد قادر على إسعادك بقدرك أنت. تمسكي بتموحياتك وأحلامك. عيشي مخاوفك وتحدي مخاوف الحياة لتصبحي أقوى. فالواقع لا توجد أنثى قوية وأنثى غبية وإنما توجد أنثى غبية وأنثى ذكية والفرق بينهما أن احدهما تسعى لسعادتها وطموحاتها وتمسكة بمبادئها لها معنى، أما الأخرى فهي تهتم بما يقوله الآخرون وتعيش حياتها كما يريد الناس لا كما تريد هي. هذه الحياة فانية سنعيشها لمرة واحدة فقط، بإمكانك أن تقضيها بالبحث عن يسعدك وستبقين تعيسة قليلة الحظ أو أن تسعدي نفسك بنفسك. دلي نفسك. كوفي الفتاة الإيجابية. اقرأني تثقني وحققني اهدافك لنفسك. اعطني بنفسك وبعمالك لنفسك. كوفي الأنثى التي لا تهتم لأحد ما دامت بالطريق الصحيح. القوية التي لا يكسرهما رجل. المتمردة والعنيفة التي لا يستطيع أحد الوصول إليها. لا تكوني كالتي تنتظر قارب النجاة وهي تجيد السباحة.

# to ROAD MATURITY

Written by : Tasneem Salameh | Edited by : Laila Ajlouni

ON CAMPUS-TUESDAY, 20 DECEMBER 2016

**“As days went by, having to grow up too fast from a microscopic embryo to a young girl in her twenties, was one thing I have always dreamt of, despite all of the consequences and obstacles that follow. Regardless of that, as a child, I had never known what being an adult really feels like, until this very day. ”**

Growing up to be the young lady I am today had me going through a lot of tough situations, rising up at times and falling down at others, making crucial decisions, some that are not only life changing, but have also placed me where I am for the time being. One was choosing this specific university, which is undoubtedly considered as one of the most pivotal decisions I have ever made. In spite of all the bad times one has to endure, I must confess, this decision has crossed one thing out of my bucket list; spending an extraordinary month of my mortal life in Germany, specifically in Dresden.

“No pain no gain”, is one phrase I believe in, it has helped me rise up to a level where I could earn such opportunities and be proud of myself. To clear things up, we were once registered for a German placement test, which offers students with highest marks a one month trip to Germany, for both tourism and a German language course. Thankfully, I was rewarded this priceless golden chance with being one of the top 5 pupils out of hundreds. So,

after a couple of months, my journey began, in a country I have never thought of visiting in earlier years.

Thirty full days changed my perspective towards life. Though this does not necessarily mean that each millipart of my 2,592,000 seconds spent there were perfect. Within these thirty days, I have learnt 30 lessons, some I will mention and some should preferably remain hidden. Every human being confronts some hurdles, some bad days, and some unexpected situations with feudal people. By the same token, what I thought would be an obstacle, was not. Everyone has told me that speaking German there isn't anything like here, thus I had some insecurities facing people and actually being forced to talk in German, yet this was easier than I have ever thought. At that time, lesson number one was taught: “Never believe everything people say to you”. Because simply, each individual has lived his or her own personal experiences. At that moment, each lesson was followed by another. Most of the days were unique and remarkable with their



own laughs, jokes, dancing and singing, meeting new unforgettable friends from all around the world, learning a lot from our German course and much more. In the meantime, few days were a bit frustrating for me, in which I faced some quandaries with people and life. One of the things was getting lost in the middle of the city. Many routes, many trams, many destinations and thousands of people all around. Some might disagree, saying it is part of the experience there, which I totally recognize and at this very moment laugh at, but I am one of these people who panic a lot when things do not go well as planned. Yet, having to get lost many times with friends being around, started to sound funnier. It also taught us a lot, on how to depend on ourselves and having to put things together to survive. Thus, lesson 2 was "Grow up, learn and face the difficulties of life as an adult". Furthermore, as days passed quickly with all the small details of each of them contained in separate secret boxes, lessons kept going by, from 2 to 8 to 15 to 23 till 30. Each one had its own story, forcing my inner self to mature from the kind, naïve girl that has always possessed me, to an adult whom I am nowadays proud of. Nevertheless, the most important of them, was lesson 30: "Never trust people too much and keep safe distances between you and them". This is by far the only lesson everyone believes in, but the reason I am saying this, isn't anything but stating that when in exile, try to avoid trusting people, count on yourself as much as you can and learn from your own mistakes. However, don't involve people in your mistakes and don't let them be one. External parties often worsen problems.

No words can ever be enough for writing about my experience there. It made me look at life from another viewpoint and benefit from every laugh and joy, and every lesson taught. Those days will never be forgotten and I would love to wake up one day finding myself there, with new adventures to be encountered.

# A thank you Message

Written by :Eliane Salsa

ON CAMPUS-SUNDAY, 12 2017

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the magazine, all of our writers, who would always be ready to write. Our editors, who are always there to help, Our photographers, whom are extremely talented. Our IT guys, for trying their best to build On Campus website. Our designer, who made the magazine look amazing. Al Ra'ae newspaper, for giving us the chance to make our dream touchable, printed and distributed to GJU. And lastly of course, Dr. Aziz Madi to have never given up on us and believing in us to make this magazine real. And you, our reader, who we all had been working for, in order for you to have something that brings you joy when reading it.

On Campus combined GJU'ers from different majors, different years and different languages. We hope we all did you justice. Thank you everyone for making our dream real.

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Founder/Editor in Chief

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