

1st German Jordanian

FUTURE UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE

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Amman Madaba Street

AI breakthroughs have made the long-heralded paradigm shift in higher education a current necessity and reality. Future universities must supplement the teaching of increasingly rapidly obsolescent knowledge. They need to enable students to maintain their position in an acceleratingly changing environment, to question certainties, and to collaborate in a solution-oriented manner on complex current and anticipated problems. Universities themselves must change or will be replaced by tech giants.

FUTURE SKILLS REQUIRE FUTURE UNIVERSITIES!



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AGENDA

MODERATION: ASSOC. PROF. DR. FARAH AL-ATRASH, DEAN DSA, GJU

8:30 AM	REGISTRATION AND COFFEE RECEPTION
9:00 AM	WELCOME AND OPENING
	SESSION 1: THE FUTURE OF HIGHER EDUCATION
9:30 AM	KEYNOTE 1: FUTURE SKILLS Dr. Anna Sandmeir, Program Manager, Stifterverband für die Deutsche Wissenschaft e. V.
10:15 AM	KEYNOTE 2: FUTURE UNIVERSITIES Prof. Dr. Dietmar Wolff, Vice President for Studies, University of Applied Sciences Hof
10:30 AM	THE GJU COMPETENCE MATRIX Prof. Dr. Iyas Khader, Vice President for Academic Excellence, GJU
10:30 AM	THE GJU MICRO-CREDENTIAL STRATEGY Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ziad Abu El-Rub, Dean SAMS, GJU
11:00 AM	THE INTERNATIONAL NETWORK FOR FUTURE UNIVERSAL SKILLS EDUCATION (INFUSE) Prof. Dr. Judith M. Pütter & Prof. Dr. Jessica Stemmann, University of Applied Sciences Hamm-Lippstadt
11:15 AM	PANEL DISCUSSION: THE FUTURE OF UNIVERSITIES Moderation: Asst. Prof. Dr. Mayada Daibes, Dean SN, GJU Participants: Dr. Anna Sandmeir, Program Manager, Stifterverband für die deutsche Wissenschaft e.V.; Prof. Dr. Dietmar Wolff, Vice President for Studies, University of Applied Sciences Hof; Prof. Ismael Al-Hinti, President Al Hussein Technical University, Prof. Dr. Iyas Khader, Vice President for Academic Excellence, GJU
12:00 PM	COFFEE BREAK
	SESSION 2: AI AND FUTURE UNIVERSITIES
12:15 PM	UNIVERSITIES IN THE POLITICAL ECONOMY OF GENERATIVE AI Prof. Dr. Huth-Hildebrand, GJU
12:35 PM	NATIONAL APPROACHES FOR AI INTEGRATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION Prof. Dr. Isak Frumin, Constructor University Bremen
12:55 PM	AI'S IMPACT ON UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION Prof. Dr. Jörg Müller-Lietzkow, President HafenCity University Hamburg (online)

13:15 PM	AI AND HIGHER EDUCATION – THE END OF TRADITIONAL EDUCATION AND TEACHING AS WE KNOW IT Prof. Dr. Julia Schnitzer, Vice President for Studies and International Affairs, Technical University of Applied Sciences Brandenburg
13:35 PM	AI'S IMPACT ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH N.N. (tbc)
13:35 PM	PANEL DISCUSSION Moderation: Prof. Dr. Ralf Roßkopf, Vice President for International Affairs, GJU Participants: Prof. Dr. Jörg Müller-Lietzkow, President HafenCity University Hamburg (tbc); Prof. Dr. Julia Schnitzer, Vice President for Studies and International Affairs, Technical University of Applied Sciences Brandenburg; Prof. Dr. Malek Alsaahariri, President, Yarmouk University; Prof. Dr. Ala'aldeen Al-Halhouli, President GJU
14:30 PM	LIGHT LUNCH
15:00 PM	SESSION 3: FUTURE UNIVERSITY WORKSHOPS WS1: LEGO SERIOUS PLAY Prof. Dr. Judith M. Pütter & Prof. Dr. Jessica Stemann, University of Applied Sciences Hamm-Lippstadt; WS2: SUPPORTIVE AI GUIDELINES Prof. Dr. Paul Grimm, University of Applied Sciences Darmstadt; WS 3: AI AND HIGHER EDUCATION – MOVING BEYOND TRADITIONAL MODELS OF TEACHING AND EDUCATION Prof. Dr. Julia Schnitzer, Technical University of Applied Sciences Brandenburg
17:00 PM	SESSION 4 - WRAP UP OF WORKSHOP OUTCOMES Moderation: Asst. Prof. Dr. Lena Abu-El-Haija, Director CTC, GJU
17:30 PM	CLOSURE AND RELATED DAAD FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES Stefan Bienefeld, Head of Transnational Education, DAAD
18:00 PM	BARBECUE



TOPICS

The 1st German Jordanian Future University Conference at GJU brings together German and Jordanian university members to work on the following questions and alike:

- What are conditions and developments leading to the paradigm shift?
- What are the needed future skills?
- How can future skills be taught?
- What role do micro-credentials play?
- What is the future for traditional study programs?
- Will students be able to customize their educational programs across different universities?
- What legal conditions, structures, equipment, processes, networks, standards, and capabilities are required?
- How urgent is the need for reform?

Pioneers of the reform in Germany are providing impetus. University representatives from Jordan and Germany will present existing and planned reform measures at their universities. Workshops will explore individual issues in greater depth. The results will be summarized in a resolution following the conference.

CALL FOR WORKSHOP PROPOSALS

Participants of the German Week, invited Jordanian Universities and staff of the German Jordanian University are encouraged to submit proposals for workshops on related topics for Session 3 to:

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Ms. Asmaa Abou Mahfouth

Deadline: September 15, 2026

Proposals should give title, chair and affiliation, fixed participants (if applicable), objective, abstract, activities, outline for ca. 1.5 hours. Chairs are asked to summarize conclusions in 5 minutes in Session 4.