

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
9:30 AM	SESSION 1: THE FUTURE OF HIGHER EDUCATION 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, University of Applied Sciences Hof)
11:00 AM	PANEL DISCUSSION: THE FUTURE OF UNIVERSITIES Moderation: Asst. Prof. Dr. Mayada Daibes (Dean SN, GJU)
12:00 PM	LIGHT LUNCH
13:00 PM	SESSION 2: APPROACHES GJU COMPETENCE MATRIX Prof. Dr. Iyas Khader (Vice President-AE, GJU)
13:20 PM	GJU MICRO-CREDENTIAL STRATEGY Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ziad Abu El-Rub (Dean SAMS, GJU)
13:40 PM	INTERNATIONAL NETWORK FOR FUTURE UNIVERSAL SKILLS EDUCATION – INFUSE (Professor, University of Applied Sciences Hamm-Lippstadt)



14:00 PM	SESSION 3: WORKSHOPS WORKSHOPS
16:00 PM	SESSION 4: WRAP UP, PERSPECTIVES AND CLOSURE WRAP UP OF WORKSHOP OUTCOMES Moderation: Asst. Prof. Dr. Lena Abu-El-Haija (Director CTC, GJU)
16:30 PM	DAAD FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES Stefan Bienefeld (Head of Transnational Education, DAAD)
17:00 PM	CLOSURE
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:

Vice.President-IA.Office@gju.edu.jo

Ms. Asmaa Abou Mahfouth

Deadline: August 22, 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.