

# The Institute of Political Sciences at the University of Gdansk kindly invites to participate at the conference:

# Contemporary Arab World in the International Relations Gdansk, 24<sup>th</sup> of September 2015

### The idea of the conference

The Institute of Political Sciences at the University of Gdansk is pleased to invite you to participate at the international conference "Contemporary Arab World in the International Relations" to be held at the University of Gdansk seat, Poland on 24th of September 2015. The invitation is aimed at scholars, researchers, professionals and students who are interested in studies of the Arab World and the Middle East.

The objective of the conference is to offer the platform to share and exchange research experiences between experts from all over the world. The conference also inspires to conduct researches on the Middle East and tries to answer the question: where the Arab World is heading?

The Arab World faces many challenges and threats as well as opportunities, which have escalated in the XXI century. Political and cultural divisions, the weakness of states and their institutions, the poverty, the inequality, the slow economic development, the terrorism, external influences in the internal Arab affairs next to the modernization and the integration and the globalization are only some of the phenomena present in the Arabic states. The conclusion that the Arab World is one of the most unstable regions in the world but also one of the most important for the international security and the economy should be the leading thesis of the conference "Contemporary Arab World in the International Relations".

The conference's methodological theme will be the SWOT analysis. During the conference four workshops will be created: Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats. Each of the workshops will be facing the problems of the Arabic region in the XXI century. This should help to make final conclusions and to summarize the current situation in the Arab World which is still under a wide-ranging transition.



## Call for papers

The Registration Form, enclosed to the Invitation to the conference, includes abstract of the paper (kept to 300 words) and a short bio should be sent to the arabworldconference@gmail.com till 20<sup>th</sup> August 2015. All submitted abstracts will be peer reviewed. The information on accepted abstracts will be returned by 30th August 2015.

Accepted papers will be published in the post-conference book.

Papers should be kept to 8500 words with the 1,5 line spacing. The name of the sent file should include surname of the author and should be in the "doc" format. These rules refer to all footnotes, references, tables and graphs. Papers should be reviewed for language purposes prior to being submitted. Papers should include an updated abstract of approximately 300 words. Margins of the papers should have 2,5 cm for top, bottom, left and right sites. The font of the text should be Times New Roman 12 pt.

The deadline for sending the final version of the paper to publish is 30th November 2015.

# **Necessary information**

The conference fee for participants is 250 PLN or 60 EUR. Participants are asked to pay the fee by the 15th September 2015. The conference fee is to be paid by bank transfer to the following account: 59 1240 1271 1111 0010 4368 2415. In the title of the transfer please provide "K 784-15" plus your name and surname.

The conferences fees will cover costs of the catering, conference materials and publishing peer-reviewed book.

Participants who would like to receive an invoice for the conference fee are asked to inform organizers about this fact before the conference and send them all details required to prepare an invoice. The invoice data should be sent via e-mail on the following address: arabworldconference@gmail.com

The conference sessions will be held in the Social Sciences Department (Wydział Nauk Społecznych) in the University of Gdansk seat which is located on Bażyńskiego 4 Street, Gdansk, Poland.



We suggest to use accommodation facilities from these listed below:

- 1. Zajazd pod Olivką (about 3 km from Social Sciences Department, about 200 PLN per night)
- 2. Hotel Oliwski (1,5 km from Social Sciences Department, about 200-250 PLN per night with breakfast)
- 3. Czarna Perła (2,5km from Social Sciences Department, about 150-200 PLN per night)
- 4. Starzyński, Hotel&SPA (2,5 km from Social Sciences Department, about 200 PLN per night)

#### Communication

To reach the Social Sciences Department from:

- 1. Airport: you can use a taxi which you will easily find on the airport. The distance between airport and Department is about 12 km.
- 2. From the Gdansk Oliwa train station: you can take a taxi, which you will easily find nearby the train station. The distance between train station and the Department is around 2 km. You can also take a Szybka Kolej Miejska (SKM) from Gdansk Oliwa to Gdansk Przymorze where the University Campus is located.

The conference's working language is English.

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For more information please visit

 $http://wns.ug.edu.pl/media/aktualnosci/39809/contemporary\_arab\_world\_international\_relations$