

Changing Values Among Youth

Experiences from Germany, Egypt and the Arab World

Goethe-Institute Cairo and the Centre for Modern Oriental Studies (ZMO), Berlin in cooperation with the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation

Cairo, 20 – 21 June 2005



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The Goethe-Institute Cairo and the Centre for Modern Oriental Studies in Berlin (ZMO) are organizing a two-day seminar in cooperation with the Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation in Cairo in June 2005 on the issue of studying youth in Germany, Egypt and the Arab world. So far, no Arab country disposes of a comprehensive youth study and thus little is known about the beliefs and attitudes of young adults under 35 years of age. Knowing more about this "silent majority", however, is crucial to the development of Arab societies and the productive use of their resources.

The two-day seminar organized in Cairo in June thus seeks to promote dialogue and exchange among youth study experts from Germany, Egypt and other Arab countries as well as Egyptian government officials and youth representatives. Starting point for the discussion will be the German *Shell Youth Study*, a national survey which has been carried out in Germany in regular intervals for the past 50 years. Prof. Münchmeier who conducted the 13th Shell Youth Study in 2000 will give a critical account of its approach. German, Egyptian and Arab social scientists will then present recent findings from Egypt and other Arab countries to discuss theoretical and methodological lessons learned, considering both qualitative and quantitative approaches. Finally, a working group will formulate recommendations concerning themes, method and practical implications for studying youth in Egypt.

Conference Venue:

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Program

Monday, 20 June

10:00 – 10:30

Opening: H.E. Mamdouh El-Beltagy, Minister of Youth, Egypt

Welcome: Johannes Ebert, Goethe-Institute Cairo

Dr. Sonja Hegasy, Centre for Modern Oriental Studies (ZMO)

Dr. Michael Lange, Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation

Introduction: Dr. Sonja Hegasy, ZMO Berlin

10:30 – 12:00

Keynote Address: Studying Youth in Germany: The 13th Shell Youth Study

Prof. Dr. Richard Münchmeier, Free University of Berlin

Commentaries:

Prof. Dr. Safei-Eddin Kharboush, FEPS Vice-Dean, Cairo University

Prof. Dr. Mohamed Kamal, Chairman of the Youth Committee, NDP Secretariat, Cairo University

Chair: Prof. Dr. Ali E. Hillal Dessouki, Cairo University, Former Minister of Youth Egypt

12:00 – 12:30 **Coffee Break**

12:30 – 14:00

Middle Eastern Youth Studies: Insights and Limitations I (Mashreq)

Prof. Dr. Bernard Sabella: Palestinian Democracy: Attitudes of Parents and Adolescents, U. of Bethlehem

Prof. Dr. Hans Oswald: Gender Differences in the Political Interest of German and Palestinian Adolescents – Results of a Cross-Cultural Longitudinal Study, University of Potsdam

Dipl. Psych. Anja Wollenberg: After the Fall of Saddam Hussein: Orientation and Motivation of Young Adults in Baghdad. Qualitative Insights, Election Monitor Iraq

Chair: Prof. Dr. Mona Abaza, American University of Cairo

14:00 – 15:30 **Lunch Break**

15:30 – 16:30 **“The Souk of Opportunities” in the Gallery of Goethe-Institute**

Introduction: Dr. Thomas Hüsken, Free University of Berlin

Tabea Goldboom, Sandra Göllnest, Sarah Hartmann, Frieda Köppe, Nikolas Kosmatopoulos, Katharina Lange, Anne Schoenfeld: “Youth, Gender and the City. Social Anthropological Explorations in Cairo, Sept. 2004 – Jan. 2005”, Free University of Berlin

16:30 – 17:30

Middle Eastern Youth Studies: Insights and Limitations II (Maghreb)

Dr. Sonja Hegasy: Attitudes towards Power. 622 young insights from Morocco, ZMO Berlin

Prof. Dr. Mokhtar el-Harras: Moroccan Youth Facing New Socio-Cultural Challenges, U. of Rabat

Chair: Dr. Elke Kaschl Mohni, GI Kairo

Evening: Internal Meeting of the Working Group

Tuesday, 21 June

9:00 – 10:30

Egypt: Experiences from the field I

Prof. Dr. Sahar El-Tawila: Methodological Considerations Related to Studies on Youth and Adolescents in Egypt, Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University

Dr. Daaa Rashwan: Researching Values among Youth in Egypt, Al-Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies

Chair: Prof. Dr. Saloua Gomaa, Cairo University

10:30 – 11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:00-12:00

Egypt: Experiences from the field II

Rania Salem: Non-Formal Education Program for Youth (Ishraq), Population Council

Prof. Dr. Farag al-Kamel: Dialogue with the Future: Findings of a Study on Adolescents in Three Egyptian Governorates, Cairo University

Chair: Prof. Dr. Saloua Gomaa, Cairo University

12:00 – 13:30 **“The Souk of Opportunities” in the Gallery of Goethe-Institut**

Ulrike von Rücker: Overview over the Egyptian NGO Scene

Al-Andalus, Gudran, Nahdet Mahrousa and the Sustainable Development Association (SDA): Youth For Youth in Egypt: 4 Egyptian organizations working with innovative approaches present their work.

Moderation: Shaimaa Otify, Nahdet Mahrousa

12:00 – 13:30 **Internal Meeting of the Working Group**

13:30 – 14:30 **Lunch Break**

14:30 – 16:30

Recommendations of the working group:

“Studying Youth in Egypt: Themes, Method and Practical Implications”

Prof. Dr. Mona Abaza, American University of Cairo

Ehaab Abdou, Nahdet Mahrousa

Prof. Dr. Saloua Gomaa, Cairo University

Prof. Dr. Richard Münchmeier, Free University of Berlin

Dr. Daaa Rashwan, Al-Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies

Yasmine Wahba, UNICEF Egypt

Prof. Dr. Abdel Hamid Younes Zeid, Cairo University, Fayoum Branch

Chair: Dr. Sonja Hegasy, ZMO Berlin

Conclusions and Further Steps

Prof. Dr. Safei-Eddin Kharboush FEPS Vice-Dean, Cairo University

Dr. Mohamed Abd Al-Aal, Chairman of the Youth Department, Youth Ministry, Egypt

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