

DAAD Conference
**German as a foreign language at universities in Jordan:
curricula development and teaching practice**

Dates: **June 8 & 9, 2022**

Conference venue: **GJU SABE Campus, Jebel Amman** (tbc)

Conference languages: **English & German**

Format: **on site and online**

Registration is open now!

To register, please visit <https://www.daad.de/surveys/421535?lang=en>

Deadline: May 15

Concept note

German as a foreign language (GFL) has become increasingly popular in Jordan throughout the past 20 years, as statistics and figures from private course providers show. Even though its presence in secondary schools and in the higher education sector remains limited, we witness an increasing interest in learning German in higher education institutions (HEIs) and private schools. This rising demand is consequently reflected in specific course offers, at universities most notably as electives on the beginners and elementary level (A1/A2). At the same time, a shortage of well qualified teaching personnel can be observed, both in the secondary and the tertiary sector.

Against this backdrop, the conference aims at analyzing in more detail the tendencies outlined above with a focus on the higher education sector, and at providing training opportunities for language teachers and teacher trainers at universities on curricula development and teaching practice. Examples of good practice in both implementing and teaching GFL from different universities, as well as the institutional and political framework conditions shall also be discussed.

The conference is divided into two parts:

- The **first conference day** is going to focus on **general aspects of offering and teaching GFL** in Jordan, including additional perspectives from HEIs in Lebanon and Iraq. National and international standards, such as the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFRL), didactical considerations and practice-oriented recommendations for A1/A2 courses, as well as support opportunities for implementing, teaching, and learning German will also be highlighted.
- The **main target groups of this first part** are German teachers at universities, heads of language departments, persons in charge of teacher training, advanced GFL students, as well as political and institutional decision-makers. The conference language of the first day is English.

- On the **second conference day**, we are going to concentrate on the **DAAD program “Dhoch3”**, which was launched four years ago meant to enhance German teacher training at universities worldwide (further details on www.daad.de/dhoch3). It consists of 10 modules provided through the learning management system Moodle, covering different thematic areas of German teacher training. The workshop on the second conference day will offer a general introduction in the use and implementation of Dhoch3 in academic teacher training, as well as a thematic introduction in Module 2 – course and lesson planning.
- The **target groups of this workshop** are teacher trainers at universities that offer a BA or an MA program in GFL. The workshop will be held in German and requires a solid German proficiency.

Conference program

DAY 1

Curricula development and teaching practice in German as a foreign language

9.00 Opening and thematic introduction

Benjamin Schmäling, Director DAAD Regional Office Amman

9.10 Welcome addresses

H.E. Prof. Dr. Mamoun Al-Debi'e, Secretary General, Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research - **tbc**

H.E. Dr. Florian Reindel, Deputy Head of Mission, German Embassy to Jordan

NN, Representative of German Jordanian University

9.30 *World Café: German as a foreign language at universities in Jordan, Iraq, and Lebanon – current developments, challenges, and future perspectives for institutions and students*

Moderated exchange among all participants

introduction – exchange in groups – plenary discussion

10.45 Coffee break

11.00 *Keynote dialogue: Reference frameworks for language teaching and curricula development at universities: perspectives from Jordan and Germany*

Prof. Dr. Claudia Harsch, Professor for Language Learning and Teaching, University of Bremen

Prof. Dr. Mahmoud Jaran, Head of Department for Foreign Languages, Jordan University

12.00 *Input: Support from “the German(-Jordanian) side” – short pitches from DAAD, Goethe Institute and GJU on programs, initiatives, and scholarship opportunities*

Representatives of the respective institutions

12.30 Networking lunch



13.30 Workshop sessions: *Teaching German on a beginners and elementary level (A1/A2) – didactical considerations and examples of good practice*

13.30 - 14.30: Development of teaching materials for German literature classes level A2

Dr. Renata Asali-van der Wal, Jordan University

14.30 - 15.30: Scenario didactics – authentic language action in German with breakthrough and waystage knowledge

Dr. Annegret Middeke, Georg August University Göttingen

15.30 - 16.00: Coffee break

16.00 - 17.00: Self-Evaluation and Learning Goals

Dr. Lanja Abdul Razzaq Dabbagh & Dr. Awat Yakub Othman, Salahaddin University Erbil

17.00 Panel discussion: *Studying / Learning German – and what's next? The students' & graduates' perspective*

Moderated discussion; panelists tba

18.15 Wrapping up & closing remarks

18.30 End of conference

19.00 Joint dinner

DAY 2

Workshop Dhoch3

Please note: The second conference day & workshop on Dhoch3 is exclusively for participants who work in the academic GFL teacher training. The workshop will be held in [German](#) and requires a level of C1. **You will be able to choose the day(s) you are planning to attend upon registration.**

9.00 Opening and thematic introduction

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9.10 Dhoch3: enhancing German teacher training at universities in the Middle East

Part 1: Structure and content of the Dhoch3 online platform

Part 2: Using Dhoch3 in blended learning arrangements

Dr. Stefan Buchholz, Project leader Dhoch3

10.30 Coffee break



11.00 Dhoch3: enhancing German teacher training at universities in the Middle East

Part 3: Technical aspects of using Dhoch3

Part 4: Training session

Dr. Stefan Buchholz, Project leader Dhoch3

12.30 Lunch break

13.30 Focus on Module 2: Course planning – exact program tba

Prof. Dr. Heike Roll, Managing Director and Professor at the Institute for German as a Foreign and Second Language, University Duisburg-Essen

17.00 Wrapping up & feedback

17.30 End of conference day 2

For further information about Dhoch3, please visit us on:

www.daad.de/dhoch3

<https://moodle.daad.de/dhoch3>

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For further questions regarding the conference, please write to us:

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