



Polish International Studies Association

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cordially invite to:

3rd international conference

Arab and Muslim World in international relations

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC & BUSINESS CONFERENCE

Gdańsk, European Solidarity Centre, November 23, 2017

The Polish International Studies Association together with the European Solidarity Centre, and the Europe-Asia-Africa Foundation are delighted to invite you to participate in the third edition of the international academic & business conference:

Contemporary Arab and Muslim World.

The conference will be held in **Gdańsk (Poland), in the European Solidarity Centre on 23th November 2017.** This invitation is addressed to scholars, researchers, experts and professionals interested in the broadly defined Arab and Muslim World reaching from the West Africa through the Middle East and Central Asia until the Far East. The major focus of the conference is on the Middle East countries, yet topics related to the Muslim countries of the Far East (e.g. Indonesia), Central Asia (e.g. Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan), or North Africa (e.g. Algeria, Morocco) are also within the conference agenda.

Conference Objectives

The overall purpose of the academic and business conference is to present a wide range of issues in the Arab-Muslim region in the sphere of politics, economy, business, law, and culture. The specific objectives of the conference are to:

- Share information on research and exchange opinions among academics and professionals specializing in the Arab and Muslim region;
- Promote cooperation between academia and business;
- Explain economic, political, and legal dilemmas of the Arab and Muslim World;
- Expand the academic and business-academic cooperation between Higher Educational Institutions from Poland and the Arab and Muslim countries, including development of joint research projects;
- Provide space for expanded business cooperation between entrepreneurs from Poland and the Arab and Muslim countries;
- Understand cultural differences among and within the countries involved in the conference, and thus contribute to the intercultural dialogue.

The conference will address four major dimensions of international relations in the Arab and Muslim World: Politics, Economy, Law, and Culture:

- Politics (including: cooperation and competition in the Middle East and Muslim World (MENA) region; ideology and sectarianism in the Middle East and Muslim World; attitude of particular countries towards Islamic State, foreign policy of the Arab and Muslim states, war in Syria and its global and regional implications, democratization in the Middle East)
- Economy (including: economic cooperation and integration; economic dilemmas in the internal policy of the Arab and Muslim states and in the international relations within this area; financial markets, Islamic banking and finance; business opportunities)
- Law (including: the legal systems of the Arab and Muslim states, Sharia Law dilemmas, legal customs in the Arab and Muslim world)
- Culture (including: inter-social relations, religious customs in politics, society and family life, multi-cultural dialogue)The conference program will include also a special panel on investment strategies and opportunities in the Arab and Muslim countries.

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Conference Agenda

The **first part of the conference** will have an academic character. During the proceedings four major dimensions of international relations in the Arab and Muslim World will be addressed: **Politics, Economy, Law, and Culture.**

The **second part of the conference** will be focusing on business sector. Its program will include **special panels on investment strategies and opportunities** in the Arab and Muslim countries, as well as **business opportunities in Poland.**

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Registration

1. Academic

Call for Papers is opened until June 1, 2017. Online registration formular is available at the conference website: www.arabconference.eu.

All submitted abstracts will be peer reviewed. Accepted papers will be published in the post-conference book.

The working language of the conference is **English** (for some panels translation will be provided).

The conference fee for participants is PLN 450 or EUR 100 (payable by September 1, 2017). Members of the Polish International Studies Association are entitled to a reduced conference fee of PLN 350.

The conference fee covers the costs of the catering, conference materials and publishing of peer-reviewed post-conference book. Conference participants are to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

2. Business

The **conference is opened for institutional and business participants**. Companies and institutions are also welcomed to become the conference partners.

For details of the cooperation offer please contact the Project Coordinator, Ms. Sylwia Piechocińska-Para (sylwia@ptsm.edu.pl).

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