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#Art&CitizenshipConference #DAKU

## “Art and Citizenship” 23<sup>rd</sup> International Conference Location: Dar Al-Kalima University – Bethlehem – Palestine

Upon the recommendation of its International Conference "Active Citizenship: Towards Inclusive and Pluralistic Societies," held in August 2021 at Amman, The Dar al Kalima University shall hold its 23rd International Conference under the title “The Arts and Citizenship”. The Conference shall be part of the celebrations of Bethlehem as the Capital of Arab Culture. The Conference aims at presenting a clear and comprehensive vision on the role of the Arts in promoting and strengthening the concept of citizenship, as basis for dialog leading to civil societies’ building.

- **Conference’s intellectual question**

Contemporary art, both visual and performing, with its various themes played an important and radical role in changing the epistemological societal concepts. Hence the Arts have become crucial for the process of social change as well as propagating and deepening the cultural and intellectual values.

Art is capable of changing logic and knowledge formula, where creativity can be a tool that imposes a new socio-political and intellectual reality resulting from the ontological variables’ particularity, giving the Arts the ability to determine the relation between the individual and his/her society.

Therefore, the questions that arise are: Is there a need for utilizing the contemporary art discourse to strengthen the values of citizenship? And what role do higher education institutions play in solidifying values that are linked to human dignity, liberation, pluralism, and equality?



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- **Conference Panel Themes:**

- The Role of Cultural and Academic Exchange in strengthening citizenship Concept
- Citizenship Issues in Arab Films
- Theater and Citizenship Issues
- Dignity, Equality, and Civil Society in Contemporary Art
- Art, Popular Movements, and Citizenship Issues
- Art, Resistance and Citizenship
- The Role of Arts in Strengthening Citizenship at Arab Universities
- Citizenship Issues in Arts students' Artwork  
(*This Panel is directed to students*)

- **Conference Speakers' invitation:**

Dar al-Khaimah University invites interested artists, researchers, and faculty of the different Palestinian, regional, and international universities to submit by November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021, an abstract of their research papers on one of the themes of the conference, reflecting the research as well as the personal expertise of the applicant.

**The papers should be:**

1. Based on critical and creative thinking,
2. Contain visuals (ex. PowerPoint presentation, and/or audio-visual material)

**Presentations:**

Speakers have **10 minutes** of presentation time, followed by a discussion with the Conference participants.



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Concurrent with the Conference - held in Bethlehem - and as part of the Conference, **three sessions** shall be held according to the following **schedule**:

- 15/12/2021 In Amman in cooperation with the Royal Institute of Religious Studies
- 16/12/2021 In Gaza, at the headquarters of Dar Al-Kalima University
- 16/12/2021 In Beirut: in cooperation with the Dar Al-Kalima Association for Arts and Culture.

### Conference Research Papers

- For the participants who wish to develop their research papers presented at the Conference for publication, they can send their final papers no later than **25/2/2022**.
- These papers must be original scientific papers, which have not been published before. Prior to publication, these papers shall be submitted to peer review.

**Conference Languages:** Arabic and English (with Simultaneous translation)

- **Important Dates:**
  - Deadline for submission of abstracts: November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021
  - Reply to accepted abstracts: November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021
  - Conference program announcement: December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021
  - Conference dates: December 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021
  - Deadline for sending your final research papers for review and publication: **February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022**



- **Accommodations:**

Full accommodation of the Conference speakers shall be provided by the Dar al Kalima University.

- **Conference format:**

The conference format is hybrid (in-person and virtual attendance through Zoom, by Speakers and participants)

- **Conference Committees:**

**Conference's Advisory Committee:**

- Prof. Dr. Mitri Raheb – Head of Committee
- Mrs. Rana Houry
- Prof. Dr. Mutasem Adeleh
- Dr. Ihab Bseiso
- Tamara Musleh
- Angie Saba
- George Al-Sa'di
- Maher Maria
- Hiba Nasser Al-Atrash
- Nancy Salsa'

**Conference's Scientific Committee:**

- Prof. Dr. Mitri Raheb – Head of Committee
- Prof. Dr. Mutasem Adeleh
- Dr. Ihab Bseiso
- Dr. Nuha Houry
- Dr. Varsen Aghabekian
- Dr. Na'el Salman
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**For registration kindly click the following link:**

**<https://forms.gle/MgrUfdrKTNKzHQFY6>**