Academics in Solidarity Network Conference and Skills Workshop
Call for Applications

Workshop: Cologne, 30-31 October 2019
Conference: Berlin, 21-22 November 2019

Mentees of “Academics in Solidarity” (AiS) and at-risk scholars benefiting from Career Mentoring for International Researchers at the University of Cologne are invited to apply for the opportunity to present their research at this year’s AiS Network Conference, “Regaining Lost Knowledge – Connecting Research at Home and in Exile.” The conference will take place at Freie Universität Berlin on 21-22 November 2019. Mentees accepted to present at the conference will take part in a preparatory training workshop on improving academic presentation skills at the University of Cologne on 30-31 October 2019. For the accepted mentees, we will cover the costs of attending both the conference and workshop (this includes transportation, accommodation, and food expenses during the events). Please note that if you receive and accept an invitation to present at the conference, you automatically commit to taking part in the training workshop.

About the conference
The conference will bring AiS mentees together with established scholars from Germany, Lebanon and Jordan and give them the opportunity to expand their professional and academic networks. The conference will further serve as a platform for exchange among key stakeholders representing support programs for at-risk scholars, research funding organizations, experts in specific fields and AiS partner institutions.

About the training workshop
The two-day workshop will be led by Dr. John Kluempers, an expert in professional and academic English, who teaches presentation and rhetoric classes. The first day will focus on academic presentations, allowing participants to hone their English presentation skills and practice responding to critical questions. The second day is dedicated to poster presentations and aims to advance participants’ skills for effectively preparing and presenting them.

How to apply
To apply, please send to us an abstract summarizing your research project/paper (max. 250 words) OR an e-version of a poster you would like to present. The application should contain your name, current affiliation and contact information. Please also enclose your academic CV, indicating your mentee status with AiS or with the University of Cologne. Applications should be sent in PDF format to emil.bauer@fu-berlin.de with a subject line: Application – conference presentation and training. Deadline: 20 September 2019.

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