

## CALL FOR APPLICATION

16<sup>th</sup> DGAP International Summer School

### “Status Quo and the Road Ahead for Transitions in Egypt and Tunisia”

Berlin, 26 August – 7 September 2012

The EU-Middle East Forum (EUMEF) of the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP) will be hosting the **16<sup>th</sup> DGAP International Summer School** on “**Status Quo and the Road Ahead for Transitions in Egypt and Tunisia**” in Berlin from **26 August until 7 September 2012**. EUMEF is a program for the advancement of Young Professionals and students at DGAP and is realized in close cooperation with its long-standing partner the Robert Bosch Stiftung, the German Federal Foreign Office, and the Institute for Foreign Cultural Relations (ifa). EUMEF’s local partners in Egypt are the American University in Cairo (AUC) and the Freie Universität Berlin Cairo Office.

Egypt and Tunisia have been witnessing radical changes ever since toppling presidents Mubarak and Ben Ali. They have seen among others a remarkable awakening of their people and their interest in politics and in shaping their own societies, an unprecedented flourishing of their political landscapes, the establishment of numerous new political parties, (relatively) free and fair and hence historic elections, and they are currently both engaged in writing new constitutions for their societies. Expectedly, though, uncertainties prevail and both countries are struggling hard with very complex steps of the transition processes in place. They are encountering gross challenges (with the need to acknowledge the different degrees and dimensions of these challenges between Egypt and Tunisia) pertaining to *inter alia* the emergence of new powerful political actors with an Islamic reference and a blurry, unpredictable agenda on their genuine commitment to democratization, a further deteriorating and hence alarming socio-economic situation, difficulties and an unwillingness respectively to deal with atrocities committed in the past, and especially in the case of Egypt, a limbo situation of civil-military relations and confusion over the sequence of the transitional steps and power distribution and sharing.

The summer school will look at the status of transitions in both countries, highlighting achievements, failures, and challenges ahead and developing strategies and solutions through intense exchange and debate. It will, for example, address (new) concepts and theories of democracy and models most likely to be adopted, scrutinize the quality of the political process, the agenda of dominant political actors as well as the socio-economic dimension of the transitional phases and related policies. It will equally delve into other relevant subjects such as the issue of *Transitional Justice*, EU and German policies towards the two North African countries, new regional alliances and power shifts, and address how other countries have experienced their transitions from autocratic systems to more open and democratic societies and whether lessons derived are relevant for Egypt and Tunisia.

DGAP’s International Summer Schools gather promising students and graduates from Europe, Turkey and North Africa in Berlin. The summer school offers participants a unique opportunity to experience a highly stimulating, intellectual environment and to broaden horizons by attending lectures, panel debates, working groups, and communication and argumentation workshops, and by engaging in Oxford-debates (role-plays). Renowned experts, academics as well as practitioners,

offer their insights and analysis, and participants visit thematically relevant institutions in Berlin and experience intense joint intellectual and social activities.

The summer school integrates various formats, alternating between panel discussions, working group sessions, training workshops, and visits to relevant institutions. As to the working group sessions, three groups will be held with 10 participants each, one dealing with *Political Islam*, the second with *Socio-economic Reforms*, and the third with *External Actors and their Policies towards Egypt and Tunisia* (for example the EU, Turkey, countries of the Gulf). Every participant is expected to deliver a presentation of 10 minutes (a paper of around 2000 words) during the working group session on one of the three thematic blocs. For the purpose of applying, the candidate should specify two subjects related to two of the three thematic blocs that he/she would be willing to address in the presentation. Both suggestions must be briefly outlined in a one-page-paper (half a page for each idea) and be attached to the application. We will decide on the final topic.

We are looking for qualified **students at the end of their studies or recent graduates (24 - 28 years of age) from Germany, France, the UK, Italy, Spain, Greece, Turkey, Egypt, Tunisia and Morocco**. Applicants should have an academic background in the fields of social science, economics, law or media and should demonstrate great interest in the transformation processes in Egypt and Tunisia and related subjects, be it in their studies and/or in extracurricular activities. The summer school's thirty participants will be selected on the basis of their academic achievements, motivation, the quality of their intended input statement, relevant civil and political activities, and language proficiency (working language is English). Special emphasis is placed on adequate representation of different countries and gender balance. DGAP will cover all program-related costs in Berlin, i.e. accommodation and meals/drinks. In addition, participants will receive a travel subsidy according to his/her place of residence. Participants from the UK, Spain, Italy or France receive up to 150€, from Greece up to 200€, from Turkey up to 350€, and from Egypt, Morocco, and Tunisia up to 450€ once they provide us with all travel documents (receipts, boarding passes etc.). **Participation in all activities related to the summer school is mandatory.**

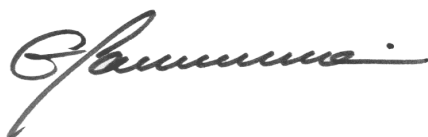
**To apply, please send the following** documents to Anja Runge, Program Assistant of EUMEF ([runge@dgap.org](mailto:runge@dgap.org)):

- The filled-in application form (see attachment)
- A one-page letter of motivation in which you express your motivation and highlight your relevant qualifications
- A one-page-paper of two suggestions (half a page for each idea) for an intended input statement in narrative form (the final paper should comprise around 2000 words and must be sent to the organizers prior to the summer school)

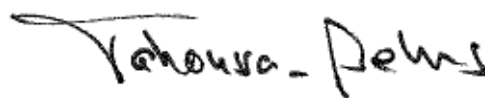
**Deadline for application is 6 May 2012.** Please do not hesitate to contact Anja Runge ([runge@dgap.org](mailto:runge@dgap.org)), should you have any further questions or concerns.

We look forward to receiving your application!

Sincerely,



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