

Call for Papers

(New deadline : December 4, 2021)

The Forum

Insaniyyat انسانيّات is an international forum on human and social sciences; it offers researchers from various origins and backgrounds and across generations an open space for academic peer conversations, and encourages exchange with society on research in progress. Anchored in the Tunisian, Maghrebian and the entire region's (Middle East, Africa, Europe) context and experiences, and aware of the urgent common challenges, this large-scale event will help enhance the status of human and social sciences in teaching and research and elucidate their importance in the administration of the affairs of the City. The Forum invites reflection on recent dynamics in human and social sciences from a multidisciplinary perspective.

Insaniyyat انسانيّات **Tunis 2022** is organized by the University of Manouba (UMA), the University of Tunis (UT), the University of Tunis al-Manar (UTM), the Institute for Research on the Contemporary Maghreb (IRMC Tunis), the *GIS (Scientific Interest Group)* Middle East and Muslim Worlds and the Society for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Worlds (SEMOMM). Partnership is open to interested academic and cultural institutions and organizations.

The First Edition, *Insaniyyat 2022*, will be held from 20 to 24 September in Tunis. It will include a symposium (conferences, workshops, and round tables) and thematic meetings bringing together actors in the human sciences, writers, intellectuals and artists around the current practice and challenges of digital humanities, the multilingual circulation of knowledge and dialogue between SHS and society. It will also feature a human and social sciences academic publications fair and offer participants a rich program of side artistic and cultural events.

Objectives

- ✓ Organize a major international meeting around recent research in human and social sciences, particularly on the Arab and Muslim world;
- ✓ Provide an opportunity for encounters between scientists in the humanities and social sciences and the development of cooperation programs;
- ✓ Introduce emerging fields of knowledge in the study of Man and Society;
- ✓ Discuss and assess the performance of certain models and descriptive tools;
- ✓ Ascertain and question trends and shifts experienced by contemporary societies;
- ✓ Connect labeled or dispersed knowledge in order to collectively respond to the contemporary challenges posed by new methods of production and sharing knowledge in the digital revolution age;
- ✓ Encourage young student-researchers to learn about new approaches in the human and social sciences and give them the opportunity to discuss their current research;
- ✓ Discover and share the host country's culture and heritage.

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Researchers in the human and social sciences (doctoral students, post-docs, teacher-researchers and researchers) are invited to submit proposals:

1. For the main theme of the Symposium: *CriseS*

Given that crises are the new real, the Forum's symposium projects to highlight research on crises and their aftermath, which requires locating them within a broad chronological and thematic framework that takes into consideration geopolitical, social, economic, legal and cultural shifts and dynamics. The ongoing COVID crisis is a case in point given the scope of its impact on human and social sciences and their relevance in the light of the digitization of knowledge, education and communication.

2. For workshops and round table discussions, outside the main theme of the symposium, on emerging research on the region (**Maghreb, Middle East, Africa, Euro-Mediterranean area**) in the following areas:

Arts design and
architecture

Anthropology

Archaeology

Literary criticism

Didactic methods

Law

Demography

Design

Image studies

Economics

Geography

Management

Ethnology

History

Art history

Islamology and religious
sciences

Comparative religions

Linguistics

Literature

Musicology

Philology

Philosophy

Psychology

International relations

Sociology

Political science

Pedagogical sciences

Information / Computer
Science

Cognitive science

Translation

The Forum particularly invites:

- Proposals, particularly by doctoral and post-doctoral students in the human and social sciences;
- Transdisciplinary research;
- Workshops offering comparisons between different countries of the Maghreb, Mashreq, Africa or the rest of the world, inviting reflection on the scales of analysis in social sciences (from the local to the transnational)
- Workshops on access to research fields and data in the human and social sciences (archives, statistics, interviews, etc.)
- Panels on acquired and potential future contributions of digital humanities to current research.

Proposals can be submitted for the main theme of the Forum “*CriseS*”, or any other proposed field in one of the three following formats:

- One-session workshops:** four speakers, with the optional participation of a discussant, for a 2-hour session.
- Double-session workshops:** two single theme workshops around the same issue, with a maximum of eight speakers, for two 2-hour sessions.
- Individual proposals:** a proposal for a presentation under one of the themes or one of the disciplines proposed by the Forum. Individual proposals, if selected, will be grouped by the organizers to form theme or area workshops.

Proposals for single or double theme workshops must include:

- The title of the workshop and the moderator’s name (among the four speakers or not)
- Summary of the general theme of the workshop (1500 characters maximum)
- The names of the participants, their institutional affiliation and their contact addresses
- Summary of each presentation (1500 characters maximum)

Individual proposals, including contact details and the affiliation of their authors, must not exceed 1500 characters.

Proposals may be submitted in **Arabic, French and English.**

Calendar and funding

Proposals should be sent to insaniyyattunis2022@gmail.com in Word or PDF format, include the title `Insaniyyat2022_NAME OF THE PERSON IN CHARGE` according to the attached template.

The deadline for proposals is 15 November 2021.

Selected papers will receive confirmation by 31 December 2021. Selected participants must submit their final modified proposals before 1st April 2022, the deadline for submission of the final program of workshops and abstracts.

Registration fees (to be paid before 1st April 2022):

- 70 euros for active researchers in northern countries (participant in a workshop or attendee)
- 50 euros for active researchers in southern countries (participant in a workshop or attendee)
- 25 euros for doctoral and post-doctoral students
- BA and MA students are exempted from participation fees
- Participants may apply for exemption from participation fees.

Participation fees cover documentation, coffee breaks, lunches and local transportation to the Forum venue during the 5 days. International travel and accommodation costs are at the participant's expense. Negotiated prices will be proposed.

Hosting Institutions:

GIS Moyen-Orient Mondes Musulmans, Paris
Institut de recherche sur le Maghreb contemporain (IRMC),
Tunis
Société des études sur le Moyen-Orient et les Mondes
musulmans (SEMOMM), Paris
Université de la Manouba
Université de Tunis
Université de Tunis al-Manar

Partner Institutions:

Arab and Muslim Ethnicities and Diasporas (AMED) Studies
Program, San Francisco
Casa Árabe, Madrid
Centre Jacques Berque, Rabat
Centre de recherche en anthropologie sociale et culturelle
(Crasc), Oran
Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches Economiques et sociales
(CERES), Tunis
Columbia Tunis
Conseil arabe des sciences sociales, Beyrouth
Groupement de Recherche Euro-Méditerranéen (GREM),
Mulhouse
Harvard Tunis
International Association for Middle East Studies (IAMES)
Institut français du Proche-Orient (IFPO), Beyrouth
Institut national du Patrimoine (INP), Tunis
Institut de recherche pour le développement (IRD), Tunis
Unimed, Rome
Zentrum Moderner Orient, Berlin