

Call for Papers

Third Deutsche Welle Media Dialogue

» The Role of Media in the Arab World's Transformation Process «

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INVITATION The University of Applied Sciences Bonn-Rhein-Sieg, the Cologne University of Applied Sciences and DW-AKADEMIE cordially invite you to take part in the Third Deutsche Welle Media Dialogue.

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KEY TOPIC Since the “Arab Spring” uprisings beginning in December 2010, social media and its influence on the transformation process in the Arab world has often been praised as being the core medium in times of revolution. In some countries, in fact, it appears to have played an important role.

But has social media been more effective than traditional media? Which other factors spurred these revolutions? Why have some uprisings been successful and others suppressed? And what role does media development play?

The conference aims to analyze the diverse structural, economic, legal and political dimensions of the media market in the Arab world and their influence on political developments.

PROGRAM Two panels will explore the following topics:

Panel 1 Regulation versus liberty: Media landscape transformation

The focus will be on the state and development of the media market in the Arab world, the legal and economic situation, and future perspectives for the media there.

Panel 2 social media revolution and freedom of expression

The focus will be on the impact of social media on political mobilization, and on social media's possibilities and obstacles regarding the recent social processes in the Arab world.

CONFERENCE LANGUAGE The conference will be held in English. We invite international media academics and political scientists, economists, academic lawyers and journalists to participate.

SUBMISSION OF PAPERS Please send your proposal for a 15-minute presentation to DW-AKADEMIE (see e-Mail below) as a pdf or doc. file. The abstract should contain no more than 6,000 characters (including blank spaces) and should be assigned to one of the panels.

Submissions should be made in English. Please include a title page with your proposal containing the presentation title and name(s) and address(es) of the presenter(s). Please also include a short abstract which – should your proposal be accepted – will be used for the program.

Papers will be subject to review. Submitters will be informed by February 29, 2012.

All accepted proposals will be published in full length in the conference transcript.

POSTER SESSION Authors are encouraged to submit their abstracts/papers for consideration as posters. Posters can be presented during the conference breaks. The above conditions regarding the selection process for papers also apply to the poster session.

TIMELINE Submission date: Submissions are now being accepted
Submission deadline: February 06, 2012.
Submitters will be informed by February 29, 2012.

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