The Eighth International Conference: "Omni-German Relations during the 19th and 20th Centuries"

Germany, Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, 5-6 June 2020

The National Records and Archives Authority of the Sultanate of Oman organizes its Eighth International Conference, this time on the topic of "Omni-German Relations during the 19th and 20th Centuries." It aims at studying the different aspects of these relations since the arrival of the Germans in East Africa and the Gulf, and the German role in historical, economic, social and cultural studies of Oman. It also explores the German-Omani political and economic rivalry in East Africa as well as the German involvement in the issues of the royal family in Zanzibar.

This conference aims at deepening our understanding of the history of 19th-20th century Omani-German relations, and at furthering research in this field, bringing together scholars from the Sultanate of Oman, Germany and other countries.
Conference Objectives:

- Studying the motivation and contribution of German exploration in the Gulf and East Africa.
- Studying the dimensions of the Omani-German relations and their impact on various files.
- Exploring treaties and conventions in different fields.
- Studying the impact of Germany’s position on internal situations in East Africa.
- Exploring the political, military and economic competition between Oman and Germany.
- Exploring the development of Omani-German relations.
- Exploring the German contributions to Omani studies in the fields of history, archaeology, geography, social sciences, culture, economy and media.
- Tracing and analyzing records and manuscripts related to Oman in German libraries and archives, and vice versa.
Topics and Themes:

1. Political, Historical and Military Competition
   - German explorers in East Africa
   - Political and military competition between the Sultans of Zanzibar and Imperial Germany
   - Treaties and conventions
   - The development of diplomatic relations between Oman and Germany

2. Economy and Society
   - The role of German traders in the Gulf and East Africa
   - The impact of the economic rivalry between Germany and European countries on their relationship with Oman
   - Commercial exchange and agreements between Germany, Oman and East Africa
   - The impact of German interference in issues of the royal family in Zanzibar

3. Culture and Academics
   - German researchers of the written, oral and material history of Oman
   - Oman in German travelogues
   - Cooperation between Oman and Germany in the fields of higher education, academic exchange, tourism, archaeology and health care
   - Oman in the German media
Target Audience:

- Researchers in the fields of history, politics and economics
- Specialists in the history of Oman and the history of Germany and those interested in academic research in this field
- Intellectuals and writers from the Sultanate, Germany and abroad.
- Representatives of the academic, diplomatic, governmental and non-governmental institutions, as well as the business community
- Omani and German Students in higher education, especially those with a focus on social and human sciences, history and politics
- Members of the general public with an interest in cultural the history of the Middle East, the Indian Ocean, and East Africa

Speakers:

- Academics specializing in the history of Oman and the history of Germany
- Intellectuals and writers concerned with the history of Omani-German relations
- Interested researchers and scholars in the topics and themes of the conference

Organizer:

- National Records and Archives Authority (NRAA)
In Cooperation with:

- Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO)
- Humboldt University of Berlin
- Free University of Berlin
- Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin
- Oman Studies Centre in Germany

Venue: Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin, Federal Republic of Germany

Date: Friday-Saturday, 5 - 6 June 2020

Deadlines for Participation in the Conference:

1. The completed Participation Form should be emailed to conference@nraa.gov.om no later than 16/9/2019

2. Applicants, whose abstracts are initially accepted to participate in this conference, will be notified by 16/10/2019

3. Complete papers should be received by the Academic Committee of the Conference no later than 16/3/2020

4. The final decision on the acceptance of the complete paper for presentation will be sent by 31/3/2020

For further inquiries and information about the conference, please communicate via the following email: conference@nraa.gov.om or contact phone number: (+968) 24130334 / (+968) 24130340 / (+968) 24130350
Participation Conditions

1. Each conference paper should focus on one of the above-mentioned themes.
2. A paper may be prepared by more than one researcher but only one shall present it.
3. It should be original, innovative, and directly relevant to the conference’s topics, and it should not have been delivered in previous conferences.
4. Each participant is allowed to present one research paper only.
5. The papers should follow the MLA or APA format for writing in human sciences such as studies of religion, literature, philosophy, education, and history.
6. The researcher’s full CV should not exceed two pages.
7. The research paper should consist of 6000 - 8000 words, including references and notes.
8. Both Arabic and English papers should be in font of Times New Roman, in size 16” for the title, 14” for the headlines, and 12” for the body.
9. Footnotes and reference note should be included according to the attached Appendix: "Note to Authors for English and Arabic Manuscripts".
10. The research paper should be sent via email (MS Word).
11. The academic committee has the right to reject any research paper that does not meet the academic requirements.
12. The accepted research papers will be published in the Series of Surveys & Studies on National and International Records, in accordance with the recommendations of the scientific committee; and the organizing body only reserves its copyrights.
13. A list of references should be placed at the end of the research while the in-text citations in the footnotes.
14. The participation form should be filled in as the following:

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15. In case of acceptance of the abstract, the applicant will be required to submit a passport copy (valid until at least January 2021) in order to ease the visa process.
Note to Authors for English and Arabic Manuscripts

Papers should be original. If there is an overlap with material published elsewhere, details should be given.
Papers should be written in easily accessible style, suitable for international audience of academics, policy makers ad PR actioners.

Basic Form

APA (American Psychological Association) style is most commonly used to cite sources within the social sciences, such as history, geography, political science, literature and linguistics.

APA style dictates that authors are named last name followed by initials; publication year goes between parentheses, followed by a period. The title of the article is in sentence-case, meaning only the first word and proper nouns in the title are capitalized. The periodical title is run in title case, and is followed by the volume number which, with the title, is also italicized. If a digital object identifier (DOI) has been assigned to the article that you are using, you should include this after the page numbers for the article. If no DOI has been assigned and you are accessing the periodical online, use the URL of the website from which you are retrieving the periodical.


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Review


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1. Please fill out above details in both Arabic and English
2. A recent personal photo
The resume should include the title, name, specialization, academic qualifications, some academic activities, e.g., research interests, publications and conference participations.

2. Should be in a paragraph format not in bullets.