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National Symposium (In-Person / Remote)

The Arab Mind: A Reading in the Path of Its Crisis

A Crisis of Awareness or a Crisis of Values?

Date: December 07, 2026

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Preamble

A nation may face decline and fall at a certain point in its history, causing its progress and development to regress. It may turn its civilization into a mere subject of pride, boasting, and praise of the glorious past, while abandoning the spirit of creativity—despite having previously made prominent contributions to humanity's civilizational path and played a role in pushing the wheel of history forward in Europe.

This is what occurred to the Arab and Islamic nation across various historical milestones: from the division of the Islamic state into four centers (the Abbasid Caliphate in Iraq, the Fatimid Caliphate in Egypt, the Umayyad Caliphate in Andalusia, and the Almoravid Caliphate in the Maghreb), to the fall of the Caliphate in Baghdad, followed by the fall of Andalusia, and reaching the Ottoman Caliphate and its abolition in 1924.

Based on our historical tracking of the intellectual crisis experienced by the Arab and Islamic nation, and defining it as a deep-rooted crisis with diverse civilizational dimensions (cultural, political, social...), we find that its trajectory moved from deviation to decline, and then to attempts at awakening and revival.

Symposium Problematic

In light of the deep and rooted crisis currently experienced in the Arab reality, with its various civilizational dimensions (cultural, political, economic, social), questions arise regarding the causes of this crisis. This prompts us to pose the following central problematic:

"Is the crisis experienced by Arab and Islamic societies a crisis of awareness, or a crisis of values? Or is it a compound crisis with multi-dimensional civilizational aspects—cultural, intellectual, ethical, and political?"

Objectives of the Symposium

Analyze the causes of the crisis of the Arab mind and attempt to reach its epistemological, intellectual, and cultural roots. **Examine** various philosophical and intellectual perspectives and

projects that have addressed the crisis of the Arab mind. **Attempt** to revive the Arab mind by constructing a new Arab mind.

Symposium Tracks / Themes

Track	Description
Theme 1	Concept of the Arab Mind: Tracing its concept and historical trajectory throughout history.
Theme 2	Causes and Roots of the Crisis: Examining the causes and civilizational dimensions (intellectual, cultural, political, economic, and social).
Theme 3	The Crisis of Awareness: Studying its impact on Arab-Islamic societies in terms of thought on one hand, and behavior on the other.
Theme 4	The Crisis of Values: Investigating its impact on society across political, economic, social, cultural, and ethical domains.
Theme 5	The Arab Mind in the Digital Age: Exploring how the Arab mind copes with globalization and AI, and AI's impact on human formation and ethical values.
Theme 6	Overcoming the Crisis: Discussing methods to overcome the crisis and working toward revival by building a new Arab mind.

Important Dates

Milestone	Deadline
Abstract Submission Deadline	October 01, 2026

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Notification of Abstract Acceptance	October 05, 2026
Full Paper Submission Deadline	November 05, 2026
Final Notification of Paper Acceptance	November 10, 2026
Symposium Date	December 07, 2026

Participation Conditions & Guidelines

- The research paper must strictly adhere to one of the designated symposium themes.
- The paper must be original and not previously presented at other symposiums or published in scientific journals.
- The paper must fulfill standard academic rules and scientific research methodology.
- **Formatting:** Arabic papers must use *Simplified Arabic* font (size 14). Foreign language papers must use *Times New Roman* font (size 12).
- Citations and references must be placed at the end of the research paper, including appendices.
- Abstract length: **250 to 300 words**.
- Full paper length: **12 to 20 pages**.
- Only **individual submissions** are accepted.
- **Languages of Participation:** Arabic, English, and French.
- Rejected abstracts or papers will not receive a response notification.

Participation Fees

- **University Professors & Researchers:** 4,000 DZD
- **Doctoral Students:** 1,500 DZD

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