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*Organise the :*

**Second Doctoral Forum in Arab Media & Communication**

**29<sup>th</sup> February to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

**Venue: Mostaganem University, Algeria**

**Call for Papers:**

The Arab world has been witnessing continuous developments on the political, economic, socio-cultural and media and communication levels. This has led many scholars and those interested in the field of information and communication to recognize the existence of a shift in the level of dealing with the various problems associated with this research area. In spite of the contradictory views of those who associate the primary role to the media in these changes, and those who see it as one of several factors that have helped open up the horizons for the Arab researchers today, poses problematics that are sometimes special, and controversial. This entails a lot of scrutiny in order to understand the importance of the actors in Arab media and communication scene today.

In this context, the Laboratory of Media and Communication Studies at the University of Mostaganem in Algeria, the Arab Media and Communication Network and the Institute of Journalism and Information Sciences at the University of Manouba in Tunisia, organise the Second Doctoral Forum in Arab Media and Communication.

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With the First Doctoral Forum organised last year at the University of Manouba, Tunisia along with this second forum we aim at bring together doctoral researchers on Arab media and communication. This annual gathering of Arab academics has been growing into a unique opportunity for those who wish to develop a network of researchers in the same field, and form a common research ground between them.

This forum will be a great opportunity for research students in media and communication sciences to present their doctoral projects, exchange views and ideas on their progress in research and their ability to choose appropriate approaches to the nature of their research work.

This second forum for Arab researcher coincides with what has been perceived as a second wave of Arab Spring events and socio-political changes in the Arab region and beyond. All these transformations have had many manifestations on the level of the problems posed in relation to the fields of research in the media and communication sciences. These effects which are often difficult to assess, require us to show a flexible knowledge of the ability to interpret and prepare everything new to serve the field of research in media science and communication as an update value for individuals, society and the state in the Arab world.

Therefore, this field of enquiry requires us to allocate spaces at the heart of this forum in its second edition to analyse and assess the extent of our cognitive readiness to engage in such issues, and understand the impact of this speedy transformation in media and communication on our societies.

### **Objectives of the Forum:**

In this context, the Second Doctoral Forum in Arab Media and Communication will be an opportunity to engage researchers in Arab media and communication into this growing field of enquiry and to provide an opportunity for their direct interaction with their peers and with well-established academics.

This forum is also an opportunity to introduce doctoral students to the prevailing research trends as well as emerging Arab and international ones. The key objectives of this event can be summarised in the following:

- Developing scientific exchange among Arab researchers in the field of information and communication sciences.
- Reducing research gaps between those working in the field of information and communication sciences in different Arab countries.
- Unveil emerging research themes in the information and communication sciences, both Arab and international, by presenting the research problems that the doctoral students are working on.
- Develop intersections of various research approaches, especially those related to emerging issues in the Arab media environment after the Arab Spring events.

### **How to participate:**

PhD students in the field of media and communication sciences in the Arab world or students in the same specialization in other international universities may submit a proposal to present their doctoral research. Although we assume that theirs will be works in progress, participants are expected to present their PhD research in its developed stages with initial findings and tangible results.

Proposals should include the following:

- First page should include a title not exceeding 25 words, then the name of the researcher and the institutional affiliation and e-mail address.
- Summary of the research of no more than 1000 words which includes references and sources. The research summary should be structured as follows :

Introduction and context, theoretical framework, research questions, methodology adopted, presentation of the preliminary results (if any) and anticipated contribution to knowledge.

- All proposals will be refereed. The evaluation criteria will be as follows:
  - 1 - Importance of the subject of the doctoral thesis.
  - 2- Research problem and questions.
  - 3 - Clarity of the methodology followed and compatibility with the hypothesis of research.
  4. Quality of the proposal.

Participation is not limited to the submission of doctoral projects, but doctoral students can participate in seminars and workshops and attend presentations to discuss the projects of their colleagues.

### **Programme themes:**

The event's programme will include the following sessions:

- Presentations by doctoral students whose proposals are accepted by the scientific committee.
- Discussions on the current doctoral research in the Arab world: reality and prospects.
- Workshops in research methodology and preparation of doctoral dissertations.
- Talks on the problems of intellectual and epistemological challenges in media and communication sciences today.

### **Forum Language:**

- Doctoral projects submitted to the forum committee are accepted in Arabic, French and English.
- The methodology workshops will also be offered in Arabic, French and English.

### **Participation fees and Expenses:**

- Participants should pay for all their travel expenses.
- The organisers will provide free accommodation and catering during the event.
- Participants will be charged a small fee (not exceeding €50) to cover part of the expenses.
- A certificate of participation will be issued for all participants of the forum.

### **Important dates :**

- Deadline for abstracts submission: 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019.
- Confirmation of abstracts acceptance: 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020.
- Confirmation of attendance by participants: 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020.
- Hotel booking: From 10<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2020.

### **Submission :**

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