



Call for Papers: DAVO Congress 2026

10–12 September 2026 | LMU Munich

The German Middle East Studies Association (DAVO) invites submissions for its 32nd international annual congress. The DAVO Congress is dedicated to advancing academic research and public understanding of North Africa, the Middle East, and West Asia, by examining questions of history, society, politics and economics, culture and religion, language and literature, health, and related fields, while critically engaging with pressing issues within Germany and Europe, including migration, antisemitism, anti-Arab and anti-Muslim racism, and societal transformation.

Submission Period: 1 March – 22 March 2026

DAVO invites submissions for papers, posters, and organised sessions in Middle East studies across all disciplines and approaches. Submissions and registration are supported by the conference management software Converia. The link to the Converia conference page and submission portal is available on the DAVO website, <https://davo1.de/en/>.

Keynote

This year's keynote will be delivered by **Prof. Abdel Razzaq Takriti** (Associate Professor of History and Arab-American Educational Foundation Chair in Arab Studies at Rice University).

Featured Panel: Academic Freedom and Middle East Studies at a Time of Political Pressure

The panel will examine ethical responsibilities and challenges to academic freedom in Middle East Studies in the context of ongoing violence in the Middle East and increasing political pressures in Europe. It will feature representatives from different Middle East Studies Associations in Europe.

Preliminary Programme Overview and DAVO Members' Meeting

The Congress will start at 1 pm (registration will be open from 12 pm) on Thursday 10 September 2026, and it will end at 5:30 pm on Saturday 12 September 2026. The DAVO members' meeting is currently scheduled to take place from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm on Saturday 12 September 2026.

For more information, visit: <https://davo1.de/en/>.