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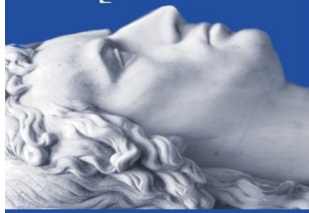


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*RECONCILIATION, CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION AND PEACE STUDIES*

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## AARMENA



The Academic Alliance for Reconciliation In the Middle East and North Africa (AARMENA) is a gateway of knowledge transfer, research development, and curriculum building in reconciliation, conflict transformation, and peace studies adopting a Transdisciplinary research approach at the Master, Doctoral, and Post-Doc academic levels.

It is an alliance of universities and other higher educational institutions, scholars, and academics willing to **do joint research** and build up **teaching programs and curriculums in Reconciliation, Conflict Transformation and Peace Studies in Transdisciplinary approach and Research**. Alternatively, integrate the new **curriculums into** their academic programs in **program courses** and develop master's degrees and Ph.D. programs in their educational academic degrees in the Higher Education Institutions.

The AARMENA marks the unique significance of the "Reconciliation , conflict transformation and peace processes in the Middle of Conflict" concept for our present time. It recognizes the interdependence of political practice in understanding and actualizing authority in inter-trans-m multidisciplinary spheres in the academic world.

# PROGRAMS

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## INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

*Connecting Higher education institutions with signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)*

## SYMPOSIUMS

*Scientific conferences and joint meeting with partners and members. Every two years there is one symposium.*

## WORKSHOPS & TEACHING PROGRAMS

*Cooperation with Professors, scholars and students.*

## SUMMER/WINTER SCHOOLS

*Two semesters, consists of ten sessions, each session is scheduled in one day a week for three hours.*

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## CURRICULUM DESIGN FOR MASTER PROGRAMS

*Designing based curriculum in reconciliation, conflict transformation and peace studies in accordance to context of its local development.*

## JOINT RESEARCH PROJECTS

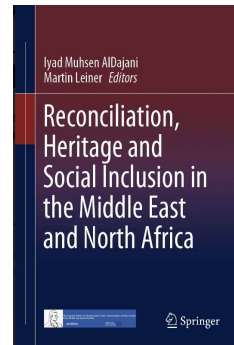
*Developing research projects with AARMENA members and with Higher Education Institutions in the MENA region.*

## JOINT PUBLICATION

*AARMENA published several publications, its publication is with Professors and experts in the field.*

## DOCTORAL SCHOOL

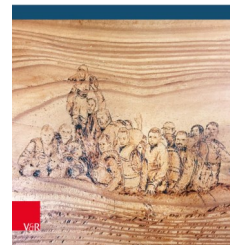
*AARMENA doctoral school is part of the graduate academy at Friedrich Schiller university and the research philosophy is reconciliation, conflict transformation and peace education .*

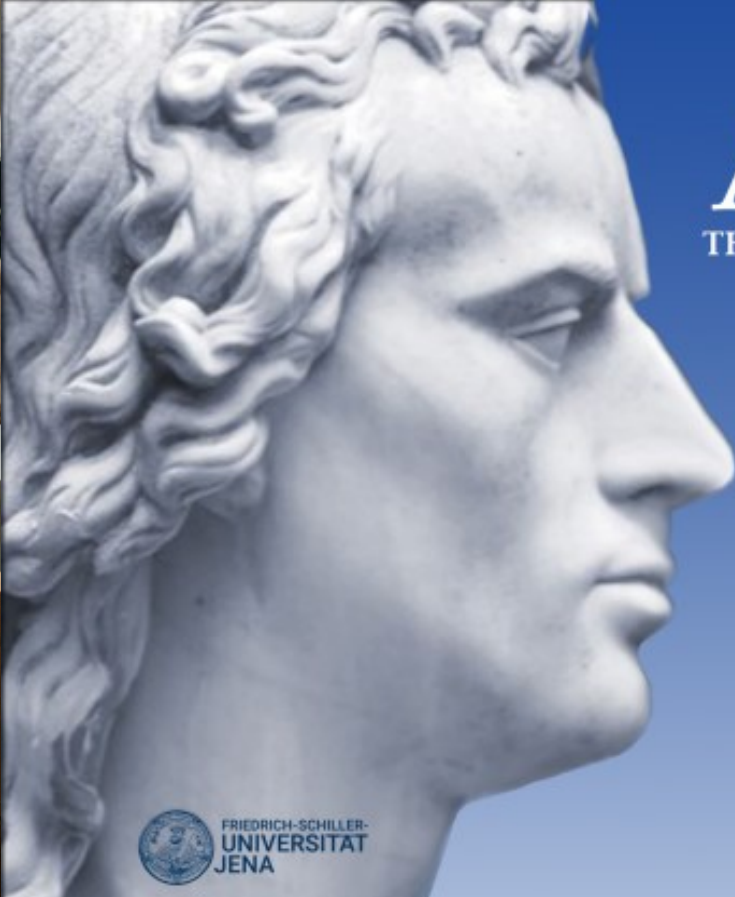


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## Reconciliation and Refugees

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## MISSION

AARMENA aims to achieve philosophical and theoretical foundations for understanding the processes, measurements, and practices relevant to fostering the best-possible relationships in violence, atrocities, genocides, wars, dictatorships, segregation, enslavement, and other crimes against humanity. AARMENA introduces reconciliation into peacebuilding research studies as an Inter-Multi-Transdisciplinary in a multi-scale scientific field that focuses on the individual, group, inter-group, out-group, and multi-scale involvements in conflicts.

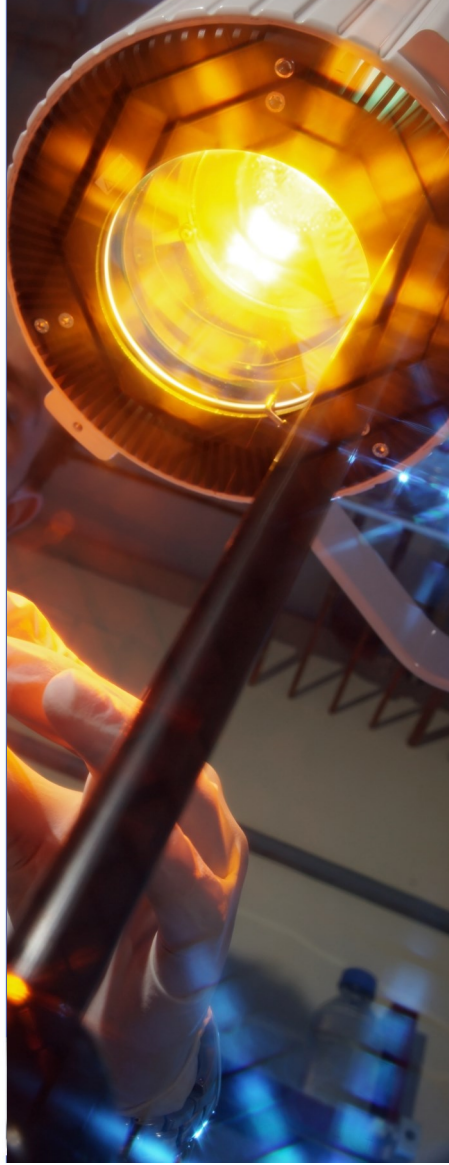
## DEVELOPMENT

- Capacity Building
- Symposiums
- Curriculum Designs
- Workshops & Teaching Program
- Joint Research & Projects
- Joint Publications
- Summer School
- International Cooperation

## OVERVIEW

**The Academic Alliance for Reconciliation in the Middle East and Northern Africa (AARMENA)** works with Reconciliation, conflict transformation, and peace education as a promising approach to transform violent conflicts and trigger social and cultural change in the MENA region. The area is the most affected by wars, civil wars, and gross human rights violations nowadays. Since the 1990s, reconciliation and peacebuilding studies have strongly developed in some centers worldwide. However, the discipline is still relatively absent from the academic curricula of universities that triggers the stakeholders, academics, youth, and women in the MENA region. After the AARMENA inauguration in 2018, was astonishing successful to illustrate international cooperation of universities' widespread and intensive interest to develop Reconciliation, conflict transformation, peace studies within a cooperative framework. These developments suggest that one of the main goals of the AARMENA, that being the establishment and the spreading of reconciliation studies in the Higher Education Institutions. The study of the reconciliation process, conflict transformation, and peace is ongoing progress vital that would help societies, plead, and help assist in reconciling with enemies to make a better future for their children. For that reason, the AARMENA is a way for prosperity among nations, communities and in science.

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## RESEARCH

The AARMENA promotes Interdisciplinary, Cross-disciplinary, and Trans-disciplinary approaches that integrate Theology, Philosophy, Religious Science, Ethics, Psychology, Sociology, Political Science, Economics, Law, Media Studies, Art, History, and Information Technologies sciences research and provide the scientific scale of internet communication technologies introducing digital Humanities in reconciliation peacebuilding studies.

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## METHODOLGOY

AARMENA would exploit research and teaching programs on reconciliation, conflict transformation and peace studies through the exchange of scholarly work between academics by stimulating – 1– Strengthening universities cooperation - 2 Local and international workshops – 3 developing a joint Symposium, summers/winter schools, curriculum design and research – 4 - Integrating courses in the teaching programs of the member universities – 6 Joint Publication and a new perspectives to develop joint research.

# PUBLICATIONS

## AARMENA HAS BOOK SERIES

- Reconciliation and Refugees.
- Heritage, Reconciliation and Socail Inclusion
- Reconciliation, conflict transformation and peace studies
- Intenret Communication Technologies for Reconciliation, Applied Phronesis in Internet Research Methodlogies.
- International Journal publications with students with scopus ranking.



# DOCTORAL SCHOOL (PH.D)

AARMENA Ph.D. program is in reconciliation, conflict transformation, and peace studies in an Transdisciplinary scientific field. We are developing research in reconciliation, conflict transformation and peace studies for best practices in various scientific disciplines in Education, Politics, Law, Religion, Media, Geography, Tourism, Urbanism, Economics, Digital humanities, security and communal peace.

# THE ALBERT SCHWEITZER GOLDEN MEDALLION FOR SCIENCE AND ARTS.

AARMENA awarded the Albert Schwitzer Golden Medallion on Feb. 22 .2023 in Wien Austria



# KONTAKT

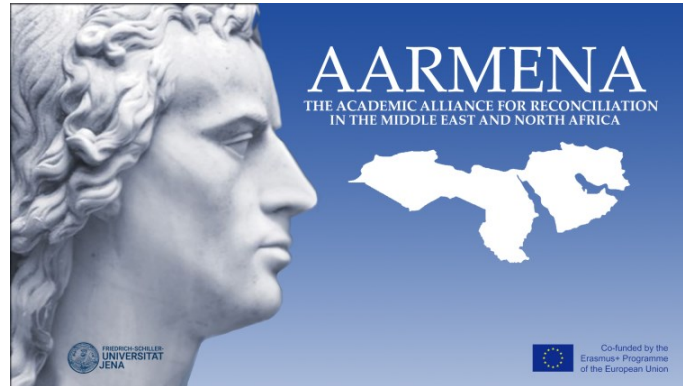
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