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Amal, Berlin!:

New voices in local journalism

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Local journalism in Arabic, Farsi and Dari? The project **Amal, Berlin!** was founded in 2017 as an Online News platform with up to date reporting on local news, current affairs and events in Berlin in Arabic and Dari/Farsi. Currently, there are 10 journalists from Syria, Iran, Afghanistan and Egypt working at the offices of Amal, Berlin!. They cover a wide range of topics and issues: From daily life in kindergartens to what's going in the Berlin town hall and the sprawling and diverse cultural scene in Berlin. Just recently, the project opened a second branch, **Amal, Hamburg!**.

In our 19th DAFG Jour Fixe, we will talk to Julia Gerlach, project manager of Amal, Berlin!, and Khalid Alaboud, who covers the encounters of newer and longer-time residents in daily life, about the project's origins and idea, the editorial work in a news room that brings together so many different nationalities and sensitivities as well as about how the project has been perceived so far and what challenges have emerged along the way.

The DAFG Jour Fixe-series aims to be a platform for dialogue which primarily addresses English-speaking students and young professionals interested in the exchange between Germany and the Arab world.



Julia Gerlach is Project Manager at Amal, Berlin!. She covered the Middle East between 2008 and 2015 for German media from Cairo and worked previously for the ZDF Heute Journal. She has also written several books about Islam in Germany and the "Arab Spring".



Khalid Alaboud studied Arabic Literature at the University of Damaskus and was a teacher in his hometown Der-aa afterwards. After leaving Syria, he worked at radio stations in Jordan. Since 2014, he is living in Berlin and takes part in the storytelling project „House of Syrian Stories“. For Amal, Berlin!, he primarily writes reports about the encounters between newer and longer-time residents in Berlin.

We look forward to your participation. If you wish to attend, feel free to register until 8 May 2019 via our website or with Jan-Philipp Zychla, Project Coordinator (jan-philipp.zychla@dafg.eu, 030-20654812).