

**Potentialities for academic cooperation
between
Iranian and German Scholars
In
Humanities and social sciences**

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Wilhelm v. Humboldt

22.6.1767 – 8.4.1835

“Idea of the University”

The main achievements of higher-education system of Iran in Humanities and Social Sciences:

More than 50% of students, professors and in Iran are studying and teaching in the field of humanities and social sciences

55% of research and scientific Journals are publishing in the various field of Human Sciences

- More than 80% of the book market in Iran appertained to humanities and social sciences.
 - Most of the books are translated from western writers, thinkers and philosophers, specially German philosophers
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Some of important German thinkers in Iranian academic programs and debates:

Philosophy:

Kant

Hegel

Heidegger

Husserl

Gadamer

Sociology:

Max Weber

Karl Marx

Max Horkheimer

Ralf Dahrendorf

George Simmel

Jurgen Habermas

Psychology:

Sigmund Freud

Hebert Simon

Erich From

Karen Horney

Common thought

International Academic Cooperation in Iran

“The first student exchange program in 1811”



The Capacities of Iran's higher-education system, particularly in the field of human sciences :

- The geo-cultural capacities

(cultural diversity, linguistic diversity, religious diversity, climatic diversity, racial diversity),

- long experience in the field of higher education,

- the special geo-political state,

- inexpensive higher education,

A huge motivation for study and inquiry in social science and humanity

In developed societies, *humanities* enjoy a “**capital credit**”, while in less developed societies, this science is often described as a series of subjective and conceptual sciences having “**expenditure credit**”. In Iran, Humanities and social sciences are the base of our social change and program of development.

Iran is investing in these fields:

Management
and business
schools

Finance
departments

Future studies

Communication
studies

Law
departments

Tourism studies

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Cultural sciences enjoy a **capital credit and civilization-making nature.**

Critical humanities and social sciences:

- plurality in hypothesizing,
- continuity in questioning,
- thinking in idea-formation

(for the purpose of choosing right orientations, and
improvement of the society)



There is a dialectical relationship between the level of development of “humanities and social sciences” and “national development”.



**Iran-Germany
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OUR MAIN SUGGESTION



Joint DIES-Seminar of German Rectors' Conference (HRK) and Allameh Tabataba'i University (ATU):

International Academic Cooperation in Humanities and Social Sciences: Enhancing Internationalisation and Managing Partnerships between Universities in Germany and Iran

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Challenges:


- Requiring practical and targeted policies
 - Lack of joint degree programs
 - Need for more joint research
 - Difficulties in terms of executive problems
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“education” (first generation),

“research” (second generation),

“entrepreneurship and wealth creation”
(third generation),

“new professional model” (fourth
generation).



The central mission of the fourth generation of Iranian and German universities is **managing the future change** and **leading its immediate ecosystem** by using communication tools and international collaborations.
