

APSA MENA Workshops

Political Science in the Arab Middle East & North Africa



CALL FOR PROPOSALS MENA Political Science Research and Publication Conference Tunis, Tunisia July 25-27, 2017

The American Political Science Association ([APSA](#)) is pleased to announce a Call for Proposals for scholars interested in the upcoming MENA Political Science Research and Publication Conference. This three-day program offers a unique opportunity to share and receive critical feedback on research manuscripts, network with colleagues from across the MENA region, and contribute to a range of forthcoming publications.

Organized in partnership with the Center for Maghreb Studies in Tunis ([CEMAT](#)), the conference will be held in Tunis from July 25-27, 2017. Up to 50 scholars will be invited to attend, including up to 30 alumni of the [APSA MENA Workshops](#) program. In partnership with the Project on Middle East Political Science ([POMEPS](#)), and with support from Carnegie Corporation of New York, the organizers will cover the cost of airfare and hotel accommodation for all invited scholars. The working language of the conference is English.

The conference is targeted at Ph.D. students and early-career faculty based at institutions in the Middle East and North Africa. Scholars based outside the MENA region are also welcome. The program is open to those undertaking Middle East political science research across a range of contemporary topics, including:

- State – Society relations
- Democratization
- Elections and Electoral Laws
- Political Institutions
- Political violence and extremism
- Political Economy
- Citizenship, Migration, and Refugees
- Middle East International Relations
- Civil Society and Civic Engagement
- Sectarianism and Ethnic Conflict

Invited scholars will be expected to prepare an original, solo-authored, high-quality research manuscript which, during the conference, will be shared in small working groups for discussion and critical feedback. Key leaders in thematic fields will be invited as discussants and plenary speakers. Following the conference, select attendees will be invited to contribute a revised version of their research for inclusion in a variety of potential publications, including special issues, symposia, policy briefs, collected essays, and other collaborative publications.

The 2017 conference is part of APSA's effort to support political science research among early-career scholars in the Arab Middle East and North Africa, and strengthen research networks linking Arab scholars with colleagues overseas. Additional information and a link to the Proposal Submission Form can be found online at the APSA MENA Workshop website: <http://web.apsanet.org/mena/>. **The deadline for proposals is Sunday, March 19, 2017.**

Proposals must be in English and include:

1. The online application: <https://apsa.wufoo.com/forms/mena-political-science-research-conference/>.
2. A detailed, recent Curriculum Vitae/resume.
3. A 500-word abstract summarizing the work-in-progress you intend to develop and share for feedback at the conference. The abstract should outline the main theme of the paper, its methodology, and the data/fieldwork on which it is based. Submissions should not be an excerpt from an already completed work or one that has already been accepted for publication. Research submissions may be derived from an ongoing dissertation project but should function as a stand-alone piece.
4. A brief statement describing where you are in your career and how the submission relates to your research interests and broader research agenda.

Successful applicants will be notified in early April and a mandatory deadline for revised manuscripts will be set for late June. For more information, contact menaworkshops@apsanet.org.