

The Middle East and North African Studies Association
at the University of Arizona Presents:
**15th Annual Southwest Graduate Conference
in Middle Eastern and North African Studies**

**Spatial and Temporal Imaginaries:
Transcending Power, Identity and Body**

Call for Abstracts:

The Middle East and North Africa Graduate Student Organization (MENA), the Center for Middle Eastern Studies (CMES) and the School of Middle Eastern and North African Studies (MENAS) at the University of Arizona cordially invite you to participate in the 15th Annual Southwest Graduate Conference in Middle Eastern and North African Studies to be held from **Thursday March 26, 2015 to Saturday March 28, 2015** in Tucson, Arizona.

Keynote Speaker:

Professor **Jasbir Puar** will be this year's keynote speaker. On Friday March 27 she will deliver a talk entitled "The 'Right' to Maim: Disablement, Gaza and Disaster Capitalism."

Objectives:

This conference aims to strengthen ties between academic disciplines, provide a platform for graduate students to present their research projects and exchange ideas, and create a network of emerging scholars spanning a variety of fields. This year's conference is focused on the idea of "imaginaries," i.e., social, political, cultural, historic, linguistic, performative and other ways in which collectives and identities are formed and negotiated.

We encourage abstract submissions not only from students within Middle Eastern and North African Studies programs, but also from Anthropology, Economics, Education, Gender and Women Studies, Geography, History, Journalism, Law, LGBT/Queer studies, Linguistics, Literature, Music, Philosophy, Political Science, Public Health, Religious Studies, Sociology, Translation, etc.

Paper Topics:

Paper topics may include, but are not limited to Art and Architecture, Borders, Colonialism, Dance and Performing Arts, Diaspora, Disability, Environment, Human Rights, Identity, Media and Visual Arts, Memory, Migration, Minorities, Nationalism, Peace and Security Studies, Pedagogy, Sexuality, Social Movements, etc.

Submission Guidelines:

Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals for individual papers and pre-organized panels. Individual paper abstracts and panel proposals are due **Monday January 12, 2015**. Individual paper abstracts must be 250 words and submitted as a Microsoft Word or PDF file. Non-standard fonts should be embedded in the PDF format. In the body of the email, please include author's name, paper title, school and department affiliation, phone number, and email address. A panel organizer must submit an anonymous panel proposal that must include the description of the panel and an abstract for each paper on it. In the body of the email please indicate a panel title and each paper title, each presenter's name, school and department affiliation, phone number and email address.

Individual paper abstracts and panel proposals must be emailed to **uamena@gmail.com**

Notifications of acceptance will be sent out within three weeks of the abstract submission deadline. For further information, please visit **<http://menas.arizona.edu/mena-conference>** or submit your inquiries to **uamena@gmail.com**

Select papers may be published in the academic peer-reviewed online journal **Zaytoon**.

Related Events

On March 26 Professor **Paul Amar** will deliver a public talk on the University of Arizona campus.

On March 26 Professor **Ervand Abrahamian** will give a public lecture.

More information about these events will be provided as it becomes available.