

The Middle East and North African Graduate Student Association at the  
University of Arizona Presents:

## **18<sup>th</sup> Annual Southwest Graduate Conference in Middle Eastern and North African Studies**

*Examining Novel Approaches within Diverse Disciplines*

### **Call for Abstracts**

The Middle East and North African 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 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Southwest Graduate Conference in Middle Eastern and North African Studies to be held on **Thursday, March 22, 2018 – Friday, March 23, 2018** in Tucson, Arizona.

### **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. We encourage abstract submissions not only from students within Middle Eastern and North African Studies programs, but also from Linguistics, Literature, German Studies, Law, LGBT/Queer Studies, Journalism, Gender and Women Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Public Health, Religious Studies, Sociology, Translation, Anthropology, Economic, Education, Geography, History, Music, and other studies related to the Middle East and North Africa from approximately the 6<sup>th</sup> century to the present (and beyond).

### **Submission Guidelines:**

Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals for individual paper and pre-organized panels. **Submissions** are due **February 5th**. Individual paper abstracts must be 250 words and submitted as a Microsoft Word or PDF file. 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 includes the description of the panel and an abstract for each paper on it. Abstracts and proposals must be emailed to [uamena@gmail.com](mailto:uamena@gmail.com). Notifications of acceptance will be sent out within two weeks of the submission deadline. For further information, please visit <http://menas.arizona.edu/mena-conference> or submit your inquiries to [uamena@gmail.com](mailto:uamena@gmail.com). Selected papers will be published in the academic peer-reviewed online journal Zaytoon.

### **Keynote Speaker**

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Hanan Hammad will give this year's keynote address. Dr. Hammad is an Associate Professor in the Department of History and Director of Middle East Studies at Texas Christian University. One of her current research projects focuses on the intersection between gender, sexuality, and rural to urban migration among working class men and women in Egypt.