Alumni at the MESA Annual Meeting
in Washington, DC – November 18-21, 2017

This year, 15 MENA Workshop alumni (including fellows and co-leaders) were invited to discuss their research and/or chair a panel at the Middle East Association’s Annual Meeting. Congratulations to:

**Saturday**
Saturday, November 18; 5:30 – 7:30pm
[4845] Activism, Contestation and Political Participation in the Middle East and North Africa
- *Youth civic and political participation in the MENA: Does trust matter?* Nadine Sika, American University of Cairo (2013 co-leader)

Saturday, November 18; 5:30 – 7:30pm
[4966] Political Parties, Attitudes, and Elections
- *Wasta and clientelism: The intersection of social and political linkage in the MENA;* Kristen Kao, University of Gothenburg (2015)

**Sunday**
Sunday, November 19; 8:00 – 10:00am

Sunday, November 19; 10:30am – 12:30pm
[4812] Tourism, Heritage, and the Politics of Place in the Middle East

Sunday, November 19; 10:30am – 12:30pm
[4870] Politics of Legitimacy in the Maghreb
- *Commander of the faithless: Challenging the myth of monarchical religious legitimacy in Morocco;* Yasmina Abouzzohour, University of Oxford (2016)

**Monday**
Monday, November 20; 8:00 – 10:00am
[4953] Politics, History and State Formation in the Modern Middle East
- *Discussant: Fred H. Lawson,* Mills College (2014 co-leader)

Monday, November 20; 3:30 – 5:30pm
[4850] Arab Public Opinion Research: Challenges and Prospects
- *Chair/Discussant: Amaney A. Jamal,* Princeton University (2013 co-leader)
- *Survey attitudes in the Middle East: Hindrance or help?* Justin Gengler, Qatar University (2015 co-leader) and Mark A. Tessler, University of Michigan (2015 co-leader)
Tuesday
Tuesday, November 21; 10:30am – 12:30pm
[4869] Loyalists in the Gulf: Reliable Partners or Independent Actors

- **Chair:** Michael Herb, Georgia State University (2015 co-leader)
- **Clients or challengers?: Tribal constituents in Kuwait, Qatar, and the UAE; Courtney Freer, London School of Economics and Political Science (2015)**

Tuesday, November 21; 1:00 – 3:00pm
[4739] On the Verge of Rout: The Politics of Hope and Disappointment Post the Arab Spring

- **Chair:** Amaney A. Jamal, Princeton U (2013 co-leader)
- **Contested power and authoritarian restructuring: Egypt between January 2011 and June 2013; Shimaa Hatab, Cairo University (2016)**
- **Activism amidst disappointment: Women’s groups and the politics of hope in Egypt; Nermin Allam, Princeton University (2013)**

Tuesday, November 21; 1:00 – 3:00pm
[4826] Vulnerability and Exclusion: Examining Access to Services and Institutions for Syrian Refugees and Residents of Cairo’s Ashwayyat

- **Chair/Discussant:** Denis J. Sullivan, Northeastern University (2016 co-leader)

Tuesday, November 21; 1:00 – 3:00pm
[4994] Schooling the Nation: The Politics of Education in Historical Perspective

- **Education in Palestine: A good case to be made; Ghada AlMadbouh, Birzeit University (2014 co-leader)**