

## International Workshops: Alumni Networking Grants

In support of APSA's International Workshops, approximately \$75,000 in annual small grant funding is available to members of the Africa Workshops (with support from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation) and MENA Workshops (with support from the Carnegie Corporation of New York) alumni communities. Funding is used to support alumni participation in professional development opportunities, facilitate networking potential, and encourage regional collaboration among scholars and academic institutions. Small grants were awarded from July 2015 to January 2016.

### AFRICA WORKSHOPS

Alumni Networking Grant recipients are listed below with the year of their Africa Workshop listed in parenthesis followed by the amount of their grant.

**Abdul-Gafaru Abdulai** (2014) – \$1,200  
**Ndubuisi Christian Ani** (2015) – \$460  
**George Bob-Milliar** (2012) – \$1,500  
**Enock Mudzamiri** (2015) – \$713  
**Yacouba Ouedraogo** (2013) – \$1,223  
**Odette Murara** (2015) – \$2,000  
**Mohamed Bakari, John Clark, Lucy Massoi, and William Walwa** (2015) – \$11,000

**Ahmed Ibrahim, Aditi Malik, and Cori Wielenga** (2015) – \$11,500  
**Doreen Alusa, Dalaya Asheanfi, Bamlaku Assegu, and Sabala Kizito** (2015) – \$11,500  
**Hassan Njifon Njoya and Josiane Tousse Djou** (2015) – \$3,000  
**Total Grant Amount: \$44,096.00**

### MENA WORKSHOPS

Alumni Networking Grant recipients are listed below with the year of their MENA Workshop listed in parenthesis followed by the amount of their grant.

**Hadi Abdalhadi Aljila** (2015) – \$1,000  
**Mohamed-Ali** (2015) – \$1,000  
**Huda Alsahi** (2015) – \$1,000  
**Kristin Eggeling** (2015) – \$1,000  
**Mamdouh Shouman** (2015) – \$1,000  
**Kristen Kao** (2015) – \$1,000  
**Luai Allarakia** (2015) – \$1,000  
**May Darwich (2013) and Somaia ElSayed** (2014) – \$12,000  
**Total Grant Amount: \$19,000.00**

Additional information on these grant programs can be found on the Africa Workshop ([www.apsanet.org/africaworkshops](http://www.apsanet.org/africaworkshops)) and MENA Workshop (<http://web.apsanet.org/mena/>) websites. Questions should be directed to Andrew Stinson at [astinson@apsanet.org](mailto:astinson@apsanet.org) (for Africa Workshop grants) and Ahmed Morsy at [amorsy@apsanet.org](mailto:amorsy@apsanet.org) (for MENA Workshop grants).

## APSA Workshops in the Middle East and North Africa

APSA's 2015 MENA Workshops program concluded with a one-week conference in Kuwait, hosted by the Alsalam Center for Development and Strategic Studies from December 13–17, 2015. The event was part of a multi-year initiative to support political science research and networking in the Arab Middle East and North Africa. Funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the MENA Workshops program is a major component of APSA's efforts to engage with international political science communities and support research networks linking US scholars with their colleagues overseas.

The Kuwait workshop was the second in a two-part series "The Resource Curse in Middle East and North Africa." Coleading the program were Justin Gengler (Qatar University), Michael Herb (Georgia State University, USA), Ghanim Alnajjar (Kuwait University), Alanoud Al Sharekh (Kuwait University), and Mark Tessler (University of Michigan, USA).

Participating scholars included 22 PhD students and early-career faculty from across the MENA region, Europe, and the United States. Each scholar is currently undertaking research related to the rentier state literature and issues currently affecting resource-rich states. The workshop featured eight research panels in which participants presented their findings and received feedback from their colleagues and workshop coleaders. Additionally, the program included professional development sessions on publishing, networking, and the profession, as well as a public lecture delivered by Mohammad Al-Sabah, former Kuwaiti Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs. Following their participation in the 2015 MENA Workshops program, alumni received a three-year membership to APSA and are eligible to apply for small grant funding to advance their research.

Since 2013, APSA has organized six workshops throughout the MENA region. Approximately 70 scholars have taken part in the program, which is funded through 2016. For more information, visit APSA's MENA Workshops website at <http://web.apsanet.org/mena/>. ■



2016 MENA Workshop alumni and coleaders in Al Shaheed Park in Kuwait.