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-Gafar Abdulai (2014) – $1,200
Ndubisi Christian Ani (2015) – $460
George Bob-Milliar (2012) – $1,500
Enock Mudzamiri (2015) – $713
Yacouba Ouédraogo (2013) – $8,223
Odette Murara (2015) – $2,000
Mohamed Bakari, John Clark, Lucy Massoi, and William Walwa (2015) – $11,000

Doreen Alusa, Dalaya Assegu, 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 Eggleling (2015) – $1,000
Mamdouh Shouman (2015) – $1,000
Kristen Kao (2015) – $1,000
Lui Allarakhia (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 Workshops (www.apsanet.org/africaworkshops) and MENA Workshop (http://web.apsanet.org/mena/) websites. Questions should be directed to Andrew Stinson at astinson@apsanet.org (for Africa Workshop grants) and Ahmed Morsy at amorsy@apsanet.org (for MENA Workshop grants).

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

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/.

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