

APSA MENA Newsletter

Call for Submissions: Interdisciplinary Research in MENA Political Science

The APSA MENA Newsletter, a publication emerging from the Middle East and North Africa Workshops of the American Political Science Association, is a community-building initiative designed to serve as a platform for Political Science researchers interested in the MENA region. The newsletter publishes short pieces addressing the variety of methodological, theoretical, empirical, and ethical concerns reflected in the study of the region. More importantly, it encourages dialogue, engagement, and conversation between different disciplines and fields studying the Middle East. The newsletter provides scholars with a valuable opportunity to “bounce their ideas” in a friendly, amiable but professional forum of peers interested in similar substantive, methodological, and regional issues.

The forthcoming issue will focus on *how and why scholars of the MENA region conduct interdisciplinary research*. Recent scholarship shows that researchers are increasingly approaching politics of the MENA through lenses of innovative interdisciplinary research. Interdisciplinary research integrates concepts, perspectives, and/or theories from two or more disciplines, such as political sociology, political psychology, etc. This issue aims to spotlight the promises and challenges of combining several disciplinary perspectives in the study of MENA Political Science. The issue explores – without being limited to – the following questions:

- How do scholars of the MENA region use interdisciplinary approaches in their fieldwork?
- What are the benefits and/or costs of conducting co-authored interdisciplinary research?
- In what ways may interdisciplinary research offer critical insights on topics such as political economy, social movements, democracy and governance, education policy, etc. (research submissions and/or reflections on research experiences are encouraged)?

We encourage submissions from scholars across the MENA research spectrum on topics related, but not limited to - emerging interdisciplinary research fields in Middle East politics. While we encourage contributions from MENA-based scholars, we are keen to ensure diversity among our contributors in terms of gender, field of study and affiliations.

Submissions and Deadline

Submissions, whether research findings, personal reflections or book reviews, should be between 1200-1500 words, and sent to menanewsletter@apsanet.org. Authors should send their contribution in a MS Word format using *Times New Roman 12* font, and follow the [Author-Date system of the 16th Edition of the Chicago Manual of Style](#) for referencing. Please include the author’s affiliation, a two-line biography, and a 75-word abstract with your submission. The deadline for submissions is **15 March 2018**.

The Newsletter also includes a list of news, announcements, and calls. One of the APSA MENA Newsletter’s most important goals is to engender a sense of community among MENA scholars around the world. If you have anything that you would like to share with others, please contact us, and we will be happy to include it in the next issue. Also, please visit our [webpage](#), where you can see previous issues and subscribe to our newsletter.

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