The virtual summer program is the first part of the 2020 APSA MENA Program. It will take place over four weeks starting with a “Meet and Greet” session on Tuesday July 28 and followed by weekly sessions on Thursdays - July 30, August 6, 13 & 20. The virtual program will provide fellows with initial research feedback and an opportunity to engage in thematic discussions related to Critical Security Studies in the MENA region. We expect the virtual program to be followed by an in-person workshop in spring/summer 2021 featuring research feedback, scholarly engagement, and other professional development support.

The four thematic issues that will be discussed during the virtual program are:

1. Securitization
2. International Intervention and Insecurity
3. South-South Relations and Comparative Regionalism
4. Migration and Borders

For each thematic issue, fellows will be provided 4-5 required readings as well as a short video recorded by the co-leaders. Fellows are required to review this content and then submit a 300-500 word reflection. The reflection may highlight a specific argument that fellows would like to discuss further; critiques of the arguments found in the readings; or outline how the readings might relate to fellows’ research papers.

Weekly discussions will be held on Thursdays. Fellows will be divided into two groups so that each discussion is attended by 8 fellows and facilitated by 2 co-leaders. The co-leaders moderating each discussion group will rotate so that each group will meet with each of the co-leaders across the four weeks of the program. Fellows are expected to attend and actively participate in each of the weekly sessions. We encourage all participants to keep their cameras on during the virtual sessions, which could help compensate a little for not being in-person. It also helps your peers and co-leaders maintain a lively session.

One of the key components of the MENA workshops is research feedback. Fellows are required to submit a full draft of their papers at least 3 weeks prior to the start of the workshop (no more than 8,000 words; based on the abstract submitted as part of the workshop application). Co-leaders will read and provide feedback so that each fellow receives two written reviews on their research papers. At the end of the virtual program, fellows will be invited to provide written feedback to their peers’ work. More information on the optional peer feedback assignments will be shared at the conclusion of the virtual program.

Please note that draft research papers are shared among this closed group with the understanding that they are not to be shared, referenced, or quoted from without prior consent of the author.

Additional program information will be uploaded to a closed workshop site, which will be updated with readings, short videos, schedule, fellows’ manuscripts, and other relevant information. We will send a note as soon as the website is ready. Following the virtual program, we encourage fellows and co-leaders to stay engaged with the thematic issues and connected with one another. Discussion groups may continue to meet periodically on their own initiative.
own, and co-leaders may be available for mentoring as their scheduled permit. We expect to have a better sense of when we can hold the in-person workshop by early fall and will update all fellows as soon as possible.

**Reading list for the Summer 2020 Virtual Program**

**Securitization (Samer/Salim)**
- Helle Malmvig (2019) Allow me this one time to speak as a Shi‘i: The sectarian taboo, music videos and the securitization of sectarian identity politics in Hezbollah’s legitimation of its military involvement in Syria, *Mediterranean Politics*.

**International Intervention and Insecurity (Samer/Zaynab)**

**South-South Relations and Comparative Regionalism (Omar/Salim)**
- Dahi, O. and Demir, F. (2016) “Introduction to South-South Relations” in *South South Trade and Finance in the Twenty-First Century: Rise of the South Or a Second Great Divergence*. Anthem

**Migration/Borders (Omar/Zaynab)**

https://mipa.institute/5496

**Schedule for the Summer 2020 Virtual Program**

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| **Preparation**           | - Fellows submit working draft (including abstract) of research prior to the start of the program  
                          | - Draft papers, readings, and short video lectures are posted to the workshop website  
                          | - Fellows are divided into 2 Discussion Groups                                            | - Co-leaders write read and complete 1-2 page reviews of the 8 fellows in their initial discussion group  
                          |                                                                               | - Co-leaders moderating each discussion group will rotate so both groups interact with all four leaders |
| **Week 1: Securitization**| - Zoom: Introductions and Overview resources for Thematic Issue #1 developed by  
                          | - Zoom: Thematic discussion with Group A  
                          | - Zoom: Thematic discussion with Group B                                                   | - All co-leaders and fellows (Tuesday)  
                          |                                                                               | Samer/Salim  
                          |                                                                               | Omar/Salim (Thursday)  
                          |                                                                               | Samer/Zaynab (Thursday) |
| **Week 2: International Intervention and Insecurity** | resources for Thematic Issue #2 developed by  
                          | - Zoom: Thematic Discussion with Group A  
                          | - Zoom: Thematic Discussion with Group B                                                   | Samer/Zaynab  
                          |                                                                               | Omar/Zaynab (Thursday)  
                          |                                                                               | Samer/Salim (Thursday) |
| **Week 3: South-South Relations and Comparative Regionalism** | resources for Thematic Issue #3 developed by  
                          | - Zoom: Thematic Discussion with Group A  
                          | - Zoom: Thematic Discussion with Group B                                                   | Omar/Zaynab  
                          |                                                                               | Omar/Salim (Thursday)  
                          |                                                                               | Samer/Zaynab (Thursday) |
| **Week 4: Migration and Borders** | - Zoom: Professional Development session resources for Thematic Issue #4 developed by  
                          | - Zoom: Thematic Discussion with Group A  
                          | - Zoom: Thematic Discussion with Group B                                                   | Samer/Zaynab (Tuesday – optional)  
                          |                                                                               | Samer/Salim  
                          |                                                                               | Samer/Zaynab (Thursday)  
                          |                                                                               | Omar/Salim (Thursday) |
| **Follow-up**            | - Fellows complete survey for program feedback  
                          | - Fellows submit revised working drafts of their research for peer review by fellows in their discussion groups (optional)  
                          | - Fellows and co-leaders are encouraged to stay engaged and in communication with one another over the interim period |}

Follow-up:

- Fellows complete survey for program feedback
- Fellows submit revised working drafts of their research for peer review by fellows in their discussion groups (optional)
- Fellows and co-leaders are encouraged to stay engaged and in communication with one another over the interim period