

# APSA MENA Workshops

Political Science in the Arab Middle East & North Africa



## 2021 APSA MENA WORKSHOP CALL FOR LEADERSHIP PROPOSALS

The American Political Science Association (APSA) is pleased to announce a call for proposals from political scientists interested in serving as co-leaders for the 2021 APSA MENA Workshop. **Due to ongoing uncertainty regarding coronavirus and travel restrictions, the 2021 program will be held virtually during spring / summer 2021.** For more information and a full description of the program see <https://web.apsanet.org/mena/>

### **Background**

Funded by Carnegie Corporation of New York (CCNY), the MENA Workshops are a multi-year effort to support political science research and networking among early-career scholars across the region. The workshops extend APSA's engagement with the international political science community and strengthen efforts to support research networks with colleagues in the Arab MENA region. Each program is dedicated to a substantive issue in political science, with an intensive schedule of lectures, topical presentations and debates, peer review sessions, and professional development seminars. Throughout the program, fellows receive critical feedback on their own research and work to refine their manuscripts for publication.

The 2021 Workshop will be led by a team of two scholars based at universities in the Arab world and two scholars based in the U.S. Approximately 12-16 competitively selected PhD candidates and post-doctoral researchers from across the Arab world will be selected to participate as fellows. Workshop co-leaders serve as academic directors of the program and are responsible for assembling a unique set of resources (readings and/or short video lectures) to guide discussion of the workshop themes, moderating weekly zoom discussion groups, and providing detailed feedback on participants' research. Co-leaders will receive a \$2,500 honorarium and join a growing community of scholars who have led APSA's MENA Workshops program.

### **Proposals**

Workshop proposals should be submitted jointly by the four co-leaders and should include sections on:

#### **I. Workshop Theme and Program (2 pages)**

The workshop theme statement should provide a coherent intellectual foundation for the overall program. Prospective co-leaders should specify a thematic focus and outline approximately four relevant sub-themes from which they will build a reading list and set the program schedule. Proposals should address how the theme will incorporate new developments in the field and literature, how it can spotlight research methods suited to pandemic restrictions (such as utilizing online surveys, digital archives or data sets, social media, GIS, etc.), and how the program can support regional networking and publication. We envision a virtual workshop of 4–6 weeks in duration, with 1–2 group interactions per week, via zoom ([see example here](#)). APSA staff and workshop co-leaders will work together to finalize the specific program schedule and dates (preferably sometime between May and September 2021).

#### **II. Workshop Co-leaders (2 pages)**

Identify the workshop co-leaders and describe the division of labor/expertise among them as it relates to the workshop theme. Describe any previous collaboration among team members, any relevant experience among them in organizing virtual workshop or similar programs, and how the team will represent diverse communities and views across MENA and the United States. Include CVs for all co-leaders.

### **Application Timeline and Information**

Proposals should be submitted via this [online form](#) no later than **Sunday February 21, 2021**. Team selection will be announced in early March. Prospective leaders interested in discussing their proposal ideas and/or receiving feedback on a draft proposal are encouraged to contact [menaworkshops@apsanet.org](mailto:menaworkshops@apsanet.org) well before the deadline.