



SeSaMO Conference 2015 – Ca' Foscari University, Venice

January 16-17, 2015

Call for panels

BEYOND THE ARAB UPRISINGS: REDISCOVERING THE MENA REGION



Since the tumultuous events of 2010/2011, the MENA (Middle East and North Africa) region has been the object of a number of studies focusing on the origin, nature and consequences of the Arab Uprisings. The Annual Conference of the Italian Society for Middle Eastern Studies (SeSaMO) aims to build on this scholarship by expanding its focus on the social, economic, political and cultural aspects that are relevant in the region today, from a micro, macro and transnational perspective.

The Italian Society for Middle Eastern Studies (SeSaMO) invites scholars to apply to direct a panel focusing on any topic within Middle Eastern Studies for its next conference that will take place at Ca' Foscari University in Venice on January 16-17, 2015. Interdisciplinary proposals are welcome as well as proposals focusing on distinct areas of interest in the scholarship on the Middle East. With the aim of encouraging scientific interaction with the international scholarly community, the conference will host keynote speakers who will lecture on topics of interest for the Society and who will have the opportunity to listen to paper presentations. Proponents are encouraged to opt for English or French as working languages.

Each panel proposal should include two workshop directors who ought to come from different institutions and must reach the organizing committee by **April 30**. Ideally, at least one director should be based outside of Italy so as to foster research collaboration and to promote the publication of the proceedings in international venues. The presence of a discussant is also strongly encouraged. The proposal should include a 2 to 4 page description outlining the objectives and scope of the proposed panel. The panel description should also include a section on research dissemination, where proponents should detail their plans for journal article submissions or book proposals. In addition, the panel proposal should include a description of the kind of papers that the directors would like to attract or, in case of pre-arranged panels, the titles of the papers, their authors and the authors' affiliation. CVs of both directors should also be submitted. It is envisaged that each panel will include five to six paper givers including the directors.

Please send your panel proposals to Dr. Paola Rivetti at segreteria@sesamoitalia.it

