

The Fourth MENA Social Policy Network (University of Bath) Conference in Partnership with the American University of Cairo's Centennial Celebration

Call for Papers

Social Policy in the MENA Region: Policy Learning in the era of Social Protection

Deadline: June 30th

Location: American University in Cairo, Cairo (Egypt)

Conference: October 30-31, 2019

How do we as researchers, policy-makers and practitioners make sense of the social protection agenda in the MENA region?

In what ways does it replace or reinforce pre-existing social policy structures? More importantly how can social policy change be managed in this time of social transformation? Can MENA countries learn from the policy experiences of other countries or regions? More to the point, how does policy learning happen in order to foster more effective, efficient and inclusive social protection policies?

Including key note speeches from

- Prof Melani Cammett, Harvard University (USA)
- Prof Nita Rudra, Georgetown University (USA)

Please indicate the theme(s) of your submission(s)

- Policy Actors and Institutions
- Discourses and Policy ideas
- Theories Models and paradigms of social policy in MENA
- Interventions in specific policy sectors
- Political Economic Perspectives
- Sociological Perspectives
- Cultural Perspectives

- Historical Perspectives
- Evaluation of Policy Outcomes
- International Comparative Perspectives
- Analysis of Policy Processes
- End-user Perspectives
- Methodological Perspectives
- Other (Please discuss with conference organizer first)

Process

The submission process for abstracts will be online only. If you experience difficulties, please email Rana Jawad and Emma Ford on MENASP_network@bath.ac.uk

Online submission point

www.menasp.com/submit

Instructions

- Individual paper abstracts should be of 500 words.
- Panel proposals (maximum 4 speakers): Panel abstracts should comprise of a 500 word rationale and full details of the authors with individual abstracts of 500-800 words each.
- All abstracts must mention the methodological approach upon which the paper is based.
- Papers can be empirical or theoretical in nature.
- If based on already published material (such as a journal paper), authors should make clear what new research the paper will present.

Plans for wider dissemination of conference proceedings through the MENA social policy network website and a journal special issue proposal are in the works.

Language

The primary language of this conference is English. Arabic language abstracts are welcome and should be submitted to MENASP_network@bath.ac.uk.

Key Deadlines

- Please submit your abstract by **June 30, 2019** indicating your name, institutional affiliation and contact details. Decisions on the abstract submissions will be made in **July 2019**.
- It is a requirement of the conference that all presenters submit a full paper (draft format acceptable) by **October 15, 2019**.
- All conference delegates, whether presenting a paper or not are required to register. Further instructions to follow.