

CALL FOR PROPOSALS MIDDLE EAST SIG

The Middle East Special Interest Group (MESIG) welcomes proposals for its highlighted panels at CIES 2013 in New Orleans, hosted by the Department of Educational Administration & Policy Studies (EAPS) in the School of Education at the University at Albany.

Colleagues working on educational issues within or about the broader Middle East and North Africa region, or with peoples from the region, are invited to contribute 500-750 word proposals that connect their research and practice to this year's conference theme: "Educational Quality: Global Imperatives and Contested Visions."

The MESIG is dedicated to advancing scholarship on educational issues in the region by highlighting contributions from members that draw on empirical research, historical or conceptual analyses, and/or case studies of educational policies, programs, or pedagogies.

In addition to such contributions, this year we welcome submissions that engage with the theme of educational quality broadly defined, particular those that examine and explore:

- How issues of "educational quality" are defined by local, national, and international actors in the MENA region
- The interlocutors of "global imperatives" and the various shapes such imperatives take in educational practice and policy across the region
- Where and how the "contested visions" of educational reform and development are playing out across the region
- How "educational quality" is implicated and articulated in response to the ongoing and unfinished political transformations across the region

Submissions that engage critical perspectives are particularly welcome.

Up to four papers will be assigned per SIG panel. Proposals that are not selected for the MESIG highlighted sessions will be considered for the general pool. For further information about the conference theme and abstract submission process, please visit the conference [website](#).

Important dates for this year's conference:

- Proposal submission deadline: October 26, 2012
- Acceptance notification: TBA
- Registration opens in mid-October

All proposals must be submitted via the CIES 2013 conference website. To submit your proposal to the MESIG, your membership dues of 10 USD must be paid in advance of registration. You can pay this fee through the online registration system. Select the Middle East SIG when submitting your proposal if you wish to be considered for a MESIG highlighted panel.

Due to past issues that led to an inaccurate tally of our membership, we ask that you kindly email the [MESIG co-chairs](#) upon completing your registration and payment, as confirmation that you are a current member of the MESIG in good standing.

The MESIG will host a Business Meeting at the conference where current and prospective members can learn more about the SIG and its members' activities. We look forward to an active presence at CIES 2013 and to critically engage a growing interest in education in and about the region through our activities and listserv. Please join us by presenting your works and attending the various presentations and meetings highlighting our membership's scholarship and practice.