

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS

6th CONGRESS OF MIDDLE EASTERN AND ISLAMIC STUDIES

Strasbourg
24-27 June 2025

Call for contributions for thematic panels

The University of Strasbourg campus will be hosting the 6th edition of the Congress of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, organised by the French academic network Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies (Scientific Interest Group “GIS MOMM”), in partnership with the ARCHE, ARCHIMEDE, DRES, GEO and LINCOS laboratories, the Strasbourg Institute of Islamology, the IISMM and the SEMOMM, on **Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th and Friday 27th June 2025**. Delegates will be welcomed from June 24th afternoon, and the congress will open with an inaugural lecture in the late afternoon.

As in previous years, the congress will include an inaugural lecture, along with single (4 papers) or double (8 papers) panels, round tables, a book fair, a film cycle and a range of cultural events. The panels may cover one or more fields of the humanities and social sciences (anthropology, archaeology and art history, law, economics, geography, history, Islamic Studies and religious sciences, linguistics, literature, philosophy, sociology, political science), from a global or regional perspective, in connection with the study of the Middle East and/or the Maghreb, the Muslim worlds in the broad sense, or Islam in the world.

Application form

Scholars, post-doctoral researchers and PhD students are invited to propose single or double panels by filling in a form [on the conference website](#) by September 15th, 2024, with the following information:

- The **title** of the proposed panel and contact details.
- A scientific **summary** of the proposed theme (maximum 3,500 characters) **in French and in English** (a summary in other languages may be added). The abstract can include a bibliography.
- At least **two keywords**, one specifying the discipline(s) and the other the geographical area of the panel. Other thematic keywords can be added.
- A brief **curriculum vitae** (one page maximum) of the panel coordinator(s). There may be no more than two coordinators per panel (parity will be appreciated), and only one applicant on the website.

During this first phase, unlike previous editions, **the panel coordinators will not be required to indicate the list of prospective participants**. The theme of the panel,



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while precise, should be open enough to encourage proposals for **individual papers** in a second phase. From 15th October 2024 onwards, the panel coordinators will be responsible for selecting the proposals for their panel within three months. The coordinator(s) will compose single or double panels depending on the number of proposals received.

Through this new organization, the GIS MOMM aims to encourage intersections between scientific communities across disciplines, institutions and countries, with an emphasis on the most recent research projects. Proposals from young scholars, PhD candidates and post-doctoral researchers, as well as international scholars are particularly welcome.

NB: Laboratories, French research institutes abroad (UMIFRE) and the GIS MOMM Scientific Council are willing to support the participation of young international scholars, particularly from the Maghreb and the Middle East. The panel coordinators may request this support for some of their participants.

Calendar

15 September 2024: registration deadline for submitting a project to a thematic workshop. If the panel is led by two researchers, each one must have a SciencesConf account, but only one coordinator must complete the application form on the congress website, registering his or her colleague as co-organiser of the panel.

15 October 2024: after review by the GIS MOMM Scientific Council, notification to the coordinators of the selected panels. The list of selected panels, with the corresponding calls for individual papers, is published.

15 October - 19 December 2024: the coordinators collect the individual proposals (solicited or spontaneous). They then select and compose their own single or double panels. They may ask evaluators from among the members of the GIS MOMM Scientific Advisory Board.

15 January 2025: the final version of the panels is uploaded to the conference website by the coordinators. They mention a list of individual papers (in the form of a single or double panel for one or two 2-hour slots, with 3 or 4 speakers per panel) and the name of a possible discussant.

15 February 2025: the final program is drawn up by the Organizing Committee. Workshop leaders will ensure that all their panelists have registered individually on the website and that their affiliations are correct.

For further information: gismomm-contact@services.cnrs.fr

The congress website (under construction): <https://momm-strasbourg.sciencesconf.org/>



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