

CALL FOR PAPERS

MENA Science & Religion
Network

Unpublished papers submission deadline: 15 November 2022

The MENA S&R network is a new initiative to support researchers (including graduate students) and invigorate discussions pertaining to science and religion in the MENA region. It has several foci, the first being this CFP. We are inviting papers either from authors in the MENA region (affiliated with an institution therein), or about the MENA region, on subjects pertaining to science and religion, from a wide range of disciplines including: history, sociology, philosophy, anthropology, STS, education, hermeneutics etc.

Further Details

Unpublished papers (**between 8,000 and 10,000 words**) on subjects such as those outlined above should be emailed by **November 15, 2022** to mena.science.religion@gmail.com.

Decisions will be sent by the end of December. Winners may be asked for some revisions to their papers before presentation in an online forum in March. The reviewing committee will be evaluating the papers with several considerations in mind, including: a) Relevance of the paper b) Novelty of the paper c) Clarity of writing d) Cogency of the arguments.

The authors of the **six best papers** will be awarded **1,000 GBP** each, with payment being issued after the presentation of the paper in March 2023. A further **2,000 GBP** for the best paper within the six will be offered in June. All six winning authors may also be invited to submit their paper for a special issue of a journal or an edited volume.

Example Topics

1. What are some of the various ways that the relationship between science and religion is or has been perceived and described in particular contexts?
2. How is the teaching of science or religion affected by the understanding of these subjects' interaction?
3. How has technology been embedded in the science and religion interface in different times and places within the region?
4. How are bioethics, including for instance reproductive technologies, negotiated in relation to religious and scientific understandings?
5. What are the unique ways in which culture, religion and science are melded in the region, for instance regarding such terms as 'Islamic science' or 'Western science'?
6. What roles have ecological interests and concerns played in relation to thoughts about religion and science and their interaction such as regarding animal rights, the status of personhood, and human roles and responsibilities?
7. How have ideas about atheism and science played out in the MENA region?
8. How have concepts such as the natural and supernatural been defined in various cultures and contexts in the MENA region regarding prayer, miracles, medicine, health and more?

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