



Near & Middle Eastern Civilizations  
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# The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Graduate Symposium Open Call for Papers

Transcending Borders:  
Interactions across the Near and Middle East  
12 March 2018  
Submission Deadline: January 19, 2018

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The Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations Graduate Student Association invites paper submissions for the 22<sup>nd</sup> annual symposium to be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of March, 2018. Since 1997, the NMGSA Symposium has been an important staple in the Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations at University of Toronto. The symposium provides graduate students with an opportunity to share their original research with the scholarly community in a conference-like forum, including individual paper presentations organized into thematic discussion panels. The focus for the 22<sup>nd</sup> symposium is interactions across temporal, social and spatial borders. Students from various disciplinary backgrounds – spanning religion, history, sociology, literature, archaeology, language, political science, philosophy, medieval studies and so on – are encouraged to participate. Students from University of Toronto departments as well as other universities in Canada and abroad are encouraged to submit and participate.

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Submission Guidelines: Presenters are asked to submit an abstract of no more than 250 words and a biography of no more than 100 words by e-mail attachment to [nmcgsasymposium@gmail.com](mailto:nmcgsasymposium@gmail.com) by January 19, 2018. Please include the following information in the body of the e-mail: Presenter's name, Program (M.A., Ph.D.), Year of study, Research focus, University and department, Complete address, Telephone number, E-mail address, Title of paper, Audio-visual requirements. We highly encourage the submission of panel proposals.

Presentations must not exceed 20 minutes. Abstracts will be reviewed by committee and presenters will be informed of their acceptance no later than January 26, 2018. For purposes of anonymous adjudication, please do not include your name or other identification on your abstract attachment.

If your paper is being submitted as part of a proposed panel or considered under a specific theme, please include the panel title or theme under the title of the paper on your abstract submission.

Please send submissions to [nmcgsasymposium@gmail.com](mailto:nmcgsasymposium@gmail.com) by January 19, 2018.