CENTER FOR MIDDLE EAST STUDIES  
University of California, Santa Barbara  

CALL FOR PAPERS  
Eighth Annual Middle East Studies Conference  
RESURGENCE OF SHI’I ISLAM  
Saturday March 25, 2006  

PROPOSAL DEADLINE  
FEBRUARY 1, 2006  

The UCSB Center for Middle East Studies announces a call for papers for its Eighth Annual Middle East Studies Conference. CMES accepts proposals for papers, organized panels and workshops pertaining to “Resurgence of Shi’i Islam: Religion, Politics, and Society in Times of War.” Proposals are especially welcome on Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, history, politics, religion, international relations, nuclear nonproliferation, Arabic and Persian language pedagogy, space, visual culture, art, architecture, media, popular culture, ethnomusicology, war and conflict, peacemaking, and women and gender.  

All proposals should include the following: 1) Name of presenter; 2) Email address; 3) Institutional address and affiliation; 4) Phone number; 5) Title of paper (and/or panel or workshop); 6) 250 word abstract.  

Apply online at www.cmes.ucsb.edu or send your proposal to Annual Conference, Center for Middle East Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA 93106-3130.  

For more information call (805) 893-4245.
CALL FOR PAPERS AND/OR WORKING GROUPS

We are now soliciting applications for participants to present a research paper and/or convene a working group. Although conference attendance is open to the general public, paper presenters and conveners of working groups must be FACULTY MEMBERS OR GRADUATE STUDENTS.

*Research papers are to be BRIEF (15 minute) reports on current research so as to allow more time for question and answer sessions than is typical at many conferences. To submit a research paper topic, apply online, email, or mail us the required information† and a 250-word abstract NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1, 2006.

*To convene a working group, apply online, email, or mail us your information† with a brief description of the focus of the group (up to 100 words) and include the names of at least two other participants who have agreed to attend by FEBRUARY 1, 2006.

Working Groups and Conference Panels will be publicized to all participants by February 15, 2006 in the conference schedule on the conference website.

Logistics: Participants should plan to arrive on Friday March 24, 2006 or, in the case of those driving from LA, very early on Saturday March 25, 2006. The conference will begin at 9:00 AM and will run until 6:00 PM.

Paper presenters and conveners of working groups will be provided with an honorarium of $200.00, as well as meals during the day of the conference. Travel and accommodation expenses are not covered.

† Send name, position, institution, mailing address, email address, phone and fax numbers, paper title or working group title and a 250-word abstract (or 100 word proposal for working groups) to Annual Conference, Center for Middle East Studies, University of California, Santa Barbara, CA 93106-3130; by email to cmes@isber.ucsb.edu; or apply online at www.cmes.ucsb.edu

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