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AMECYS Dissertation Award 2026

The Association of Middle East Children and Youth Studies invites nominations for the 2026 AMECYS Dissertation Award

The **AMECYS** is a 501 (c) (3) private, non-profit, international membership-based association for scholars with an interest in the study of children and youth in the Middle East, North Africa, Gulf and their diasporic communities. Through interdisciplinary programs, publications, and services, AMECYS promotes innovative scholarship, facilitates global academic exchange, and enhances public understanding about and by Middle Eastern, North African and Gulf children and youth in diverse times and places from any disciplinary and methodological approach.

The **AMECYS Dissertation Award** is a new award to recognize an outstanding dissertation and its contributions to the study of children and youth in the Middle East, North Africa, Gulf and their diasporic communities. Dissertations defended in 2025 or 2026 will be reviewed.

Nominations/nominees must include the following materials all collated into a single pdf file:

1. A digital copy of the successfully defended doctoral (PhD) dissertation;
2. Proof that the doctoral dissertation has been successfully passed or deposited (please include author, title of dissertation, unit and university), where the dissertation was successfully defended/deposited, defense date, names of dissertation evaluation committee members).
3. A brief letter of support sent directly to the chair of the Awards committee from the dissertation advisor (or one of the evaluators) attesting to the dissertation's significance and contribution to the field of children and youth studies.
4. Nominees must be AMECYS members in good standing, and may be students anywhere around the world. Only self-nominations will be considered.
5. Discipline and methods are open, but the subject matter must deal with the study of children and youth – broadly defined – in the Middle East, North Africa, Gulf and their diasporic communities. Works will be evaluated both for their contribution to the study of children and youth and to the applicant's field/s.

6. **Nominations must be received by August 1, 2026 12:00 PM EST** for dissertations to be eligible for the competition and must consist of a digital copy of the dissertation, the author's name, address, phone number and email, and be sent to the chair of the Awards Committee, Dylan.Baun@uah.edu

Acknowledgment of receipt will be made via e-mail.

The author of the AMECYS Award will receive \$200 and a certificate of award. In the event of co-winners, prize money will be divided evenly among the winners. Honorable mentions also receive a certificate of award. Winners will be announced during the 60th MESA Annual Meeting in Boston, MA and we strongly encourage winners to attend to receive their award in person. The results will also be posted on the AMECYS website and in other publications as deemed appropriate by AMECYS.

In the event of no worthy submissions, AMECYS reserves the right to not hand out any prize.

While we support dissertations written in languages other than English, at this time, we can only review dissertations in English

***** No additional materials are necessary as part of the submission.**

Reviewers

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