



# AMECYS

## ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE EAST CHILDREN & YOUTH STUDIES

### ***AMECYS Call for Panels, Roundtables, Thematic Conversations & Special Issues Sessions at MESA 2025*** **Washington DC, November 22 - 25, 2025**

**AMECYS internal deadline: Friday February 7**  
**MESA external deadline: Thursday February 13**

The Association of Middle East Children's and Youth Studies (AMECYS) calls those engaged in the study of children and youth in the region to propose AMECYS-sponsored panels, roundtables, thematic conversations, and special issue sessions at the Middle East Studies Association (MESA) of North America's annual meeting in Washington DC from November 22-25.

Proposals can be submitted in any capacity that aligns with AMECYS' mission statement:

*AMECYS is a private, non-profit, international association for scholars with an interest in the study of children and youth in the Middle East, North Africa 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 and North African children and youth in diverse times and places, from any disciplinary and methodological approach.*

The AMECYS program committee will review all proposals individually submitted **by AMECYS members**, but will give preference to panel proposals that are collectively submitted (depending on the format, 3-4 panelists, chair, etc.). AMECYS may offer feedback on the proposals, but sponsorship by AMECYS does not guarantee conference acceptance. See MESA's call for papers instructions for information on the session formats one can submit: <https://mesana.org/annual-meeting/call-for-papers>

Collective proposals should include 1) title page with title of panel, participants' names, affiliations and email addresses, 2) a 300-400 word panel abstract **and for pre-organized panels** 3) 300-400 word abstracts for each individual paper presenter in one PDF file. Proposals should be sent to [tory.brykalski@gmail.com](mailto:tory.brykalski@gmail.com) by **Friday February 7**.

Decisions will be made by Wednesday, February 12. Selected proposals must be uploaded by the proposal convener(s) in conjunction with AMECYS by the external MESA deadline of Thursday February 13, in order to be reviewed by the MESA program committee. If accepted, the panel will read as AMECYS sponsored in the 2025 MESA meeting program.

**For any queries, email AMECYS interim program chair at [tory.brykalski@gmail.com](mailto:tory.brykalski@gmail.com)**