



**THE SIXTH METU CONFERENCE ON
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS:
*MIDDLE EAST IN GLOBAL AND REGIONAL
PERSPECTIVES***

**MIDDLE EAST TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
JUNE 14-16, 2007
ANKARA
DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, METU**

CALL FOR PAPERS

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Middle East Technical University (METU) Department of International Relations calls for proposals for pre-organised panels, roundtables and individual papers for its annual Sixth METU Conference on International Relations to be held on June 14-16, 2007 in Ankara, Turkey.

GENERAL FRAMEWORK

The METU Conference on International Relations is the only annual conference in Turkey on International Relations and brings together scholars from all around the world and Turkey to discuss a wide variety of topics organized into approximately 40-50 panels and roundtables.

The theme of the 2007 conference is Middle East in Global and Regional Perspectives. Considering the recent events in the region, it is timely to discuss in depth and scrutinize the key issues and perspectives in the Middle East. The conference aims to analyze Middle Eastern politics and society especially by looking at the interaction of local, regional and international dynamics. In addition to state-centered approaches, studies that focus on non-state actors, sub-state and transnational forces that are at work in the region are especially welcome.

Theoretical discussions pertaining to Middle Eastern studies will be one of the main themes of the conference. Hence, this conference aims to contribute to a greater understanding of the key theoretical discussions regarding the study of the Middle East. Additionally, discussions on globalization, political economy, politics of external actors and ongoing conflicts will be given special emphasis. The conference will provide an assessment for the future of the region as well as the prospects for change and democracy. Finally, Turkey's foreign policy towards this region, its issues and evolution will be discussed.

We hope that the Conference will contribute to establishing contacts among scholars and practitioners from different parts of the world.

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THEMES

- **Theorizing Middle Eastern Studies**
- **Political and Cultural Impacts of Globalization**
- **Political Economy of the Middle East in a Global Context**
- **Islam and the West**
- **The Challenges for Civil Society and Democratization in the Middle East**
- **Politics of External Actors**
 - **US**
 - **EU**
 - **Russia**
 - **China**
- **Debating Social Issues in the Middle East**
 - **Gender**
 - **Migration**
 - **Minorities**

- **Politics of Water Resources in the Middle East**
- **Mediterranean Politics**
- **Conflicts and Conflict Resolution in the Middle East**
- **Israel and Palestine**
- **The Lebanese Crisis: Actors, Structures and Consequences**
- **The Future of Iraq**
- **Iran: Debating Domestic and International Challenges**
- **Turkey and the Middle East**

PAPER/PANEL PROPOSALS

The Conference invites proposals for individual papers or complete panels. All proposals for papers and panels should be submitted before April 27, 2007.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

An application should include:

1. The paper/panel title
2. A short abstract including methodology, main assumptions and conclusions of paper (300 words maximum)
3. Author/participant name(s) and institutional affiliations
4. A one paragraph biographical statement of each participant (not a detailed CV)
5. Author/participant e-mail addresses (essential), telephone and fax numbers
6. Any audio-visual equipment requests (if applicable)

The Conference Committee encourages electronic submissions, by filling the online application form. However, those who do have limited access to electronic communication facilities can send their proposals via fax provided that the proposal deadline is observed.

CONFERENCE TIMETABLE

April 27, 2007: Final date for submission of Abstracts

May 9, 2007: Authors will be informed of acceptance of abstracts for presentation

May 25, 2007: Last day for pre-registration (A late registration fee will be charged after this date)

June 1, 2007: Final date for submission of paper and for confirmation of participation

June 14-16, 2007: Conference and On Site Registrations

VENUE

The Conference will be held at the Department of International Relations, Faculty of Economics and Administrative Sciences B-Building, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey.

SCHEDULE

The Conference will begin on Thursday June 14, 2007 at 10 AM, and end on Saturday, June 16, 2007 at noon.

REGISTRATION

Conference Registration Fees

Participant Fee
U.S. \$ 60, € 50

Student Fee
U.S. \$ 30, € 25

Registration Fee on Arrival
U.S. \$ 80, € 65

Corporate Fee
U.S. \$ 150, € 120

Registration fee includes opening cocktail, conference dinner, lunches, refreshments and conference materials. Those who do not wish to make use of these facilities may participate to the panels as listeners without any payment.

FUNDING

A few scholarships, particularly for student participants, are available for registration and accommodation expenses. Please contact the Conference Secretariat for further information.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation costs will be covered by the participants. Details of the accommodation information will be provided to the participants after the acceptance of the paper proposals.

TRAVEL

Travel costs will be covered by the participants. Details of the travel information and how to reach to Ankara and the venue are available [here](#).

WEB SITE

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Conference's web site provides continuously updated information for the participants and all interested.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

Conference papers will be available for sale at the Conference on demand for a symbolic charge.

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