

Resilient Middle East Language Programs; Globally Competitive Graduates

Consortium of Middle East National Resource Centers Virtual Language Workshop

Thursday, March 2 - Friday, March 3, 2023

Meeting Description:

The Center for Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Texas at Austin is pleased to announce the 2023 Virtual Language Workshop, a professional development forum tailored to the needs of post-secondary Middle East language educators. Featuring sessions about aspects of Middle East language teaching and program administration in higher education settings, the workshop aims to enhance the quality of language programs and to provide opportunities for inter-institutional collaboration.

Proposals are invited for presentations describing research and descriptive reports on Middle East language learning and pedagogy as well as undergraduate and graduate program innovations. We welcome presentations on:

- Strategies for student recruitment and retention
- Approaches to curriculum development including multi-literacies, intercultural communicative competence, open pedagogy, experiential learning, and language for specific purposes
- Integration of heritage learners
- TA training and instructors' professional development
- Inter-institutional collaborations and exchanges
- Testing and assessment

Other topics of relevance to Middle East language teaching and program administration are also welcome.

Submission Guidelines:

Abstracts should be in English and no longer than 300 words. A 50-word summary of the abstract should also be submitted (for program purposes). Neither abstract should contain the presenter's name or institution, as that information will be collected separately via the online submission survey. Each paper presentation should be 20 minutes long and held in English, although examples in a Middle Eastern language may be presented. All presentations will be discussed in a Q and A session at the end of each panel. No more than one single-authored and one co-authored proposal are allowed per person.

Deadline and Notification of Acceptance:

The deadline for the submission of abstracts is **Monday, November 11, 2022**.

All abstract proposals should be submitted via the [2023 ME NRS Virtual Language Workshop Abstract Submission Survey](#). Notifications of acceptance will go out in late December 2022.

Guest speakers:

Dr. Felix Kronenberg, Director of the National LCTL Resource Center, Michigan State University

Dr. Emily Heidrich Uebel, Associate Executive Director of the National LCTL Resource Center,
Michigan State University

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