



Anthropology of the Middle East

Call for Papers
Open Theme Issue
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Journal Overview

Recent political events have shown an alarming lack of awareness in western countries of life in the Middle East. Anthropologists, trained in analysing local discourses and social actions and their socio-political and historical contexts, play an important role in making social and cultural developments in the Middle East more comprehensible to a wider world.

This peer-reviewed journal provides a forum for scholarly exchange between anthropologists and other social scientists working in and on the Middle East. The journal's aim is to disseminate, on the basis of informed analysis and insight, a better understanding of Middle Eastern cultures and thereby to achieve a greater appreciation of Middle Eastern contributions to our culturally diverse world.

Anthropology of the Middle East (AME) is published twice a year, in the spring and autumn. Issues are often themed and on occasion guest edited. Each issue contains articles on specific research projects and outcomes on Middle Eastern topics. A section titled "Notes from the Field" features research in progress. Book reviews and shorter reports on books, films and conferences are also included.

Upcoming Issue

Ever since 2006 when the first issue of *Anthropology of the Middle East* was published, the journal has addressed a number of classical issues regarding methodology, archaeology, gender, peasant society, kinship, etc. However, once in a while we have found it necessary and propitious to have an Open Theme Issue.

As the quality of research changes and a new generation of anthropologists emerges, *Anthropology of the Middle East* seeks to reflect these developments by opening the journal to new themes, questions and criticisms which could lead the field in innovative directions, as far as topics, theories, concepts and methodologies are concerned. Scholars are becoming more sensitive to their own agency and to the multi-layered realities they encounter. Critical issues in the Middle East, including migration and exodus to other continents, also make it necessary to search for new topics, at once becoming very specific in a field whilst also crossing academic and geographical boundaries.

Additionally, we wish to respond to the needs of young scholars who would like to publish early in their careers and we welcome new directions in research. Recently, concepts such as gender, ethnicity, nationalism, violence and stereotyping are being revisited – ethical issues and sensitivity to topics raised in various locations are also being reconsidered. We are interested in articles addressing these issues. In particular we would like to encourage young scholars to submit articles which cover new ground in respect to methods, concepts, theories and geography.

We invite articles, reports from the field and reviews (books, films, conferences and exhibitions) that deal with the above, and more.

Submission

Please send the title and possibly a short abstract of your paper as soon as possible.

Deadline for submitting articles: October 2019

Please send your text to one the following editors:

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