

2009 Biannual International Forum on Asia-Middle East Studies

**Transcending Borders:
Asia, Middle East, and the Global Community**

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“Transcending Borders: Asia, Middle East, and the Global Community”, hosted by the US Naval Academy’s Center for Middle East and Islamic Studies, the Middle East Studies Institute at Shanghai International Studies University, China, and the Library of Congress Asian Division, US, aims to provide a platform for western and Asian scholars to converge and exchange views on major issues concerning the Middle East and its relationship with Asia, the US, and the rest of the world.

The 2009 Biannual International Forum on Asia-Middle East Studies plans to invite scholars with strong interest and specializations in Asia-Middle East relations to present their papers on the following suggested subjects: a). Energy and environment; b). Economy and trade; c). Cross-regional relations; d). Social/cultural perspectives. This list is meant to suggest possible topics, although other topics are welcome if they establish their general relevance to the subject of the encounters between the global and local powers in the Middle East. Both broad theoretical studies and specific case studies are welcome. Paper proposals (no more than 200 words) & a 1-page biography are due by May 1, 2009, and should be submitted electronically to:

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This is an interdisciplinary conference. Participants will include academics, diplomats, military officers and other interested individuals.

Authors of accepted proposals will be notified by June 1, 2009. Final papers must be submitted by September 15, 2009. Paper presenters and participants must cover their own travel and accommodations to participate in the conference. Registration fee is \$ 95.00 and is due by September 16, 2009. Registration information for this conference will be available by April 1, 2009 at: www.usna.edu/MiddleEast.

Professor Weilie Zhu, the prominent Middle East expert as well as Co-president of the Forum, will lead a delegation of Chinese scholars to participate.