

## CALL FOR PAPERS-CIES 2019 MIDDLE EAST SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

The Comparative and International Education Society (CIES) Middle East Special Interest Group (MESIG) welcomes round-table (individual and group), poster, paper and panel submissions for the 63rd Annual Conference of the Comparative and International Education Society held in San Francisco, California, United States, April 14-18, 2019.

Colleagues working on educational issues within or about the broader Middle East and North Africa region are invited to submit abstracts summaries between 500-1000 words (depending on the session format) for review. We especially encourage submissions that connect to the CIES 2019 conference theme: *Education for Sustainability*.

The Middle East SIG will create sessions focusing on the perspectives, processes, pedagogies and policies of education for sustainability in the region. Specifically it welcomes submissions based on Applied Research, Conceptual/Theoretical Research and Empirical Research that:

- Explores the prospects and challenges of education for sustainability in the region;
- Considers socio-cultural and educational practices that influence the conceptualization of education for sustainability;
- Examines the (local-national-international) issues of power and politics around the integration of sustainability;
- Analyzes the struggles and successes of models and approaches on education for sustainability conceived by national, local and indigenous stakeholders;
- Showcases teaching and curriculum development of education for sustainability; and
- Investigates other relevant topics of education in the region.

**Criteria for Submission:** Please note there are new criteria for submissions this year that include identifying type of research and new length of proposals. Criteria guidelines for specific submissions are outlined in the below table. Visit [cies2019.org](http://cies2019.org) for specific information.

I. Applied Research	II. Conceptual/ Theoretical Research	III. Empirical Research
How is the topic relevant to comparative and international education, sustainability, or a SIG?	How is the topic relevant to comparative and international education, sustainability, or a SIG?	How is the topic relevant to comparative and international education, sustainability, or a SIG?
What is the need or the problem that the program or intervention tries to address?	In reviewing literature or alternative perspectives, how does the contribution build on existing work?	Is there a strong theoretical framework that uses theories to guide questions? Which theories?
What advice do you offer or do you seek at CIES, and how can it address similar challenges elsewhere?	How is the theoretical contribution situated in terms of linguistic, national, or geo-political contexts?	How are sources of information used to inform choices about data collection and analysis?
What would you have done differently, knowing what you know now about the project or program?	What are the implications of the critique for future practice, policy, or theory?	How do the research methods and results support the conclusions drawn from the data?
What was the impact of the project on the problem it targeted? How was the project's impact assessed?	How original is the contribution? What do we learn that we did not know, and why is it important?	How original is the contribution? What do we learn that we did not know, and why is it important?

**Submission deadline is October 15, 2018.** All proposals must be submitted via the **All Academic** submission system. Please visit conference page for submission details and directions [cies2019.org](http://cies2019.org)

To submit your proposal to the MESIG, your membership dues of 10 USD must be paid **in advance of registration**. You can pay this fee through the online registration system. Select the Middle East SIG when submitting your proposal if you wish to be considered for a MESIG highlighted panel. Papers that are not selected for the MESIG sessions may be considered for the general pool.

For more detailed information please see specific conference guidelines <http://cies2019.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/CIES-2019-SF-Call-for-Contributions.pdf>

For MESIG related questions please email [cies.mesig@gmail.com](mailto:cies.mesig@gmail.com) or visit our website <https://ciesmesig.weebly.com>

We look forward to welcoming you to San Francisco and to engaging with your impactful work!