

## CALL FOR PAPERS

### Looking Beyond 9/11: Islam in the West and Democratic Trends in the Middle East and North Africa

The 40th Annual Conference of the Association of Muslim Social Scientists of North America (AMSS)

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#### Deadlines:

**Abstracts: June 25, 2011**

**Papers: September 9, 2011**

In the context of the tenth anniversary of 9/11 and the emergence of pro-democracy movements in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), this conference invites scholars to offer fresh perspectives on the interface of Western experiences of Islam and related issues of Islamophobia and normalization, as well as the new broader questions raised by the democratic trends that are re-shaping the MENA region.

We are interested in papers that analyze the evolving character of Islamic movements, examine the tensions experienced by Muslims living in the West ten years after 9/11, and revisit the relationship between Islam as a religion and human rights and democracy.

**To this end, papers are solicited from Muslim and Non-Muslim scholars that address any of the following sub-themes:**

- Is the Arab Awakening of 2011 the Beginning of the Muslim Renaissance?
- Tunisia and Egypt: The Sparks which Ignited a Revolution?
- 9/11: A Tumultuous Decade Between Civilizations
- The 9/11 Generation: Muslim Youth in a Global Context
- Muslim Women and the Democratic Revolutions in the Middle East & North Africa
- New Social Media and Social Movements in the MENA Region
- Global Militarism, Islamophobia & Terrorist Violence: Unpacking the Interlocking Dynamics
- Western Involvement in Libya: Oil Politics or Humanitarianism
- North American Islam and its Cultural Manifestations
- *Shari'ah* in the West: A problem?

- The Politics of Securitization, Surveillance and Governmentality
- Role of Islamist Parties in the Democratization Process in the MENA Region
- Islam, Democracy & Human Rights: Non-Violent Paths to Democratization in the Muslim World

Abstracts (250 words) are due by June 25, 2011. Abstracts will be evaluated according to the following categories: originality of theme, clarity of methodology, and relevance of the proposal to the conference theme. Accepted proposals will be announced by July 1, 2011. Final papers must be submitted by September 9, 2011 to be included in the conference program.

**Program Co-Chairs:**

**Maria Volpe (CUNY at John Jay College, New York, NY) and  
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