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**Call for Abstracts**  
**A Joint Conference On Politics, Media,**  
**and the Middle East**  
**October 2-3, 2020 - Honolulu, Hawai'i**

Arab Studies Quarterly and the Center for Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies at California State University, San Bernardino will hold their 2nd joint conference at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa.

We welcome abstract submissions for individual papers and panel proposals from academics and media practitioners.

Submissions from scholars in the region as well as graduate students and early career post-doc scholars are highly encouraged.

**Please submit your 250-word abstract and a short bio via email to Professor Ibrahim Aoude at [aoude@hawaii.edu](mailto:aoude@hawaii.edu) by March 15, 2020. Notifications of acceptance will be sent by April 30, 2020.**

A selection of presented papers will be published in a special issue at Arab Studies Quarterly  
For more information about the conference,  
please visit: <http://cimes.csusb.edu/>

The conference theme will examine multiple sub-themes, including:

- Mediated public reactions to regional political upheaval from a global and comparative perspective
- Role of media and popular culture in everyday life of various social groups in MENA, such as women, ethnic and religious minorities
- Impact of media neoliberalization on politics in the region
- State control and surveillance of the media and its consequences for the public sphere
- Hollywood, American television and other Western media portrayals of the Middle East
- Representations of gender, race and social class in mainstream media in the region
- Role of alternative news and media outlets in transforming official state discourse

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