

10th Annual Conference of the Association for Middle Eastern Public Policy & Administration (AMEPPA)

المؤتمر السنوي العاشر لرابطة السياسات العامة والإدارة العامة
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Welcome Message from President of AMEPPA

Welcome to the tenth meeting of the Association for Middle Eastern Public Policy and Administration (AMEPPA), which is held with the generous support of our AMEPPA member, the College of Public Policy (CPP) and Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU).

Founded in 2011 and institutionalized within the American University in Cairo since 2017, AMEPPA is dedicated to advancing good governance and ethical institutions in the Middle East. Since its inception, AMEPPA has grown into a robust international network of more than 600 professionals and academics. Over the past decade, we have seen the AMEPPA community maintain its strength, vision and drive to create meaningful change—a testament to the resilience of its network and the powerful foundations laid by previous leadership.

Our previous meetings have been a source of inspiration to all of us. I am positive that this tenth meeting will be equally, if not more, inspiring. The AMEPPA annual meeting has always been a gathering of great minds, where great ideas are debated and innovative approaches are reached.

On our tenth anniversary, and with the support and energy of the AMEPPA community, I am confident that we will continue elevating our work and forging ahead in our journey of excellence.

Ghada Barsoum, PhD

President, AMEPPA

Associate Professor and Chair, Public Policy and Administration Department, The American University in Cairo





Dean's Welcome Message

On behalf of the College of Public Policy (CPP) and Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU), it is our honor to host the 10th Annual Association for Middle Eastern Public Policy and Administration (AMEPPA 2021) conference. I would like to extend warm greetings to all attendees. I am sure that you will find the conference to be stimulating and informative.

CPP is one of six colleges at HBKU, a research-intensive university with a focus on graduate education. Our college has a distinctive MPP that connects global policy issues to national and regional challenges. We are looking forward to contributing to, and learning from the exchanges that the AMEPPA conferences have been known for over the past decade.

The Conference Organizing Committee, in collaboration with AMEPPA, has put together a first-class program that is sure to enrich and inform research agendas on key policy and administrative questions.

My colleagues, our students and our staff look forward to welcoming you to CPP and HBKU. Best wishes for a great conference.

Dr. Leslie A. Pal
Founding Dean – College of Public Policy
Hamad Bin Khalifa University





Chair's Welcome Message

On behalf of the Conference Organizing Committee of the Association for Middle Eastern Public Policy and Administration (AMEPPA 2021), I would like to express our gratitude to Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU) for hosting and supporting AMEPPA 2021. The conference committee is looking forward to an exemplary conference in which the latest disciplinary advances and practitioner insights are discussed with an intellectual vibrancy, domestic and regional focus, and an engaged interaction between academicians and practitioners.

We have planned a rich social program including a conference dinner and optional social tours of the most eye-catching and historic attractions of Doha as well as Education City. It is my hope that all conference participants will have an opportunity to experience the friendly Qatari culture and the extraordinary beauty of our land.

Dr. Kim Moloney
College of Public Policy, HBKU
Chair of AMEPPA Conference Committee



User Guide to AMEPPA Locations

Conference: The AMEPPA conference will be held at the *Minaretein Building*, Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Education City, Doha. This is also where your AMEPPA host institution (the College of Public Policy), its classrooms, and its faculty are located. *The best way to travel is to put “Education City Mosque” into your Uber app and/or tell your taxi driver to take you to the “Education City Mosque”.* The Minaretein Building is the same building as the Education City Mosque. Most drivers (as well as Google Maps) know the building as the Education City Mosque.

Coffee and Tea: Light refreshments are provided to AMEPPA panelists and presenters from 7:30am to 3:30pm on both conference days.

Lunch: Lunch is provided to AMEPPA panelists and presenters in the Atrium.



Gala Dinner: The Gala Dinner for AMEPPA panelists and presenters will be on December 7th at the Al Wadi Hotel, Doha. For our international participants, free transport arranged from the Minaretein Building (Conference Location) to the Al Wadi Hotel.

Tour of Minaretein Building: Tours of this award-winning building will be offered on December 8th at 12:30pm in English and Arabic.

Tour of Doha: On December 8th, a tourism bus will pick up our international panelists presenters at 3:15pm at the Minaretein Building. This tourism service is offered at no charge to such participants.

Transport: Most persons use Uber for airport-to-hotel-to-airport and for transport within Doha. Other local taxi and subway / tram options are also available.

Certificates: Certificates of Attendance (Audience) and Certificate of Participation (Panelists) will be provided to those participants who require them in January 2022.





Biographies of Keynote Speakers

[Hamid E. Ali, Ph.D.](#): Dr. Ali is Dean School of Public Administration and Development Economics at Doha Institute for Graduate Studies. Associate Professor at the American University in Cairo 2008-present. Ali received a M.Sc. in Economics from the University of Texas at Austin in 2000 and a Ph.D. in Economics and Public Policy from the University of Texas in Austin in 2004. He was a researcher at U.S. government Accountability Office (GAO), where he was a major contributor on various reports to U.S. congressional committees. He has been invited to different forums at the U.S. Institute for Peace, the U.S. State Department, and Chatham House. Ali taught at Texas State University and Southern Methodist University.

He is author of books on *Natural Resources, Inequality and Conflict* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2021) with Lars-Erik Cederman; *Institutional Reforms, Governance, and Services Delivery in the Global South* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2021) with Shahjahan Bhuiyan; *Darfur Political Economy: A Quest for Development* (Routledge, 2014) and co-author with Christos Kollias of *Defense Spending, Natural Resources, and Conflict* Routledge (2017). Ali is also the author and co-author of articles in scholarly journals such *Peace Research*, *Food Policy*, *Publius: the Journal of Federalism and Defence and Peace Economics*. Ali's primary research interests center around peace economics, economic inequality, defense spending, natural resources, and conflict.





[Ghada Barsoum, Ph.D.](#): Dr. Barsoum, AMEPPA President, is an Associate Professor (with tenure) and the Chair of the Department of Public Policy and Administration at The American University in Cairo (AUC). Barsoum has more than fifty publications including articles in reputable top peer-reviewed journals; technical reports, book chapters, encyclopedia entries, policy papers and a book on women's employment. She writes and teaches on issues pertaining to social policies in the Middle East, gender, higher education, and employment policies. Barsoum has consulted for a number of organizations including the International Labor Organization, UNESCO, UNFPA, UNDP and UNICEF.

Prior to joining AUC, Barsoum was research associate at the Population Council, West Asia and North Africa Office, where she spearheaded efforts for a national survey on youth in Egypt. Barsoum obtained her PhD in Sociology from the University of Toronto and her master's degree from AUC.





[Alexander Dawoody, Ph.D.](#): Dr. Dawoody is the Director of the MPA and Ph.D. Program in Strategic Leadership and Administrative Studies at Marywood University, USA. He is a three-time Fulbright Scholar, and author of several books, journal articles, and scholarly work. He is the Founder of the Association for Middle Eastern Public Policy and Administration (AMEPPA), a professional global scholarly organization recognized by the United Nations Public Administration Network (UNPAN) and its scholarly journal, the Journal of Middle East Review of Public Administration (MEPPA). He is also a founder of the Section on Effective and Sound Administration in the Middle East (SESAME) and the Section on Complexity and Network Studies (CNS) at the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA).

He is also the Founder of the Journal of Applied Professional Studies (which he currently serves as its Editor-in-Chief), and a member of several editorial boards of international scholarly journals. Dr. Dawoody earned his Ph.D. in Public Affairs and Administration from Western Michigan University, and has four master's degrees in philosophy, Education, Health Administration and Public Administration.

He speaks several languages including English, Turkish, Arabic, Farsi, Kurdish, and Spanish. He taught in China, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, and Honduras, presented in numerous international conferences, and has visited more than 50 countries. Dr. Dawoody is also an artist (oil painting) and a calligrapher.





[Clyde Wilcox, Ph.D.](#): In October 2021, Dr. Wilcox became Interim Dean for Georgetown University in Qatar. Most recently, he was Professor of Government at Georgetown University. He has been a member of the Georgetown faculty since 1987. Dr. Wilcox holds a joint appointment in the Government Department at Georgetown's campus in Washington, DC, and at GU-Q. Since 2014, he has spent all or part of each academic year at the Doha campus. He writes on a variety of topics primarily in American and comparative politics, including religion and politics, gender politics, interest groups and social movements, money in politics, public opinion, electoral behavior, the politics of social issues such as abortion and LGBT rights, and science fiction and politics. He has written or edited more than 30 books and hundreds of book chapters and journal articles. He has lectured in a number of countries, and spoken to international visitors in State Department programs from more than 185 countries. He has consulted with presidential campaigns, with trade associations, and with citizen groups. He has trained diplomats in the US and in other countries.

He is the author or coauthor of *God's Warriors: The Christian Right in 20th Century America*, *Between Two Absolutes: Public Opinion and the Politics of Abortion*, *Serious Money: Fundraising and Contributing in Presidential Nomination Campaigns*, *Interest Groups in American Campaigns: The New Face of Electioneering*, and *Federalism: A Very Short Introduction*. He is editor or coeditor of *Understanding Public Opinion*, *The Changing Politics of Gun Control*, *The Politics of Gay Rights*, *Religion and Politics in Comparative Perspective: The One, the Few, and the Many*, and *Political Science Fiction*.

Dr. Wilcox holds a B.A. from West Virginia University and an M.A. and Ph.D.



Daily Overview on the 7th December

Time	Location	Activity
7:30am to 9:00am	Entrance to Minaretein Building	Registration, Program Pick-Up, and Badge Pick Up
7:30am to 3:30pm	Atrium	Coffee and Tea
9am to 10:30am	Auditorium	Opening Plenary: Remarks by Dr. Leslie Pal (Dean, College of Public Policy), Introduction of Dr. Alexander Dawoody by Dr. Ghada Barsoum (AMEPPA President), and Keynote Address by Dr. Alexander Dawoody: “AMEPPA's 10th Anniversary, Looking Back to Look Forward”
10:30am to 11am	Atrium	Break: Coffee, Tea, and Light Refreshments
11:00am to 12:30pm	Auditorium	Roundtable 1: The Future of Labor and Migration in the GCC and the MENA Regions Panel 1: Digital Governance, Public Policy, and Public Service Delivery Panel 2: In a New World? Foreign Aid and Humanitarianism Reconsidered Panel 3: The Future of Social Policy in the MENA Region Roundtable 2: Research Methods for Scholarship and Publication



12:30pm to 1:30pm	Atrium	Lunch
1:30pm to 3pm	Auditorium	<p>Panel 4: Governance in Post-Socialist Countries - Evolution and Challenges (Joint AMEPPA Panel with HBKU's College of Public Policy and Astana Civil Service Hub)</p> <p>Panel 5: Public Sector Crisis, Competitiveness, and Historical Memory (Arabic)</p> <p>Panel 6: Disciplinary Perspectives at the Crossroads of Ethics and Education Policy</p>
3:15pm	Parking Lot	<p>Bus to Al Wadi Hotel for Gala Dinner (Bus for international participants only, domestic participants please use your own transport)</p>
4pm to 8pm	Al Wadi Hotel, Msheireb, Doha	AMEPPA Gala Dinner with Dr. Leslie Pal (Opening Remarks) with Keynote Address by Dr. Clyde Wilcox, Interim Dean, Georgetown University Qatar



Daily Overview on the 8th December

Time	Location	Activity
7:30am to 9:00am	Entrance to Minaretein Building	Registration, Program Pick-Up, and Badge Pick Up
7:30am to 3:30pm	Atrium	Coffee and Tea
9:00am to 10:30am	Atrium	Panel 7: Economics, Trade, and Financial Policy in a Multilateral World
9:00am to 10:30am		Panel 8: Health Policy, Crisis Management, and the MENA Region
9:00am to 10:30am		Panel 9: New Eras in Foreign Policy for the Gulf and the MENA Regions
9:00am to 10:30am		Roundtable 3: Conversation with Journal and Book Editors
10:30am to 11am		Break: Coffee, Tea, and Light Refreshments
11am to 12:00pm	Auditorium	Plenary Session: Remarks by Dr. Leslie Pal (Dean, College of Public Policy), introduction of Dr. Hamid Ali by Dr. Ghada Barsoum (AMEPPA President), and Keynote Address by Dr. Hamid Ali, Dean, Doha Institute
12:00pm to 1pm	Atrium	Lunch



12:00pm	Entrance to Minaretein Building	Last Chance to Registrar for Doha Tour (leaves 3:15pm today)
1pm to 1:30pm	Atrium	Tour of Minaretein Building / Education City Mosque (English and Arabic)
1:30pm to 3pm		Panel 10: Future Policymakers in the Gulf, in MENA, and the World
1:30pm to 3pm		Panel 11: SDG Education and Global Citizenship in Qatar
1:30pm to 3pm	Auditorium	Panel 12: COVID-19 Policy Tracker: MENA Responses to Crisis (www.menatracker.org)
1:30pm to 3pm		Panel 13: Public Policy and its Future in the MENA Region
1:30pm to 3pm		Panel 14: Good Governance, Policy Tools, and Regulatory Evolution
3:15pm	Parking Lot	Tour of Doha: Corniche, The Pearl, Msheireb, National Museum of Qatar, Souq Waqif, and the Falcon Hospital

