

Proposal Guidelines

The proposal consists of three parts: a [summary](#) of your research that allows the evaluators to determine if your topic, research methodology, and findings are appropriate for the conference; an [abstract](#) that very succinctly describes your paper for the conference attendees; and a [title](#) for your presentation.

Summary: the summary should be about 250 words. It should provide some context, introduce the problem or research question, outline the research methodology, and summarize findings.

Example:

"KEFAYA: An Egyptian Movement for Change" by Bahaa Ezzelarab
Everyone agrees that reform is desirable and necessary, yet almost everyone disagrees about what should be reformed and how it should occur. This paper deals with domestic reform, focusing on Gamal Mubarak as the bet of the Egyptian government, and the Egyptian Movement for Change--a.k.a. KEFAYA--as the representative of other reform seekers. Using both secondary sources and interviews with leading people in the KEFAYA movement as well as political science experts, the researcher compares these two contenders. The paper assesses which party intends or has better chances for achieving desired levels of reform.

Abstract: the abstract should be about 50 words. This is what conference attendees will read in the program book, so it should be clear, but also enticing.

Example:

"Egyptian Culture and the Role of AUC" by Iraj Sheidaee
Edward Said often lamented the reception of his book *Orientalism* in the Arab world, saying that it was not as deeply understood there as elsewhere. Indeed, Arab intellectual life appears to be in a crisis. What is this crisis? How does this crisis bear upon teaching and learning at AUC? How can we define AUC's unique position within the cultural and intellectual landscape of Egypt and the Arab world, and its reform?

Title: the title should be informative, descriptive, and not more than 10 words.