



2009 Biannual International Forum on Asia-Middle East Studies
**Transcending Borders: Asia, Middle East, and the
Global Community**

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While the United States was deeply involved in negotiating peace between Israel and the Palestinians and fighting terrorism in Iraq and Afghanistan, countries in East Asia and Southeast Asia have been quietly developing frequent economic, political, and cultural interaction with the Middle East. Countries such as China and Japan pay close attention to the Middle East because of their strong ties to the region. Indeed their roles in the Middle East have become so prominent that they should be acknowledged and closely observed. The “Transcending Borders: Asia, Middle East, and the Global Community” conference, hosted by the U.S. Naval Academy’s Center for Middle East and Islamic Studies, U.S. Asian Cultural Academy, the Shanghai International Studies University, and the Library of Congress Asian Division, aims to provide a platform for western and Asian scholars to converge and exchange views on major issues concerning the Middle East and its relationship with Asia, the U.S., and the rest of the world.

The 2009 Biannual International Forum on Asia-Middle East Studies has invited scholars with strong interest and specializations in Asia-Middle East relations to present their papers on the following subjects:

- Energy and environment
 - Economy and trade
 - Cross-regional relations
 - Social/cultural perspectives
- This is an interdisciplinary conference. Participants will include academics, diplomats, military officers and other interested individuals.
- Registration fee is \$ 95.00 and is due by 16 September 2009.
- Registration information for this conference is available at: www.usna.edu/MiddleEast
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