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## Call for Papers

Conference of the Commission on the Anthropology of the Middle East, IUAES

### Nostalgia and Future

Galatasaray University in Istanbul, Türkiye  
September 9–11, 2026.

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The registration fee is \$50 or €50, or the equivalent in Turkish Lira

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- 7. Daily Life in the Middle East According to Personal Diaries, Travel Accounts, and Anthropological Studies Written by Middle Easterners, Europeans, Japanese, and Other Nationalities**  
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- 8. Business Ethnographic Studies in the Contemporary Middle East**  
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Convenor: Ali Akherati (ali.akheraty@gmail.com)
- 10. Reimagining Gender and Identity: The Role of Beauty Influencers Across the Middle East**  
Convenor: Ziba Jalali Naini (Ziba.jalali@gmail.com)
- 11. Food, Studied Anthropologically – Food in Anthropological Perspective**  
Convenor: Swan Cho (swan.cho@sant.ox.ac.uk)
- 12. New Generation of Anthropologists in the Middle East or Working on the Middle East**  
Convenor: Soheila Shahshahani (soheilairan@gmail.com)
- 13. Foreign Wives of Middle Eastern Men**  
Convenor: Morito Tomoko (Saratoko@yahoo.co.jp)
- 14. Visual Anthropology: Documentary Films on the Middle East**  
Convenor: Shilan Sa'di (shilansaadi80@gmail.com)