**Call for Papers:** 7th Annual Jil Jadid Conference @ UT-Austin

**Dates:** February 24-25, 2017

**Location:** The University of Texas at Austin

**Abstract Deadline:** November 27, 2016

**Topic:** Middle Eastern Languages and Literatures

**Conference Website:** [www.jil-jadid.org](http://www.jil-jadid.org)

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**Description:**
The Department of and Center for Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Texas at Austin are happy to announce the 7th Annual Jil Jadid “New Generation” Conference in Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, and Turkish Languages and Literatures, a graduate student conference to be held at the University of Texas at Austin, February 24-25, 2017.

Jil Jadid aims to provide a forum for young scholars spread across a variety of disciplines to come together, share ideas and research, and discuss the future of their respective fields. This is especially critical as we move forward in our careers and come to represent the next generation of scholars engaging with the Middle East and its cultures. In addition to Arabic studies, we are pleased to welcome our colleagues in Hebrew, Persian, and Turkish in order to facilitate a valuable interdisciplinary exchange of new ideas.

This year, the conference will feature keynote speeches in linguistics by Dr. Alex Magidow (University of Rhode Island), and literature by Dr. Huda Fakhreddine (University of Pennsylvania). In addition to individual presentations, the conference will highlight explicit opportunities for participants to discuss their collective vision for the development of their fields.

**Topics:**
All papers treating topics in Arabic, Hebrew, Persian, and Turkish literature (both classical and modern) and Arabic linguistics (of all subfields, including applied linguistics) will gladly be considered. In addition to original research, we also encourage state-of-the-field papers that provide a focused overview of specific subfields and propose new avenues of research in the chosen area.

Papers to be presented at other conferences are more than welcome, as we wish to provide a forum for students to further develop and refine their research.
Abstracts:
Applicants may submit abstracts of **no more than a single-spaced page** with 12-pt font and 1-inch margins in Times New Roman. Abstracts longer than one page will not be considered.

Abstracts may be submitted online at: [www.jil-jadid.org](http://www.jil-jadid.org).

The deadline for abstracts is Saturday, November 27th. Abstracts should not include identifying information on the abstract itself (i.e. no first or last name in the header). You must, however, indicate the highest degree you have obtained and your current position (e.g. M.A., Graduate Student, etc.). **Only submissions from current or recent graduate students will be considered.**

Conference Fees & Funding:
Jil Jadid requires no fees of presenters and/or attendees.

Graduate students whose abstracts are accepted will be eligible to apply for a limited number of partial travel grants to defray the costs of attending the Jil Jadid conference. Lodging with local graduate students will be made available when possible.