

Call for Abstracts

38th Annual Meetings of MEEA

January 4-7, 2018

Philadelphia, PA, USA

Dear MEEA Members,

We are pleased to invite you to submit abstracts for the Middle East Economic Association Annual Meetings which are held on January 4-7, 2018 in Philadelphia, PA. Note that the majority of accepted papers will be presented **a day before** the ASSA Annual Meeting.

In order to submit abstracts, you need to go to be a MEEA member in 2017 and pay the submission fee. The membership fees are as follows:

- \$25: for regular members residing outside the MENA region, (Type: Regular)
- \$20: for students residing outside the MENA region, (Type: Student)
- \$10: for anyone (regular or student) residing in the MENA region, (Type: MENA)

The submission fee is **\$50 for regular members** and **\$20 for students**, regardless of place of residence. Abstracts from submitters who have not paid these fees are automatically excluded and would not be reviewed.

In order to pay the membership and submission fees, follow the steps below:

1. Go to <https://meeaweb.org/renew>
2. If you have already paid the membership fee for 2017, go to step 6. Otherwise, go to step 3.
3. Click on “2017 Membership”.
4. Choose the appropriate type of membership from the “Type” drop-down menu (Regular, Student, MENA) and click on “Add to Cart” button.
5. Hit on the “back button” on your browser or go to <https://meeaweb.org/renew>
6. Click on “38th Annual Meeting Submission Fee (Philadelphia)”
7. Choose the appropriate type of fee from the “Category” drop-down menu (Regular, Student) and click on “Add to Cart” button.
8. Now, click on the cart symbol on the top right side of the page. You will be directed to the checkout page. Review your purchases and click on “checkout” button when you are ready. On the next page, you will be asked to fill out a simple form and pay. You do not need a PayPal account to checkout; only a credit card.

After paying your membership and submission fees, you need to submit your abstract online on the *Conference Maker*, which is a website created by *The Econometrics Society* to make conference organization more efficient and accurate. In order to do so, follow the following steps:

1. If you already have an account on the Conference Maker and know your username and password, **skip to step 4**. **If you have forgotten your password, please see the appendix to this**

document on page 4 for the step-by-step procedure before moving to step 4. If you do not have an account or are not sure about it, go to step 2.

2. You need to go to <https://editorialexpress.com/cgi-bin/conference/register.cgi> and enter your email address and hit the “submit” button. The system searches for your account. You may already have an account there. If you do, the system shows your account, you can click on your username and request for your password (Retrieving your password is a multi-step process. Please see the appendix of this document for step-by-step procedure.) If the system could not find your account, it will tell you **“If you *don't* see yourself in the list above, click [here](#) to register for a new user ID.”** By clicking on “[here](#)”, you will be directed to where you can register an account for yourself.
3. Follow the link and fill out the form to create your account.
4. After creating or finding your account, go to the conference webpage at <http://editorialexpress.com/conference/MEEA18/> and login with your Conference Maker username and password.
5. You would be directed to your account where you can submit abstracts. There is a menu on the left side of the page that gives you many options. One option is “Submit a paper”. Click on that and you can see the following form:

Paper Submission Form (Items Marked in blue below are Mandatory)	
Submitter User ID	<input type="text"/> <input type="checkbox"/> check here if you are not an author of this submission
Paper Title	<input type="text"/>
Are there coauthors (excluding you)? <small>If Yes, you will be prompted to enter your coauthors after completing this form and clicking Submit below.</small>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes, there are coauthors besides myself <input type="radio"/> No, I am the only author of this submission
Area	Select area/committee member <input type="text"/>
Keywords	<input type="text"/>
Abstract (500 words max)	<input type="text"/>
Submitter's Comments (entered by submitter)	<input type="text"/>
Enter your submission (paper)	Enter the URL to paper <input type="text"/> or upload PDF file, 5 MB max <input type="button" value="Browse..."/> No file selected. (Click here for tips on generating readable PDF files)
Enter your slides (optional)	Enter the URL to slides <input type="text"/> or upload PDF file, 5 MB max <input type="button" value="Browse..."/> No file selected. (Click here for tips on generating readable PDF files)
Privacy Setting	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Public (your identity as submitter can be seen by all users) <input type="radio"/> Private (only program committee can see your identity)
Do you plan to attend this conference?	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes (regardless of whether this paper is accepted) <input type="radio"/> No (but possibly if this paper is accepted)
<input type="button" value="Submit"/>	

6. Fill out the form. The fields that are in blue are mandatory. One of the mandatory fields in the form that you need to carefully choose is the “Area” of your paper. You can submit a paper in any of the following areas:
 - Business Cycles, Monetary and Fiscal Policy
 - Conflict
 - Demography
 - Economic History
 - Economics of the Firm

- Economics of the Household
- Energy and Natural Resources
- Environmental Economics
- Finance and Financial Market
- Economic Growth
- Institutions of Political Economy
- Labor Markets (demand, supply, unemployment, wages,)
- Migration
- Poverty and Inequality
- Trade and International Economics
- Unassigned Submission

You can choose “Unassigned Submission” if none of the areas apply to your paper.

Your paper will be reviewed by experts in each area. So make sure that you choose the area of your paper correctly.

At this stage, you only need to submit your abstract but not the completed paper yet. The deadline for submission is **April 30, 2017. This is a firm deadline and is NOT going to be extended.**

You will be notified by **June 15, 2017** about the decision on your submission.

If your plan to attend the conference changes at any time, **please notify us immediately.** In the past, one problem that created frustrations has been the large number of cancellations a few weeks before the conference. But cancelling your presentation is substantially better than not doing it. Notifying us as early as possible is a public good that benefits everyone. Please help all conference participants and organizers by informing us about your cancellation as early as possible. If you do not show up for your presentation without notifying us, **your chance of participation in future MEEA conferences could be negatively affected.**

We also strongly suggest that you reserve your hotel by early September, when ASSA announces registration and hotel reservation.

Thank you and we look forward to receiving your abstracts.

Sincerely,

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Appendix – How to Retrieve Your Password on Conference Maker

1. First, go to <https://editorialexpress.com/cgi-bin/conference/register.cgi> and type in the email with which you signed up on Conference Maker or your Conference Maker username and hit submit.
2. A table will show up that has your username, first name, last name, organization, and email address.
3. Click on your username. On the next page, a table comes up with all your information. Click on “Email Password”.
4. On the next page, a message comes up that “The password for user ID...”
5. You need to go to your email address and find that email and **read it carefully**. It contains your password.