

MARCH MEETING 2017
10 – 14 MARCH 2017
DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION: 10 JANUARY 2017



SHARJAH ART FOUNDATION

SHARJAH ART FOUNDATION (SAF) ANNOUNCES THE MARCH MEETING 2017 OPEN CALL

Sharjah Art Foundation (SAF) announces the open call for correspondents for the tenth annual March Meeting, taking place during the opening week programme for Sharjah Biennial 13: *Tamawuj*, from March 10 – 14, 2017.

Curated by **Christine Tohme**, Sharjah Biennial 13: *Tamawuj* will span across five cities: **Beirut, Dakar, Istanbul, Ramallah** and **Sharjah**, with Artist **Kader Attia**, curators **Lara Khaldi** and **Zeynep Oz** and the Lebanese Association for Plastic Arts, **Ashkal Alwan** as the four interlocutors of SB13. They will be working closely with researchers in the four cities, paired with counterparts in Sharjah to populate chip-ship, a centralised digital storage space housing various media, images and texts, addressing the four keywords **water, earth, crops** and **culinary**.

By cultivating collaborations, infrastructures and strategies within those localities, *Tamawuj* will pose questions around, and propose answers to, the conditions for the possibility of an art world. In a region currently being invested with larger institutions and lesser infrastructures, SB13 will cross from the ideal to the material. Vital interventions will stretch the idea of the biennial in order to traverse rooted contexts, harnessing the agility and fragility of present informal networks.

SAF welcomes applications from artists, writers and researchers for MM 2017. Interested applicants should present a proposal for a 10-minute presentation grounded in applicants' area of expertise, relating to the conceptual framework of SB13.

If you wish to be considered please complete the application form, attaching an outline of the talk relevant to your proposal, and send all materials to **marchmeeting@sharjahart.org** by **January 10, 2017**.

Sharjah Art Foundation will cover travel and accommodation expenses in Sharjah for the duration of MM 2017, as well as provide a modest per diem.

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SPEAKER REQUIREMENTS

Upon application, speakers are asked to sign a Speaker Agreement, which includes agreeing to provide the following information and materials according to strict deadlines. All submitted material including speaker biography excerpts, supporting texts and images, must be properly cited if not authored by applicant:

- 150-word biography for on-site introduction and use in promotion (MS Word format)
- Portrait (JPEG or TIFF)
- Proposal title and 40 - 50 word synopsis for use in promotion – this MUST give an accurate description of the proposed talk (MS Word format)
- Draft and final copies of presentation (including Power Point if part of presentation) sent to SAF to be reviewed by assigned deadlines

SPEAKER BENEFITS

All selected speakers will receive the following benefits:

- Hotel accommodation (March 10-14, 2017)
- Return airfare
- Meals and transportation to conference and related events

PRESENTATION SPECIFICS

Presentations must meet the following requirements:

- Be held in either English or Arabic (live-translation for both languages will be available during sessions)
- Adhere to a time format of 10 minutes.
- Must not be a sales pitch for any services, products, programme, seminar, institution, practice, association or company
- Address the themes that the March Meeting will explore
- Be given by one individual representing a personal or institutional project

SAF has the right to refuse and/or suggest changes to content. March Meeting does not censor contrarian content; the policy only refers to content deemed to be self-promotional and/or inappropriate for the audience given cultural sensitivity.

CONTACT

If you have any questions, please contact [**marchmeeting@sharjahart.org**](mailto:marchmeeting@sharjahart.org)

Thank you for your interest in presenting at the MM 2017. We look forward to reviewing your application. We will acknowledge receipt of each submitted proposal and contact shortlisted candidates sufficiently in advance.

MARCH MEETING 2017 SPEAKER APPLICATION FORM

If you are interested in speaking at the annual March Meeting, please complete this form and email to marchmeeting@sharjahart.org by **January 10, 2017**, along with a copy of your CV. Our evaluation will be based on the information provided. If you have online information regarding your speaking credentials or topic descriptions, please insert the URL in the "Session Description" field.

SPEAKER CONTACT DETAILS	
First Name:	
Last Name:	
Professional Designations:	
Title:	
Organisation (if applicable):	
Address 1:	
Address 2:	
City:	Country: Zip Code:
Telephone:	Fax:
Email:	

PROPOSED SPEECH / SESSION DETAILS	
Language:	English Arabic
What key areas will participants be able to understand following your presentation?	1. 2. 3.

PROPOSED TOPIC TITLE	SESSION DESCRIPTION

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BIOGRAPHY

Please enter a brief biographical description of your qualifications and speaking experience in 300 words or less.

By submitting this abstract, I attest that I am the owner of all content and have the authority to grant SAF permission to include my presentation paper, the title of which is noted above, and any other materials distributed or displayed at my presentation together in a compilation of conference proceedings and handouts. I understand that if my proposal is accepted, I am required to submit handouts, biographical information, and other required information by the deadlines SAF establishes.

I give my permission for any material submitted to or produced during March Meeting 2017, including text, images and video, to be used by SAF at its discretion for dissemination that may include website publication and print publications.

Note: By giving your permission, you do not give up any copyright or authorship rights that you hold.

Signature:

Date: