ArabHCI, an initiative established on September 2016, aims to empower, bridge and connect HCI researchers and practitioners from the Arab world with those who are conducting/interested in research in this context and ACM SIGCHI. The community goal is to leverage our "insider" understanding of HCI research in the Arab context and explore the challenges and unique opportunities for future research.

ArabHCI community is open for all HCI researchers interested in the Arab context with no restrictions on their background, gender or nationality.

Themes of Discussion

**Theme 1: Current Research Status in the Arab World**

There are various challenges that can hinder the work researchers do in the Arab region. These include safety, security and political challenges as well as movement and ownership concerns.

Future recommendations include establishing meaningful partnerships with governments, NGOs and local initiatives.

**Theme 2: Methodologies for Research with Arab Cultures**

The unique context of the Arab world can create interesting challenges for researchers conducting qualitative fieldwork. Despite these challenges, there is a lack of methodological reporting and reflection as to how to conduct studies in the region.

Future recommendations include encouraging HCI researchers and practitioners to critically reflect and share their experiences via (e.g. conferences, white papers and magazines).

**Theme 3: Appropriating verses Designing New Technologies for Arab Cultures**

There are many factors that researchers consider when attempting to achieve a culturally sensitive-design. However, there are many challenges that stand in the way of researchers to best determine and make use of these various elements.

Future recommendations include taking an inclusive approach and creating a creative appropriation agenda.