

Gulf Studies Newsletter

Gulf Studies Celebrates 10 Years of Success



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Gulf Studies was not a scientific project, but a success story, and a story full of influence and knowledge production

Prof. Mahjoob Zweiri

On the 27th of March, 2022, Gulf Studies at Qatar University hosted an event to celebrate the tenth year anniversary since its establishment. The event commenced with a speech by the President of Qatar University, Dr. Hassan Rashid Al- Derham, followed by a welcome note by Gulf Studies Director, Prof. Mahjoob Zweiri. Following that, the guests viewed a short film portraying the uniqueness and success of the Gulf Studies Center and Program. Key statistics and information about the program and the center were then presented. Finally, a round table discussion titled "The Role of Research and Studies Centers in Monitoring the Transformation of the Gulf Region" took place. The session, moderated by Prof. Mahjoob Zweiri, involved three distinguished guests who are experts in the field: Dr. Tariq Yousef, Director of the Middle East Council for International Affairs; Prof. Muhammed Al-Mukhtar, Director of Al Jazeera Center for Studies; and Prof. Liqaa Maki Al Azzawi, Sr. Researcher at Aljazeera Center for Studies. The guests of the event included members of Qatar University from different departments and colleges including students, faculty, and staff as well as guests from different governmental and diplomatic institutions in the country.



Gulf Studies News

Gulf Studies Center signs new MoUs

The Gulf Studies Center always aspires to build collaborations and relations with elite universities and research centers in the world. Therefore, this year, it actively participated in signing a number of Memoranda of Understanding (MoU) between Qatar University and leading research institutions whose studies are focused, among all, on the wide range of Gulf issues. These include a MoU between QU and the Regional Office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung on joint cooperation in the field of research, training and academic events. Another MoU was between QU and Cordoba Peace Institution (Geneva) on joint cooperation in the field of Peacebuilding.



Journal of Gulf Studies

We are proud to announce the launching of the "Journal of Gulf Studies" This journal will be a platform for new narratives and academic approaches about the Gulf region by experts on the Gulf.

فخورون بالإعلان عن إطلاق "مجلة دراسات الخليج" كمجلة علمية محكمة والتي تعتبر منصة جديدة لتقديم سردية مبتكرة حول منطقة الخليج والدول المجاورة لها.



Journal of Gulf Studies

The Gulf Studies Center is pleased to announce the launching of the "Journal of Gulf Studies" this year. Its first issue is to be published in April 2023. The Journal plans to cover a wide range of topics related to the different aspects of the socio-economic, political, and cultural issues of the Gulf as well as its international relations. It will be a platform for new narratives and academic approaches about the region by experts on the region.

Gulf Studies Students meet Malala Yousafzai

Lakshmi Venugopal Menon and Thomas Bonnie James, Ph.D. candidates of the Gulf Studies Program, were selected to be a part of the Doha Debates session with Malala Yousafzai, while representing the Gulf Studies Center, Qatar University.

Doha Debates hosted a town-hall-style conversation with Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai at Qatar's National Library.

This timely discussion provided an insight into the future of women's and girls' education in Afghanistan under the rule of Taliban and in other various conflict areas.

The link to the event: <https://lnkd.in/g87f94cx>



Ph.D. Graduates and Candidates teaching at Universities

The Gulf Studies Program is proud to acknowledge the growing role of its students and graduates in the research and academic sector of Qatar. Two of the program's Ph.D. graduates, Dr. Fatema Mohammed and Dr. Lubna Nasser Eddin, and five Ph.D. candidates, Muyassar Sulaiman, Thomas Bonnie James, Lakshmi Venugopal Menon, Dina Abu Rumman, and Alieu Manjang are now teaching the course "Qatar History and Society" at Doha University for Science and Technology. While Dr. Nasser Eddin also teaches the course "Qatar History" at Lusail University.

Gulf Studies Faculty Members get Promoted



The faculty members at the Gulf Studies Center continuously work hard on enhancing the quality of education. This year, we are proud to announce that two of Gulf Studies Center faculty members were promoted. Dr. Mahjoob Zweiri was academically promoted to the rank of Full Professor, whereas Dr. Luciano Zaccara was promoted to Research Associate Professor.

Gulf Studies Center Events



Indian Ambassador, H.E. Dr. Deepak Mittal engages GS students in dialogue about India-Gulf relations

On March 28, 2022, The Gulf Studies Center at the College of Arts and Sciences hosted a lecture entitled: India-Gulf Relations: The case of Qatar. Where H.E Dr Deepak Mittal, Ambassador of India to the State of Qatar, was invited as a keynote speaker. The moderator of this lecture was Prof. Mahjoob Zweiri, Director of Gulf Studies Center.

Webinar: Excellence at Qatar University and their Implementation in the Gulf Studies Program

On February 7, 2022, Gulf Studies Center hosted a webinar for the Gulf Studies students about the goals of educational excellence at QU and how the Gulf Studies Program implements those goals in its study plans and curricula.



The Gulf Studies Center at the College of Arts and Sciences is pleased to invite you to attend the webinar titled:

Introducing Goals of Educational Excellence at Qatar University and their Implementation in the Gulf Studies Program

Speaker:
Dr. Amr Al Azm
Associate Professor of Gulf Studies,
College of Arts and Sciences

Monday, 7th February, 2022
3:00pm - 4:00pm (Qatar Time)
Via WebEx



Workshop on 'GCC Economies and the Evolution of Hydrocarbon Markets: Challenges of Energy Transition and COVID Pandemic India-Gulf relations

On March 30, 2022, The Gulf Studies Center at the College of Arts and Sciences hosted a virtual workshop with the participation of regional and international experts titled "GCC Economies and the Evolution of Hydrocarbon Markets: Challenges of Energy Transition and COVID Pandemic."



The Gulf Studies Center at the College of Arts and Sciences is pleased to invite you to attend a virtual workshop with the participation of Regional and International experts titled:

GCC Economies and the Evolution of Hydrocarbon Markets: Challenges of Energy Transition and COVID Pandemic

Speakers:
Ms. Galia Fazallyanova (Energy Economics Analyst, Gas Exporting Countries Forum, Doha)
Dr. Najj Albi-Asad (COO Petrobols, Beirut)
Dr. Halem Ghandir (Head of the economic section, Al Jazeera Media Network, Doha)
Dr. Jalal Qanes (Assistant Professor, Qatar University, Doha)
Dr. Nikolay Kozhakov (Research Associate Professor, Qatar University, Doha)
Dr. Sebastian Sons (Researcher, CARPO, Berlin)

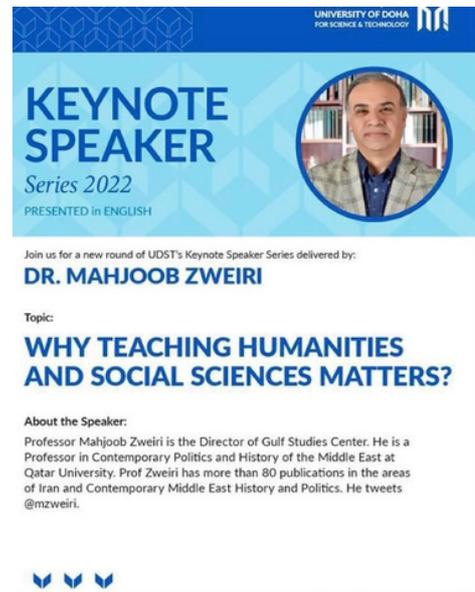
Moderators:
Dr. Nikolay Kozhakov (Research Associate Professor, Qatar University, Doha)
Dr. Jalal Qanes (Assistant Professor, Qatar University, Doha)
Ms. Ginar Eskandar (Gulf Studies Program PhD Candidate, Qatar University, Doha)

Wednesday, 30 March, 2022
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm (Doha Time)
Via WebEx



Why Teaching Humanities and Social Sciences Matters?

Professor Mahjoob Zweiri, the Director of the Gulf Studies Center, was invited as a keynote speaker at the University of Doha for Science and Technology to deliver a speech titled "Why Teaching Humanities and Social Sciences Matters".



UNIVERSITY OF DOHA FOR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Series 2022
PRESENTED IN ENGLISH

Join us for a new round of UDST's Keynote Speaker Series delivered by:
DR. MAHJOOB ZWEIRI

Topic:
WHY TEACHING HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES MATTERS?

About the Speaker:
Professor Mahjoob Zweiri is the Director of Gulf Studies Center. He is a Professor in Contemporary Politics and History of the Middle East at Qatar University. Prof Zweiri has more than 80 publications in the areas of Iran and Contemporary Middle East History and Politics. He tweets @mzweiri.

In the Pipeline

The 7th Annual International Interdisciplinary Conference: The FIFA 2022 World Cup in Qatar: Looking into Global and Local Perspectives



The Gulf Studies Center is pleased to announce its plans to organize a two-day international conference in September 2022 to discuss Qatar's experience in the organization of the 2022 FIFA World Cup specifically the socio-cultural, economic and political sides of the process. The key outcome of the event will be the publication of a collective monograph that is aimed to become one of the main academic references for scholars and individuals interested to learn about 2022 World Cup that will be hosted in Qatar. This annual international conference will bring together scholars, policymakers, and students from a wide range of disciplines to engage in a nuanced dialogue on the multifaceted impact of the 2022 FIFA World Cup on the Qatari society and the region as a whole.

Workshop: The Gulf and The European Union: Navigating Shifting Sands

The Gulf Studies Center is pleased to announce hosting a workshop that will discuss the current and future impact of the global energy transition on the dynamics of the socio-economic developments in the GCC. The main topic of discussion will be focused on potential economic strategies that the Gulf can apply in order to respond to the challenges created by the beginning of the global energy transition and the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the hydrocarbon markets as well as the issues experienced by the oil and gas sector of the GCC economies and its affect other aspects of the socio-economic and political life of the Gulf. Subsequently, the challenges presented by the workshop aim to go beyond the oil and gas industry with a wide array of challenges faced by the GCC member states as a result of the global changes in the hydrocarbon markets.

Workshop: Latin America and the Gulf: Beyond Oil and Football

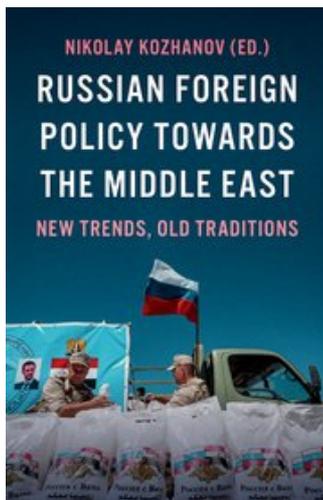
The Gulf Studies Center is pleased to announce the organization of a workshop that will explore the relations between Latin American countries and the Gulf States. This workshop will be covering topics such as:

- Development Studies
- Regionalism and Inter-Regionalism
- South-South Cooperation
- Comparative Politics
- Role of Non-State actors in bilateral relations
- Security Cooperation
- Democratization
- Migration

PUBLICATIONS 2022-2023

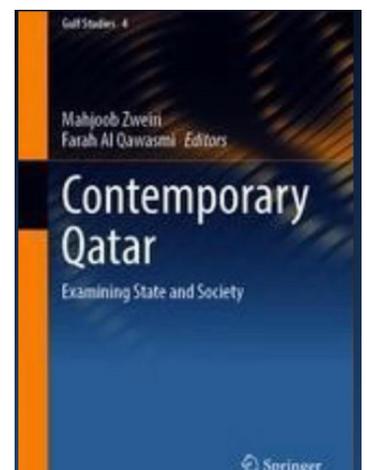
Gulf Studies Center closely follows the current developments in the region's social, cultural, economic and political spheres and covers them in policy briefs and op-eds published by its members in-house as well as through international media sources. To name a few, Dr. Nikolay Kozhanov has recently published a couple of op-eds for the MEI and Carnegie Middle East Center about the impact of the Ukrainian war on the economic situation in the Gulf. Prof. Mahjoob Zweiri and Leen Al- Rabat published an article for the Middle East Eye titled "How will the Russia- Ukrain war affect nuclear talks?" Additionally, the Gulf Studies Center has recently published a number of internal publications that can be found in the following link.

<http://www.qu.edu.qa/research/gulfstudies-center>



In April 2022, Oxford University Press and Hurst Publishing House released the book "Russian Foreign Policy towards the Middle East" edited by GSC research associate professor Nikolay Kozhanov. This book sheds light on Russia's motives in the Middle East, examining its growing role in the region and its efforts to defend its national interests. As one of the first volumes to address both domestic and external drivers, it provides a valuable multi-dimensional account of Moscow's foreign policy. Russian Foreign Policy Towards the Middle East also traces the historical evolution of Russia's presence in the region, comparing Moscow's current vision of its diplomatic priorities with the strategic goals of the Soviet Union.

As part of the Gulf Studies series, Springer launched a new volume titled "Contemporary Qatar: Examining State and Society" edited by Prof. Mahjoob Zweiri, Director of Gulf Studies Center and Ms. Farah Qawasmi, Research Assistant at the Gulf Studies Center. This book is an interdisciplinary book that includes the following themes: the politics and security of Qatar, the political economy and natural resources of Qatar, and the formation of national identity and the social contrast of the state. Each of these themes delves into the topics of the matter during Shaikh Tamim's era. The book offers a holistic understanding of the most important aspects of a state's development. It presents the reader with a comprehensive understanding of local, regional and international factors that played a role in forming today's Qatari state, its governance and policies, its strong economy, and its modernizing society



About The Gulf Studies Center

The Gulf Studies Center was established in 2013, where the aim of the Center is to cover topics of Politics and Security, Energy and Economics and Culture and Society. The Center's aim is to produce and advance thought-provoking research on the Gulf Region.

Prior to establishing the Gulf studies Center, the Gulf Studies launched its one of a kind Gulf Studies MA Program. The Gulf Studies Program was launched in 2011, and it takes a fundamental approach where classes are delivered in small groups, with maximized interaction and engagement between the student and the instructor. Following the great success of the MA program, the Gulf Studies launched a PhD program, which allows our students to take their research and academia a step forward. The MA and PhD students explore fundamental questions about the Gulf's economics, politics, security, and all other aspects of the Gulf identity from interdisciplinary perspectives. In addition, the students are exposed to exciting opportunities arising from the unique curriculum.

With the solid combination of research and academia, the Gulf Studies offers its community a unique opportunity to engage with leading academics in the field through workshops, seminars, guest lectures and most importantly, through the enriching experience of its classes and coursework.

CURRENT STATISTICS

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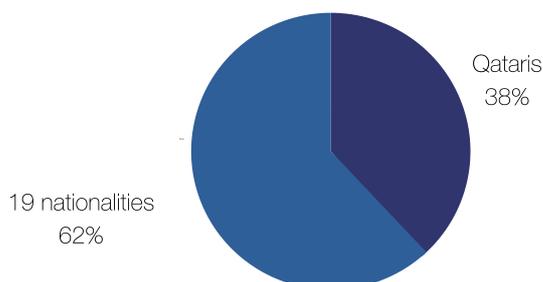
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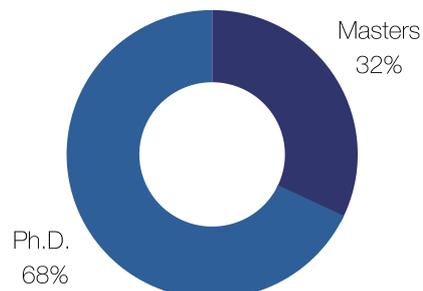


Female

Qatari/ Non-Qatari



Masters/ Ph.D.



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Dr. Luciano Zaccara, Research Associate Professor in Gulf Politics

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