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9th Annual International Multidisciplinary Conference

Enduring and Emerging Conflicts in the Middle East: Implications for the Gulf Region







The Gulf Studies Center organized its 9th in collaboration with the Chair of the State of Qatar for Islamic Area Studies at Waseda University, Japan. Held on November 17-18, 2024, the conference was titled "The Gulf in the Emerging Regional (Dis)Order" and brought together distinguished group experts, policymakers, and scholars, institutional representatives.

Her Excellency Mrs. Lolwah Al-Khater, Minister of Education and Higher Education also attended the event. Over two days, the conference explored the evolving regional system, examining the roles of state and non-state actors, the involvement of extra-regional powers, and the implications for Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states, as well as Iran, Iraq, and Yemen. The discussions covered a broad spectrum of topics.













Seminar Series- The Palestinian issue in Gulf history

The Gulf Studies Center inaugurated a Seminar Series called "The Palestinian Issue in Gulf History" that talks about the relations that have developed between Palestine and the Gulf since the 1930s.

Seminar 1
The Gulf's position on the Palestinian issue during the second half of the twentieth century



On October 7, 2024, the Gulf Studies Center welcomed Dr. Abdulla Al Kubaisi, former President of Qatar University, Professor Mustafa Aqel, and Professor Ibrahim Shahdad, all esteemed scholars in Modern and Contemporary History, to lead a discussion on the Gulf's position regarding the Palestinian issue during the second half of the twentieth century.





Seminar 2
The State of Kuwait as a case (1953 - 1967)



On December 2, 2024, the Gulf Studies Center hosted Dr. Tareq Alrashoud, Assistant Professor of Modern History at Kuwait University, for a seminar titled "The State of Kuwait as a Case Study (1953–1967): The History of Palestinian-Kuwaiti Relations and the Boycott Movement." The event drew a diverse audience of researchers and academics from various institutions.

In his presentation, Dr. Alrashoud explored the multifaceted role of Kuwait in the Palestinian cause, examining political, social, and cultural dimensions.



<u>Joint Conference</u> <u>Russia's Invasion of Ukraine:</u> <u>Assessments, Implications,</u> <u>Prospects</u>

Implications, Prospects



On October 26, 2024, in collaboration with the Center for International and Regional Studies at Georgetown University in Qatar, the Gulf Studies Center at the College of Arts and Sciences, Qatar University, organized a titled ioint conference "Russia's of Ukraine: Invasion Assessments. Implications, Prospects." This one-day event addressed the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, its far-reaching ramifications for international relations, and the varying assessments of the war by different global actors, with a particular focus on the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and the Middle East. conference brought together leading experts in economics and international relations. both regional and international.



Seminar What is Gulf Studies?



On October 23, 2024, the Gulf Studies Center organized a thought-provoking seminar titled "What is Gulf Studies?" The seminar was convened in response to the growing need to critically reassess Gulf Studies as an academic field and to explore its implications for regionalism in the Gulf. The event was attended by students, scholars, and educators from a broad spectrum of institutions. The sessions were followed by a series of questions and answers allowing for a lively discussion and exchange of ideas on the future direction of Gulf Studies.



International Democratic Day Closed Round Table Discussion with Dr. Majed Al Ansari

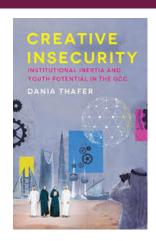


On International Democracy Day, the Gulf Studies Center had the honor of hosting Dr. Majed Al Ansari, Director of the Center for International and Political Relations (CIPR), for a closed roundtable discussion on the intersection of academia, democracy, and policy. Dr. Al Ansari engaged with students to explore the role of academic institutions in shaping diplomatic and political landscapes, offering valuable insights into how academic research influences democratic processes and governance.

In addition to discussing democracy, Dr. Al Ansari also addressed the growing impact of artificial intelligence (Al) on academia, particularly its role in supporting policymakers and institutions. He highlighted how Al is transforming research methodologies and reshaping the ways in which academic knowledge can inform decision-making at the highest levels.

Coffee with Scholar Dr. Dania Thafer





The Gulf Studies Center at the College of Arts and Sciences, Qatar University, recently hosted a book launch event featuring Dr. Dania Thafer, Executive Director of the Washington-based Gulf International Forum (GIF). The event brought together faculty and students to discuss Dr. Thafer's insightful new book, Creative Insecurity: Institutional Inertia and Youth Potential in the GCC. The discussion, enriched by the perspectives of GSC faculty, delved into the implications of Dr. Thafer's research and its relevance to the region's socio-economic landscape.

Visitors of the Gulf Studies Center

The Gulf Studies Center welcomed his Excellency Mr. Fariz Rezayev, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan and his team on December 8, 2024



The Gulf Studies Center welcomed Dr.
Thomas Volk, Head of the Middle East
and North Africa Department at the
Konard Adenauer Foundation on
December 9, 2024. The meeting was coorganized with German Federal
Association, GCC office.



The Gulf Studies Center welcomed delegates from the French institute INALCO on December 9, 2024.



The Gulf Studies Center welcomed a group of students from the University of Southern Denmark with their Professor, Prof. Martin Beck. They attended the Gulf Studies Center 9th Annual International Multidisciplinary Conference



The Gulf Studies Center welcomed a group of students and their mentor, Dr. Manami Goto, from Akita University, Japan.



Featuring Gulf Studies Program Alumnus Dr. Reem Ali Ibrahim Al Derham Director of Human Rights Department, The Ministry of Foreign Affairs



Dr. Reem Al Derham, a distinguished graduate of the Gulf Studies PhD program, exemplifies the program's mission to cultivate scholars who make meaningful contributions to academia and professional fields. She was initially drawn to the Gulf Studies program, a hub of immense geopolitical, economic, cultural significance, and for interdisciplinary approach and unique focus on the Gulf region,

Through the PhD program, Dr. Al Derham developed a profound understanding of the Gulf region, sharpening her research and analytical skills.

The interdisciplinary nature of the program equipped her to approach regional challenges holistically, analyzing them through multiple lenses

Additionally, the program's emphasis on seminars, conferences, and academic writing refined her ability to communicate complex ideas effectively-a skill she continues to apply in her professional endeavors. Since completing her PhD, Dr. Al Derham has made significant strides in her academic journey. She is currently working on publishing her dissertation and contributing a chapter to a book based on a working paper she presented at a conference organized by the Gulf Studies Center. These achievements underscore her commitment to advancing research on the Gulf and highlight the success in program's preparing to bridge academia graduates and practical impact.

Dr. Al Derham's story is a testament to the transformative power of the Gulf Studies PhD program. It not only equips scholars with specialized expertise but also inspires them to make meaningful contributions to understanding the Gulf region's global significance. Her achievements continue to serve as an inspiration for current and prospective students of the program.

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Dr. Luciano Zaccara

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Dr. Amna Sadiq

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<u>تباين في الردود والسياسات</u>

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Katsiaryna Ata, PhD

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INSTITUTIONALISM AND THE DYNAMICS OF RESOURCE-BASED DEVELOPMENT IN THE ARAB GULF STATES: AN EMPIRICAL ANALYSIS



Mustafa Yaylali, MA

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THE CASE OF QATAR WORLD CUP 2022

