

The Global Gulf



An interdisciplinary conference on
the Gulf region (**Arabia, Iran, Iraq**) and
its historical and contemporary connections
with the wider world

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An interdisciplinary conference on the Gulf's historical and contemporary regional and international dimensions (Institute of Arab & Islamic Studies, University of Exeter, UK)

Programme

Conference webpage: www.ex.ac.uk/iais Convener: Dr James Onley (J.Onley@exeter.ac.uk)

TUESDAY, 4 JULY

- 1:00–6:00 COLLECTION OF ROOM KEYS & REGISTRATION (Holland Hall, Stratham Campus)
- 1:00–5:00 VISIT THE GULF COLLECTION IN THE ARAB WORLD DOCUMENTATION UNIT (Institute of Arab & Islamic Studies)
- 7:00 INFORMAL WELCOME DINNER (Holland Hall)

WEDNESDAY, 5 JULY

- 8:00 BREAKFAST (Mardon Hall & Holland Hall)
- 9:00 WELCOME & INTRODUCTION (Institute of Arab & Islamic Studies)
- 9:10 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY PROFESSOR GILLES KEPEL**
Director of EuroGolfe and Chair of Mediterranean & Middle East Studies, Paris Institute for Political Studies, France
- 9:30 **PANEL 1: THE GULF & THE WEST**
CHAIR: Dr Nada Mourtada-Sabbah, American University of Sharjah
- EU-GCC Relations: Dynamics, Patterns & Perspectives (*Professor Gerd Nonneman, Lancaster University, UK*)
 - The Approach of Three Latin American Countries to the Arab/Persian Gulf: Argentina, Mexico and Venezuela (*Professor Alejandra Galindo Marines, Universidad de Monterrey, Mexico*)
- 10:15 COFFEE & BISCUITS
- 10:45 **PANEL 2: SAUDI ARABIA**
CHAIR: Professor Gerd Nonneman, Lancaster University, UK
- The Global Economy and Economic Reform in Saudi Arabia (*Professor Tim Niblock, IAIS, University of Exeter*)
 - Global Values and the Political Process: The Experience of the First Saudi Elections (*Dr Mishal Al-Qaydi, King Abdulaziz University, Saudi Arabia*)
 - Modern Variations to the Standard Muslim Marriage Contract: The Saudi Experience (*Dr Maha Yamani, recent graduate of the IAIS, University of Exeter*)
 - Problems and Possibilities in the Employment of Female Labour in Saudi Arabia (*Dr Dina Khayat, recent graduate of the IAIS, University of Exeter*)
- 12:10 SHORT BREAK

- 12:20 **PANEL 3: IRAQ**
CHAIR: Dr Lawrence Potter, Deputy Director, Gulf2000, Columbia University, New York
- The Iraqi Diaspora, Gender and Transnational Activism (*Dr Nadjé Al-Ali, IAIS, University of Exeter*)
 - The Role of the British Media in the Policy Making Process (*Mrs Anne Watkins, IAIS, University of Exeter*)
- 1:05 BUFFET LUNCH (IAIS)
- 2:00 **PANEL 4: INDIA & THE GULF**
CHAIR: Professor Valeria Piacentini, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan
- Indians and Pakistanis in Uneasy Contact with the Gulf: The Power of States (*Professor Karen Leonard, University of California, Irvine*)
 - Business and Community between India and the Gulf: Muslim entrepreneurs in Kerala, India (*Dr Caroline Osella, SOAS, London*)
 - 'Go West Young Man': The Culture of Migration to the Persian Gulf and Western States among Muslims in Hyderabad, India (*Dr Syed Ali, Long Island University, Brooklyn, New York*)
- 3:30 TEA & BISCUITS
- 4:00 **PANEL 5: CITIZENS & EXPATS**
CHAIR: Dr Nadjé Al-Ali, IAIS, University of Exeter
- Redefining the Rules of Engagement for Expatriates in the GCC Countries (*Dr N. Janardhan, Gulf Research Center, Dubai*)
 - Citizenship in the UAE: Indian Expatriates, the Emirati State, and Dubai's City of Gold (*Ms Neha Vora, University of California, Irvine*)
 - Challenges and Barriers to Kuwaitisation, with a Comparison Across the GCC (*Dr Stephanie Jones, Kuwait Maastricht Business School*)
- 5:05 SHORT BREAK
- 5:15 **PANEL 6: INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARIES**
CHAIR: Mr Richard Schofield, King's College, London University
- Back to 1975 and All That: Iran, Iraq, and the Shatt al-Arab (*Mr Richard Schofield, King's College, London University*)
 - Outside Actor Involvement in the GCC: Should Europe Take Prominence? (*Mr Andrew Brown, IAIS, University of Exeter*)
 - EU Security Discourse: Creating New Boundaries in the Mediterranean and Gulf Regions (*Mr Telmo Vieira, IAIS, University of Exeter*)
- 6:20 END
- 7:00 DRINKS ON THE LAWN (Mardon Hall)
- 7:30 FORMAL DINNER (Mardon Hall Refectory)

THURSDAY, 6 JULY

8:00 BREAKFAST (Mardon Hall & Holland Hall)

9:00 **PANEL 7: BRITAIN & THE GULF**

CHAIR: Dr James Onley, Director of Gulf Studies, IAIS, University of Exeter

- Technological Development in the Persian Gulf: A Factor in British Supremacy in the Region 1860s-1900s (*Dr Farajollah Ahmadi, University of Tehran*)
- The Traffic of Arms and Ammunition in the Gulf and in the Western Indian Ocean between the Late 19th and Early 20th Century (*Dr Beatrice Nicolini, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan*)
- Melting Pot of the Gulf? Cosmopolitanism and Its Limits in the Experience of Basra's British Community, 1890-1940 (*Dr Reidar Visser, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, Oslo*)
- A "Lake Up for Auction"? Britain, the Indian Ocean, and Global Power, 1971-76 (*Dr John Brobst, Ohio University, Athens*)

10:30 COFFEE & BISCUITS

11:00 **PANEL 8: THE GULF ARAB STATES**

CHAIR: Professor Omar Bagabas, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah

- Arabian Gulf: Traditionalism Globalized or Globalization Traditionalized (*Dr Nada Mourtada-Sabbah, American University of Sharjah*)
- Popular Heritage and Nation-Building in Contemporary Arab Gulf Societies (*Dr Sulayman Khalaf, University of Sharjah*)

11:50 SHORT BREAK

12:00 **PANEL 9: IRAN (PART 1)**

CHAIR: Professor Rob Gleave, IAIS, University of Exeter

- Nader Shah and Persian Naval Expansion in the Persian Gulf, 1700-1747 (*Mr Michael Axworthy, IAIS, University of Exeter*)
- The Consolidation of Iran's Frontier on the Persian Gulf in the 19th Century (*Dr Lawrence Potter, Deputy Director of Gulf2000, Columbia University, New York*)
- Mullah Ali Shah of Bander Abbas, 1733-53: The Maritime Life of a Persian Gulf Merchant, Mariner, and Administrator (*Dr Thomas Ricks, independent scholar, Havertown, Pennsylvania*)

1:00 BUFFET LUNCH (IAIS)

2:00 **PANEL 9: IRAN (PART 2)**

CHAIR: Professor Rob Gleave, IAIS, University of Exeter

- Cross-Border Trade and Economic Transfer among Iranian Populations of the Persian Gulf (*Dr Shahnaz Nadjmabadi, Johan Wolfgang Goethe Universität, Frankfurt/Main, Germany*)
- Relations between Iran and the Persian Gulf States under Ahmadinejad: From Confidence-Building to Distrust (*Dr M. Hossein Hafezian, Center for Scientific Research and Middle East Strategic Studies, Tehran*)

2:50 SHORT BREAK

3:00

PANEL 10: THE UAE

CHAIR: Professor Tim Niblock, IAIS, University of Exeter

- Oral History in the UAE: The Experience of Zayed Center for Heritage and History (*Dr Hasan Al-Naboodah, Director of the Zayed Center for Heritage and History UAE University, Al-Ain*)
- The Emirates of Abu Dhabi and Dubai: Contrasting Roles in the International System (*Dr Christopher Davidson, Zayed University, Dubai / University of Durham, UK*)

3:30

TEA & BISCUITS

4:00

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION: NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN GULF STUDIES

5:00

CLOSING REMARKS

5:05

END