Thursday 12 September
Peter Chalk, room 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3

9.00-9.30am: Tea and Coffee

9.30-10.00am: Introduction
Gerd NONNEMAN (Georgetown University, Qatar)
Marc VALERI (University of Exeter)

10.00-11.30am: Private Sector and Reform in the GCC
Steffen HERTOG (London School of Economics and Political Science)
“Capable but Marginal: The Structural Isolation of the GCC Private Sector”
Jasim HUSAIN (Economics Researcher, Former Bahraini MP)
“Labour Market Reforms and Businesses in the GCC”

11.30-11.45am: Coffee break

11.45am-12.45pm: Business and Politics in Bahrain
Omar ALSHEHABI (Gulf University for Science and Technology, Kuwait)
“The Political Economy of Land Reclamation in Bahrain”

1.00-2.00pm: Lunch at Reed Hall

2.00-3.30pm: Business and Politics in Saudi Arabia
Giacomo LUCIANI (Sciences Po, Paris / Princeton University)
“Public vs Private Enterprises in the Saudi Diversification Drive”
Mohamed A. RAMADY (King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals, Dhahran, KSA)
3.30-3.45pm: **Coffee break**

3.45pm-5.00pm: **State-Business Relations in Qatar, Bahrain and Oman**  
**Mehran KAMRAVA** (Georgetown University, Qatar)  
“State-Business Relations in Qatar: Key to Political Stability”  

**Marc VALERI** (University of Exeter)  
“Business-State Relations and Economic Liberalization in Bahrain and Oman”

**Friday 13 September**  
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9.00-9.30am: **Tea and Coffee**

9.30-10.45am: **Business Politics in a Comparative Perspective – Session 1**  
**Ben Ross SCHNEIDER** (MIT)  
“Institutions for Effective of Business-Government Collaboration: Micro Mechanisms and Macro Politics in Latin America”

**Bassam HADDAD** (George Mason University / Georgetown University, Washington)  
“State-Business Networks: Findings from the Syrian Case”

10.45-11.00am: **Coffee break**

11.00am-12.00pm: **Business Politics in a Comparative Perspective – Session 2**  
**Pete W. MOORE** (Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland)  
“Iraq’s War Economy and Business in the Gulf”

12.00-1.00pm: **Concluding remarks**

1.00pm: **Lunch at Reed Hall**