The 2011 Gulf Studies Conference

An interdisciplinary conference exploring the aspirations of and challenges facing the peoples of the Arabian Peninsula, Iran, and Iraq (immediately following BRISMES 2011 at Exeter, 27–29 June)

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Aspirations & Challenges in the Gulf

29 June – 2 July 2011
WEDNESDAY, 29 JUNE

1:00–4:00 COLLECTION OF ROOM KEYS & REGISTRATION (Holland Hall, Streatham Campus)

4:00–4:20 ARRIVAL OF DELEGATES TO IAIS (ground floor)

4:30 WELCOME & INTRODUCTION (LT1 & LT2, IAIS)
James Onley (Director, Centre for Gulf Studies, IAIS)

4:35 LAUNCH OF THE JOURNAL OF ARABIAN STUDIES

4:45 PANEL 1: URBAN SPACE (LT1 & 2, IAIS)
Chair: John Cooper (IAIS)
• History in the City: Competing Views on Preservation, the Built Environment, and Urban Renewal in Kuwait (Farah Al-Nakib, American University of Kuwait)
• Studying and Conserving Urban Heritage of the Gulf (Samia Rab, American University of Sharjah)
• Small is Beautiful! Construction and Conservatism Challenging Qatar for 2022 FIFA World Cup (Nadine Scharfenort, Geographical Institute / Johannes Gutenberg-University of Mainz)

6:15 END

6:25 DRINKS (Holland Hall bar, 1ST floor)

7:30 DINNER & WELCOME (Holland Hall, ground floor), DRESS: casual

8:30 AFTER DINNER DRINKS (Holland Hall bar, 1ST floor)

THURSDAY, 30 JUNE

7:00–8:30 BREAKFAST (Holland Hall, ground floor)

9:00 PANEL 2: LIBERALIZATION & LEGITIMACY IN THE GULF (LT1 & 2, IAIS)
Chair: James Onley (Director, Centre for Gulf Studies, IAIS)
• Tim Niblock (Emeritus Professor of Middle East Politics, IAIS)
• Marc Valeri (Programme Director, MA in Gulf Studies, IAIS)
• Jasim Husain (former MP, Majlis al-Nawab, Bahrain)

11:00 BREAK: COFFEE & BISCUITS (IAIS, ground floor)
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<td>Chair: Gerd Nonneman (Al-Qasimi Chair of Gulf Studies, IAIS)</td>
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<td>- The Dynamics of Dynastic Monarchies: Rules and Tools of Successions</td>
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<td>(Russell E. Lucas, Florida International University, Miami)</td>
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<td>- Rentier Revised? Managing Political Economy Transformations in the Gulf States (Crystal Ennis, University of Waterloo, Canada)</td>
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<td>- Balancing Cultures at the American University of Kuwait (Marjorie Kelly, American University of Kuwait)</td>
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<td>- Education and Change: Ask Why, but Don’t Ever Act on It (Mohammed Al-Kabour, Columbia University)</td>
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<td>- Nationalizing Skilled Labour in the Gulf: The Transitions of Qatari Youth into Vocational Education and Training (Adam Larson, College of the North Atlantic, Qatar; King’s College, London)</td>
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FRIDAY, 1 JULY

7:30-9:00 BREAKFAST (Holland Hall, ground floor)

9:30 PANEL 8: BRITAIN & THE TRUCIAL STATES (LT 1, IAIS)
Chair: Leslie McLoughlin (IAIS)
• The Deposition of Shaikh Saqr of Sharjah in 1965 (Helene Von Bismarck, Humboldt-University, Berlin)
• The Deposition of Shaikh Shakhbut of Abu Dhabi in 1966 (Michael Curtis, formerly of the Trucial Oman Scouts)
• The Life of TOS Desert Intelligence Officers in the Trucial States (Saif Al-Bedwawi, Ajman Diwan)

PANEL 9: GENDERED PERSPECTIVES (LT 2, IAIS)
Chair: Jane Kinninmont (Chatham House, London)
• Genderframing Women’s Rights in the United Arab Emirates: An Exploratory Approach (Vânia Carvalho Pinto, University of Brasilia)
• The Kuwaiti Diwaniyya: From Shareecha to Mshtaricha (Lindsey Stephenson, Aga Khan University, London)
• Aspects of the Omani Rentier State 1970–2010: Gender Relations in Dhofar (Francis Owtram, University of Kurdistan Hawler, Erbil, Iraq; IAIS; Annemarie Profanter, Free University of Bozen-Bolzano)

11:15 BREAK: COFFEE & BISCUITS (IAIS, ground floor)

11:45 PANEL 10: IRANIAN POLITICS (LT 1, IAIS)
Chair: Michael Axworthy (Director, Centre for Persian and Iranian Studies, IAIS)
• Elite Dispute through Electoral Means in a Competitive Authoritarian Regime: The Case of Iran (Luciano Zaccara, Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona; IAIS)
• Human Rights in Iran after the Green Movement: Cyrus Cylinder Unraveled? (Anicée Van Engeland, University of Exeter)

PANEL 11: YEMENI POLITICS (LT 2, IAIS)
Chair: Noel Brehony (Chairman, British-Yemeni Society)
• The Southern Movement and New Political Culture in Yemen (Susanne Dahlgren, Helsinki Collegium for Advanced Studies, Finland)
• Yemen Divided: The Story of a Failed State in South Arabia (Noel Brehony, Chairman, British-Yemeni Society)
• Struggling for the Hearts and Minds of the Arab Street: Political and Social Attitudes of Yemen University Students (Fernando Carvajal, IAIS; Dino Bozonelos, UC Riverside) cancelled

12:45 BUFFET LUNCH (IAIS, ground floor patio if sunny, entrance foyer if raining)

2:00 PANEL 12: EXPATS (LT 1, IAIS)
Chair: Marc Valeri (Programme Director, MA in Gulf Studies, IAIS)
• The Somali Expatriate Community in the Gulf States: Their Main Economic Activities and the Remittances System (Ioannis Mantzikos, University of Peloponnese; SOAS) cancelled
• Presence of Expatriate Workers in the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries: Assets or Liabilities? (Anisur Rahman, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi)
• Meeting the Demands of the Arabian Gulf: Transformations of an Islamic Knowledge System in Kerala (Mohammed Swalih, Madeenathunnoor College of Islamic Sciences, Calicut) cancelled

PANEL 13: **IDENTITY** (LT 2, IAIS)
Chair: Chris Davidson (Durham University)
• The Policy of Exclusion in Kuwait: ‘Asabiyya on the National Level (Anastasia Nosova, IAIS)
• Engaging Pasts: Historicity and Political Imagination in Bahrain (Thomas Fibiger, Aarhus University, Denmark)
• Identity Politics vs. Identity Politics: Baha’i Schooling in Pahlavi Era, 1928-1934 (Leila Chamankhah, Azad University, Iran)
• English Language Education in the Gulf: A Qualitative Case Study of Qatari Student Identities (Amir Abou-El-Kheir, College of the North Atlantic, Qatar)

4:00 BREAK: COFFEE & BISCUITS (IAIS, ground floor)

4:30 PANEL 14: **GOVERNMENT POLICY IN THE GCC STATES** (LT 1, IAIS)
Chair: Richard Schofield, King’s College, London
• Narcotic Drugs in Dubai: Impact, Trends and Responses (Philip Robins, St Antony’s College, Oxford)
• ‘Global Governance’ or the ‘Governance of Globalization’? Gulf States’ Perspectives on Global Engagement (Kristian Coates Ulrichsen, LSE)
• Infrastructure Projects in the Gulf: The Regional Linking and Belonging of Oman (Steffen Wippel, University of Leipzig)

PANEL 15: **PEARLING IN THE MID-20TH CENTURY** (LT 2, IAIS)
Chair: Rob Carter (Oxford Brookes University)
• The Political and Social Ramifications of Debt and Debt Absconding in the Emirates along the Southern Gulf (Victoria Penzier Hightower, Florida State University)
• Pearls, Politics, and the Challenges of Debt (Ivan Rosales Montes, American University of Cairo)

6:00 END

7:15 TAXI SERVICE TO TOWN (depart from: Holland Hall)
DINNER IN TOWN (see list of restaurants)
CALL TAXI TO RETURN TO HOLLAND HALL (tel. 01392 666666)
**SATURDAY, 2 JULY**

7:30-9:00 BREAKFAST (Holland Hall, ground floor)

9:30 PANEL 16: **IRANIAN SECURITY** (LT 1, IAIS)
   Chair: Luciano Zaccara (Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona, Spain; IAIS)
   - Perceptions and Narratives of Security: The Iranian Revolutionary Guards Corps, the Iran-Iraq War and Security in the Gulf (**Annie Tracy Samuel**, Tel Aviv University)

PANEL 17: **GULF ARAB HISTORY & CULTURE** (LT 2, IAIS)
   Chair: Frauke Heard-Bey (Abu Dhabi Authority for Culture & Heritage)
   - Traditional Bedouin Al Sadu Weaving of Kuwait: Current Practices and Future Developments (**Keireine Canavan**, University of Wales Institute, Cardiff)

10:30 BREAK: COFFEE & BISCUITS (IAIS, ground floor)

11:00 PANEL 18: **OIL & POLITICS** (LT 1, IAIS)
   Chair: Steve Wright (Qatar University; IAIS)
   - Kuwait’s Diplomacy and the First Oil Crisis, 1970–1974 (**Shigeto Kondo**, Keio University, Japan)
   - Transparency and Foreign Investment in the Oil Sector of Iraq: The Kurdish Regional Government and the Hunt Oil and DNO Contracts (**Francis Owtram**, University of Kurdistan Hawler, Erbil, Iraq; IAIS)

PANEL 19: **BAHRAINI POLITICS** (LT 2, IAIS)
   Chair: Marc Valeri (Programme Director, MA in Gulf Studies, IAIS)
   - Bahrain: Change of the Regime or Changes within the Regime? (**Abdulnabi Alakry**, President, Bahrain Transparency Society)

12:00 BUFFET LUNCH (IAIS, ground floor patio if sunny, entrance foyer if raining)

1:00 CLOSING REMARKS (LT 1 & 2, IAIS)

1:15 END

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SUNDAY, 3 JULY

8:00-9:30 BREAKFAST (Holland Hall, ground floor)

DEPART EXETER? (taxi: 01392 666666)

10:00 TAXI SERVICE TO TOWN. Please pack your things beforehand.

10:15 TOUR OF EXETER

12:30 LUNCH IN TOWN WITH REMAINING DELEGATES
(call James Onley: 07891 018350)

DEPART EXETER? (taxi: 01392 666666)

FREE TIME IN TOWN

6:00 DINNER IN TOWN WITH REMAINING DELEGATES
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