

**30TH
EXETER GULF
CONFERENCE
2018**

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**BEYOND
OIL,
AND SHEIKHS
AND SECURITY**

**Plotting New Trajectories
in Gulf Studies 2 - 3 July**

BEYOND OIL, SHEIKHS AND SECURITY: PLOTTING NEW TRAJECTORIES IN GULF STUDIES

Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies (IAIS), University of Exeter
Lecture Theatres 1 & 2

2-3 July 2018

Monday 2nd July

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| 9.00 - 9.30 | Registration (IAIS, Reception)
Tea and Coffee (IAIS, Common Room) |
| 9.30 - 10.00 | Introduction to Critical Gulf Studies |
| 10.00 - 11.00 | Tim Niblock (University of Exeter)
<i>Gulf Studies: The Legacy and Lessons from 1979</i> |
| 11.00 - 11.30 | Tea and Coffee (IAIS, Common Room) |

11.30 - 1.00 Historiographies of Gulf Studies

Chair: **Marc Owen Jones** (University of Exeter)

Nora Barakat, Elham Fakhro, Nelida Fuccaro, David Joseph Wrisley
(New York University Abu Dhabi, UAE)

*Mapping Lorimer: Using Digital Methods to Explore the Discursive
Construction of Gulf Space, Societies and Cultures/ Economies*

Lindsey Stephenson (Princeton University, USA)

*Between the Indian Ocean and the Middle East: Towards a Periodization of
Modern Gulf History*

1.00 - 2.00 Lunch (IAIS, Common Room)

2.00 - 3.30 Constraints and Complicities in Academia

Chair: **William Gallois** (University of Exeter)

Elizabeth Derderian (Northwestern University, Evanston, USA)

Dispatches from Dubai: Reflections on 18 Months of Fieldwork in the UAE

Abdulahdi Khalaf (Lund University, Sweden)

Deliberating Academic Freedom in the GCC

3.30 - 4.00 Tea and Coffee (IAIS, Common Room)

4.00 - 5.15 Dissimulation and Official Narratives

Chair: **Abdullah Baabood**

James Shires (University of Oxford)

*Camouflage as Category and Strategy: Rethinking Research and Knowledge
Production in the Gulf*

Tobias Zumbrägel (Friedrich-Alexander University, Erlangen-Nuremberg,
Germany)

*The Delusion of Being Eco-Friendly: The Arab Gulf Monarchies' Search for
Green Legitimation*

7.00 Conference Dinner: The Turf Hotel, Exeter

Tuesday 3rd July

9.00 - 9.30 Tea and Coffee (IAIS, Common Room)

9.30 - 11.00 **Dale F. Eickelman** (Dartmouth College, Hanover, USA)
A Re-Imagined Gulf: Political and Economic Limits and Opportunities

Chair: **Ross Porter** (University of Exeter)

11.00 - 11.30 Tea and Coffee (IAIS, Common Room)

11.30 - 1.00 **Politics of Identity and Belonging**

Chair: **Claire Beaugrand** (University of Exeter)

Ghanim Al-Najjar (Kuwait University)
The State of Research on Tribal Politics in the Gulf

Abdulla Saad (Amity University Dubai, UAE)
Chai Karak: The Politics of Tea and its Impact on the Status of South Asians in the United Arab Emirates

1.00 - 2.00 Lunch (IAIS, Common Room)

2.00 - 3.15 **New Perspectives in International Relations of the Gulf**

Chair: **Matteo Legrenzi** (Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy)

Wafa F. Alsayed (London School of Economics)
Unpacking the Gulf State: The Influence of History and Identity on State Behaviour

Hsinyen Lai (University of Edinburgh)
New Left and the Gulf Committee: Legacy and Reflection on Studies of International Relations of the Gulf within and without Heartland

3.15 - 3.45 Tea and Coffee (IAIS, Common Room)

3.45 - 5.15 **Going Forward: “Gulf Studies Vision 2030?”**

Chair: **Ilan Pappé** (University of Exeter)

Mandana Limbert (City University of New York)

Futures, Sovereignty and Policing : An Anthropological View of Gulf Studies

Seila Panizzolo (City, University of London)

In Search for a Balance between Exceptionalism and Generalization of Findings in Gulf Studies