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Tuesday 28 June

- 9.00 – 9.30 **Registration** (Reed Hall, Reception)
- Tea and Coffee** (Reed Hall, Woodbridge Suite)
- 9.30 – 9.45 **Welcome Address** (Marc Valeri, University of Exeter)
- 9.45 – 11.15 **Keynote:**
Timothy Mitchell (Columbia University)
Climate Crisis and the Futures of Liberalism
- 11.15 – 11.45 **Coffee Break**

11.45 – 1.00 **Discursivity and Materiality: Tolerance and Settler Colonialism**

Chair: Katie Natanel (University of Exeter)

Elham Fakhro (University of Exeter)

Narratives of Tolerance and the Abraham Accords

Abdulla Moaswes (University of Exeter)

Tolerance and the (Neo)liberal Mainstreaming of Hindu Nationalism in the Gulf

1.00 – 2.00 **Lunch** (Reed Hall, Woodbridge Suite)

2.00 – 3.15 **Spiritual and Temporal Powers**

Chair: Claire Beaugrand (University of Exeter)

Alexandre Caeiro (Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Doha/Harvard Law School)

Jurisdictional Politics in the Gulf: The Application of Sharia and the Decline of Islamism in Qatar

Javier Bordón Osorio (Lancaster University)

Redefining or Downgrading Religion in the Domestic Order? Making Sense of the Changing Position of Religion in Post-2015 Saudi Arabia

3.15 – 3.45 **Coffee Break**

3.45 – 5.00 **Global Capitalism, Trade and Power**

Chair: Marc Valeri (University of Exeter)

Munther H. al-Sabbagh (Zayed University, Abu Dhabi)

Globalization and the Rise of Commercial Agencies in the Interwar Gulf: The Case Study of Bahrain

Sana Quadri (Independent Researcher)

Traders to Tycoons: Indian Migrant Businesses and the Making of the Neo-Liberal Project in the UAE

Wednesday 29 June

9.15 – 9.45 **Tea and Coffee** (Reed Hall)

9.45 – 11.00 **Education Reforms through Neoliberal Orthodoxies**

Chair: Ahmed Dailami (University of Exeter)

Ibrahim Alhouti (Kuwait University)

Could Neoliberalism Work in Rentier Regimes? Educational Reforms in the Gulf as Example

Hanaa Almoaibed (London School of Economics and Political Science)

Education to Work Transitions in Saudi Arabia: Youth Experiences of an Imported Human Capital Narrative

11.00 – 11.30 **Coffee Break**

11.30 – 1.00 **Biopower, Changing and Subverting Hierarchies**

Chair: Ross Porter (University of Exeter)

Sajida Z. Ally (University of Sussex)

Segregating Healthcare, Illiberalism and Migration: Nuancing Sri Lankans' Vulnerability and Surveillance in Kuwait

Nora Jaber (University of Exeter)

An Analysis of the (Re)production of Neoliberal Governmentalities in Saudi Arabia's Gender Reform Discourse

Kaori Mita (National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies, Tokyo) and

Hirotake Ishiguro (Institute of Developing Economies, Chiba)

Rise of Populism in Kuwait: Nexus of Participation and Representation

1.00 – 2.00 **Lunch** (Reed Hall)

2.00 – 3.30 **Concluding Remarks**

Neha Vora (Lafayette College)

Chair: Adam Hanieh (University of Exeter)