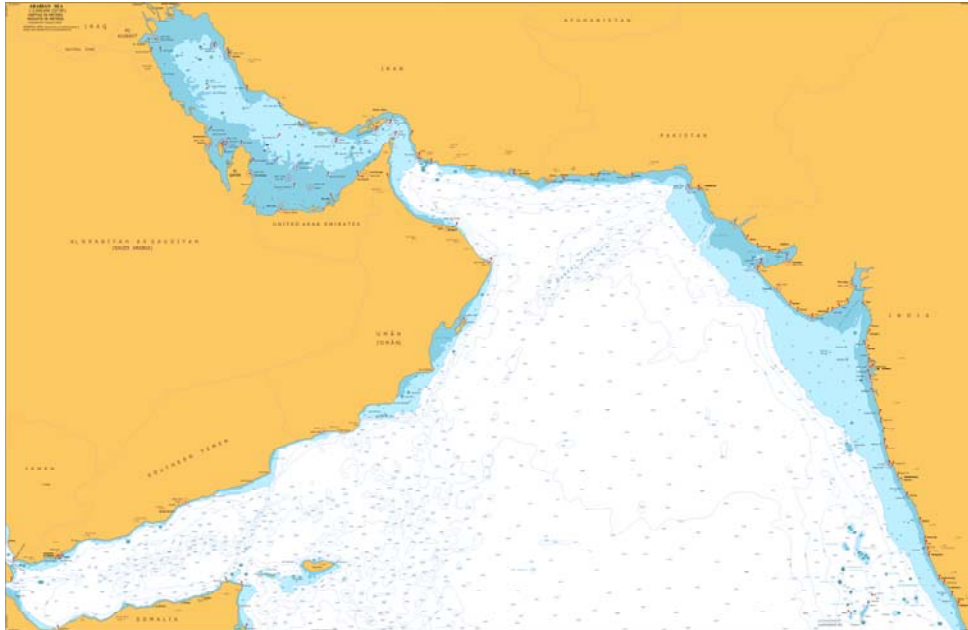




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PROGRAMME

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

WEDNESDAY, 4 JULY

- 3:00–6:00 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 PRE-DINNER DRINKS (Reed Hall bar, ground floor)
- 8:00 DINNER (Reed Hall, Woodbridge Suite, ground floor), dress: casual
- 9:30 AFTER DINNER DRINKS (Reed Hall bar, ground floor)
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THURSDAY, 5 JULY

- 7:30–9:00 BREAKFAST (Holland Hall, dining room, ground floor)
- 9:15 WELCOME & INTRODUCTION (Institute of Arab & Islamic Studies)
- 9:30 **THE INDIAN OCEAN & THE GULF**
CHAIR: Dr James Onley, Director of Gulf Studies, University of Exeter
- Tipu Sultan, the British and the Gulf Region: Diplomacy, Trade and War in late 18th Century (*Professor Kamal Pasha, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India*)
 - The Swahili-Speaking Omani: Reconciling East African Legacies and Modern Nation-State Constraints (*Dr Marc Valeri, La Rochelle University, France*)
 - Towards an Understanding of the Dynamics of Business Culture in the Gulf and Indian Ocean, c.1800–c.1960 (*Fahad Bishara, Duke University, USA*)
- 10:45 COFFEE & BISCUITS (IAIS) & OPENING OF THE IAIS'S NEW EXTENSION (out front)
- 11:15 **ASIA & THE GULF**
CHAIR: Professor Tim Niblock, Chair of Gulf Studies, University of Exeter
- Growth of Chinese Economic Penetration in the Gulf Region in the 21st Century (*Professor Tim Niblock and Mei Zhang, University of Exeter*)
 - Gulf-Asia Ties: Convert Opportunity into Strategy (*Dr N. Janardhan, UAE-based analyst*)
- 12:15 BUFFET LUNCH (IAIS, entrance foyer)
- 2:15 **IRAN & THE GULF**

CHAIR: Dr Reza Taghizadeh, BBC Persian Service

- Iran–Arab Relations: A Persian Perspective (*Dr Mehrdad Khonsari, Centre for Arab and Iranian Studies, London*)
- Kharg and the Iran–Iraq War: Can Resource Denial Campaigns be Effectively Waged? (*Farzin Nadimi, University of Manchester*)
- Iran's Iran's Nuclear Development Plan and the Outlook of Security in the Persian Gulf (*Dr Reza Taghizadeh, BBC Persian Service*)

3:30 TEA & BISCUITS (IAIS)

4:00 **GULF CULTURE**

CHAIR: Dr Abdullah Yateem, Ministry of Information, Bahrain

- International Chain Hotels in the Gulf: Their Impact on the Local Culture (*Dr Sulayman Khalaf, University of Bahrain*)
- Khuzistani Arabic: A Forgotten Dialect (*Dr Maryam Shabibi, University of Manchester*)
- Education in the Gulf: the Question of Identity (*Dr Afaf Bataineh, American University of Kuwait*)

5:15 SHORT BREAK

5:30 **MARRIAGE IN THE GULF**

CHAIR: Professor Lubna Al-Kazi, University of Kuwait

- Marriage of Transnationals: Mixing Cultural and Economic Aspirations in the Gulf (*Dr Sharon Nagy, De Paul University, Chicago*)
- An Indigenous, Contemporary Adaptation of Polygyny in the Dhofar Region of Oman, Arabia (*Dr Annemarie Profanter, Free University of Bolzano, Italy; and Stephanie Ryan Cate, Prince Mohammed University, Saudi Arabia*)

6:30 END

7:00 PRE-DINNER DRINKS (Reed Hall bar, ground floor)

8:00 GALA DINNER (Reed Hall, Woodbridge Suite, ground floor), dress: semi-formal

9:30 AFTER DINNER DRINKS (Reed Hall bar, ground floor)

FRIDAY, 6 JULY

7:30–9:00 BREAKFAST (Holland Hall, dining room, ground floor)

9:30 **WOMEN IN THE GULF**

CHAIR: Professor Lubna Al-Kazi, University of Kuwait

- A Tale of Two Exceptions (*Attiya Ahmad, Duke University, USA*)
- Gender, State and Culture in Oman (*Khalid Al-Azri, University of Melbourne, Australia*)

10:30 COFFEE & BISCUITS (IAIS)

11:00 **GULF SECURITY**

CHAIR: Dr Nada Mourtada-Sabbah, American University of Sharjah

- Foreign Military Presence and Its Role in Gulf Security (*Dr J. E. Peterson, Arizona*)
- India and Gulf Security (*Dr N. Janardhan, UAE-based analyst*)
- The GCC's Soft Security Agenda & the EU's Role in Facilitating Confidence and Security Building in Persian Gulf: Problems and Prospects (*Bezen Balamir Coskun, Loughborough University, UK*)

- NATO in the Gulf: Who is doing Whom a Favour? (*Dr Matteo Legrenzi, University of Ottawa, Canada*)
- 12:30 BUFFET LUNCH (IAIS, entrance foyer)
- 1:45 **DUBAI**
CHAIR: Dr Hassan al-Naboodah, Zayed Center for Heritage & History, UAE
- The Full Extent of Arab Nationalism and British Opposition in Dubai, 1920–1966 (*Dr Christopher Davidson, University of Durham*)
 - The Dubai Model: An Outline of Key Features Encompassed in the Development Process of Dubai (*Dr Martin Hvidt, Center for Contemporary Middle East Studies, Denmark*)
 - Transnational Indian Business Elites and Forms of Belonging in Dubai (*Neha Vora, University of California, Irvine*)
- 3:00 SHORT BREAK
- 3:15 **SAUDI ARABIA**
CHAIR: Professor Tim Niblock, University of Exeter
- Islamic Resurgence in the Hijaz Region 1975–1980 (*Dr Mazin Motabagani, King Saud University, Riyadh*)
- 4:00 COFFEE & BISCUITS (IAIS)
- 4:30 **GULF HISTORY**
CHAIR: Dr Nelidia Fuccaro, SOAS, London
- The Construction of Jask–Muscat Submarine Cable 1901: Trade, Telegraph, and Political Rivalry (*Dr Farajollah Ahmadi, University of Tehran*)
 - Protect and Divide: The Paradox of the Kuwaiti *Sur*, 1920–57 (*Farah Al-Nakib, SOAS, London*)
 - New Historical Trends in the Gulf: The City and Its Territory (*Professor Valeria Piacentini & Dr Elena Maestri, Sacred Heart University, Italy*)
- 5:45 END
- 7:00 PRE-DINNER DRINKS (Holland Hall bar, 1st floor)
- 8:00 DINNER (Holland Hall, dining room, ground floor), dress: casual
- 9:30 AFTER DINNER DRINKS (Holland Hall bar, 1st floor)

SATURDAY, 7 JULY

7:30–9:00 BREAKFAST (Holland Hall)

9:15 **THE GULF ECONOMY**

CHAIR: Dr Kamil Mahdi, University of Exeter

- Arab GCC Investments in Lebanon: Charity, Politics or Economics? (*Dr Nasser Kalawoun, London*)
- Persian Gulf Energy Security: The Asian Pacific Countries' Challenges (*Mahboubeh Sadeghi-Nia, University of Durham*)
- Adjusting to Higher Oil Prices: Spending and Investment Patterns in Gulf Economies (*Rachel Ziemba, RGEmonitor.com, New York*)

11:00 COFFEE & BISCUITS (IAIS)

11:30 **BRITAIN & THE GULF**

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

- Britain in Oman (*Dr J. E. Peterson, Arizona*)
- Retrenchment and Retreat: Britain's Decision to Withdraw from the Gulf, 1968 (*Shohei Sato, St Antony's College, Oxford*)
- British Policy and the End of Empire in Gulf (*Dr Simon C. Smith, University of Hull*)
- Britishness in the Gulf (*Dr Katie Walsh, University of Sussex*)

1:00 LUNCH (IAIS, entrance foyer)

2:15 **EXPATS IN THE GULF**

CHAIR: Dr N. Janardhan, UAE-based analyst

- From Kerala, South India, to the Gulf: An Entrepreneurial Route in the UAE (*Dr Philippe Venier, University of Poitiers, France*)
- Migrants and Monuments in Global Abu Dhabi (*Dr Jane Bristol-Rhys, Zayed University, Dubai*)
- Labor, the Asian Curse: A Critique of Dependence on Labor Export (*Shannon McNulty, Texas A&M University at Qatar*)
- Expats and Emiratisation: Plotting a Course for a Sustainable Future (*Dr Kasim Randeree, British University in Dubai*)

3:45 TEA & BISCUITS (IAIS)

4:15 **QATAR**

CHAIR: Dr Gareth Stansfield, University of Exeter

- Political Change and Reform in Qatar: Deconstructing the Constitution (*Dr Steven Wright, Qatar University*)
- Debating Debates (*Christopher Evans & Magdalena Rostron, Qatar Foundation*)

5:10 END

5:15 CLOSING REMARKS