

# The 2011 Gulf Studies Conference



## Aspirations & Challenges in the Gulf

**29 June – 2 July 2011**

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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# PROGRAMME

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## Key

IAIS Institute of Arab & Islamic Studies (the conference venue)  
LT 1 Lecture Theatre 1, IAIS  
LT 2 Lecture Theatre 2, IAIS

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## WEDNESDAY, 29 JUNE

- 1:00–4:00 COLLECTION OF ROOM KEYS & REGISTRATION (Holland Hall, Streatham Campus)
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- 4:00–4:20 ARRIVAL OF DELEGATES TO IAIS (ground floor)
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- 4:30 **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION** (LT1 & LT2, IAIS)  
James Onley (Director, Centre for Gulf Studies, IAIS)
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- 4:35 **LAUNCH OF THE *JOURNAL OF ARABIAN STUDIES***
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- 4:45 PANEL 1: **URBAN SPACE** (LT 1 & 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)
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- 6:15 END
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- 6:25 DRINKS (Holland Hall bar, 1<sup>ST</sup> floor)
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- 7:30 DINNER & WELCOME (Holland Hall, ground floor), DRESS: casual
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- 8:30 AFTER DINNER DRINKS (Holland Hall bar, 1<sup>ST</sup> floor)

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## THURSDAY, 30 JUNE

- 7:00–8:30 BREAKFAST (Holland Hall, ground floor)
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- 9:00 PANEL 2: **LIBERALIZATION & LEGITIMACY IN THE GULF** (LT 1 & 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)
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- 11:00 BREAK: COFFEE & BISCUITS (IAIS, ground floor)
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| 11:30 | <p>PANEL 3: <b>GOVERNANCE IN THE GCC STATES</b> (LT 1 &amp; 2, IAIS)<br/> Chair: Gerd Nonneman (Al-Qasimi Chair of Gulf Studies, IAIS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Dynamics of Dynastic Monarchies: Rules and Tools of Successions (<b>Russell E. Lucas</b>, Florida International University, Miami)</li> <li>• Security, Control and the New Means of Art of Government in the Gulf Monarchies (<b>M.H. Ilias</b>, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi)</li> <li>• Rentier Revised? Managing Political Economy Transformations in the Gulf States (<b>Crystal Ennis</b>, University of Waterloo, Canada)</li> </ul>  |
| 1:15  | BUFFET LUNCH (IAIS, ground floor patio if sunny, entrance foyer if raining)   |
| 2:30  | <p>PANEL 4: <b>HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE GULF, part 1</b> (LT 1, IAIS)<br/> Chair: Ala Al-Hamarneh (University of Mainz)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Balancing Cultures at the American University of Kuwait (<b>Marjorie Kelly</b>, American University of Kuwait)</li> <li>• The Experience of Qatar: International Partnerships in Higher Education (<b>Eunsook Park</b>)</li> </ul> <p>PANEL 5: <b>EAST ASIA &amp; THE GCC STATES</b> (LT 2, IAIS)<br/> Chair: Tim Niblock (Emeritus Professor of Middle East Politics, IAIS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Saudi-Asian Relations in a Shifting Global Political Economy (<b>Koji Muto</b>, IAIS)</li> <li>• A 'China Model' for GCC Political Economy? (<b>Makio Yamada</b>, St Antony's College, Oxford)</li> </ul>   |
| 3:30  | BREAK: COFFEE & BISCUITS (IAIS, ground floor)   |
| 4:00  | <p>PANEL 6: <b>HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE GULF, part 2</b> (LT 1, IAIS)<br/> Chair: Ala Al-Hamarneh (University of Mainz)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education and Change: Ask Why, but Don't Ever Act on It (<b>Mohammed Al-Kabour</b>, Columbia University)</li> <li>• Nationalizing Skilled Labour in the Gulf: The Transitions of Qatari Youth into Vocational Education and Training (<b>Adam Larson</b>, College of the North Atlantic, Qatar; King's College, London)</li> </ul> <p>PANEL 7: <b>IRAQ</b> (LT 2, IAIS)<br/> Chair: Gareth Stansfield (Director, IAIS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set up to Fail: Consociational Structures in Post-War Iraq, 2003-2010 (<b>Nussaibah Younis</b>, University of Durham)</li> <li>• Mapping <i>Turkmeneli</i>: Nationality, Ethnicity, and Territory in Modern Iraq (<b>Güldem Baykal Büyüksaraç</b>, Kadir Has University, Turkey)</li> <li>• Views of 'the Other' in the GCC: Americans after the Invasion of Iraq (<b>Fatemeh Shayan</b>, Tampere University, Finland)</li> </ul> |
| 5:30  | END   |
| 6:30  | PRE-DINNER DRINKS (Reed Hall bar)   |
| 7:30  | CONFERENCE DINNER (Reed Hall), <u>DRESS</u> : smart-casual  |
| 8:30  | AFTER DINNER DRINKS (Reed Hall bar)   |

## FRIDAY, 1 JULY

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

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

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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 Yemeni University Students (**Fernando Carvajal**, IAIS; **Dino Bozonelos**, UC Riverside) **cancelled**
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12:45 BUFFET LUNCH (IAIS, ground floor patio if sunny, entrance foyer if raining)

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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**, Madeenathunnor 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 (**Anastasiia 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)

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

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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-20<sup>TH</sup> 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)

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6:00 END

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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)

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9:30 PANEL 16: **IRANIAN SECURITY** (LT 1, IAIS)  
Chair: Luciano Zaccara (Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona, Spain; IAIS)

- Food Security in the IRI, 1990–2010 (**Nikolay Kozhanov**, 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)

- The Crystallization of a Complex Territorial Dispute: Britain and the Saudi/Qatar/Abu Dhabi Borderlands, 1966-1971 (**Richard Schofield**, King's College, London)
  - Traditional Bedouin Al Sadu Weaving of Kuwait: Current Practices and Future Developments (**Keireine Canavan**, University of Wales Institute, Cardiff)
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10:30 BREAK: COFFEE & BISCUITS (IAIS, ground floor)

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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)

- A Tale of Two Uprisings: Bahrain in 1956 and 2011 (**Jane Kinninmont**, Chatham House, London)
  - Bahrain: Change of the Regime or Changes within the Regime? (**Abdulnabi Alakry**, President, Bahrain Transparency Society)
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12:00 BUFFET LUNCH (IAIS, ground floor patio if sunny, entrance foyer if raining)

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

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2:30 TAXI SERVICE TO TOWN (depart from: Holland Hall)  
FREE TIME IN TOWN

DINNER IN TOWN (see list of restaurants)

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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  
(call James Onley: 07891 018350)