



Centre for Gulf Studies

## 2016 EXETER GULF CONFERENCE

*(Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies [IAIS], Exeter, EX44ND, 22-23 August 2016)*

### The Gulf and the Wider Middle East: Transnational Dynamics in Historical and Contemporary Perspectives

#### Monday 22 August

9.00-9.30AM (IAIS, RECEPTION): **REGISTRATION**

(IAIS, COMMON ROOM): **TEA AND COFFEE**

9.30-11.00AM: **KEYNOTE LECTURE**

**MADAWI AL-RASHEED** (NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE)

*The Gulf: Reshaping Regional and International Norms without "Political Dynamism"*

11.00-11.30AM (IAIS, COMMON ROOM): **COFFEE BREAK**

11.30AM-1.00PM: **TRANSNATIONAL IDEOLOGIES AND CIRCULATION OF IDEAS**

**ABDULRAHMAN ALEBRAHIM** (UNIVERSITY OF EXETER)

*Kuwaiti Intellectuals and their Cultural Relations with Iraq in the early 20th Century; 'Abd al-'Aziz al-Rashayd as an Example*

**JAMES M. DORSEY** (NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY, SINGAPORE)

*Creating Frankenstein: The Saudi Export of Wahhabism*

**MARC O. JONES** (UNIVERSITY OF TÜBINGEN/UNIVERSITY OF EXETER)

*Challenging the Role of the IFLB and the Islamic Revolution in Framing Bahrain's 'Shia' Threat*

**MATTHEW MACLEAN** (NEW YORK UNIVERSITY)

*The Middle Easternization of the Gulf: Pan-Arabism and Local Politics in the Trucial States/UAE, 1955-1980*

1.00PM-2.00PM: **LUNCH BREAK**

2.00PM-3.30PM: **GULF ECONOMIC POLICIES AND POLITICAL LEVERAGE**

**CLAIRE BEAUGRAND** (IFPO, JERUSALEM) & **DILEK YANKAYA** (IREMAM, AIX-EN-PROVENCE)  
*The State-Led Making of a Global City: Urban and Political Effects of the Gulf Real Estate Investments in Istanbul*

**MANAL R. SHEHABI** (UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA)  
*Maintaining the Order: Contemporary Kuwaitization Dynamics and their Historical Perspectives*

**GERASIMOS TSOURAPAS** (UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM)  
*Labor Migrants as Political Leverage? Population Mobility and Coercion in the Arab World*

3.30-4.00PM (IAIS, COMMON ROOM): **COFFEE BREAK**

4.00-5.30PM: **IRAN AND THE WIDER MIDDLE EAST**

**DENİZ ÇİFÇİ** (INDEPENDENT RESEARCHER)  
*Syrian Crisis, Nationalism and Pragmatism: Kurdish Policy of Iran in Syria and Iraq*

**NIKOLAY KOZHANOV** (CARNEGIE MOSCOW CENTER/ ST-PETERSBURG ST. UNIVERSITY)  
*Middle Eastern Transport Corridors as a Means of Iranian Influence in Central Asia and the Gulf*

**LUCIANO ZACCARA** (QATAR UNIVERSITY)  
*Official Mistrust and Public Opinion in Iran and the GCC*

7.00PM: **CONFERENCE DINNER**

## **Tuesday 23 August**

9.00-9.30AM (IAIS, COMMON ROOM): **TEA AND COFFEE**

9.30AM- 11.00AM: **NATIONAL IDENTITIES AND MIGRANT COMMUNITIES**

**IRTEFA BINTE-FARID** (UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA)

*"Son of Mandazi" - Marriage Patterns, Genealogical Purity and Transnational Connections in the Making of a Modern 'Arab' Nation in Oman*

**GENNARO ERRICHELLO** (LOUGHBOROUGH UNIVERSITY)

*Transnational Lives: The Pakistani Community in Dubai*

**LINDSEY STEPHENSON** (PRINCETON UNIVERSITY)

*Nationalizing Foreigners: The Politics of Property and Nationality in Bahrain and Southern Iran*

11.00-11.30AM: **COFFEE BREAK**

11.30AM-1.00PM: **CULTURAL DYNAMICS AND TRANSNATIONAL BELONGINGS**

**KATHERINE HENNESSEY** (UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK)

*Stages of Belonging: Theatre in the GCC and the Creation of Transnational Micro-Communities*

**VICTORIA HIGHTOWER** (UNIVERSITY OF NORTH GEORGIA)

*Gulf Heritage Industries and the Quest for Regional Cultural Legitimacy*

**ANJALI JIOTHISH** (QATAR UNIVERSITY)

*Socio-Cultural Impact of Migration – A Study on Highly Skilled Expatriates from Kerala to Qatar*

**ANNA LUKJANOWICZ** (HAMAD BIN KHALIFA UNIVERSITY, QATAR)

*Western Converts to Islam in Qatar. Race and Limit of Belonging*

1.00PM-2.00PM: **LUNCH BREAK**

2.00PM-3.30PM: **REGIONAL INVOLVEMENT IN YEMEN**

**ABDULNABI ALEKRY** (BAHRAIN TRANSPARENCY SOCIETY)

*The Gulf and Regional Conflicts; the Case of Yemen during the 1960s and the 1970s*

**JOSHUA S. ROGERS** (SCHOOL OF ORIENTAL AND AFRICAN STUDIES, LONDON)

*Importing the Revolution? Institutional Change and the Egyptian Presence in Yemen, 1962-1967*

**HELEN LACKNER** (DURHAM UNIVERSITY)

*The Role of the Gulf Cooperation Council States in the Current Yemen Crisis*

3.30PM- 4.00PM: **COFFEE BREAK**

4.00PM- 5.30PM: **BOOK PRESENTATION**

**JAMES M. DORSEY** (NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY, SINGAPORE)

*Gulf Autocrats and Sports Corruption: A Marriage Made in Heaven*