



Centre for Gulf Studies



HEGEMONIC BOUNDARIES AND ASYMMETRIC POWER IN THE GULF

Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies (IAIS), University of Exeter

10-11th July

Monday 10th July

9.00 - 9.30 **Registration** (IAIS, Reception)

Tea and Coffee (IAIS, Common Room)

9.30 - 9.45 **Welcome Address** (IAIS, Lecture Theatre 1 & 2)

9.45 - 11.15 **Settling and Unsettling**

Bogumila Hall (Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence, Italy)

'This Is Our Homeland too'. The Yemeni Akhdam and the Struggles for Re-Signification

Mohamed Matar (University of Exeter)

Bahrani and Bahraini: Political Interpretations and Social Stratifications of the Native Identity Epithet

Jiwon Choi (University of Exeter)

Inclusion and Exclusion of Indigenous Others as a Settler Strategy for Hegemonic Boundaries: The Case of Bahrain

11.15 - 11.45 **Coffee Break** (IAIS, Common Room)

11.45 - 1.00 **Crafting Citizens: Regulating Bodies**

Agata Wentz (Pedagogical University of Kraków, Poland)

Between 'Normal' and 'Abnormal': Social, Religious and Cultural Boundaries vs. Early Autism Diagnosis

Elham Fakhro (University of Oxford)

Belgrave's Quest for Moral Order in Bahrain, 1926-1947

Islam Hassan (Georgetown University, Doha, Qatar)

Ruling Family Security: The Problem of National Identity in Qatari Society

1.00 - 2.00 **Lunch** (IAIS, Common Room)

2.00 - 3.30 **Ideology Unbound**

Noriko Sato (Pukyong National University, Busan, South Korea)
Symbolic Boundaries and Cross-Border Movements in Northern Iraq and Syria

Jafar Ahmad (Heriot-Watt University, Edinburgh)
The Impact of Ashura Rituals Practiced by Shia Iraqis on Iraqi Nationalism

K.M. Seethi (Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, India)
Inside/Outside Pan(ic)Islam: Contesting Boundaries of al-Salafiyya and Radical Islam

Paulino Rafael Robles Gil Cozzi (Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Doha, Qatar)
Shi'ism in the Gulf: Paradoxes of Coexistence in Qatar

3.30 - 4.00 **Coffee Break** (IAIS, Common Room)

4.00 - 5.30 **Materialising Hegemony**

Claire Beaugrand (IFPO, Jerusalem, Palestinian Territories)
Borders and Spatial Imaginaries in Kuwaiti Identity

Suha Babikir (KTH Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden)
Contemplations on Conflict

Eunji Kim (Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Seoul, South Korea)
To Build a Solid Boundary: Description of Kuwait as a Nation in Public Elementary Schools - An Analysis of Contents in Social Studies Textbooks

7.00 **Conference Dinner**

Tuesday 11th July

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

9.30 - 11.00 **Gender Inequality and Recognition**

Sepideh Nekomanesh Fard (Stockholm University, Sweden)

Hegemony and Discursive Shifts in Regards to “Workers” and “Women’s Rights” During the Iranian Revolution and its Aftermath (1979-1982)

Rafiah Altaie (Al Jazeera Media Network, Doha, Qatar)

State, Society and Gender Relations: Are Women Really Empowered? The Case Study of Qatar

Nora Jaber (King’s College London)

Heterogeneity of Saudi Female Attitudes to Gender Equality & International Law

Gilla Camden (Qatar University)

Qatari Mothers Do Not a Qatari Make: Identity Marking and Boundary Making within Citizenship Discourses in Qatar

11.00 - 11.30 **Coffee Break** (IAIS, Common Room)

11.30 - 1.00 **Counterpublics and Contestations**

Abbas Al Morished (Independent Researcher, Bahrain)

Bahrain: Public Arena Coercions and Sub-Identity Eruptions

Gertjan Hoetjes (University of Exeter)

Hegemonic Struggle on Cyberspace: The Case of Oman

Carine Lahoud-Tatar (Saint-Joseph University, Beirut, Lebanon)
Youth Engagement in the Kuwaiti Political Sphere: New Dynamics of Activism

Wafa Khalfan (University of Glasgow)
Being Emirati: The Identity Question Revisited

1.00 - 2.00 **Lunch** (IAIS, Common Room)

2.00 - 3.30 **Defining the Gulf**

James Onley (Qatar University)
Arab Nationalism & the “Arab” Gulf: Origins & Significance of the Name Game

Hatem Alshaikh-Mubarak (University of St Andrews)
Mapping the Persian Gulf: Forming Geographic Perceptions in the 1820s Major Survey

Niklas Haller (University of Exeter)
Sovereignty as an Imperial Instrument: Trucial System, Trucial States, and the British Empire

3.30 - 4.00 **Coffee Break** (IAIS, Common Room)

4.00 - 5.30 **Foreign Bodies**

Jaafar Alloul (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands)
Unpacking the Figure of the ‘Expat’ in the Gulf: Dubai as a Liminal Gateway for Maghrebi-Muslim Minorities to ‘Becoming European’

Sajida Ally (Queen Mary University, London)
Defying Gendered Asymmetries and Legal Boundaries: Wasta and Bodily Comportment Among Unauthorised Sri Lankan Women Living in Kuwait

Amna Rahama Hussain (Independent Researcher, Qatar)
Haunted by Borders: The Experience of the Second Generation of Sudanese Migrants in the Gulf