



Gulf Studies Symposium



April 11-12, 2025



Georgetown University, Washington DC

Iran-Israeli Rivalry: Impact on the Gulf Region and GCC Countries' Policies and Strategies

Workshop Program

Friday, April 11, 2025			
8:15 AM ET – 9:00 AM	Registration and meeting at CCAS		
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Workshop directors' welcome remarks and setting the rules of presentation and discussion		
Time	Participant	Paper Title	Discussant
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Dr. Javad Heiran-Nia, <i>Director of the Persian Gulf Studies Group at the Center for Scientific Research and Middle East Strategic Studies, Iran</i> Dr. Sharare Abdolhossein Zade, <i>Vice Director of the Persian Gulf Studies Group at the Center for Scientific Research and Middle East Strategic Studies, Iran</i>	Iran and Israel in Persian Gulf's New Security Order	Ali Hijazi
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Dr. Rhea Abraham, <i>Freelance Researcher</i>	Bahrain's Strategic Hedging Amidst the Iran-Israel Conflict	Rashid Aziz Faridi

10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Coffee Break and Networking		
10:45 AM – 11:15 AM	Dr. Rashid Aziz Faridi, <i>Professor at the Department of Geology, AMU</i>	Between Confrontation and Diplomacy: GCC Preparedness and Strategic Implications of a Revived JCPOA and Potential Iran Conflict	Rhea Abraham
11:15 AM – 11:45 AM	Heather Neeman, <i>CEO at Luminae Group LLC</i>	2025: A New Horizon for the Abraham Accord	Mansour Anbarmoo
11:45 AM – 12:15 AM	Pascal Bernhard, <i>Independent Journalist at Magazine Zenith</i> Alexander Weber, <i>Student Assistant, Chair for Public Law and Comparative Law, Humboldt Universität zu Berlin, Germany</i>	Yemen as a Litmus-Test for European Security Politics in the Gulf	Giorgio Cafiero
12:15 PM – 12:30 PM	Open Discussion		
12:30 PM – 1:15 PM	Lunch		
1:15 PM – 2:00 PM	Networking at CCAS Reception		
	Meeting with Gulf Studies Editors & Publishers (RSVP Required – Room REI 281)		
2:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Saoud Al Eshaq, <i>Student at Oxford University</i>	The Current Limitations of the Abraham Accords in Mediating the October 7th Conflict and the Broader Palestinian-Israeli Conflict	Alexandra Jordan

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Dr. Si Liu, <i>Adjunct Assistant Professor / Economist at Georgetown University</i>	The Economic and Geopolitical Consequences of Israel-Iran Tensions in 2024: Impacts on Regional Stability and Global Markets	Heather Heldman Neeman
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Suhaib Shaukat, <i>Student at Middlesex University</i>	How the Detente between Iran and Saudi Arabia Prevented a Broader War	Arhama Siddiq
3:30 PM - 3:45 PM	Coffee Break and Networking		
3:45 PM – 4:15 PM	Dr. Ahmed Abozaid, <i>Associate Professor of Public Policy at Qatar University</i>	The Balance of ‘Asabiyat: A Khaldunian Perspective on Iranian-Israeli Rivalry in the Post-October 2024 Israeli War on Gaza	Shirin Saeidi
4:15 PM - 4:45 PM	Alexandra Jordan, <i>Integrated Masters Candidate at University of Exeter Institute of Arabic and Islamic Studies</i>	Examining the Effects of 7th October and Arab Nationalism on Saudi-Israeli Peace Talks	Saoud Al Eshaq
4:45 PM – 5:30 PM	First day wrap up and discussing second-day plan		
Saturday, April 11, 2025			
Time	Participant	Paper Title	Discussant
9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Ali Hijazi, PhD <i>Candidate at Social Sciences University</i>	The Iranian-Israeli Balance of Power and the Role of National Security as a Modulating Force: Strategic Implications for the Gulf Region	James Worrall
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Sumant Kumar, <i>Associate Professor at Alliance University</i>	A New Era in Iran-Saudi Relations: Implications for Peace and Power Dynamics in West Asia	Javad Heiran-Nia, Sharare Abdolhossein Zade
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Dr. James Worrall, <i>Associate Professor at University of Leeds</i>	Defensive Binding? Mapping the Dynamics of Gulf States Normalization with Iran	Ahmed Abozaid

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Coffee Break and Networking		
11:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Dr. Mansour Anbarmoo, <i>Researcher at Islamic Azad University (SRBIAU)</i>	Iran vs. Israel: A Relationship Based on Frenemy and Coopetion	Sumant Kumar
11:30 AM – 12:00 AM	Dr. Rui Li, <i>Chief Reporter of Tehran News Bureau at HongKong PhoenixTV</i>	The Great Game Behind the Conflict between Iran and Israel — Rivalry between China, the US, and Russia	Si Liu
12:00 PM – 12:30 PM	Heather Neeman, <i>CEO at Luminae Group LLC</i>	2025: A New Horizon for the Abraham Accord	Mansour Anbarmoo
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch and Networking		
1:30 PM – 2:00 PM	Dr. Shirin Saeidi, <i>Associate Professor, and Director of the King Fahd Center for Middle East Studies at University of Arkansas</i>	Iran's Leadership and the Enactment of a Unified Land-Based Sovereignty in the Middle East	Gopi Bhamidipati,
2:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Arhama Siddiq, <i>Research Fellow at Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad (ISSI)</i>	Pakistan and the GCC in Regional Security Complexes: Navigating the Iran-Israel Rivalry	Suhaib Shaukat
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Dr. Gopi Bhamidipati, <i>Adjunct Professor at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University</i>	Bridging the Gulf: How the Iran-Israel Rivalry Shapes GCC India Relations	Rui Li
3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Coffee Break and Networking		
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Giorgio Cafiero, <i>CEO at Gulf State Analytics</i>	Omani Foreign Policy in Relation to Iran-Israel Hostilities	Pascal Bernhard, Alexander Weber

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Discussing publication plan and workshop wrap-up
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