



Gulf Studies Symposium



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Georgetown University, Washington DC

Regulatory Frameworks of AI, Big Data, and Emerging Technology in the Gulf States

Workshop Program

Friday, April 11, 2025		
8:15 AM - 9:00 AM	Registration at CCAS Reception	
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Workshop directors' welcome remarks, and setting presentation and discussion rules	
Time	Participant	Paper Title
9:30 AM - 9:45 AM	Dr. Ekrem Karakoc, <i>Professor at Binghamton University (SUNY)</i>	<i>Dual Faces of Technology Transfer in the GCC: Technological Modernization and Cyber Risks</i>
9:45 AM - 10:00 AM	Dr. Asharul Khan, <i>Consultant at Sultan Qaboos University</i>	<i>Investigating the Role of Artificial Intelligence in Smart Cities Solutions</i>
10:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Ceyda Ilgen, <i>Lawyer at University of Westminster</i>	<i>Embracing Potential and Building Trust: Regulating the Use of Generative AI within Smart Cities in the GCC</i>
10:15 AM - 10:45 AM	Q & A Session on Papers 1 - 3	Discussant: Dr. Shambu Prasad
10:45 AM - 11:00 AM	Coffee Break and Networking	

11:15 AM - 11:30 AM	Dr. Wahabalbari Ahmed, <i>Senior Lecturer at Birmingham City University</i>	AI Governance and Regulatory Frameworks in the Gulf Cooperation Council: Current Trends and Future Prospects
11:30 AM - 11:45 AM	Dr. Bashar Malkawi, <i>Global Professor of Practice in Law at University of Arizona</i>	Data Protection Regulatory Regime in Arab Countries: Work in Progress
11:45 AM – 12:00 PM	Dr. Mark Brady, <i>Senior Lecturer of Law at Charles Darwin University</i>	Navigating Tensions between Privacy, Cybersecurity & Autonomy
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	Q & A Session on Papers 4 - 6	Discussant: Ceyda Ilgen
12:30 PM - 1:15 PM	Lunch	
1:15 PM - 2:00 PM	Networking at CCAS Reception	
	Editorial Insights: Meeting with Gulf Studies Editors & Publishers (RSVP Required – Venue TBD)	
2:00 PM - 2:15 PM	Dr. Tabrez Ebrahim, <i>Associate Professor of Law at Lewis and Clark Law School</i>	Innovation Policy Frameworks For Emerging Technologies in the Gulf States
2:15 PM - 2:30 PM	Dr. Stefan Papastefanou, <i>Lecturer at Bucerius Law School</i>	Incorporating the Information Delta Theory to advance AI Regulation in the Gulf States
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	Dr. Amelia Hallam, <i>Academic Researcher at Charles Darwin University</i>	Potential Inclusion of Innovation and Knowledge Society Initiatives in Gulf Trade and Investment Agreements
2:45 PM - 3:15 PM	Q & A Session on Papers 7 - 9	Discussant: Lucius Koblucnik
3:15 PM - 3:30 PM	Coffee Break and Networking	
3:30 PM - 3:45 PM	David Price, <i>Professor in Public International Law and Intellectual Property Law at CDU</i>	Giving Intellectual Property, Artificial Intelligence and Emerging Technologies a Sporting Chance
3:45 PM - 4:00 PM	Nadia Naim, <i>Associate Dean International at Aston Law School, Aston University</i>	Digital Revolution, Healthcare, Cashless Societies: Managing Intellectual Property Rights
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Q & A Session on Papers 10 & 11	Dr. Nadia Naim
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	First day wrap up and discussing second day plan	
Saturday, April 11, 2025		

Time	Participant	Paper Title	Discussant
9:00 AM - 9:15 AM	Dr. Noor Suhaida Kasri, <i>Deputy Director at INCEIF University</i>	<i>Addressing Islamic Financing Gap via Islamic Intellectual Property Valuation Policy Framework</i>	
9:15 AM - 9:30 AM	Dr. Rawan Alshammari, <i>Senior Legal Specialist at TONOMUS.NEOM</i>	<i>Effective Integration of Islamic Shariah Principles in Regulating AI and Big Data: Promoting Ethical Technology Use in the Gulf</i>	
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Q & A Session on Papers 11 & 12	Dr. Mas Rahma	
10:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Ghosa Al-Obaidly, <i>Lecturer at University of Doha for Science and Technology</i>	<i>Exploring Impact Of Youth On Fintech Startups: Case Study Of Economic Diversification And Financial Innovation In Qatar</i>	
10:15 AM - 10:30 AM	Dr. Jonathon Ercanbrack, <i>Senior Lecturer at SOAS University of London</i>	<i>Smart Contracts In Middle East Contract Law: Changing Contractual Practices</i>	
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Q & A Session on Papers 13 & 14	Discussant: Samuel Andrews	
11:00 AM - 11:15 AM	Coffee Break and Networking		
11:15 AM - 11:30 AM	Dr. Lucius Koblucnik, <i>Lecturer in Intellectual Property Law at Aston University</i>	<i>New kids on the block of collective management – new opportunities & need for closer collaboration</i>	
11:30 AM - 11:45 AM	Dr. Maria Bhatti, <i>Senior Lecturer at Western Sydney University</i>	SME Financing Regulations in Saudi Arabia and the UAE	
11:45 AM - 12:00 PM	Dr. Sarah AlSudairy, <i>Assistant Professor at King Saud University</i>	Elaborating a Copyright Framework for Generative Artificial Intelligence in Saudi Arabia	
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	Q & A Session on Papers 15 - 17	Discussant: Jonathan Ercanback	
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch and Networking		
1:30 PM - 1:45 PM	Dr. Shaista Peerzada, <i>Student at University Canda West</i>	Ethical and Legal Implications of AI-Generated Content by Educational Institutions: A Study of Copyright & Ownership	

1:45 PM - 2:00 PM	Dr. Samuel Andrews, <i>Professor of Intellectual Property Law at Al Yamamah University</i>	<i>Legal Academia & AI in the Gulf States' Colleges of Law: Originality & Creativity within Regulatory Regimes in KSA, UAE & Qatar</i>
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Q & A Session on Papers 17 & 18	Discussant: Dr. Nadia Naim
2:30 PM - 2:45 PM	Dr. Mas Rahmah, <i>Lecturer & Director of Intellectual Property Study Center at Universitas Airlangga</i>	<i>Future Of AI In IP Law: Comparative Analysis Of Transnational IP Law Under TRIPs, GCC Laws & Indonesian Law</i>
2:45 PM - 3:00 PM	Dr. Noor Asfia Awan, CEO at Intellectual Property Experts Consultancy (IPEC)	GIs as Catalysts for Economic Sustainability and CH Protection in Gulf Digital Knowledge Systems: Strategic Integration in ITAs
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Q&A Session on Papers 19 & 20	Discussant: Prof. David Price
3:30 PM - 3:45 PM	Coffee Break and Networking	
3:45 PM - 4:00 PM	Dr. Luo Li, <i>Assistant Professor in Law at Coventry University</i>	<i>When Intangible Cultural Heritages Meet AI: Existential Crisis or New Flourish – An IP Perspective</i>
4:00 PM - 4:15 PM	Dr. Shambu Prasad Chakrabarty, <i>Professor and Dean, Department of Law at University of Engineering and Management, Kolkata</i>	The Role of Gulf Countries in protecting biodiversity by promoting Traditional Knowledge in the era of Artificial Intelligence
4:15 PM - 4:45 PM	Q & A Session on Papers 21 & 22	Discussant: Dr. Lucius Klobucnik
4:45 PM - 5:00 PM	Discussing publication plan and workshop wrap up	