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Annual Gulf Research Meeting 2023



Participants of the 2023 Gulf Research Meeting

The Gulf Research Center (GRC) hosted its 13th Annual Gulf Research Meeting (GRM) in Cambridge on July 11-13, 2023, attended by over 300 experts, scholars, and practitioners. The event's participants were spread over 13 workshops overseen by 33 workshop directors. The workshops covered a host of issues related to the Gulf region ranging from international issues such as the future of the GCC as an institution, the Horn of Africa, and hard security, to economic matters such as migration, industrial policies, circular economy, sustainable development financing, and energy. The workshops also covered social issues, education, the role of women, and cultural heritage in the Gulf. This year one of the workshops also focused on technologies, innovation, artificial intelligence, and IP financing.

The Gulf Research Meeting seeks to hold academic meetings that lead to publications on topics related to social sciences with a focus on the Gulf region. More details on the meeting can be found on the [GRM website](#).

The GRM opening ceremony was moderated by GRC Director of Research Dr. Christian Koch and included welcoming remarks by Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the GRC, and Prof. David Cardwell, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Strategy and Planning at the University of Cambridge. This was followed by speeches from H.H. Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al-Saud, Foreign Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and H.E. Mr. Jasem Mohamed Albudaiwi, Secretary General of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the

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Gulf. This was followed by a speech from Professor Ismahane Elouafi, Chief Scientist, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations.

H.H. Prince Faisal bin Farhan outlined the shared challenges the international community is facing, including but not limited to energy security, climate change, food security, the state of the global economy, and achieving sustainable development goals by 2030. He clearly stated the position of the GCC states and the need to prioritize the national development agenda and ensure stability and cordial relations among neighbors. He concluded his speech by outlining the focus of the Kingdom's foreign policy on enabling regional and global conditions conducive to future prosperity. Access the full speech [here](#).

H.E. Mr. Jasem Albudaiwi discussed the significance of the Russia-Ukraine conflict as the most challenging issue facing the international

community today, and the severity of its impact on the world and the global economy, particularly the energy and food markets. He also stressed the position of the GCC, commending the humanitarian assistance provided by its member states to Ukraine. Access the full speech [here](#).

Prof. Elouafi discussed the overall aspects of the current and future status of food security in the Gulf region against the backdrop of the Russian-Ukraine crisis. She provided a detailed analysis of the international food crisis that we are faced with, and the importance of developing a plan that can contribute to solving, or at the very least, minimizing the impact that food insecurity has on the global community.

The opening ceremony concluded with a panel discussion of the GRC's [Annual Strategic Review](#) and a Q&A session.

GRM 2023 Opening Ceremony



Dr. Christian Koch, GRC Director of Research, master of the GRM 2023 opening ceremony, speaks at the event.



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the GRC, delivers a welcome speech at the GRM 2023 opening ceremony.



H.H. Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al-Saud, Foreign Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, delivered his speech in the opening ceremony online.



H.E. Mr. Jasem Albudaiwi, Secretary-General of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf, delivered his speech in the opening ceremony online.



Prof. Ismahane Elouafi, Chief Scientist of the FAO, delivers a speech at the GRM 2023 opening ceremony. She highlighted the importance of food security in the Gulf region and the effects of the Ukraine crisis.



GRM 2023 opening ceremony panel discussion in progress with Dr. Mustafa Alani (far left), Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Prof. Yasir Suleiman (middle) as moderator, and Dr. Christian Koch (far right).

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Over the following two days, the Gulf Research Meeting conducted 13 parallel workshops. The following workshops were held:

GRM 2023 Workshops



Workshop 1: Sustainable Development Financing and the Role of the Financial Sector in the GCC Region



Workshop 2: Circular Economy and Sustainable Development Model: Its Role in the GCC States' National Visions



Workshop 3: Perspectives on Hard Security Issues in the Gulf



Workshop 4: Industrial Policies in the Gulf and the Middle East



Workshop 5: The Renewed & Expanded Role of the Gulf on the Global Energy Scene



Workshop 6: Recent Labour and Migration Reforms and Policies in the Gulf: Impact on Economies and Societies

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Workshop 7: The Leading Role of Gulf Higher Education in Achieving Sustainability and Addressing Climate Change



Workshop 8: Cultural Heritage in the Gulf – Emerging Trends, Identity Politics Challenges and Concerns



Workshop 9: Women in the GCC: Negotiating Leadership, Power, and Change



Workshop 10: Israel and the Gulf Monarchies: A New Regional Security Complex or Just Complex Regional Security?



Workshop 11: The Future of the GCC as an Institution



Workshop 12: The Gulf and the Horn of Africa: Trans-Regional Competition and Cooperation



Workshop 13: Innovation and Development of Knowledge Societies – The Transformational Impact of Intellectual Property on Knowledge-Based Economic Growth with a Focus on Emerging Technologies, Artificial Intelligence, and IP Financing

GRM 2023 Photo Gallery



2023 GRM Participant Reception



GRCC Council Meeting



Prof. Ismahane Elouafi, Chief Scientist, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), United Nations, at the GRM Opening Ceremony reception.



GRM 2023 participants gather at King's College.



GRM 2023 participants and director gather in King's College for the GRM opening ceremony dinner.



GRM 2023 participants making their way to King's College.



Dr. Dania Thafer, Executive Director of the Gulf International Forum and Dr. Auhoud Al Bulushi, Deresat Consultancy at King's College.



Workshop 1 participants making their way to King's College.

GCC-EU Relations: Toward the Strategic Partnership Webinar Series



The banner features a teal background with the text "GCC-EU Webinar Series" and "Panel Session: Institutional Relations" in white. The Gulf Research Center logo and tagline "Knowledge For All" are in the top right. Five circular portraits of speakers are arranged horizontally. Below each portrait is their name and title. At the bottom, there is a calendar icon, the date "July 4, 2023", a clock icon, and two time slots: "12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CET)" and "1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (KSA)". The website "www.grc.net" is in the bottom right.

GCC-EU Webinar Series
Panel Session: Institutional Relations

H.E. Dr. Abdel Aziz Aluwaisheg
Assistant Secretary General
Political Affairs & Negotiation
Gulf Cooperation Council

Ms. Birgit Loeser
Head of Division
Middle East and North Africa
Regional Affairs (MENA.1)
European External Action Service

Dr. Silvia Colombo
Researcher and Faculty Advisor
NATO Defense College

Dr. Haila AlMekaimi
Professor of Political Science
College of Social Sciences
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Moderator
Dr. Christian Koch
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Panel Session 12: Institutional Relations

The twelfth session of the GCC-EU webinar series entitled “Institutional Relations” was held by the Gulf Research Center (GRC) on July 4, 2023. The event focused on the status of relations and the priorities in the field of digitalization as they relate to the EU’s Joint Communication on a “Strategic Partnership with the Gulf.” The speakers of the session were H.E. Dr. Abdel Aziz Aluwaisheg, the Assistant Secretary General of Political Affairs & Negotiation at the Gulf Cooperation Council; Ms. Birgit Loeser, Head of Division of Middle East and North Africa Regional Affairs (MENA.1) at the European External Action Service; Dr. Silvia Colombo, Researcher and Faculty Advisor at NATO Defense College; and Dr. Haila AlMekaimi, Professor of Political Science in the College of Social Sciences at Kuwait University. Dr. Christian Koch, the Director of Research at the Gulf Research Center, moderated the session.

The speakers of the webinar reiterated a common theme in the twelve-session series: GCC-EU relations are now stronger than ever before. Following the release of the Strategic Partnership document, the GCC and the EU agreed on a Joint Action Program for the 2022 to 2027 period, which has been updated several times since its initial release. Even prior, GCC-EU relations began to improve significantly on numerous fronts following the holding

of the EU-GCC Ministerial Meeting in February 2022 in Brussels. This includes first and foremost the issues of security and energy but also the strengthened coordination between the two sides through continuous and in-depth political dialogue. Additionally, the Ukraine crisis highlighted the need for Europe to strengthen its relations outside of its traditional circle and focus more on the Gulf region as part of the EU’s security policy revision. Thus, the new GCC-EU partnership is expanding to other issues, such as increased political, security, and energy dialogue.

The speakers highlighted that despite the strong commitments and progress made between the two sides, the aspirations still need to be fully translated into action. At the institutional level, the difficulty to engage effectively was mentioned as an ongoing obstacle. For instance, while both sides identified key issues, such as counterterrorism, several GCC-EU working groups that were identified have yet to meet. Both sides emphasized the importance of these working groups and their role in putting forward more concrete actions. Yet, the burden of bureaucracy needs to be overcome in order for plans to become reflective of aspirations.

Regional Issues in the Middle East and Saudi-Korean Relations

July 17, 2023



The Gulf Research Center (GRC) organized a roundtable webinar, “Regional Issues in the Middle East and Saudi-Korean Relations,” on July 17, 2023, in order to shed light on regional issues in the Middle East and the importance of the bilateral relations between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Republic of South Korea. Overall, the webinar developed ideas that could contribute to strengthening these relations with a focus on political, security, and economic aspects.

The webinar featured opening remarks by His Excellency Ambassador Sami Alsadhan, the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Republic of South Korea, and His Excellency Ambassador Joon-Yong Park, the Ambassador of the Republic of South Korea to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The speakers of the session were Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the GRC; Dr. Park Hyondo, Professor of Islamic Studies at the Sogang Euro-MENA Institute in Sogang University; Prof. Saleh Alkhatlan, Senior Advisor at the GRC; Dr. Sung Il Kwang, the Head of Political and Economic Research Laboratory at the Center for Middle East & Islamic Studies in Korea University; Dr. Mansour Almarzoqi, Assistant Professor of Political Science and Director of the Center for Strategic Studies at Prince Saud Al-Faisal Institute for Diplomatic Studies; and Dr. Lee Kwon Hyung, Deputy President of the Korea Institute for International Economic Policy (KIEP). Dr. Christian Koch, the Director of Research at the GRC, and Amnah Mosly, a researcher at the GRC, moderated the session.

The webinar’s speakers agreed that Saudi Arabia and South Korea have embarked on a successful journey across many sectors. Specifically, trade and investment have been at the forefront of this relationship, as both countries have been increasingly investing in each other’s markets. Additionally, there is a stronger political will by both governments to enhance bilateral relations. The webinar highlighted that while the two countries have always had a strong relationship, South Korea is now paying greater attention to the

developments in the region and seeking to enhance ties with Saudi Arabia. Cultural exchanges have also played a vital role in recent times in strengthening bilateral relations.

From a South Korean perspective, the speakers highlighted the great support for Saudi Arabia, as the Kingdom has become a preferred destination for Korean businesses and companies. On the economic front, it was highlighted that the South Korean government is interested in the Free Trade Agreement with the GCC. While negotiations have resumed, the FTA has yet to be adopted.

The webinar also discussed the rapid developments in the region, as these developments affect the international community. The speakers highlighted that Saudi Arabia aims to promote regional security and stability with recent steps into that direction including the rapprochement with Iraq, Turkey, and Iran, pushing for Syria to rejoin the Arab League, and negotiating with Yemen. On security issues in the region, the speakers focused on four topics: Iran, Israel, Yemen, and Syria.

In that context, the webinar put forward the following policy suggestions:

- Enhance intelligence sharing and information collaboration between the two countries.
- Collaborate on defense technology as there is a great interest in Saudi Arabia to localize its military equipment.
- Develop a common vision for peace and prosperity in East and West Asia.
- Increase political consultations and dialogue by amending the MoU between the two foreign ministries to ensure frequent and regular meetings and follow-ups.
- Consider Saudi Arabia joining MIKTA, an informal middle power partnership between Mexico, Indonesia, South Korea, Turkey, and Australia, led by respective Foreign Ministers.

The Gstaad Dialogue 2023 The Changing Geopolitics of the Middle East

July 1-3, 2023
Gstaad, Switzerland



The Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) and the Gulf Research Center (GRC) collaborated to revive the previously held annual flagship event that took place in Gstaad, Switzerland, in partnership with GRC and the Crown Center for Middle East Studies at Brandeis University on “The Middle East: Change and Upheaval” in the aftermath of the Arab Spring.

In the spirit of the earlier version of the event, GCSP and GRC relaunched the Gstaad Dialogue in a Track 1.5 format to respond to the aforementioned regional developments and explore synergies

for potential collaboration amid the changing security environment. The Gstaad Dialogue provided a platform for discreet, policy-focused discussion serving a diverse group of credible security and policy experts to develop fresh and pragmatic initiatives for addressing today’s regional dilemmas. Through open and robust discussions, the dialogue identified common ground, distilled essential lessons, and produced actionable policy recommendations that will be conveyed to decision-makers for consideration and to take forward for the next edition of the Gstaad Dialogue in 2024.



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The Gulf Research Center Foundation (GRCF) and the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) are delighted to launch **the Global Leadership Program**, which will take place in Geneva, Switzerland.

A primary focus of the GRCF is to conduct a variety of high-level executive learning and leadership programs that contain practical policy value.

The Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) is an international foundation supported by the Swiss government. The GCSP's mission is to advance peace, security, and international cooperation by providing the knowledge, skills, and network for effective and inclusive decision-making.

This Global Leadership Program features three one-week modules that address the core political, security, and economic challenges in the international system today. The modules are convened at regularly spaced out intervals throughout the year.

Intensive 3-module leadership course dates:

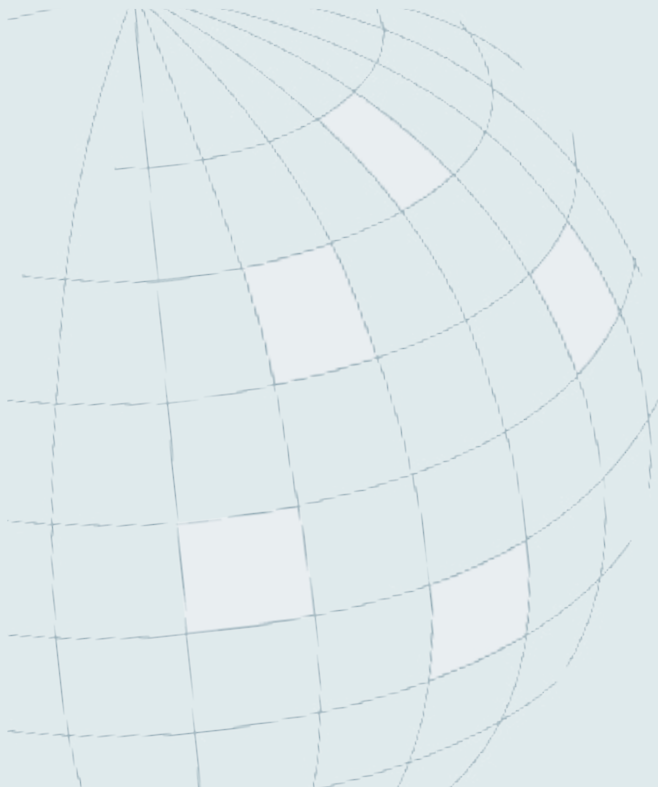
Global Politics Module: 11-15 September 2023

Global Security Module: 13 – 17 November 2023

Global Economics Module: 4 – 8 March 2024

The program offers participants the opportunity to:

- Improve knowledge about global developments in politics, security, and economics, as well as their impact on the state and society.
- Analyze current, past and anticipated changes occurring in the fields of global politics, security, and economics.
- Build critical thinking within a unique learning environment, by joining experienced practitioners and scholars from diverse fields in an interactive atmosphere of exchange and debate.
- Broaden professional networks across cultures and professional domains, through interaction with peers and experts within the program environment.



To find more information, please visit the program's website: <https://programs.grc.net/>

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Gulf Labour Markets, Migration, and Population (GLMM) Programme



Activities July 2023

The Gulf Labour Markets, Migration, and Population (GLMM) programme is an international independent, non-partisan, non-profit programme promoted and hosted by the GRC. You can access the GLMM website [here](#).

Access GLMM recent and past publications [here](#).

Publications

- GLMM Policy Brief No. 3 – July 2023: “Major Innovations from the Saudi Census 2022,” by Françoise De Bel-Air, GLMM Senior Fellow - Access [Here](#).
- GLMM Policy Brief No. 4 - July 2023: “Indians in the Gulf: The Migration Question and the Way Forward,” by S Irudaya Rajan, Chair, The International Institute of Migration and Development (IIMAD), Kerala, India and Divya Balan, Assistant Professor, FLAME University, Pune and Senior Research Fellow, IIMAD - Access [Here](#).

Data

GLMM gathers, analyses, and republishes weekly national official statistical data concerning population, labour markets, and migration from dozens of websites of the GCC countries. All these data can be viewed, printed, and downloaded in MS Excel. Having done this for more than a decade, GLMM’s database contains data that is no longer publicly available online except through the GLMM website which can be accessed [here](#).

Recently, notable data for Saudi Arabia were added to the database:

Saudi Census 2022 readjusted population figures for the past decade. The Saudi national population is less than previously estimated, while the number of non-Saudis is more. Access the data [here](#).

The median age of the Saudi population is 22 years, while the median age of the non-Saudi population is 34 years. 63% of the Saudi population is below 30 years of age. Access the data [here](#).

In 2022, 3% of Saudis aged below 20 years have never been married. Access the data [here](#).

Access all data on Saudi Arabia in the GLMM database [here](#).

All GLMM data is gathered from published official national sources. For Saudi Arabia the sources were: General Authority for Statistics (GASat); Ministry of Human Resources and Social development (MHRSD); and General Organization for Social Insurance (GOSI).

GLMM produces unique GCC regional tables. Access the tables [here](#).

Workshop

GLMM organised a workshop in the framework of the 13th Gulf Research Meeting (GRM, Cambridge 11-13 July 2023) on “Recent Labour and Migration Reforms and Policies in the Gulf: Impact on Economies and Societies.” - Access more information about the workshop [here](#).

A total of 19 papers were presented and discussed at the in-presence workshop:

- Françoise De Bel-Air & Nasra Shah: “Recent Labour and Migration Reforms and Policies in the Gulf: Impact on Economies and Societies”

- Yusra Al-Shanqiti & Froilan Malit: “In Search of Global Skilled Human Capital? Analyzing the GCC States’ Multilevel Domestic Legal and Social Strategies for Attracting and Retaining Skilled Migrants in the Technology Sector”
- Onn Winckler: “Numbers Increasing, Dependency Decreasing: The GCC Changing Labor Immigration Emphasis Following the Arab Spring”
- Nejla Ben Mimoune & Nader Kabbani: “Post-Pandemic Skills Needs in the Gulf. A Comparative Analysis of Oman and Kuwait”
- Wasseem Mina: “GCC Labor Markets and Female Youth Inclusion and Employment”
- Nawafal Shehabi: “Navigating Khaleeji Entrepreneurial Ecosystems: Development Visions, Innovation, and Precarity in the Neoliberal Gulf”
- Noor Alabbas: “Power of Business interest and the reforms of the Flexible Work Permit Scheme in Bahrain (2017-2022)”
- Daryn Howland: “Reproducing the GCC: Interrogating Reforms to the Domestic Work Sector in the UAE”
- Habib Khondker: “The New Domestic Workers Law in the UAE: Context and the Consequences”
- Vani Saraswathi & Rima Kalush: “Reforms without Rights: The GCC states and their blinkered view of labour reforms”
- Sophia Kagan & Ryszard Cholewinski: “Regulation of platform and ‘freelance’ work for migrant workers in the Gulf Council Cooperation countries – a new challenge or an old problem?”
- Kristian Alexander & Froilan Malit: “Transnational Migrant Precarity in the Asia-Gulf Corridor: Informal Labor and Financial Markets and High-Risk Coping Strategies of Low-Income Filipino Migrants in the United Arab Emirates”
- Gennaro Errichiello: “New visa schemes and everyday integration. Challenges and practices among Pakistanis in Dubai”
- Bilesha Weeraratne: “Migrant Worker Policies and the Spillover Effects on Educational Outcomes and Employment Aspirations of National Children in the GCC”
- Dalia Abdelnabi: “Migrant Labour and Citizens in GCC States: Kuwait’s System of Migration Governance and Labour Force Nationalisation”
- Justin Alexander: “Enablers or Obstacles? The Roles of Migrant Workers in Gulf Economic Visions”
- Mira al Hussein: “Naturalising Talent: Labour, Migration and Citizenship in the UAE”

Further information
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GRC Cultural and Media Program

Gulf Research Center (GRC) Podcast

Access all the podcasts on the GRC Podcast YouTube channel [here](#).



July 5, 2023

Engineer Dr. Abdul Qadir Amir Al-Omrani participated in an interview with the Director of the Cultural Program at the Gulf Research Center, Dr. Zaid Alfadeil. Access the full interview [here](#).



July 3, 2023

Dr. Raghda Mahmoud, Political Researcher, participated in an interview for Araa Magazine with the Director of the Cultural Program at the Gulf Research Center, Dr. Zaid Alfadeil. Access the full interview [here](#).



July 2, 2023

Dr. Mazen Shandab, Professor of Political Science at the Lebanese University, participated in an interview for Araa Magazine with the Director of the Cultural Program at the Gulf Research Center, Dr. Zaid Alfadeil. Access the interview [here](#).

Gulf Dialogue Lab



July 30, 2023

The Gulf Dialogue Lab hosted its second session this month titled 'Cultural Elites and Media' with Dr. Ghaida Al-Juwaiser, along with other speakers.



July 10, 2023

The Gulf Dialogue Lab held a symposium titled 'The History of Gulf Shows between Documentation and Reliability.' Dr. Sami Al-Jamaan, along with other participants, attended this session.

The Gulf Research Center produces a wide variety of publications through its research programs, projects, and Gulf Research Meetings. The GRC's publications can be accessed on its website via [this link](#), and the commentary and analysis can be found [here](#).

GRC's Annual Strategic Review 2023

The Gulf Research Center launched its Annual Strategic Review at the 13th Annual Gulf Research Meeting's Opening Ceremony. The chapters in this volume seek to provide some insight into how the region perceived the changing regional and international scene and how their role is central to the outcome of the developments taking place.

Three key developments stand out when one looks at the Gulf's strategic environment and position as of mid-2023. The first is the centrality of the GCC agency in the diplomatic theater. The rapprochement between Saudi Arabia and Iran is only the most striking example of this, but the GCC stands front and center of many

other regional de-escalation efforts including with Syria, Turkey, Israel, Iraq, Sudan, and Yemen. These mediation and bridge-building efforts even extend to Ukraine and Russia where prison exchanges have benefitted from Arab Gulf involvement.

The second is the determination by the GCC countries to place their national and regional interests at the forefront of their policy outreach and not to be identified with any particular camp at the international level. While the United States remains the primary external actor of importance for the GCC states, this relationship does not prevent the region from engaging with, building ties, or strengthening strategic relations with other partners as well.

Third, and final, is the primacy of economic statecraft at the core of their wider regional and international engagement. Instead of simply rehashing the same geopolitical strategies of the past, the GCC states are fashioning new geoeconomic strategies that build on connectivity and access to broader markets and networks.

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GRC Annual Strategic Review 2023
Access the full report [here](#).



Saudi-Canada Relations: Restoration of Ties
Annah Mosly
July 2023



GCC-NB8 Relations
Annah Mosly
July 2023



Frustration at Bonn COP 28 Preparatory Talks
Dr. Mohammed Abdelraouf
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Global Reactions to the Desecration of Copies of the Holy Quran in Sweden
Annah Mosly
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Gulf Diplomacy is Forging Ahead
Dr. Christian Koch
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Selected Arabic Articles



Enhancing Japan's Presence and Relationship in the GCC Under a New Era
Noriko Suzuki
July 2023



The Return of Egyptian-Iranian Relations, Between Welcoming and Waiting
Yousef Kamil Khattab
July 2023



Araa Magazine # 187 (July 2023): Jeddah Summit 2023: A New Vision for Development and the Launch of Purification Efforts

GRC Participations

In July 2023, the GRC participated in numerous international events—both online and in-person — tackling issues pertaining to developments in the Gulf region and its broader neighborhood. The GRC emphasizes participating in such events, as it allows for the inclusion of a regional perspective in the debate. The following is an overview of the critical events in which the GRC participated this month.

June 13, 2023

Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the GRC, participated in a TV interview with ‘TRT Arabi’ which focused on the Saudi-Turkish relations. Access the full interview [here](#).



July 16, 2023

Amnah Mosly, researcher at the GRC, met with Mr. Noriyuki Shikata, Cabinet Secretary for Public Affairs to the Prime Minister of Japan, and discussed areas of future collaboration between Saudi Arabia and Japan.



July 19, 2023

Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the GRC and the President of the International Cooperation Platform (ICP), Mr. Cengiz Özgencil, held the first press conference for the “GCC-Türkiye Economic Forum,” which will take place on November 11-13, 2023 at the Çırağan Palace Kempinski Hotel in Istanbul, Turkey. The Forum will focus on seven sectors: agriculture and food, infrastructure, transportation and logistics, tourism, finance and investment, industry, and energy.

A summary of the Forum, its objectives, and the participants was presented. More than 30 journalists from the Gulf and Turkish media attended the press conference.

The Forum is supported and endorsed by Their Excellencies, the Ministers of Commerce of the GCC countries, the Secretariat General of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf, and the Federation of GCC Chambers of Commerce.

You can register to attend the Forum through the following link: <https://gccturkiye-forum.grc.net>



GRC Participations

July 13, 2023

The GRC Riyadh Office received H.E. Dr. Badr Malallah, Director General of the Arab Planning Institute in Kuwait, and H.E. Ambassador Amal Al Hamad, Consultant at the Arab Planning Institute. During the meeting, they discussed a number of topics of common interest and avenues of cooperation between the two parties. A memorandum of understanding was previously signed between the Gulf Research Center and the Arab Planning Institute for cooperation in various fields, including research, studies, workshops, and conferences.



July 6, 2023

Dr. Mohamed Abdelraouf, Environmental Security and Sustainability Research Program Director Participated in the Joint Retreat of the UNEA 6 Bureaus in Tangier, Morocco. Dr. Abdelraouf participated in representing GRC as co-chair of MGFC at UNEP.



July 6, 2023

Dr. Muhammad Eid Al-Suraihi, Chairman of the Arab Council for Creativity and Innovation of the League of Arab States visited the GRC's office in which he was briefed on the projects of the cultural program, especially the Gulf Dialogue Lab, and praised the efforts made in this regard.



July 5, 2023

Professor Saleh Al-Khathlan, Senior Advisor to the GRC, published an article in the 'Future Horizons' magazine titled 'Saudi-Iranian Agreement: a boost to the JCPOA?' Access the full article [here](#).



GRC Participations

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Dr. Abdulziz Sager, Chairman of the GRC, was mentioned in a news article with AlSharq AlAwsat as a press release on the GRC's 12-session webinar series entitled 'GCC-EU Relations: Toward the Strategic Partnership.' Access the full interview [here](#).



**GCC-EU Relations:
Toward the Strategic Partnership**



July 4, 2023

Dr. Zaid Alfadeil, Director of GRC's Cultural Program, participated in a dialogue with the Culture and Arts Association in Jeddah about culture and translation.



July 4-5, 2023

Dr. Mohamed Abdelraouf, Environmental Security and Sustainability Research Program Director co-organized and spoke at the International Major Groups and Stakeholders preparatory meeting for the Joint Retreat of the UNEA 6 Bureaus held at the Hassan II International Center for Environmental Training, Rabat, Morocco. Dr. Abdelraouf participated in representing GRC as co-chair of MGFC at UNEP.





GRC media participation can be accessed at [the following link](#), which leads to the GRC official YouTube channel.

Recent Media Participations



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the GRC, participated in an interview on Al Akhbariya in an episode titled 'Ukraine's Crisis...Peace Sessions Starting From Jeddah?'. Access the full interview [here](#).



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the GRC, participated in an interview with Al Arabiya in an episode titled 'After US National Security Adviser Jack Sullivan visit, Biden hints at an agreement with Saudi Arabia'. Access the full interview [here](#).



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the GRC, participated in an interview with Al Sharq TV (Bloomberg) in an episode titled 'Erdogan's visit and the plans of Turkey and the Gulf Countries.' Access the full interview [here](#).



Al Akhbariya broadcasted the 13th Gulf Research Meeting in Cambridge and interviewed various Saudi participants at the conference. Access the full coverage [here](#).



Dr. Zaid Alfadeil, Director of the Cultural Program participated in an interview and spoke about the consultative meeting of the Gulf Council and the Summit of the Central Asian Countries. Access the full interview [here](#).



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