

# Dr. Abdulaziz Sager

## Chairman, Gulf Research Center

### **Qualifications**

- ❖ Doctorate in International Relations (Gulf Security: Dynamics, Perceptions and Policies, 1968-2003). Comparative Study of GCC Countries, University of Lancaster, United Kingdom.
- ❖ Master of International Relations (external forces affecting the security and stability of the Gulf region), Kent University, United Kingdom.
- ❖ Bachelor's Degree from the Faculty of Economics and Administration of King Abdulaziz University
- ❖ Several advanced leadership and management courses, including courses at the International Institute for Management Development (IMD) in Lausanne, Switzerland

### **Honors and Visiting Professorships**

- January 2018: Awarded the prestigious Rawabi Holding Award, which are given annually to one Saudi and one British citizen for their contribution to promoting Saudi-British relations and are generously donated by Mr. Abdulaziz al Turki.
- May 2011: Honorary fellowship from the Università Ca'Foscari in Venice, Italy.
- April 2013: Honorary professorship from the University of Osaka, Japan.
- March 2020: Honorary professorship from King Abdulaziz University.

### **Memberships**

- ❖ Board of Trustees of the King Abdul Aziz Center for National Dialogue.
- ❖ Council of Makkah Region from November 2003- March 2009.
- ❖ Advisory Board of the Geneva Center for the Democratic Management of Armed Forces ( DCAF Switzerland) since 2006.
- ❖ Consultative Board of the Geneva Center for Security Policies (GCSP) since 2006.
- ❖ Board of the German Orient Foundation from 2007-2012 (UNDP).
- ❖ Advisory Board of the Arab Thought Foundation since 2005.
- ❖ Advisory Group of the National Program for Exhibitions and Conferences.

- ❖ Advisory Board of the Faculty of Economics, United Arab Emirates University (UAE) from 2006-2008.
- ❖ Advisory Board for the Fourth Human Development Report of the United Nations Development Program.
- ❖ Strategic Council of the Global Alliance for Information Technology and Development of the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA-GAID)
- ❖ Advisory Committee of the Faculty of Economics and Administration, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.
- ❖ Turkish Arab Society for Science, Culture and Arts, Ankara, Turkey.
- ❖ Honorary Council of Dar Al-Hekma University, Jeddah.
- ❖ Vice-Chairman of the Academic Committee, Prince Muqrin Bin Abdulaziz University, Medina.
- ❖ Membership in the following international research institutes and centers:
  1. International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), London, United Kingdom
  2. Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House, London, United Kingdom
  3. British Association for Political Sciences
  4. The Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies (RUSI)
  5. RAND Corporation, United States
  6. Middle East Institute, Washington, DC
  7. International Institute of Management Development (IMD), Lausanne, Switzerland
  8. International Security Network, Zurich, Switzerland
- ❖ Numerous presentations in universities, institutes and research centers in different regions around the world including the United States, United Kingdom, France, Germany, Sweden, Switzerland, Italy, Spain, Japan, South Korea, Singapore, India and Pakistan.

## **Publications**

- ❖ Reforms in Saudi Arabia: Challenges and Feasible Solutions (GRC, September 2003)

- ❖ GCC Political & Economic Strategy towards Post-War Iraq (GRC, April 2004)
- ❖ “Arab Peacekeeping Forces”
- ❖ Chapter entitled: Political Opposition in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (Part of the book titled “The Future of The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Trends and Challenges / Post-September 11 and the War in Iraq” edited by Gerd Nonneman and Paul Arts)
- ❖ Energy Defines New Features of Gulf Security " (Middle East Geopolitics 2006)
- ❖ “Criteria for Political Reform from an Inner Gulf Perspective,” chapter from book: Constitutional Reform and Political Participation in the Gulf.
- ❖ Chapter from the book, The Events of September 11 and its Economic Impact on the GCC Countries.
- ❖ Combating Violence and Terrorism in Saudi Arabia, Gulf Research Center, May 2004
- ❖ Editor-in-Chief of the Gulf Yearbook: A book series on the most important political, security, economic and social developments in the GCC.
- ❖ Editor-in-chief of "Araa Magazine," a monthly periodical specialized in Gulf affairs and published by the Gulf Research Center since its founding.