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GRC Project

GCC-EU Relations: Toward the Strategic Partnership Webinar Series

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The eighth session of the GCC-EU webinar series entitled “Health Resilience” was held by the Gulf Research Center (GRC) on April 11, 2023. The event focused on the status of relations and the priorities in the health field as they relate to the EU’s Joint Communication on a “Strategic Partnership with the Gulf.” The speakers of the session were Dr. Sami Almudarra, Director of Health Information at the Gulf Center for Disease Prevention and Control; Dr. Yahya Alfarsi, Consultant in Public Health at the Gulf Health Council; Tobias Mac-Lean, Policy Officer at DG HERA at the European Commission; Sina Winkel, Project Manager at CARPO; and Dr. Reem AlSukait, Assistant Professor at King Saud University. Dr. Christian Koch, the Director of Research at the Gulf

Research Center, moderated the session.

The webinar centered around different themes. The first theme was the key lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic; learning from the COVID-19 experience is critical in preparing for future pandemics in both regions. For example, there is a continued need to improve pandemic preparedness and responses, public health delivery, and response capacity. A second theme was the collective effort that can be put forth to support better coordination and cooperation. Here, trust plays a primary role in health resilience. The speakers of the webinar elaborated on intergovernmental trust, trust between disciplines, and trust between the government and the

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public playing significant roles in health resilience. A third theme centered on digital health. The session stressed the importance of virtual healthcare services (especially during lockdowns) and the importance of digital passports in preventing the spread of pandemics and managing the public health record. The importance of sharing resources and data was also emphasized, as open science enabled global solutions, models, and policies. Finally, there was

a focus on the broader picture of medium- to long-term recovery instruments including the promotion of healthier lifestyles in both regions. As the population is changing, it is thus essential to look at non-communicable diseases, such as obesity, to lower the risks of hospitalizations during pandemics. Here, improving communication in different disciplines, increasing public engagement in science and data, and promoting science literacy is crucial in planning for a better future.

Global Leadership Program



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/>

Register [HERE](#)
Download brochure [HERE](#)

Gulf Research Meeting 2023

Registration for Listening Participants



The deadline to apply to participate as a paper presenter at GRM 2023 has passed. **We welcome you to register as a listening participant.** Please submit your information to register as a listening participant [HERE](#).

GRM 2023 WORKSHOPS

- Sustainable Development Financing and the Role of the Financial Sector in the GCC Region
- Circular Economy and Sustainable Development Model: Its Role in the GCC States' National Visions
- Perspectives on Hard Security Issues in the Gulf
- Industrial Policies in the Gulf and the Middle East
- The Renewed & Expanded Role of the Gulf on the Global Energy Scene
- Recent Labour and Migration Reforms and Policies in the Gulf: Impact on Economies and Societies
- The Leading Role of Gulf Higher Education in Achieving Sustainability and Addressing Climate Change
- Cultural Heritage in the Gulf – Emerging Trends, Identity Politics, Challenges, and Concerns
- Women in the GCC: Negotiating Leadership, Power, and Change
- Israel and the Gulf Monarchies: A New Regional Security Complex or Just Complex Regional Security?
- The Future of the GCC as an Institution
- The Gulf and the Horn of Africa: Trans-Regional Competition and Cooperation
- 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

More details of the GRM workshops can be found [here](#)

The poster for the 13th Gulf Research Meeting (11-13 July, 2023) features a large photograph of a grand, historic building with multiple spires and arches. Text on the poster includes the event title, dates, and a list of workshop topics. A small version of the GRC logo is in the top right corner.

13th
Gulf Research Meeting
11 - 13 July, 2023

More information on the workshops can be found on the [Gulf Research Meeting website](#)

Questions should be sent to grmapplicant@grc.net

For more details visit www.gulfresearchmeeting.net

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



Activities March 2023

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

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

Publications



GLMM Policy Brief No. 1 - April 2023: “Migratory flows of Russian speaking populations to the UAE: A permanent or a temporary trend?” by Magdalena Karolak, GLMM non-resident fellow

GLMMs public databases

The GLMM gathers, analyses, and republishes national official statistical data concerning population, labor markets, and migration from dozens of websites across 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, except via the GLMM website, which can be accessed [here](#).

Based on these data, GLMM produces unique GCC regional tables: Access [here](#).

GLMM also gathers, analyses, and republishes national official legal documents concerning population, labor markets, and migration: Access [here](#).

New non-resident intern

In April, GLMM welcomed a new non-resident intern.



Sharique Umar is a Ph.D. candidate in the Gulf Studies Program & Center, at Qatar University. He currently works as a graduate assistant at the university. Sharique holds two master’s degrees, MA in Islamic Ethics from Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Qatar, and MA in International and Area Studies from Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi, India. His research interests include South-South migration, migrants’ identity, the intersection of religion and migration, and culture and society in the Gulf. Before joining GLMM as a non-resident intern, Sharique worked on projects with various organizations, such as Qatar Foundation, Stimson Center, Washington, and Schumacher Society in New Delhi. Among other publications, he has recently published a chapter in a book titled “Social Change in the Gulf Region: Multidisciplinary Perspectives.”

GLMM currently has two interns and welcomes candidates to apply [here](#).

Webinar

GLMM announced its first webinar “GCC Data for Evidence-based Policymaking” for 14 June 2023.

Abstract: To what extent do available data and statistics on labour and labour migration in GCC states allow policymakers, as well as the general public, to monitor and understand the rapid changes affecting GCC states’ labour markets since 2010? The webinar will review recent innovations and improvements in the collection, processing, and dissemination of statistical data on labour, migration, and labour migration in the six GCC states. It will assess progress made in the use of statistical data for socio-economic and demographic policy making in the region. It will highlight challenges met by GCC National Statistical Organisations and other statistics producers in the region and reflect on possible ways to overcome these challenges.

Further information and registration will be made available mid-May.

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

Workshop

GLMM organizes a workshop in the framework of the 13th Gulf Research Meeting (GRM, Cambridge 11-3 July 2023) on “Recent Labour and Migration Reforms and Policies in the Gulf: Impact on Economies and Societies” at the 13th Gulf Research Meeting.

Access more details on the workshop [here](#).
Further information

The deadline for applications for paper presenters has passed. Fifty-two paper proposals were received of which twenty were selected.

Limited places are available for non-paper presenters (against a fee): Register [here](#).

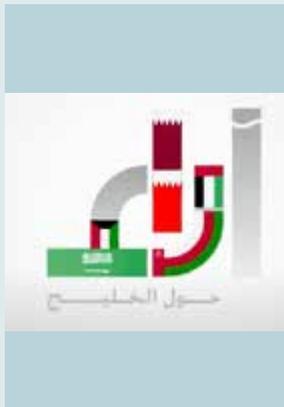
Further information on GLMM

Contact: info.glmm@grc.net

GRC's Cultural & Media Program

Gulf Research Center (GRC) Podcast

The GRC hosted three episodes under the Cultural & Media program this month



April 14, 2023



The GRC Podcast hosted the first episode of a two-part series in an interview with Dr. Hassan Al-Naimi, Professor of Literature at King Abdulaziz University, titled “The History of the Saudi Cultural Movement.” Watch the full episode [here](#).

April 22, 2023



The GRC Podcast hosted the second episode with Dr. Hassan Al-Naimi, titled “Determinants of the Saudi Cultural Movement.” Watch the full episode [here](#).

March 12, 2023



Dr. Saleh Al Khatlan, Senior Advisor to the GRC, participated in the podcast with Dr. Zaid Al Fadeil, director of the GRC's Cultural & Media Program, in which he discussed the implications of the security report issued by the Atlantic Council, entitled “Equal partnership is the title of the next stage between Saudi Arabia and the world.” Watch the full episode [here](#).

Gulf Dialogue Lab



April 11, 2023

Under the Gulf Dialogue Lab, the GRC held an Arabic calligraphy workshop titled “The Aesthetics of Arabic Calligraphy in Islamic Architecture.”



April 10, 2023

The GRC held a publishing and libraries workshop titled “The Reality of Digitizing Information and Knowledge Sources in the Gulf Region.”



April 9, 2023

The GRC held a theater and performing arts workshop titled “Theatrical Text, Discourse, and Attitudes.”



April 5, 2023

The GRC held a visual arts workshop titled “Gulf Arab Identity in the Art of Sculpture.”



April 4, 2023

The GRC held a story and narration workshop titled “The Reality of the Gulf Novel Today and Its Relationship to Arab Achievement.”

GRC Publications

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](#).

Commentary & Analysis



Invest in Our Planet
April 2023
Dr. Mohamed Abdelraouf

Selected Arabic Articles



From the “Grey Zone” to the End Zone: GCC State Influence and Prospects for Syria’s Reintegration into the Arab World
April 2023
Dr. Robert Mason



Gulf Women in the Workforce
April 2023
Amnah Mosly

Country Updates



Spain - GCC Relations
April 2023



Australia - GCC Relations
April 2023



Turkey - GCC Relations
April 2023

Araa Magazine



184 (April 2023):
Global risks in the Davos report and their impact on the GCC countries

GRC Participations

In April 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.



April 28, 2023

Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center, participated as a speaker at [the Delphi Economic Forum VIII](#) in Greece. The title of the discussion was “The Middle East and Regional Developments.” Watch the full discussion [here](#).



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 Gulf Research Center, participated on the Al-Arabiya News Program on an episode titled “Political moves towards resolving differences and supporting calm efforts.” Watch the full episode [here](#).



Dr. Zaid Al Fadeil, Director of the Cultural & Media Program, participated in the Gulf Talk program on Al-Hurra TV. The episode covered scholarships and the achievement of knowledge and educational goals. Watch the full interview [here](#).



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), was mentioned and quoted in an article in Reuters titled “Analysis: Saudi crown prince acts to realign Mideast dynamics amid concern over US support.” Read the full article [here](#).



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