



## GRC Events & Activities

### NATO and the Gulf

On the occasion of the first visit of a NATO Secretary-General to Saudi Arabia, Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC) hosted H.E. Mr. Jens Stoltenberg and his delegation as part of their talks in Riyadh.



A number of think tankers, area specialists, and media attended a dinner organized by the GRC. The discussion focused on the potential for enhanced dialogue and cooperation between NATO and the Gulf, including in areas such as maritime security, energy security, and counter-terrorism. The exchange also covered the current security situations in Europe and the Middle East, with special attention given to the leading role of the Kingdom in coordinating the Arab-Islamic efforts toward ending the war in Gaza and delivering humanitarian support.

Dr. Abdulaziz Sager also participated in a panel discussion at the Saudi Armed Forces Command and Staff College where NATO Secretary-General, Mr. Jens Stoltenberg, presented a lecture and underlined Saudi Arabia's leading role in the Arab and Muslim world, and identified areas where the Alliance and the Kingdom could do more together—including on maritime security, the protection of critical infrastructure, and the fight against terrorism, as well as innovation and military education.

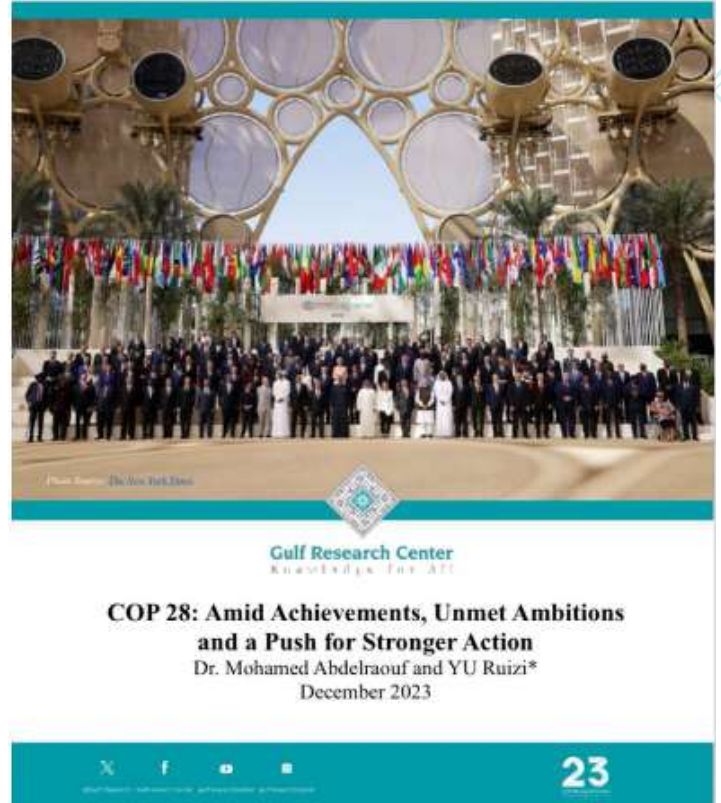
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A highlight of the month was the participation of the GRC's Environmental Security and Sustainability Research Program in numerous side events at the COP28 conference held in Dubai from November 30 to December 12, 2023.

The two-week international climate summit resulted in numerous important outcomes. While some items on the agenda did not reach final decisions, promising progress was made on climate justice, energy transition, agricultural resilience, food security, and a wide range of other sectors closely associated with the 1.5°C target set in the Paris Agreement. A historic consensus was also achieved on moving away from fossil fuels. The key challenge that still awaits future climate actions, will be in terms of the implementation of decisions made in Dubai.

Immediately after the conclusion of COP28, Dr. Mohamed Abdelraouf and GRC intern Ruizi Yu, published a report titled "COP28: Amid Achievements, Unmet Ambitions and a Push for Stronger Action." To read the assessment, please visit the link [here](#).



Below are the GRC's events that were carried out during the COP28:



Dr. Mohamed Adelraouf, Director of the Environmental Security and Sustainability Research Program, moderated an open dialogue session at the UNEP Pavilion at COP28 on December 6, 2023 with major groups and stakeholders under the theme of "Towards Collaborative Action to Address the Climate Crisis."





On December 8, 2023, the Gulf Research Center Foundation (GRCF) and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung organized a side event at the Siemens Showcase Center at the COP28 titled 'Youth Voices from the Gulf Region: New Ideas and Experiences.' The event provided a space for youth delegates from Bahrain, Oman, and Yemen to raise their voice and share ideas and experiences on youth environmental entrepreneurship.

On December 9, 2023, the Gulf Research Center Foundation, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, and The Congolese Diaspora for Nelson Mandela Legacy co-organized a side event at COP28 titled "Youth Voices from Around the Globe: New Ideas and International Exchange on Climate Action." The event was opened with an address from Mr. Javaid Iqbal, a GRCF Council Member, and eight youths from Yemen, Oman, Bahrain, UAE, China, Canada, and Singapore presented their ideas and projects on climate change.

The GRCF's participation in COP28 concluded with a joint side event at the Joint MDB Pavilion, together with the Islamic Development Bank, Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, and the Regional Center for Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency titled "Fostering Partnership towards NetZero Economies in MENA," Mr. Javaid Iqbal, GRCF Council Member, delivered closing remarks on behalf of GRCF. The side event focused on available opportunities (technologies, incentives, policies, networks) related to renewable and



clean energy and energy efficiency in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA). It introduced innovative business/partnership models to address those opportunities and accelerate green/sustainable investment in Paris and SDG-aligned projects.



The GRC also contributed an assessment of COP28 as part of the global memo of the Council of Councils.

[Click here](#) to access the full report

# GRC-MEIJ's Webinar: Gulf and East Asia in the Era of Changing Order

GRC Webinar

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On December 6th, 2023, the Gulf Research Center (GRC) held a successful joint webinar with the Middle East Institute of Japan (MEIJ), focusing on the Gulf and East Asia in an era of geopolitical change.

The speakers of the webinar were Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center; H.E. Asako Kiyoshi, Vice President of the Middle East Institute of Japan and Former ambassador of Japan to the Kingdom of Bahrain; Dr. Takao Kenichiro, Executive Research Fellow at the Middle East Institute of Japan; Mr. Aoki Kenta, Executive Research Fellow at the Middle East Institute of Japan; and Ms. Noriko Suzuki, Senior Advisor at the Gulf Research Center. Dr. Christian Koch, Director of Research at the Gulf Research Center, moderated the session.

Amid the current changes in the regional and international order, countries in the Middle East, including Saudi Arabia and Iran, seek to enhance their presence through multipolar-based diplomacy. The webinar speakers discussed how regional countries adapt to a new order and examined the interlinkages between the Gulf and East Asia.

Over the years, economic cooperation has been a driving force in GCC-Japan relations, with Japan emerging as a critical trading partner for the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries.

The relationship between the GCC countries and Japan has been centered on developing diversified and multifaceted partnerships to strengthen economic collaboration, energy trade, diplomatic ties, and strategic engagements.

Cultural exchanges have played a significant role in enhancing GCC-Japan relations with increasing initiatives that strengthen people-to-people ties, fostering friendship, and deepening cultural bonds, such as Japan's animation, game, and e-sports industries. Such exchanges broadened Japan's trade relations and built a more comprehensive diplomatic and economic partnership.

The session also touched on enhancing the security and defense relationship between GCC and Japan during the current period of global instability. Recently, Japan has further strengthened its defense relations with the EU as part of a joint initiative with the UK and Italy via the launch of the Global Combat Air Program through public-private initiatives. Japan is now also preparing initiatives with Saudi Arabia and the GCC.

The webinar also discussed Gulf-East Asia relations, focusing on China and Iran and areas such as trade, security and defense, education, culture, and environment. The session examined China's growing role in the Gulf, focusing on Saudi Arabia's expectations of China, reflecting their historical and contemporary backgrounds. The session examined the changing nature of the US presence in the Middle East and the resulting realignment of Saudi Arabia's relations with China and Russia.

Finally, the session covered Iran's foreign policy diversification in recent years, placing it within the context of the changing regional order. The session described the basic principles of Iran's foreign policy, the "balanced foreign policy" of the Raisi administration. It examined why Iran's foreign policy shift is taking place from international, regional, and domestic perspectives.





The Gulf Research Centre Cambridge (GRCC) has opened its Call for Papers for the **14th annual Gulf Research Meeting (GRM)** to take place in Cambridge (UK) from July 9-11, 2024. Full descriptions of workshops and other information can be found at <https://gulfresearchmeeting.net>.

Those interested in applying with a paper abstract for GRM 2024 should submit their application to: <https://gulfresearchmeeting.net/register-paper-user>.

The deadline for applications has been extended to January 6, 2024.

The GRM 2024 poster can be downloaded here: <https://gulfresearchmeeting.net/w/finalposter-grm2024.pdf>.

Please submit any questions you might have to: [grm@grc.net](mailto:grm@grc.net)

Please also feel free to distribute the announcement to colleagues in your network.

## GRM 2024 WORKSHOPS:

- Towards a Global Coalition: Gulf States, BRICS and the Future of the Global Order
- The GCC Between the Kurdistan Region and Iraq
- Securing the Future: The GCC States' Endeavors in Defense Industry, Warfare Technologies and Policy
- The Structural Economic Challenges that GCC Economies Face to Move Towards Economic Diversification and Sustainability
- Blue Gulf: New Models and Systems for Regenerative Environments and Communities in Changing Climates and Rising Seas
- The Gulf Family: Transition, Tradition, and Tenacity
- Gulf States' Engagement with Sport: Domestic and Global Drivers
- Navigating the Future of Artificial Intelligence in the GCC Region: Opportunities and Challenges
- Conflict Resolution Initiatives in the Gulf and Beyond: Strategies of Engagement and Prospects of Success
- Migration to the Gulf: Possible Scenarios for the Future: A View from the GCC and from Countries of Origin
- GCC Energy Transition in the Era of Energy Security
- Silk Road or Spice Route? The Gulf's Rising Connectivity with Asia, Africa, and Europe
- The Politics and Policy of Climate Change in the Gulf

# GCC-Swiss Forum 2024

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The Gulf Research Center (GRC) and the International Institute for Management Development (IMD), with the support of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), Arab-Swiss Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CAsCI), and the Federation of the GCC Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FGCCC), are holding the GCC-Swiss Forum 2024 on April 16-18, 2024, at the IMD in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The GCC-Swiss Forum 2024 will serve as a platform to further strengthen an already strategic and vibrant relationship at a pivotal moment of political convergence. Given the commitment by the GCC to cooperate with Switzerland in the coming years and the fact that there is significant capacity to substantially increase bilateral trade, the GCC-Swiss Forum 2024 will be an ideal opportunity to explore areas of potential collaboration and establish a network for joint projects.

The GCC-Swiss Forum seeks to enhance the bilateral relationship in all its dimensions with a specific focus on highlighting the opportunities in the economic and business fields. As such, the key objectives of the Forum are:

- Exploring the different dimensions that make up the exceptional relationship between the GCC and Switzerland
- Increasing the sense of understanding and awareness between the two parties
- Highlighting the various economic and business opportunities that exist and putting current and recent developments in their proper context
- Providing a platform for networking by bringing critical sectors of the Gulf and Swiss business communities together
- Encouraging the exchange of experiences and views between the two parties

- Helping small and medium-sized enterprises benefit from each other in a more structured way
- Focusing on the political and social dimension of relations to provide the proper climate for better ties and improving people-to-people contact
- Establishing a regular forum to enhance and promote GCC-Swiss relations



To register to attend the GCC-Swiss Forum, please click [HERE](#)

Access the GCC-Swiss Forum brochure [HERE](#)

For more details, please access the forum's website [HERE](#)

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**Module 1: Global Politics**, September 11-15, 2023

**Module 2: Global Security**, November 13-17, 2023

The Gulf Research Center (GRC) and the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) held the first and second one-week module of its **Global Leadership Program on Global Politics Issues** from September 11-15, 2023, and **Global Security Issues** from November 13-17, 2023, in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Global Politics module focused on topics such as contemporary global governance, broadening stakeholders in global politics, key issues in global politics and strategic foresight, navigating a fragmented international environment, and diplomacy and effective leadership.

The Global Security module focused on topics such as the evolving nature of security; transnational challenges in the 21st century; violent non-state actors and extremism; organized crime; crisis management; regional and security arrangements; maritime security; the future of warfare; and energy security.

The 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 intervals throughout the year with the final module on Global Economics scheduled for April 22-26, 2024.

The GRCF and GCSP are currently planning the upcoming 'Global Economic Module.'

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 past, current, 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 register for the next module and access more details, please visit the program's website [HERE](#)

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## GLMM

Gulf Labour Markets and Migration



### Activities in December

**GLMM** is an international independent, non-partisan, non-profit programme established in 2010. It is hosted and supported by the Gulf Research Center. The programme provides data, analyses, and recommendations contributing to the improvement of understanding and management of Gulf labour migration, population, and labour markets, engaging with, and respecting the viewpoints of all stakeholders.

Access the GLMM website [here](https://www.grc.net).

#### Publications

- GLMM Explanatory Note No. 1/2023: "Numbers Increasing, Dependency Decreasing: The GCC Changing Labor Immigration Emphasis Following the Arab Spring," by Onn Winckler, Professor in the Department of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies at the University of Haifa.
- GLMM Explanatory Note No. 2/2023: "Aspirations and Strategies to Remain in Saudi Arabia: The Case of Middle-class South Asians," by Areej Jamal, doctoral researcher at the University College London, Social Research Institute.
- GLMM Explanatory Note No. 3/2023: "Reforms without Rights: The GCC states' Blinkered View of Labour Reforms," by Rima Kalush and Vani Saraswathi, Migrant-Rights.Org.

For all Explanatory Notes, visit the website [here](https://www.grc.net).

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### Data and Documents Databases

GLMM has gathered, analyzed, and republished GCC official tables:

Access the database on Bahrain [here](#)

Access the database on Kuwait [here](#)

Access the database on Oman [here](#)

Access the database on Qatar [here](#)

Access the database on Saudi Arabia [here](#)

Access the database on UAE [here](#)

GLMM has also constructed regional GCC tables based upon the above listed data sources [here](#).

#### Publications by GLMM Senior Staff

- Françoise De Bel-Air, University of Bremen, CRC 1342 "Global Dynamics of Social Policy." "ImmigSR" Project (Immigrant Social Rights Dataset). Contribution on Saudi Arabia, 2023.
- Françoise De Bel-Air, ILO-ROAS, "Mapping and analysis of data on stocks and flows of African migrant workers in the GCC." Background report in preparation for the Doha Dialogue Meeting, 2023.





December 11, 2023



The Cultural Program at the Gulf Research Center received Professor Ulrika Freitag, Professor of Arab History at the Free University of Berlin and President of the Orient Center for Studies in Berlin. They exchanged ideas about ways to bridge cultural relations between the Gulf Research Center and German intellectuals. She also reviewed, in the presence of the Director of the Cultural Program, Dr. Zaid Alfadeil, some of the Center's cultural activities. She headed the Gulf Cultural Dialogue Laboratory and expressed her admiration for it, and at the conclusion of her visit, an episode was recorded with her for the program "Tafaseel" for the Gulf Research Center podcast.



the Arab region. This visit comes as confirmation of the state of interconnectedness and integration between the research centers.



December 11, 2023



In conjunction with the activities of the Jeddah International Book Fair 2023, thinker and researcher Dr. Henry Al-Await, Director General of the Arab Thought Foundation, visited the cultural program at the Gulf Research Center and was briefed on the program's activity and the Gulf Center's efforts to spread the cultural situation in the Kingdom, the Gulf, and

Access more information of the Gulf Research Center's Podcast on the website [here](https://www.grc.net):

The Gulf Research Center produces various publications through its research programs, projects, and Gulf Research Meetings. The GRC's publications can be accessed on its website via [this link](https://www.grc.net), and the commentary and analysis can be found [here](https://www.grc.net).

## Commentary & Analyses



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## Selected Arabic Articles and Research Papers.



### Wave of Iranian Anger Against Moscow

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### Egyptian-Iranian Relations and Signs of Return

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### Secret Intelligence-Led Negotiations: Doha meetings. What to expect?

Dr. Abderrezzaq Gherraf

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### Media Representation of the Gaza Conflict in the West: Between Bias and Objectivity

Yousef Kamil Khattab

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### The Egyptian Stance on the War in Gaza: Significance, Considerations, Dimensions, Implications, and Future Scenarios

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### Araa Magazine

# 192 (December 2023)

The Impact of Economic Corridors on the Gulf and the World: Convergence and Divergence of Interests





In December 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.

December 20, 2023

Dr. Mohamed Abdelraouf, Environmental Security and Sustainability Research Program Director participated and conducted a session on the code of conduct for Major Groups at UNEP. Dr. Raouf participated in the consultation representing Gulf Research Center Foundation as co-chair of Major Groups at UNEP.

December 18-19, 2023



Dr. Mohamed Abdelraouf, Environmental Security and Sustainability Research Program Director participated and delivered the opening speech for the online International Major Groups consultation organized by UNEP to prepare for the next UNEA-6 assembly and its associated meetings. Dr. Raouf participated in the consultation representing Gulf Research Center foundation as co-chair of Major groups at UNEP.

December 17, 2023



Dr. Mohamed Abdelraouf, Director of the Environment

Sustainability Program, contributed to the global memo of the Council of Councils on the outcome of COP28. Click [here](#) to access the full report.

December 13, 2023



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), received representatives from IE University, Dr. Guillermo de Haro, Vice Dean & Academic Director, Graduate Programs, and Dr. Gonzalo Rodríguez, IE Director for KSA, at the GRC's office in Riyadh. The meeting was attended by GRC's Vice President Dr. Ahmed Sager and by GRC's senior researcher, Dr. Rafael Hernandez de Santiago, where views were exchanged on a number of topics of common interest to foster the cooperation between IE University, GRC and the Kingdom.

December 11-15, 2023



Dr. Mohamed Abdelraouf, Environmental Security and Sustainability Research Program Director, co-organized the international Major Groups Consultation Day on December 10, 2023 and participated in the work of the OEWG 2: Science-Policy Panel to contribute further to the sound management of chemicals and waste and to prevent pollution in Nairobi from December. Dr. Abdelraouf participated in the meeting representing the Gulf Research Center Foundation as co-chair of Major Groups accredited at UNEP.



December 11-12, 2023

Imco Brouwer, Managing Director of the Gulf Labour Markets, Migration, and Population (GLMM) Programme, participated in a Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) strategy meeting on migration intervention in Africa and the MENA region in Addis Ababa.

December 10, 2023



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the GRC and Dr. Christian Koch, GRC Director of Research, participated in the 2023 Doha Forum held in Doha, Qatar. Dr. Sager spoke in the panel session on "Asia and the GCC: A Deepening Partnership." Both Dr. Sager and Dr. Koch held numerous meetings on the sidelines of the conference including with H.E. Jassim Mohamed Al-Budaiwi, the Secretary-General of the Gulf Cooperation Council, and with H.E. Luigi Di Maio, the EU Special Representative for the Gulf Region.

December 10, 2023



Prof. Dr. Saleh Al-Khathlan, Senior Advisor at the Gulf Research Center, participated in a workshop titled "Saudi-Russian Relations: A Strategic Partnership and New Horizons, organized by the King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies and the Russian Khakimov Club.

December 10, 2023



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), participated as a speaker in a panel session at the Doha Forum titled 'Asia and the GCC: A Deepening Partnership' on December 10-11, 2023, in Doha. The importance of this session stems from the shift in economic weight towards Asia that the world is witnessing and the Gulf Cooperation Council countries' interest in deepening relations with the largest economies in Asia, including China, South Korea, Japan, and India. The session discussed relations between the two sides, with a particular focus on issues of regional security, energy, cooperation in the field of technology, and climate change. The session also discussed the most promising collaboration methods amid a complex geopolitical landscape. Participating in this session were His Excellency the Secretary-General of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), Mr. Jassim Mohammed Al-Budaiwi, Prof. Shuji Hosaka, Board Member of the Institute of Energy Economics, Japan (IEEJ) and Director of JIME Center - a unit of IEEJ, Dr. Nilanjan Ghosh, Director of the Observer Research Foundation, Prof. Wu Bingbing, Director of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Peking University, and it was moderated by Dr. Dania Thafer, Senior Fellow at the Middle East Council on Global Affairs.

December 8, 2023

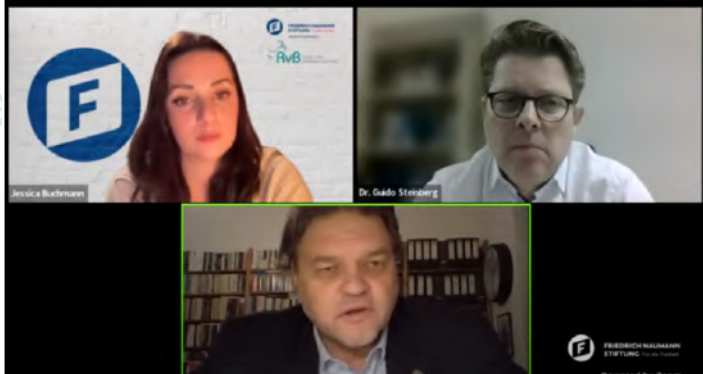


Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), participated as a speaker in a panel titled 'Regional Transformation? How to Build on Prospects for De-Escalation in the Middle East' organized by the Sir Bani Yas Forum 2023 in Dubai on December 8, 2023.





December 6, 2023



Dr. Christian Koch, Director of Research, spoke at an event hosted by the German Friedrich-Naumann-Foundation on the engagement of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in the Horn of Africa. Dr. Koch highlighted the shift in the Kingdom's strategy towards the Red Sea and the Horn of Africa due to the rising threats to shipping around the Bab al-Mandab and the importance of Vision 2030 and the economic projects being developed along the Red Sea coast. The event (in German) can be found [here](#).

December 5, 2023

Dr. Christian Koch, Director of Research, participated in the annual conference of the European Policy Centre entitled "Time for Strategy: Europe 2024–2029 in a Geopolitical World" held in Brussels, Belgium. The event brought together more than 150 attendees from all of the relevant European institutions to discuss the numerous challenges that the EU faces and what appropriate response mechanisms might look like.

December 5, 2023

Dr. Christian Koch, Director of Research, held an online meeting with Gatehouse Advisory, a London-based geopolitical consultancy chaired by Sir Jeremy Greenstock and Sir David Manning. The two sides discussed recent development in the Middle East and prospects for future cooperation between the two institutions.

December 2, 2023



Dr. Zaid Alfadeil, Director of the Cultural and Media Program at the Gulf Research Center, participated as a speaker in the second session within the work of the tenth session of the Gulf Studies Forum, which was organized by the Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies in Doha. The session discussed Saudi Cultural Transformations: A Reading of Contemporary Policies.

December 2, 2023



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), participated as a speaker at the tenth annual 'Gulf Studies Forum' organized by the Arab Center for Research & Policy Studies in Doha. The forum discussed relations between the Gulf states and China. He participated as a speaker in the panel titled 'Relations between the Gulf States and China: Continuity or Transformation' and discussed the development of ties between Gulf states and China, specifically on economic and strategic/political relations. Watch the full panel session [here](#).

December 1, 2023

Dr. Christian Koch, Director of Research, met with Christian-Peter Hanelt, Senior Middle East Expert at the Bertelsmann Foundation. The GRC and the Bertelsmann Foundation have been strong partners for many years and the discussion focused on future research and collaboration projects.



GRC media participation can be accessed at the following link, which leads to the GRC official YouTube channel.



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), participated on Al-Sharq (Bloomberg) and discussed the issue of BRICS. Watch the full interview [here](#).



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), participated in an interview on Al-Jazeera and discussed the recent developments in the Red Sea. Watch the full interview [here](#).



Prof. Dr. Saleh Al-Khathlan, Senior Advisor at the Gulf Research Center (GRC), participated in the Eastern Markets Program on Al-Sharq (Bloomberg) News Channel and discussed the Kingdom's strengthened political and economic relations towards the east and west in 2023. Click [here](#) to watch the full episode.



Dr. Zaid Al-Fadil, Director of the Gulf Research Center's Cultural and Media Program, presented a speech on 'Jeddah Radio' station and praised the distinguished efforts of the Kingdom's Ministry of Culture, which has created a qualitative shift and enhanced cultural relations between the Kingdom and other countries and enabled the presence of its cultural strength abroad.



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center participated and spoke at 'Here Al-Riyadh' news program and discussed the threats from the Houthis on maritime security in the region. Click [here](#) to watch the full interview.



Dr. Zaid Alfadeil, Director of the GRC's Cultural & Media Program, participated in the Saudi Al-Akhbariya channel and provided insights on the Jeddah International Book Fair.



Dr. John Sfakianakis, Chief Economist at the Gulf Research Center, participated and spoke at 'Al Sharq' (Bloomberg) and discussed Saudi Arabia's economic outlook and the global economy as a whole. Watch the full interview [here](#).



Dr. John Sfakianakis, Chief Economist at the Gulf Research Center, participated in the Al-Sharq (Bloomberg) news channel and discussed Saudi's balance sheet- 'The balance sheet of Saudi is very strong even if there is a deficit of about 2%.' Watch the full interview [here](#)



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