



Gulf Research Centre Cambridge
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2022 Gulf Research Meeting

14th-16th July 2022
University of Cambridge

Workshop No. 6

Challenges of Change and Transformation in the Gulf During COVID Times: Social, Economic and Political Dimensions

Workshop Schedule

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Friday, 15 July 2022

9:00-9:15	Introduction
9:15-10:00	Paper One Sara Muhanna Al-Naimi: The Role of Higher Education in Creating a Knowledge-Based Economy in Saudi Arabi: “title of paper” Discussant: Ashraf Keshk
10:00-10:45	Paper Two Lakshmi Priya: Hydrogen Energy in the GCC in the Context of Energy Transition Discussant: Jalal Qanas
10.45-11.15	Coffee break

11:15-12:00	Paper Three Mehmet Asutay/ Muchahit Ozdemir: Development of SMEs and Alternative Sources of Financing in the Face of COVID Challenges in Kuwait Discussant: Salma Shadab
12:00-12:45	Paper Four Sima Badiya: Long Dureé of COVID 19: Way Forward to Create a Labour Market of the Gulf Nationale Discussant: Ghayda Aljuwaiser
12:45-14:30	Lunch break (lunch is served at 13.00, please make sure to be there on time as it will roughly be a 15/20 minutes walk to King's College)
14:30-15:15	Paper Five Lakshmi Venugopal Menon: Integration of Second Generation Immigrants in the Gulf: A Case Study of Psycho-Social Aspects and Identity in the Malayalee ... Discussant: David Des Roches
15:15-16:00	Paper Six Saima Shadab: Socioeconomic Impact of COVID-19 on Highly-Skilled Indian Migrants in the GCC Countries: A Case Study of KSA and the UAE Discussant: Sarah Muhanna Al-Naimi
16.00-16:30	Coffee break
16:30-17:15	Paper Seven Jalal Qanas: The Role of Sovereign Wealth Funds (SWFs) in GCC countries after the Pandemic: Current Challenges, Future and Long-Term Sustainability Discussant: Anna Dolidze
17:15-18:00	Paper Eight Mona Ali: Risk society Perceptions in GCC Countries after Covid-19 Discussant: Hania Al Muayyad Al Azm

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Saturday, 16 July 2022

09:00-09:15 **Workshop Summary for Day 1**

09:15-10:00 **Paper Nine**

Ashraf Mohamed Keshk: The Food Security Challenge in the Arab Gulf Region with COVID-19: Bahrain's Experience

Discussant: **Muchait Ozdemir and Mehmet Asutay**

10:00-10:45 **Paper Ten**

Ghayda Al Juwaiser: COVID 19 Pandemic in Saudi Arabia: The Reinforcement of National Identity and Challenges of the Religious Facet An Analysis of Tweets and Tweeps

Discussant: **Sima Baidya**

10.45-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-12:00 **Paper Eleven**

Glnar Eskandar: Trade Dependency within a Volatile Union: The Gulf Cooperation Council Case

Discussant: **Lakshmi Priya**

12:00-12:45 **Paper Twelve**

Anna Dolidze: The Future of the GCC Dispute Settlement Commission

Discussant: **Mona Ali**

12:45-14:30 Lunch break (lunch is served at 13.00 at Corpus Christi)

14:30-15:15 **Paper Thirteen**

Hania Al Muayyad Al Azm: Sheikha Mozah: The Emergence of Qatari Women in Politics and Its Impact on the Structures of Public and Private Spheres

Discussant: **Glnar Eskandar**

15:15-16:00 **Paper Fourteen**

Amr Al Azm: National Identity and the Role of Cultural Heritage in Times of Crisis

Discussant: **Lakshmi Vengopal Menon**

16:00-16:30 Coffee break

16:30-17:15 **Paper Fifteen**

Nikolay Khozanov: Gulf Energy Security during the COVID-19 and after: From the Security of Supply to the Security of Demand

Discussant: **David Des Roches**

17:15-18:00

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