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2023 Gulf Research Meeting

11th-13th July 2023
University of Cambridge

Workshop No. 9

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

Workshop Schedule

Workshop Directors

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Wednesday, 12 July 2023

9:00-9:15	Introduction
9:15-10:00	Shawky Mansour Women entrepreneurship and the development of female labour force in Oman: What is the progression of gender employment gap? <i>Discussant: Rakesh Belwal</i>
10:00-10:45	Rakesh Belwal Women working in public and private sector organizations in Oman: Are they free to glide? <i>Discussant: Shawky Mansour</i>
10.45-11.15	Coffee break
11:15-12:00	Noura Al Obeidli Voiceless Social Negotiators: The Case of Emirati Women Journalists <i>Discussant: Hae Won Jeong</i>
12:00-12:45	Hae Won Jeong We are Daughters of Zayed”: Nation-Building and Women’s Empowerment in the United Arab Emirates <i>Discussant: Noura Al Obeidli</i>
12:45-14:30	Lunch break (lunch is served at 13.00)

14:30-15:15 **Rima Charbaji El-Kassem**
A Path-Causal Model of the Factors Influencing Qatari Women's Empowerment through Education

Discussant: Kalid AlMansour

15:15-16:00 **Kalid AlMansour**
Gender Leadership Bias in Saudi Arabia

Discussant: Rima Charbaji El-Kassem

Thursday, 13 July 2023

09:30-10:15 **Hania Bekdash-Muellers**
Examining Female Solidarity, Male Allyship, and perceptions of Feminism in Women's narratives of Empowerment in Oman

Discussant: Ghada AlKuvari

10:15-11:00 **Ghada AlKuvari**
Women in the Gulf Between Tribalism and Gender Issues: Qatar and Oman as Case Studies

Discussant: Hania Bekdash-Muellers

11:00-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-12:00 **Sara Chehab**
Women in Diplomacy and Foreign Policy: The Case of the United Arab Emirates

Discussant: Betul Akkas

12:00-12:45 **Betul Akkas**
Conceptualizing Women's Political Participation in the GCC: A Case Study of Qatar

Discussant: Sara Chehab

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

14:30-15:15 **Ayesha Farooq**
Women Directors at the Board: Is it Breaking Glass Ceiling in GCC Countries' Listed Companies or a Mandatory Requirement?

Discussant: Abdul Mugal

15:15-16:00 **Abdul Mugal**
What explains the recent doubling of female labor force participation in Saudi Arabia? Misperceived social norms, legal reforms, or active labor market policies? Any Lessons from international best practices?

Discussant: Ayesha Farooq

16:00-16:15 Coffee break

16:15-17:00 **Closing and Re-Cap**

DINNER JULY 13TH 19:00 (BST) AT KING'S COLLEGE