Workshop No. 2

Gulf States and the Indo-Pacific: Agents or Objects of Geopolitical Competition?

Workshop Schedule

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Friday, 15 July 2022

9:00-9:15  Introduction

9:15-10:00  Paper One
[Jeffrey Payne]: “Gulf States and Indo-Pacific Reluctance: An Examination of Maritime Security, Information Sharing, and the Long-Term Security of the Gulf Region”
Discussant: Guy Burton (V)

10:00-10:45  Paper Two
[Guy Burton (V)]: “The Faces of Indo-Pacific Power in the Gulf”
Discussant: Jeffrey Payne

10:45-11:15  Coffee break
11:15-12:00  **Paper Three**  
Discussant: Albert Vidal

12:00-12:45  **Paper Four**  
[Md. Muddassir Quamar (V)]: “Locating Indo-Pacific in Gulf States’ Relations with India”  
Discussant: Nursin Atesoglu Guney (V)

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**  
[Albert Vidal]: “Securitizing the Indo-Pacific: Comparing Saudi and Emirati Security Cooperation”  
Discussant: Md. Muddassir Quamar (V)

15:15-16:00  **Paper Six**  
[Mohamed Al Hajri]: “Oman between India and China: Strategic Hedging amid Rising Competition in the Indo-Pacific”  
Discussant: Matthew Gray (V)

16.00-16:30 Coffee break

16:30-17:15  **Paper Seven**  
[Matthew Gray (V)]: “Hedging, Balancing, or Choosing? Indo-Pacific Rivalry, the Rise of Minilateralism, and the Arab Gulf States”  
Discussant: Mehmet Rakipoglu

17:15-18:00  **Paper Eight**  
[Mehmet Rakipoglu]: “Through Asymmetric Hedging: Saudi Arabia’s Alliance Choice”  
Discussant: Mohamed Al Hajri

**CLOSING GRM 2022 DINNER JULY 15TH 19:00 (BST) AT KING’S COLLEGE**
Saturday, 16 July 2022

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

09:15-10:00 Paper Nine
[Tim Bettis]: “After Al Ula: Gulf Arab Foreign Policy towards Southeast Asia in the Wake of the 41st GCC Summit”

Discussant: Muhammad Zulfikar Rakhmat (V)

10:00-10:45 Paper Ten
[Muhammad Zulfikar Rakhmat (V)]: “Cultural Relations between Indonesia and the Gulf States under President Joko Widodo’s Administration, 2014-2022”

Discussant: Tim Bettis

10.45-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-12:00 Paper Eleven
[Farkhod Aminjonov (V)]: “Geopolitics of Energy Transition: Re-Defining the Role of the Gulf in the Indo-Pacific”

Discussant: Joshua Snider

12:00-12:45 Paper Twelve
[Joshua Snider]: “Beyond Arabisation: Nusantara and Arabian Gulf States in the Post-Arab Spring Era”

Discussant: Farkhod Aminjonov (V)

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

14:30-15:15 Discussion: Trends in research presented, paths to publication, etc…

15:15- Coffee break

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