

## Workshop No. 13

# The Politics and Policy of Climate Change in the Gulf

## Workshop Schedule

### Workshop Directors

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### Wednesday, 10 July 2024

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9:00-9:15      **Introduction**

9:15-10:00    **Paper One**  
**Jamila El Mir (Independent Expert)** “The GCC: the Energy Pole Keeping the Global Energy System in Check”

Discussant: Osamah Alsayegh (Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research)

10:00-10:45   **Paper Two**  
**Abdalfthah Hamed (Middle East Council on Global Affairs Affiliation), Monged Abdalla (Doha Institute for Graduate Studies):** “Geopolitical Trends Shaping the Energy Transitions in The Arab Gulf States”

Discussants: Jim Krane (Rice University) and Chelsea Li (Rice University)

10.45-11.15 Coffee break

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11:15-12:00 **Paper Three**  
**Osamah Alsayegh (Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research):**  
“Role of Arab Gulf States in the Global Energy Transition Process:  
Users or Players?”

Discussant: Asad Sami (AidData)

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12:00-12:45 **Paper Four**  
**Jim Krane (Rice University), Chelsea Li (Rice University) and**  
**Faizal Arifurrahman (Rice University):** “The Credibility Index:  
Measuring GCC Countries’ Fulfillment of Clean Energy Goals”

Discussant: Justin Dargin (Resolve36)

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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)

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14:30-15:15 **Paper Five**  
**Justin Dargin (Resolve36):** “Calibrating the Cure: Subsidy Reform  
and the Path to Climate-Centered Economic Diversification in the  
Gulf”

Discussant: Abdalftah Hamed (Middle East Council on Global  
Affairs)

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15:15-16:00 **Paper Six**  
**Moustafa Bayoumi (Anwar Gargash Diplomatic Academy):**  
“Climate Finance in the MENA region: Current State and Possible  
Ways Forward”

Discussant: Yue Cao (ODI)

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16.00-16:30 Coffee break

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16:30-17:15 **Paper Seven**  
**Michael Mason (LSE) and Deen Sharp (LSE):** “Toward an Arab  
Climate Urbanism?”

Discussant: Jamila El Mir (Indepenent Expert)

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17:15-18:00 **Paper Eight**  
**Faris Al-Sulayman (LSE), Jon Alterman (Center for Strategic**  
**and International Studies):** “China’s Essential Role in the Gulf  
States’ Energy Transition”

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Discussant: Byford Tsang (E3G)

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**Thursday, 11 July 2024**

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

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

**Asad Sami (AidData), Byford Tsang (E3G) and Yue Cao (ODI):**  
“From Pledges to Action: The Gulf States' Performance as  
International Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Financiers”

Discussant: Moustafa Bayoumi (Anwar Gargash Diplomatic  
Academy)

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

**Aisha Al-Sarihi (Middle East Institute, National University of  
Singapore):** “Limits of Climate Action in the Gulf Petrostates”

Discussants: Shigeto Kondo (The Institute of Energy Economics)

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10:45-11:15 *Coffee break*

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

**Naser Alsayed (SOAS):** “Unlocking Climate Action: The Private  
Sector's Role in the GCC Water Sector”

Discussant: Faris Al-Sulayman (LSE)

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

**Mohammed R. Al-Sulaiti (Imperial College London):** “An  
Examination of the Development of Climate Change and Water  
Security Legislation in Qatar: A Doctrinal and Content Analysis”

Discussant: Naser Alsayed (SOAS)

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12:45-14:30 *Lunch break at workshop venues*

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14:30-13:15 **Paper Thirteen**

**Shigeto Kondo (The Institute of Energy Economics):** “Anatomy  
of Climate Change Policy in Saudi Arabia: Convergence of  
Top-Down Initiative and Bottom-Up Approach”

Discussant: Monged Abdalla (Doha Institute for Graduate Studies)

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13:15-16:00 **Paper Fourteen**  
**Hajar Kadhem (University of Bahrain) and Zainab Mahfoodh (Boston University):** “The Impact of Climatic Disasters and the GCC Education System”

Discussant: Neeshad Shafi (Arab Youth Climate Movement Qatar/Middle East Institute)

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16:00-16:45 **Paper Fifteen**  
**Neeshad Shafi (Arab Youth Climate Movement Qatar/Middle East Institute):** “Role of Youth and Non-State Actors for Climate Action in the Gulf Countries”

Discussants: Sajida Hassan Shroff (Altamont Group) and Rashid Naeem Aziz (Education and Sustainability Professional)

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16:45-17:15 **Paper Sixteen**  
**Sajida Hassan Shroff (Altamont Group) and Rashid Naeem Aziz (Education and Sustainability Professional):** “Prioritizing Education for Sustainable Development in the GCC Region”

Discussants: Hajar Kadhem (University of Bahrain) and Zainab Mahfoodh (Boston University)

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17:15-17:25 **Publication Plans, Questionnaire, Conclusion**  
All participants and authors

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**END OF SECOND DAY**

**DINNER JULY 11<sup>TH</sup> 19:00 (BST) AT KING'S COLLEGE**