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GULF RESEARCH MEETING

16th Gulf Research Meeting

21 - 23 July 2026 – University of Cambridge

Workshop No. 9

Gulf Gas Strategies

Workshop Schedule

Workshop Directors

Dr. Naji Abi-Aad
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First Workshop Day - Wednesday, 22 July 2026

08:15 - 08:30 – Welcome coffee and tea

08:30 - 09:00 – Introduction of Workshop and Participants

09:00 - 09:45 – Paper 1: Applications of Systemic Energy Intelligence: New Horizons for Redesigning the Gas System in the Gulf

Authors: Jamila Mourabit, Lanydeh Biyegue Ndoume Ralcian

Discussant: Eckart Woertz

09:45 - 10:30 – Paper 2: Banking the Gulf Hydrogen Vision: Financing, Off-take Structures and Risk Allocation in a Capital-Rich but Demand-Constrained Region

Authors: Martin Lambert, Aliaksei Patonia

Discussant: Lenora Dsouza

10:30 - 10:45 – Coffee and tea break

10:45 - 11:30 – Paper 3: The Barter of the Century: Constructing a Legal Framework for Cross-Commodity 'Gas-for-Power' Swaps in the Gulf

Author: Lenora Dsouza

Discussant: Martin Lambert

11:30 - 12:15 – Paper 4: What if Saudi Arabia's Population Reached 50 Million by 2030?

Author: Hassan Sherif

Discussant: Xiaotong Li

12:15 - 13:00 – Paper 5: Realignment in the Gulf: Iraq's Strategic Shift from Iranian Dependence to GCC Energy Interconnection

Author: Yessar Al-Maleki

Discussant: Jim Krane

13:00 - 15:00 – Lunch break (lunch served at King's College)

15:00 - 15:45 – Paper 6: How Gas Coheres: Energy Security, Socio-Economic Transition, and Innovation in the Gulf Cooperation Council

Authors: Slawomir Raszewski, Manaf Jbari Boulaich

Discussant: Hassan Sherif

15:45 - 16:30 – Paper 7: Beyond Substitution: The Interplay of Gas and Renewables as Political-Economic Reconfiguration in Oman and the GCC

Author: Xiaotong Li

Discussant: Slawomir Raszewski

16:30 - 16:45 – Coffee and tea break (to be brought into room)

16:45 - 17:30 – Paper 8: The Role of Natural Gas in Gulf Energy Transition Strategies

Authors: Fida Muhammad Khan, Abdul Waseh

Discussant: Mohsen Assadi

End of First Workshop Day

Evening Free

Second Workshop Day - Thursday, 23 July 2026

08:45 - 09:00 – Welcome coffee and tea (to be brought into room)

09:00 - 09:45 – Paper 9: Linguistic features in the discourse of Gas Strategies in the Gulf Region: Saudi non-oil dependency in Vision 2030 as a case study

Author: Rawan Khalid Almuwayshir

Discussant: Zoheir Hamedi

09:45 - 10:30 – Paper 10: Hormuz as a stress test for GCC Gas strategy

Author: Nasr Agiza

Discussant: Manouchehr Takin

10:30 - 11:15 – Paper 11: Natural gas and the power conundrum in Iraq

Author: Jim Krane

Discussant: Yessar Al-Maleki

11:15 - 11:30 – Coffee and tea break (to be brought into room)

11:30 - 12:15 – Paper 12: The transitional role of natural gas

Author: Mohsen Assadi

Discussant: Fida Muhammad Khan

12:15 – 13:00 – Paper 13: Future of Iran's natural gas

Author: Manouchehr Takin

Discussant: Jamila Mourabit

13:00 - 14:15 – Lunch break (lunch is served from 13:00 till 14:00 at the workshop venue)

14:15 - 15:00 – Paper 14: Analyzing the Geopolitical Implications of the Global Energy Transformation: A Conceptual and Historical Approach in the Context of the GCC region

Author: Zoheir Hamedi

Discussant: Rawan Khalid Almuwayshir

15:00 - 15:45 – Paper 15: German Energy Security and Algerian Gas - Implications for Gulf Countries

Authors: Eckart Woertz, Sven Bruenner

Discussant: Nasr Agiza

15:45 - 16:15 – Publication discussion and questionnaire

End of Second and Final Workshop Day

19:00 Farewell Dinner at King's College