



Gulf Research Meeting

17th GRM, Cambridge 20-22 July 2027

Paper Guidelines

12 August 2026

1. Conditions

- The deadline for submitting papers is 31 May 2027. Failure to submit the paper by the deadline may result in the cancellation of the applicant's participation.
- Papers should be a complete version of the work and in line with the workshop description and the approved paper proposal.
- Papers should meet, as much as possible, the criteria in terms of length, structure, and format as listed below.
- Papers will be amended before and after the workshop, to include the feedback gathered from the directors, discussant, and other participants.
- Authors who submitted their paper by the 31 May 2027 deadline may be asked in June 2027 to revise and resubmit their paper within approx. 1 week and in any case not later than 22 June.
- Authors will be given a deadline of 20 September 2027 to finalise their paper for publication (workshop directors may give a slightly deadline) taking into account the feedback received during and after the workshop.
- Papers should be uploaded to the GRM Online System. In case the uploading is not successful, please contact grm@grc.net. Revised and final papers should be uploaded as well, automatically replacing previous versions.
- Submission of the paper signifies that the participant agrees, once again (participants have already agreed to them by confirming their participation), to the GRCC Intellectual Property Guidelines.
- Authors will be informed about the suggested destination of their paper, in a joint publication or as an individual paper, by the workshop directors and GRC by 30 September 2027.

2. Paper Length, Structure, Format, Use of AI

- Focus: As closely as possible following the workshop description and the abstract that was accepted
- Language: English (papers should be submitted in [almost] perfect English)
- Paper length: 6,500-7,000 words (including tables, graphs, footnotes, references)
- Paper abstract: 500-750 words
- Biographical note author: 250 words
- Photo author: Passport size
- Software: MS Word
- Page format: A4
- Margins: 2.5 cm top, bottom, left, right
- Line spacing: 1.5
- Font: Times New Roman 12-point for text; 11 for citations; 10 for footnotes
- Sections: Main headlines, section headlines, and sub-section headlines should be clearly indicated by using different font sizes and where necessary also by using italics
- Graphs/tables: Can be included in-text or can be grouped at the end of the paper (in the latter case it should be indicated where they are to be placed in the text)
- Footnotes/bibliography: Chicago Manual of Style, i.e., in the text use the surname of the author and year and provide a full bibliography at the end of the text
- Headers/footers: None
- Page numbering: Centre at bottom
- Pictures: None, but if any need to be included they should be sent separately and in the text noted where the image can be found in the appendix (In the text you may write “picture 1 here” for example).
- Alignment: Justified (left and right)
- Keywords: Please choose the keywords that are the most appropriate to describe the paper
- Plagiarism is not acceptable in any form, including self-plagiarism.
- Use of AI: We recognize that AI tools can be useful in supporting academic work. However, their use must remain limited, transparent, and fully aligned with established academic standards. Thus:
 - AI tools may be used only for assistance purposes, such as language editing, clarity, or formatting. They must not be used for conceptualization, argument development, original analysis, or the generation of substantive academic content.
 - As one of the primary objectives of the GRM is the publication of papers in reputable academic journals and edited volumes, keep in mind that these outlets apply strict policies and rigorous checks regarding AI-generated content.
 - The use of AI in GRM papers must not exceed 20% of the total text, including but not limited to quoted material, footnotes, references, and bibliographies.

- To ensure compliance, the GRCC uses various software tools to assess the extent of AI use in submitted papers and reserves the right to reject or require revision of any paper that exceeds the permitted level of AI use.
- When uploading the paper to the GRM portal, please ensure that the file name contains no spaces, no special characters (comma, periods, semicolon, etc.), and is titled with the first author's name and workshop number (i.e., JohnSmith-WS7).

3. Citations

Some illustrative examples for endnotes:

- Books

Leonard Binder, *In a Moment of Enthusiasm, Political Power and the Second Stratum in Egypt* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1978) Brian Hocking, "Rethinking the 'New' Public Diplomacy," in *The New Public Diplomacy: Soft Power in International Relations*, ed. Jan Melissen (UK: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007), 28-43.

- Journal articles

Andrew Rosser, "Escaping the Resource Curse: The Case of Indonesia." *Journal of Contemporary Asia* 37, no. 1 (2007): 38–58.

- Newspaper articles

Alan Riding, "The Industry of Art Goes Global," *New York Times*, March 28, 2007. Names of news services are not italicized. Associated Press, "Westchester Approves Measure on Gun Safety," *New York Times*, June 12, 2000.

- Online newspapers, news services, and other news sites

Alison Mitchell and Frank Bruni, "Scars Still Raw, Bush Clashes with McCain," *New York Times*, March 25, 2001, <http://www.nytimes.com/2001/03/25/politics/25MCCA.html> (accessed May 9, 2012).

- Working papers

Eric Edmonds, "Does Child Labor Decline with Improving Economic Status?" NBER Working Paper 10134, December 2003.

- Pamphlets, corporate reports, brochures, and other freestanding publications

These are treated essentially as books.

- International bodies

Citations to documents of international bodies such as the UN should identify the authorizing body (and the author where appropriate), the title of the paper, and the date. Series, publication number, and place of publication may be included.

Citation style for bibliographies:

- Brochmann, Grete. *Middle East Avenue: Female Migration from Sri Lanka to the Gulf*. Boulder: Westview Press, 1993.
- Arnold, Fred, and Nasra M. Shah, eds. *Asian Labor Migration: Pipeline to the Middle East*. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1986.

- Feiler, Gil. "Migration and Recession: Arab Labor Mobility in the Middle East, 1982-89." *Population and Development Review* 17, no. 1 (March 1991): 134-155.