

Workshop No. 4

**The Structural Economic Challenges that GCC Economies Face
to Move Toward Economic Diversification and Sustainability**

Workshop Schedule

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Wednesday, 10 July 2024

9:00-9:15 **Introduction**

9:15-10:00 **Paper One**

Dr. Osama D. Sweidan, United Arab Emirates University “The
Structural Economic Challenges that GCC Economies Face to
Move Toward Economic Diversification and Sustainability”

Discussant: **Mr. Nazar Hilal**, Qatar University

10:00-10:45 **Paper Two**

Mr. Nazar Hilal, Qatar University, Gulf Studies Centre:
“Economic Diversification Trends in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Countries: Opportunities and Challenges”

Discussant: **Dr. Osama D. Sweidan**

10.45-11.15 Coffee break

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

Prof. Adnan Aljawareen, Qurna University of Basrah:
“Determinants of economic diversification in GCC countries
Empirical study for the period (2000-2022)”

Discussant: **Dr. Umara Noreen, Prince Sultan University**

12:00-12:45 **Paper Four**

Dr. Umara Noreen, Prince Sultan University, Saudi Arabia,
Dr. Attayah Shafique, Pakistan Institute of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Dr. Zaheer Ahmed, Iqra University, Pakistan: “Economic Diversification and Sustainability in GCC Countries: The Role of Information Technology”

Discussant: **Prof. Adnan Aljawareen, Qurna University of Basrah**

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**

Dr. Jalal Qanas, Qatar University, Prof. Malcolm Sawyer, Leeds University Business School: “The Role of Entrepreneurial State in GCC Economies in building a long-term sustainable development.”

Discussant: **Dr. Arsalan Safari, Qatar University**

15:15-16:00 **Paper Six**

Dr. Charbel Bassil, Qatar University, Doha, Qatar, Dr. Ihssane Srhayri, Qatar University, Dr. Arsalan Safari, Qatar University, Dr. Mahour Parast, Arizona State University : “Individual characteristics, personal beliefs and values of self-employed in Qatar and Kuwait”

Discussant: **Dr. Jalal Qanas, Qatar University**

16.00-16:30 Coffee break

16:30-17:15	Paper Seven Dr. Husam Arman, Dr. Ahmad Alawadhi, Dr. Shaikha Al-Fulaij, Kuwaiti Institute for Scientific Research: “Encouraging the growth of innovative small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) as a pivotal strategy for diversifying resource-rich economies.” Discussant: Dr. Maha Alshebani, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)
17:15-18:00	Paper Eight Dr. Maha Alshebani, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) and Dr. Zariyah Zein, International Islamic University Malaysia: “Leveraging Cultural and Creative Industries for Sustainable Economic Diversification in Qatar” Discussant: Dr. Husam Arman, Kuwaiti Institute for Scientific Research

END OF FIRST DAY

Thursday, 11 July 2024

09:00-09:15	Workshop Summary for Day 1
09:15-10:00	Paper Nine Dr. Ghoson Al Obaidly, Qatar University: “The role of central banks and the financial institutions particularly in financing and achieving GCC sustainable development” Discussant: Dr. Ayoub Rabhi, International University of Rabat
10:00-10:45	Paper Ten Dr. Ayoub Rabhi, International University of Rabat: “Central Bank Sustainability Commitment Over Central Bank Independence in MENA Monarchies” Discussant: Dr. Ghoson Al Obaidly, Qatar University:
10:45-11:15	Coffee break
11:15-12:00	Paper Eleven Dr. Islam Mohamed Mahmoud, University of Khartoum-School of Management Studies, Dr. Quosay Awad Ahmed, University of Khartoum: “The role of green credit lines in shaping the energy transition landscape within GCC countries particularly in Qatar.” Discussant: Dr. Damyana Bakardzhieva, Anwar Gargash Diplomatic Academy

12:00-12:45	<p>Paper Twelve Dr. Damyana Bakardzhieva, Anwar Gargash Diplomatic Academy and Dr. Bassem Kamar, Central Bank of the UAE, Dr. Oguzhan Cepni, Central Bank of the UAE: “Curing The Climate Pandemic Through Credit Allocation – Lessons For CENTRAL BANKS From COVID-19”</p> <p>Discussant: Dr. Islam Mohamed Mahmoud, University of Khartoum-School of Management Studies</p>
12:45-14:30	Lunch break at workshop venues
14:30-15:15	<p>Paper Thirteen Mr. Duncan Mayall, Economist and Consultant at Consulm: “Catalysts of Change: The role of strategic sovereign wealth funds in the structural transformation of the GCC economies”</p> <p>Discussant: Dr. Suha Bilquis, Aligarh Muslim University</p>
15:15-16:00	<p>Paper Fourteen Dr. Suha Bilquis, Aligarh Muslim University, Dr. Solmaz Husain, Gautam Buddha University “Economic Obstacles to Integrating Sustainability in GCC Nations: A TISM Approach”</p> <p>Discussant: Mr. Duncan Mayall, Economist and Consultant at Consulm</p>
16.00-16:15	Coffee break
16:15-17:00	<p>Paper Fifteen Dr. Omar Bortolazzi, American University in Dubai: “Beyond Rentierism: Economic Diversification, Nation Branding and Public Diplomacy in the United Arab Emirates”</p> <p>Discussant: Mr. Joel Foyth, Rosario Institute of Studies of the Arab and Islamic World - National University of Rosario</p>
17:00-17:45	<p>Paper Sixteen Mr. Joel Foyth, Rosario Institute of Studies of the Arab and Islamic World - National University of Rosario: “Hunger, peace and stability: the dilemmas of food security in the Gulf”</p> <p>Discussant: Dr. Omar Bortolazzi, American University in Dubai</p>
17:45-18:00	Publication Plans, Questionnaire, Conclusion

All Participants and Authors

END OF SECOND DAY

DINNER JULY 11TH 19:00 (BST) AT KING'S COLLEGE