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Gulf In-Depth - Upcoming Executive Learning Program 6-10 October, 2024



The Gulf Research Center (GRC) is pleased to announce the launch of the 3rd edition of the Gulf In-Depth, a week-long intensive executive learning program focused on the strategic aspects of the Arab Gulf.

What is the 'Gulf In-Depth' Program?

- An innovative and in-depth executive learning program focusing on the key strategic aspects of the Arab Gulf region and its linkages to the international community.
- An opportunity to gain unprecedented knowledge and insight into the workings of the Arab Gulf region from knowledgeable practitioners and insiders.
- A program bringing together leaders from government, business, academia, and the independent sector for a week-long session of highly focused presentations and intense debate.
- An initial building block in the establishment of a life-long network of experts.



Held in Riyadh, the capital of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, the program incorporates an understanding of the region's development, including the rapid economic, social, and cultural progress experienced throughout the Gulf. This encompasses various aspects such as urbanization, infrastructure growth, economic diversification, technological advancements, and increased global interactions.

Date: October 6 - 10, 2024.

Location: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

The Gulf In-Depth is designed for diplomats, business leaders, academics, government officials, and media professionals who are interested in gaining a comprehensive understanding of the political, economic, and social dynamics of the Gulf region.

Fee: 3,200 USD/12,000 SAR

To apply for the program, a completed online application form must be submitted to the Gulf Research Center. The deadline for registration is three months before the program date.

To register for the program, click here.

For more information and details, click <u>here.</u>

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GRC Programs

Gulf Labour Markets, Migration, and Population (GLMM) Programme





GLMM

An international independent, non-partisan, non-profit programme established in 2010 and hosted and supported by the Gulf Research Center. The programme provides data, analyses, and recommendations contributing to the improvement of understanding and management of Gulf labour migration, population, and labour markets, engaging with, and respecting the viewpoints of all stakeholders. Visit the website here.

Data

For over a decade GLMM has gathered, analyzed, and republished official data related to labour and migration from multiple sources of all 6 GCC states. The database contains more than 1,000 tables.

Country tables

Access Bahrain Data here

Access Kuwait Data here

Access Oman Data here

Access Qatar Data here

Access Saudi Arabia Data here

Access UAE Data here

GCC regional tables

GLMM also constructs unique GCC regional tables based exclusively on the official country data. Access them <u>here</u>.

GLMM Activities Report (January 2023 - July 2024)

GLMM published its activities report covering the period January 2023 - July 2024. Access the report <u>here</u>.

Publication

Sophia Kagan and Ryszard Cholewinski, "The regulation of platform work and labour hire companies for migrant workers in the Gulf Council Cooperation countries – a new challenge or an old problem?" GLMM Explanatory Note No. 4/2024.

Access all GLMM publications here.

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GRC Programs

Environmental Security and Sustainability Program

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Participation at the UN Summit of the Future



Dr. Mohamed Abdelraouf, GRC's Environmental Security and Sustainability Research Program director, participated in the Summit of the Future and its preparatory meetings (Action Days) on September 20-23, 2024 at UN headquarters in New York. The summit outcomes include the Pact for the Future, Declaration on Future Generations, and Global Digital Compact. The Gulf Research Center, together with UNEP, UNSPBF, and others, co-organized an offsite event on 21 September 2024 at Estonian House in New York titled "The Pact for the Future and Annexed Declaration on Future Generations and Global Digital Compact." The event was well attended by governments, businesses, civil society, and the media.



Activities:

27 September 2024

Dr. Mohamed Abdelraouf, director of the Environmental Security and Sustainability Research Program, participated in and presented in an online webinar by the Royal Society of Chemicals (UK) Burlington Consensus 3 on Friday, September 27th, on the role of the Science and Technology Major Group at UNEP in the Science Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste, and Pollution prevention.



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Dr. Mohamed Abdelraouf, Environmental Security and Sustainability Research Program director chaired the monthly coordination telecall of the SPP Scientist Alliance, aiming to plan and coordinate the next practical steps for the official establishment of the alliance. In the call, it was agreed to set various committees, such as a host committee, funding committee, and by-laws committee.

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Dr. Mohamed Abdelraouf, director of the Environmental Security and Sustainability Research Program, chaired the monthly coordination telecall of the UNEP Major Groups Facilitation Committee, which aimed to plan a Major Groups engagement at the future summit and the coming UNEP CPR meetings.

2-5 September 2024

Dr. Mohamed Abdelraouf, Environmental Security and Sustainability Research Program director, participated in the second meeting of the Intergovernmental and Multistakeholder Advisory Group (IMAG) of the 7th edition of Global Environment Outlook that took place in Nairobi, 2-5 September 2024. The meeting reviewed the progress in drafting of the chapters and summary for Policy Makers within the GEO 7 process as well as reviewed the budget. Dr. Abdelraouf is a member of the IMAG representing the Gulf Research Center.



GRC Programs Cultural & Media Program





Activities

The Gulf Research Center's cultural program published a video celebrating the 94th Saudi National Day. Watch the full video <u>here</u>.





Saudi Arabia's Strategic Determinants Between 2015-2024

September 2024

Access the full paper <u>here</u>.

Publications



The Education System: Reality and Hopes?

September 2024 Access the full paper <u>here</u>.



National Unity in Timeless Words

September 2024

Access the full paper <u>here</u>.

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GRC Podcast Activities

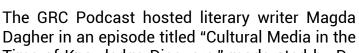
September 17, 2024

In an episode titled "Media: Reality and Prospects," Dr. Zaid Alfadeil, Director of the GRC's Culture and Media Program, hosted media professor Dr. Mohammed Al-Hayzan. Access the full episode here.



September 16, 2024

The GRC Podcast aired a new live discussion titled "Environmental Quality in Homes and Workplaces," presented by geological and environmental engineer Hisham Ismail. Dr. Zaid Alfadeil. Director of the GRC's Culture and Media Program, moderated the episode. Access the full episode here.



September 16, 2024

Dagher in an episode titled "Cultural Media in the Time of Knowledge Diaspora," moderated by Dr. Zaid Alfadeil. Director of the GRC's Culture and Media Program. Access the full episode here.



September 10, 2024

The GRC Podcast presented a panel discussion titled "Standards for the Development of Tourism Quality and Requirements," presented by Dr. Basma Al-Sivoufii, an educational consultant. The episode also featured Ms. Abeer Abu Suleiman, a member of the Saudi Society for Tourism Guidance. Access the full episode here.



GRC Programs Cultural & Media Program





September 5, 2024

The GRC Cultural and Media Program podcast presented the first panel discussion of the Narrative Lab in partnership with the Jordanian Narrative Lab, entitled "Features of Tourism: Archaeological and Historical Integration between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan." Access the full episode <u>here</u>.



September 4, 2024

The GRC podcast hosted H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Turkistani, former Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Japan, in an episode titled "An Ambassador with a Japanese Tongue," moderated by Dr. Zaid Alfadeil, Director of the GRC's Culture and Media Program. Access the full episode <u>here</u>.



September 4, 2024

The GRC podcast featured Mr. Mohammed Tawfiq Blue (grandson of Baba Taher) in an episode entitled "Baba Taher: A Cultural Struggle" about the poet and pioneer of knowledge and literature, Taher Zamakhshari. The dialogue was moderated by Dr. Zaid Alfadeil, Director of the GRC's Culture and Media Program. Access the full episode <u>here</u>.



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The Gulf Research Center produces various publications through its research programs, projects, and Gulf Research Meetings. The GRC's publications can be accessed on its website via this link; the commentary and analyses can be found here; and selected Arabic articles can be found here.

Commentary & Analyses



Venezuelan Crisis

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Saudi Arabia and the United States: Renewing the Strategic Relationship in Complex Times



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The SCO: Expansion Drive in an Unstable World

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Selected Arabic Articles



النشيد الوطني السعودي وموسيقار
الجاز الأمريكي: مشروع لم يرى النور

د مالح بن محمد الخلان سفشار مرکز الخلیج للأبحاث

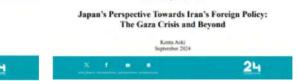
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China's Empire in Africa: Key Takeaways for GCC Countries Houda Barroug

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Japan's Perspective Towards Iran's Foreign Policy: The Gaza Crisis and Beyond

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The Saudi National Anthem and the American Jazz Musician: A Project That Never Saw the Light of Day

Prof. Saleh Mohammed Al Khathlan September 2024

Country Updates and Trade Reports



دلالات توغل القوات الأوكرانية غي كورسك الدمانين محمد النقان مستشر ميز النامي الأبيان



Prof. Saleh Mohammed Al Khathlan September 2024



Algerian Presidential Elections Dr. Abderrezzaq Gherraf September 2024



Canada- GCC Relations September 2024





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NB8 & GCC Countries Relations September 2024







Canada & GCC Countries Relations September 2024

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Nordic Countries & Saudi Arabia Relations

ASEAN & GCC Countries Relations September 2024



#201 (August 2024)

Water and Food Security in the Arab Region: Challenges and Sustainable Solutions

September 2024



In September 2024, the GRC participated in numerous international events, both online and in-person, tackling issues pertaining to developments in the Gulf region and its broader neighborhood. The GRC emphasizes participating in such events, as it allows for the inclusion of a regional perspective in the debate. The following is an overview of the critical events in which the GRC participated this month.

September 30, 2024



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), participated in the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR's) first virtual Re:Order Strategy Group Meeting on September 30th, 2024, which is its flagship project that explores emerging visions of the global order.

September 26, 2024



Dr. Ahmed Sager, Vice President of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), and Prof. Saleh Al-Khathlan, Senior Advisor at the GRC, met with Sebastian Brökelmann, Deputy Head of Division for the Middle East at the German Foreign Ministry, at the GRC's office in Riyadh on September 26, 2024. Both sides discussed areas of mutual interest. September 26, 2024



Dr. Ahmed Sager, Vice President of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), and Prof. Saleh Al-Khathlan, Senior Advisor at the GRC, met with Ms. Kim Ralston, Deputy Head of Mission at the Australian Embassy, at the GRC's office in Riyadh on September 26, 2024. Both sides discussed areas of mutual interest

September 24, 2024



Dr. Christian Koch, Executive Manager of the GRCF Brussels office and Director of Research at the GRC gave a talk to a group of students and academics from Kuwait and Oman on their visit to Brussels. The purpose of the visit for the delegation was to gain a better understanding of the EU, exchange with academic institutions, and explore potential academic partnerships. The students from Oman and Kuwait represented winners of an essay competition on environmental and climate change topics earlier in the year and were sponsored by the EU. In his presentation, Dr. Koch discussed the work of the GRCF office in Brussels and spoke about developments in GCC-EU relations.



September 23, 2024



Dr. Christian Koch, Director of Research and Executive Manager of the GRC Foundation Brussels office held a meeting with H.E. Ambassador Abdulaziz Ahmed Al-Malki, Head of Mission of the State of Qatar to the European Union and NATO. In addition to providing an overview of GRCF activities in Brussels, the two sides discussed the state of Gulf-NATO ties as well as development on the EU-GCC front.

September 20, 2024

Dr. Christian Koch, Director of Research and Executive Manager of the GRC Foundation Brussels office visited NATO Headquarters where he met with Nicola de Santis, Chief of the Public Relations Section and Damien Arnaud, Strategic Engagement Coordinator. They talked about the developments in the Gulf region and possible joint activities on Gulf-NATO relations.

September 19-20



Dr. Christian Koch, Director of Research and Executive Manager of the GRC Foundation Brussels office and Houda

Barroug, Researcher at the GRC, participated in a two-day workshop organized by the Bertelsmann Foundation on the topic of "Strengthening the EU's Southern Neighborhood Policy." The workshop brought together 30 experts and officials to explore how the EU's Southern Neighborhood policy can be strengthened when it comes to socio-economic cooperation, trade and investment, and bilateral and regional cooperation. Dr. Koch provided input on the role of the GCC states and the impact of the increased competition with the US, China, and Turkey.

September 12, 2024



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), met with H.E. Rafik Mansour, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Policy of the U.S. Department of State, at the GRC's office in Riyadh. Both sides discussed areas of mutual interests related to education and culture.

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Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), met with H.E. Liselotte Kjærsgaard Plesner, Ambassador of Denmark to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia at the GRCoffice in Riyadh. During the meeting, both sides discussed areas of mutual interest and recent regional developments.



September 11, 2024



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), participated as a speaker at the Regional Meeting of the MED Dialogue co-organized by the Italian Institute for International Political Studies (ISPI) and the King Abdullah Petroleum Studies and Research Center (KAPSARC) in Riyadh on September 11, 2024, entitled "From the Gulf to Europe: Greening Energy Relations." He spoke in the opening session of the meeting "Rethinking EU-GCC Strategic Partnership in Times of Crisis," where he addressed the impact of geopolitical factors on GCC-EU relations.

September 11, 2024



Dr. Christian Koch, Director of Research and Executive Manager of the GRC Foundation Brussels office held discussions with H.E. Mohammed Al-Sahlawi, Ambassador of the United Arab Emirates to Belgium and the European Union as well as H.E. Fahad Aljaimaz, Head of Delegation of the Gulf Cooperation Council to the European Union. While updating on the GRCF plans for Brussels, they also discussed the impending EU-GCC Summit meeting scheduled for October 16, 2024 in Brussels.

September 10, 2024



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), met with Mr. Symeon G. Tsomokos, Founder & President of the Delphi Economic Forum, at the GRC's office in Riyadh on September 10, 2024. During this meeting both sides discussed areas of mutual interests as well as the upcoming Delphi Economic Forum which is set to take place from April 9-12, 2025 http://delphiforum.gr.

September 10, 2024



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), met with Francesco Rocchetti, ISPI Secretary General and Curator of the Rome MED Dialogues, Aldo Liga, Research Fellow for the MENA Centre at ISPI, and Luigi Toninelli, Researcher at ISPI, at the GRC's office in Riyadh on September 10, 2024. This meeting was in light of the Regional MED Dialogue in Riyadh. Both sides also discussed cooperation between GRC and ISPI and areas of mutual interest.



September 10, 2024



Dr. Mohamed Abdelraouf, Environmental Security and Sustainability Research Program Director, participated in the second meeting of the Intergovernmental and Multistakeholder Advisory Group (IMAG) of the 7th edition of Global Environment Outlook that took place in #Nairobi, 2-5 September 2024. The meeting reviewed the progress in drafting of the chapters and summary for Policy Makers within the GEO 7 process as well as reviewed the budget. Dr. Abdelraouf is a member of IMAG representing the Gulf Research Center.

September 9, 2024



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), met with HE Mr. Madiyar Menilbekov, Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and Mr. Kazbek Bolysbayev, Counsellor, at the GRC's office in Riyadh. During the meeting, both sides discussed Saudi-Kazakhzstan relations in light of the establishment of their diplomatic ties 30 years ago, as well as GCC-Kazakshtan relations and other issues of mutual interest.

September 5, 2024



Dr. Christian Koch, Director of Research and Executive Manager of the GRC Foundation Brussels office met with H.E. Khalid Fahad Al-Hajri, Ambassador of the State of Qatar to Belgium and Luxembourg. In their discussion, they focused on Belgian-Qatari relations and how the GRCF office can help to develop those ties further.

September 4, 2024



Dr. Ahmed Sager, Vice President of the Gulf Research Center (GRC) and Prof. Saleh Al-Khathlan, Senior Advisor at the GRC, met with Birgit Loeser, Head of Division, MENA Regional Affairs from the European External Action Service (EEAS) from the EU, and her colleagues at the GRC's office in Riyadh on September 4, 2024. Both sides discussed the development of GCC-EU relations, specifically in light of the upcoming GCC-EU summit on October 16, 2024.



September 3, 2024



Dr. Christian Koch, Director of Research and Executive Manager of the GRC Foundation Brussels office met with H.E. Nawaf Alenezi, Ambassador of the State of Kuwait to Belgium and the European Union at the Kuwaiti Mission in Brussels. They discussed the preparations for the EU-GCC Summit meeting in October 2024 and the overall state of ties between the two sides. Dr. Koch also informed the Ambassador about the status of the GRCF office in Brussels and its planned activities.

September 3, 2024



Dr. Christian Koch, Director of Research and Executive Manager of the GRC Foundation Brussels, also met with H.E. Rua Al-Zadjali, Ambassador of the Sultanate of Oman as well as with H.E. Abdulla bin Faisal Al-Doseri, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain to Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, the EU and NATO. Both meetings dealt with the state of play in EU-GCC ties as well as the GRCF work in Brussels.

September 3, 2024

Noriko Suzuki, Senior Advisor at the GRC, participated in the reception marking a significant milestone for Japan and Turkey: the 100th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two nations. To celebrate this important occasion, both countries are hosting various commemorative events. As part of these celebrations, the Middle East Research Group, in collaboration with the Turkish Historical Society of the Atatürk Institute for Culture, Language, History, and Advanced Studies, will hold a special seminar.

GRC in the Media



GRC media participation can be accessed <u>here</u>, at the GRC official YouTube channel.



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), participated in Sky News Arabic and discussed Iranian reactions towards the assassination of Hezbollah Secretary General Hassan Nasrallah. Access the full episode <u>here</u>.



Dr. Abderrezzaq Gherraf, Senior Researcher at the GRC, participated on Al Jazeera International and discussed the risks of expanding the war in Gaza and how this would open a new front in Lebanon. Access the full episode <u>here</u>.



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), appeared on Al Arabiya FM's "Time for Politics with Tarek Al Hamdi" podcast program in which he discussed the latest developments in the region.



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), participated in Al Sharq TV's (Bloomberg) program, 'On the Border' in an episode titled "Egypt and Ethiopia at the Turning point of Somalia." Access the full episode <u>here</u>.



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), participated in the 'Hena Riyadh' news program in an episode entitled 'US Withdrawals from the Region and Alternatives.' Access the full episode <u>here</u>.



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