



## GRC Events & Activities

### Looking Forward: Outlines for Developing GCC-Latin America Cooperation Webinar

January 29, 2025

**LOOKING FORWARD: OUTLINES FOR DEVELOPING GCC-LATIN AMERICA COOPERATION**

**OPENING REMARKS**

- Dr. Abdullah Sager, Chairman & Founder, Gulf Research Center (GRC)
- HE Abdul Ghanem, Toledo Ambassador of Mexico to Saudi Arabia
- Dr. Hector Cárdenas, President, Mexican Council on Foreign Relations (COMEXI)
- Francisco de Sarribera, President, Argentina Council for International Relations (CARI)

**SPEAKERS**

- HE Dr. Abidul Aziz Alkhalili, Assistant Secretary General for Negotiations & Strategic Dialogue, Gulf Cooperation Council
- Prof. Altagenda Gallardo Martínez, Professor of Social Sciences, University of Monterrey, Mexico
- Prof. Clemyary Pereira de Oliveira, Professor of International Relations, Federal University of São Paulo, Brazil
- Dr. Paula Botto, Director of the Middle East Committee of the Argentine Council for International Relations (CARI), Argentina

**MODERATOR**

- Dr. Christian Koch, Director of Research & Executive Manager, Gulf Research Center Foundation Brussels

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America. The discussion underscored the importance of strengthening trade agreements and the potential for investment in key sectors—including mining, food security, renewable energy, and infrastructure.

Energy and infrastructure emerged as critical areas of shared interest. The GCC states have expressed keen interest in Latin America's expertise in nuclear energy, exemplified by Saudi Arabia's operation of a small nuclear reactor supplied by Argentina. Renewable energy cooperation was also discussed as both regions prioritize climate resilience and sustainable urbanization. The conversation extended beyond economic cooperation to address the geopolitical landscape shaping GCC-Latin America relations. Participants acknowledged the challenges posed by a shifting global order, including the evolving roles of major powers such as the United States and China. Latin America's growing engagement with BRICS+, which now includes the UAE, presents new opportunities for multilateral cooperation. Strengthening diplomatic and security dialogues between the two regions was deemed essential to advancing mutual interests in global governance and regional stability.

The Gulf Research Center (GRC) in collaboration with the Mexican Council on Foreign Relations (COMEXI) and the Argentine Council on International Relations (CARI), hosted a webinar discussing key areas of cooperation between the GCC and Latin America. The session, moderated by Dr. Christian Koch, Director of Research at GRC, aimed to explore trade and investment opportunities, geopolitical dynamics, and sustainable development initiatives.

A recurring theme throughout the webinar was the potential for expanding economic collaboration between the GCC and Latin

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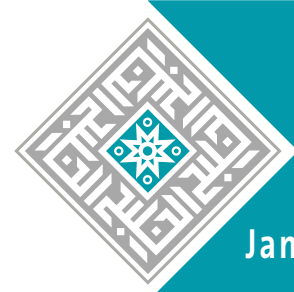
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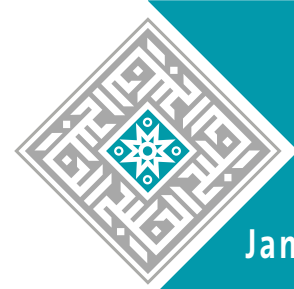
Cultural and educational exchanges were also recognized as pivotal to deepening bilateral relations. The speakers advocated for fostering greater people-to-people connectivity through student exchange programs, academic collaborations, and language-learning initiatives. Additionally, the role of the Arab diaspora in Latin America was acknowledged as a valuable bridge for facilitating cultural understanding and business interactions. Tourism was identified as another potential growth area, with improved visa policies and direct flight connections seen as means to bolster engagement.

One key proposal emerging from the webinar was the establishment of a biennial GCC-Latin America Summit to institutionalize diplomatic and economic

dialogues. The creation of a permanent Latin American trade exhibition in Riyadh was also suggested as a way to showcase regional products and services. Furthermore, the importance of strengthening think tank collaborations and institutional frameworks was emphasized.

The discussions highlighted the necessity of sustained engagement in trade, investment, education, and political diplomacy. Moving forward, concrete policy actions and institutional commitments will be vital to transforming dialogue into tangible results.

To access the full webinar summary, [click here](#).



## GCC Diplomats Roundtable

January 23, 2025



The Gulf Research Center Foundation Brussels (GRCF-B) hosted in its office an informal discussion with diplomats of the GCC states stationed in Brussels. The session focused on presenting the work of the GRC and the GRCF-B as well as an overview of the status of GCC-EU relations and its future outlook.

The participants agreed that GCC-EU relations have been improving and continue to be on a positive trajectory. In recent years, the two sides' points of communication have significantly increased at the institutional and governmental levels, guided by the "Strategic Partnership Document" put forward by the EU in May 2022. However, the fact that the Free Trade



Agreement (FTA) negotiations have not been restarted and the issue of visa liberalization have been identified as two specific issues of concern.



## Strategic 2025 Outlook Webinar

January 7, 2025

Gulf Research Center  
**STRATEGIC OUTLOOK 2025**  
WEBINAR



The Gulf Research Center (GRC) held its first webinar of the year, presenting its 2025 outlook. The webinar looked at the possibilities of emerging trends and examined key priorities shaping the Gulf region's future, including regional security, economic diversification, energy security, and the development of international partnerships. Dr. Christian Koch, Executive Manager of the Gulf Research Center Foundation Brussel's office and Director of Research, moderated the webinar. Speakers of the webinar included Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the GRC; Dr. Mustafa Alani, Senior Advisor & Director of the GRC's Security and Defense program; Prof. Giacomo Luciani, Board of Trustee of the GRC Foundation Geneva; Dr. John Sfakianakis, Chief Economist at the GRC; and Prof. Saleh Al-Khathlan, Senior Advisor at the GRC.

The webinar discussed how the evolving geopolitical landscape and the potential impact of a second Trump administration on Gulf and Middle Eastern security deserve close attention. Shifting regional dynamics, including recent conflicts involving Hamas, Israel, Iran, and others, highlight the fragility of stability and the necessity for nuanced foreign policy.

The webinar also shed light on how Gulf security faced major shifts, notably after Hamas's October 2023 attack on Israel. Israel's prolonged military response escalated regional tensions involving Hezbollah, Iran, and Yemen's Houthis. While Israel weakened Hamas and Hezbollah, Houthi threats to international shipping and missile attacks persisted, exposing limits in Western-Israeli deterrence. Direct Israeli-Iranian confrontations further highlighted Iran's military vulnerabilities as the fall of Syria's Assad regime deepened Iran's strategic isolation.

Key security files for 2025 include Yemen, where fragile ceasefires risk collapse amid Houthi threats, and Syria, now in post-Assad turmoil. Both demand urgent stabilization to avoid further regional chaos. The Iran-Israel conflict, including nuclear tensions, remains volatile. Iraq faces growing pressures to distance itself from Iran, while Hamas and Hezbollah struggle to recover amid diminished Iranian support. These developments will shape Gulf security, alliances, and regional balance in 2025.

Regarding the GCC states' foreign policies, it was mentioned how these are shaped by their external environment, emphasizing reactive and status quo approaches due to their conservative political systems. Unlike democracies, these states rarely experience significant foreign policy shifts, requiring analysis to focus on regional and global structural transformations rather than short-term changes.



In 2025, Gulf-US relations will focus on two key issues beyond the impact of US shale oil production. First, Trump's push to expand normalization with Israel could make this a pivotal topic in US-Saudi relations, requiring Riyadh to strategically link normalization to a Palestinian state to protect its interests. Second, Trump's return to a "maximum pressure" strategy on Iran, including tougher sanctions, may challenge Gulf efforts to improve ties with Tehran.

When it comes to the outlook on energy for the region, Saudi Arabia supports production cuts to sustain high oil prices, driven by Vision 2030's financial demands, needing \$100 per barrel to balance its budget. OPEC+ struggles with discipline as some members exceed quotas, undermining market confidence and risking oversupply.

Global oil demand continues to rise but is expected to peak by 2030. High prices risk accelerating this decline, while shifting expectations of lower future demand push producers to extract more now. Trump's pro-drilling stance may further complicate the market.

Saudi Arabia's key leverage is the threat of a price war, which could drop prices to \$50, harming producers but benefiting consumers. Such a move might also reshape global oil dynamics, potentially favoring Riyadh through segmented markets and price premiums on "friendly" oil.

Finally, on the economic outlook, the Middle East is undergoing a major transformation, with 2025 marking significant geopolitical and economic shifts. Focus will be on Iran, impacting Gulf economies, which are diversifying into renewable energy, technology, tourism, healthcare, and infrastructure. While oil remains important, non-oil sectors are growing, offering new opportunities.

Challenges include global competition, volatile oil prices, and regional tensions. Success depends on adaptability, collaboration, and learning from past mistakes. Key growth areas include renewable energy, AI, fintech, smart cities, and tourism, with major projects like Saudi Arabia's NEOM and Dubai's Expo legacy driving demand. The Gulf economies are evolving beyond oil dependency.

You can read more on the GRC's Strategic 2025 outlook in the GRC's '2025 Strategic Dossier' [here](#):



## Gulf Research Center 2025 Strategic Dossier

January 2025



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



### GLMM

The Gulf Labour Markets, Migration, and Population Programme (GLMM) is an international, independent, non-partisan, non-profit programme established in 2010 and is hosted and supported by the Gulf Research Center. The programme provides data, analyses, and recommendations contributing to the improvement of the 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 published official data related to labour and migration from multiple sources of all six 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 [here](#).

### GLMM Webinar No. 6: "Highly Skilled Migration to Saudi Arabia: Labour Policy Reforms and the Global Competition for Talents"

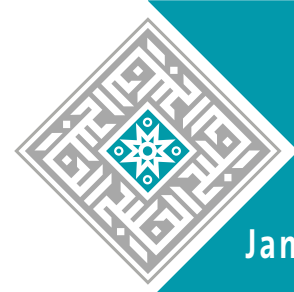
On January 22, 2025, GLMM organized its sixth webinar entitled "Highly Skilled Migration to Saudi Arabia: Labour Policy Reforms and the Global Competition for Talents" jointly with the Regional Programme Gulf States (RPG) at the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS).

### Speakers:

- Justin Alexander - Economist, Khalij Economics, USA
- Badr Al Sharif - Managing Director of Smart Policy Lab, Saudi Arabia
- Mehmet Ali Soytas - Senior Advisor, National Labor Observatory, Saudi Arabia
- Sylvain Côté - Economist and Public Policy Analyst, Saudi Arabia
- Froilan Malit, Jr. - Visiting Fellow, American University in Dubai, UAE

### Moderator

**Imco Brouwer** - Managing Director GLMM



The webinar focused on the major reforms in Saudi Arabia's labour and migration policies over the last decade and assessed the outcomes of these changes on future prospects for increased highly skilled migration to the Kingdom. A comparative insight with the UAE was proposed. A webinar summary is available [here](#).

The webinar was linked to two research projects of GLMM in cooperation with RPG/KAS and a workshop they organized in Riyadh on 1-2 December 2024. The Workshop Report of the expert meeting that was held at the Gulf Research Center in Riyadh on December 1 and 2, 2024 is now available [here](#).

The two-day event was organized as part of the Gulf Labour Markets, Migration and Population Programme (GLMM) of the Gulf Research Center (GRC) in cooperation with the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Foundation (KAS) Regional Programme for Gulf States. The event gathered local and foreign academics, experts, and stakeholders from Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and the UAE, as well as from major migrant sending countries: India, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, and Egypt and international organizations. A brief workshop summary is available [here](#).

The 14 research reports and 14 policy briefs of the projects will be published in February.

### **GLMM Outreach Event - 28 January 2025**

GLMM and KAS held an outreach event for two research projects: "Vision 2030 and the Socio-Economic Reform Process: The Future of Labour and Migration in Saudi Arabia" and "Highly Skilled Migration to the Gulf States: How Do GCC Countries Fare in the Global

Competition for Talent?" It was attended, among others, by: Dr. Manal Quota, Executive Director of Strategy & Performance, Human Capability Development Program (HCDP); Dr. Abdullah Alhidari, Head of the Master Programs in Business Administration, King Saud University; Dr. Mehmet Soytas, Senior Advisor, National Labor Observatory; Dr. Yusra Alshantiqi, Faculty of Law Prince Sultan University; Dr. Fahad Alsharif, Senior Fellow, Director Migration Program, King Faisal Centre for Research and Islamic Studies (KFCRIS); Mr. Badr Alsharif, Managing Director, Smart Policy Lab; Mrs. Shroug Alotaibi, King Abdulaziz University; Mr. Michele Petoichi, Senior Advisor Royal Commission for Riyadh City (RCRC); as well as Mr. Philipp Dienstbier and Mrs. Marah Jamous, KAS, and Mr. Imco Brouwer GLMM/GRC.

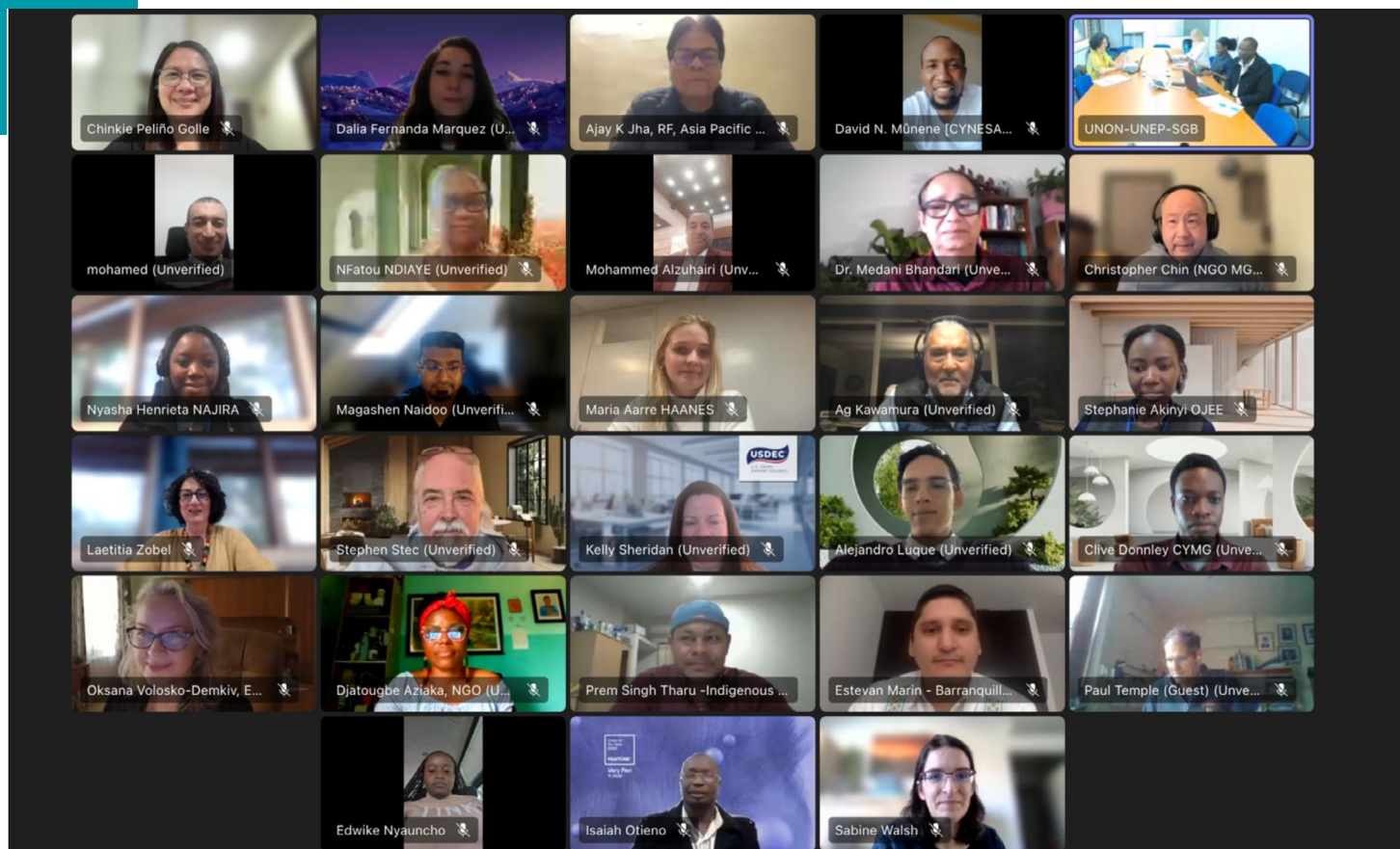
### **GLMM/GRC at the Second Global Labour Migration Conference (GLMC), Riyadh, 29-30 January 2025**

Imco Brouwer of GLMM/GRC participated in the second Global Labour Migration Conference (GLMC) in Riyadh from 29-30 January 2025, organised by the government of Saudi Arabia - <https://globallabormarketconference.com/glmc-2025>. GLMC provided, first of all, an opportunity to learn from Saudi and global experts and government officials about recent developments and their visions for the immediate, medium term, and long-term future. In addition, it provided an opportunity to introduce GLMM/GRC to Saudi policymakers and share the findings of the two research projects recently concluded. Last but not least, it was an excellent occasion to explore how GLMM/GRC can further facilitate dialogue between experts and Saudi policymakers concerning labour markets, migration, and demographics.

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## Environmental Security and Sustainability Program



### 28 January 2025

Dr. Mohamed Abdelraouf, Environmental Security and Sustainability Research Program Director at the Gulf Research Center chaired the monthly coordination telecall of the SPP Science Alliance on Chemicals, Waste, and Pollution Prevention, which aimed to plan and coordinate the next practical steps for the official establishment of the Alliance. The call focused on the criteria selection for the host organization for the Alliance and preparations for participation in the next round of negotiations.

### 29 January 2025

Dr. Mohamed Abdelraouf, Environmental Security and Sustainability Research Program Director at the Gulf Research Center presented the "Overview of MGFC's responsibilities during UNEA, including daily briefings and facilitating consensus among Major Groups" during the General MGFC and RF Induction Call organized by UNEP aiming to inform and engage new committee members on the work of UNEP/UNEA.





## Cultural & Media Program



مختبر الحوار الخليجي  
Gulf Dialogue Lab



GRC PODCAST  
بودكاست مركز الخليج للأبحاث

January 15, 2025



Dr. Zaid Alfadeil, Director of the GRC's Culture and Media Program, participated in a symposium on the occasion of celebrating the centennial of an iconic book, "Kings of Arabia," which was held by the King Abdulaziz Foundation under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Faisal bin Salman, Special

Advisor to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the King Abdulaziz Foundation.



GRC Podcast Activities

January 14, 2025



The GRC Podcast presented Dr. Manal Abdel Samad, a financial expert and former Minister of Information in Lebanon, in an episode entitled "Lebanon 2025: Horizon and Ambition." Dr. Zaid Alfadeil, Director of the GRC's Culture and Media Program, moderated the dialogue. Access the full episode [here](#).



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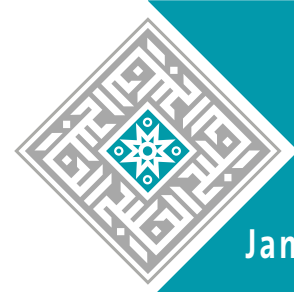
January 23, 2025

The GRC Podcast presented Professor Nader Al-Wattheer, a history researcher, in an episode entitled: The Historical and Strategic Dimension of Central Asia. Dr. Zaid Alfadeil, Director of the GRC's Culture and Media Program, moderated the dialogue. Access the full episode [here](#).



January 27, 2025

The Cultural and Media Program, in cooperation with the Jordanian Narrative Lab, presented the third seminar of the Narrative Lab entitled "The Consequences of Arab Narratives in Light of the Digital Transformation."



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](#).

## GRC Reports



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**Gulf Research Center 2024 Annual Report**  
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**Dossier**  
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## Commentary & Analyses



**Saudi Arabia's Influence in Syria's Recovery and Arab Nations' Renewed Engagement with Damascus**  
Hannan Alghamdi  
January 2025



**The Strategic Outlook for Gulf-Iran Relations**  
Layla Ali\*  
January 2025



**Goals Beyond the Game: Saudi Arabia's Journey to the 2034 World Cup**  
Amnah Mosly  
January 2025



## Commentary & Analyses



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### The Prospects and Implications of Poland's "Security, Europe!" on EU-GCC Relationship.

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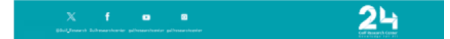
## Selected Arabic Articles



### أيدولوجيا الإعلام الجديد وقضية الأمن الوطني

دراسة في الواقع والتحديات ومسارات المواجهة

د. مصطفى صالح الحاربي  
أساتذة الأعمال والإعلام  
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### Between Rhetoric and Reality: Redefining EU Leadership

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### New Media Ideology and the Issue of National Security

Dr. Musab Faleh Al Harbi  
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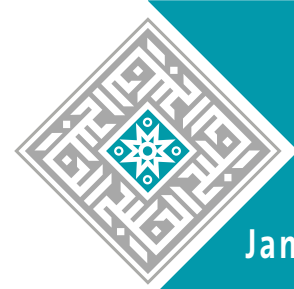


Argentina - GCC Relations  
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## Araa



#205 (January 2025)  
The Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) in the Era of Alliances: Performance and Ambitions



In January 2025, 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.

### January 27, 2025



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), delivered a virtual keynote address at a session organized by the Noon Center for Strategic Studies and Dialogue (NASS) in Mosul, Iraq. The session, titled "The Role of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Promoting Development Projects: Development Road as a Model," which featured the participation of esteemed Iraqi researchers.

During his address, Dr. Sager highlighted the historical and strategic significance of Saudi-Iraqi relations and their impact on the Gulf region and the broader Middle East. He underscored the vital role the Kingdom can play in advancing development projects aimed at fostering security and stability for all countries in the region.

### January 27, 2025

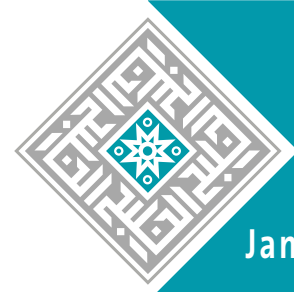


Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), met with Mr. Pierroberto Folgiero, CEO of Fincantieri, and his delegation in Jeddah on the occasion of the visit of the Italian naval vessel Amerigo Vespucci. Fincantieri is one of the world's largest shipbuilders and is majority owned by the Italian government. During the meeting the discussions centered on areas of mutual interest, including maritime security, underwater capabilities, and opportunities for expanding presence in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

### January 27, 2025



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC) had the pleasure of meeting His Excellency The Rt. Hon. Guido Crosetto, Minister of Defence of the Italian Republic, during his visit to Jeddah on the occasion of the opening ceremony marking the arrival of the Italian Navy training vessel, Amerigo Vespucci, which docked at the Jeddah Yacht Club and Marina as part of its world tour.



## January 24, 2025

CENTER FOR SECURITY STUDIES (CSS) AT ETH ZÜRICH



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), participated in the Zurich Strategic Dialogue 2025 from January 23-25, 2025 in Zurich organized by the Center for Security Studies (CSS). The dialogue

convened leading experts to discuss issues shaping global and regional security. Key topics included the future prospects of the Middle East, the U.S. and the international order, the Russia-Ukraine conflict and its implications for European security, and the evolving security dynamics in the Indo-Pacific region.

## January 20, 2025

Dr. Christian Koch, Executive Manager of the GRC Foundation Brussels office and Director of Research, Amnah Mosly, Researcher at the GRC office in Jeddah, and Houda Barrouq, Researcher with the GRCF-B held an online meeting with Alin Gheran, President and Dr. Liliana Grosaru-Filip, Vice-President for Strategy and International Affairs at the Europe-GCC Economic Platform to discuss possible cooperation. The Europe-GCC Economic Platform was initiated as a private endeavor to foster business development between EU and GCC member states.

## January 24, 2025



Dr. Christian Koch, Executive Manager of the Gulf Research Center (GRC) Foundation Brussels office and Director of Research at the GRC as well as researchers at the GRC, met on January 24, 2025, with Damien Arnaud, Strategic Engagement Coordinator of NATO's Public Diplomacy Division. The two sides discussed areas of cooperation and potential activities between the GRC and NATO.

## January 17, 2025

Dr. Christian Koch, Executive Manager of the GRC Foundation Brussels office and Director of Research met with Jamil Anderlini, Editor-in-Chief at Politico's Brussels office.

## January 16, 2025

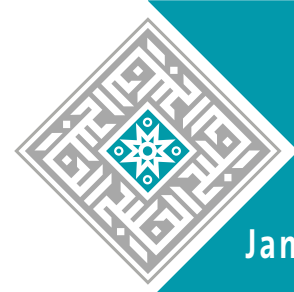


Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), met with H.E. Mr. Hans Peter van der Woude, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, at the GRC office in Riyadh. The meeting focused on exploring areas of mutual interest and discussing regional developments.

## January 13, 2025



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), Dr. Ahmed Sager, Vice President of the GRC, and Prof. Saleh Al-Khathlan, Senior Advisor at



the GRC, welcomed and met with H.E. Mr. Alexandre Lévêque, Assistant Deputy Minister for Europe, Arctic, and the Middle East at Global Affairs Canada as well as H.E. Mr. Jean-Philippe Linteau, Ambassador of Canada to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, along with his accompanying delegation at the GRC office in Riyadh. Both sides discussed the ongoing regional developments and potential areas for collaboration between the two sides.

### January 8, 2025

Dr. Christian Koch, Executive Manager of the GRC Foundation Brussels office and Director of Research and Houda Barrouq, Researcher with the GRCF-B, met with Barbara Einhauser, of the Service for Foreign Policy Instruments and Ilze Zeligave and Ingo Schendel of the European External Action Service to discuss cooperation between the EEAS and the GRCF-B in terms of current issues within the framework of GCC-EU relations.

### January 6, 2025

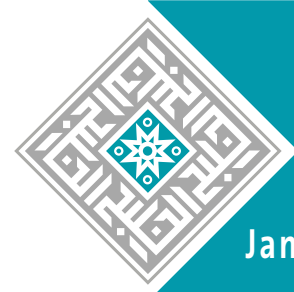


On January 6, 2025, Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), met with H.E. Mr. Alexis Konstantopoulos, Ambassador of the Hellenic Republic to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, at the GRC's office in Riyadh. During the meeting, both sides discussed areas for joint collaboration between research institutions and the growing bilateral relations between Greece and Saudi Arabia.

### January 6, 2025



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), and Prof. Saleh Al-Khathlan, Senior Advisor at the GRC, held a meeting with H.E. Mr. Ahmed Sareer, Ambassador of the Republic of Maldives to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, at the GRC office in Riyadh. The discussion focused on potential areas for collaborative research activities between the two sides.



GRC media participation can be accessed [here](#), at the GRC official YouTube channel.



On January 26, 2025, Dr. Zaid Alfadeil, Director of the Culture and Media Program, participated in a seminar titled "American Administration Policies During Trump's Era Towards the Arab Gulf Cooperation Council Countries," organized by the Middle East Studies Center in Jordan.

On January 13, 2025, Dr. Zaid Alfadeil, Director of the Culture and Media Program at the Gulf Research Center, contributed to the Voice of Lebanon channel with an intervention titled "The Role of the Kingdom in Supporting National Reconciliation." The intervention can be viewed [here](#).



On January 13, 2025, Dr. Abdulaziz Sager participated in the AlRaqib Podcast, hosted by Othman Alanjari. They discussed key topics related to defense policy, regional security, and military industries.

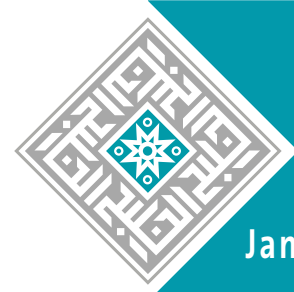
For more details, you can watch the podcast [here](#).



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), participated in the program "Ala Al-Hodood" on Sharq TV (Bloomberg) on January 3, 2025. The episode, titled "Does the New Year Mark the Beginning of a Geopolitical Shift Against Iran in the Middle East?" explored the potential geopolitical shifts in the region and their impact on Iran.

For more details, you can watch the episode [here](#).





Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), appeared on BBC Arabic's "Noktat Hewar" program on January 3, 2025. The episode, titled "What Will the Relationship Between the New Syria and Its Arab Surroundings Look Like?" delved into the evolving dynamics and future prospects of Syria's relations with its Arab neighbors.

For more details, you can watch the episode [here](#).



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), appeared on Al Arabiya News to share his insights on Ahmed Al-Shara's recent statements during an interview with the channel. Dr. Sager delved into the evolving relationship between Syria and the Arab Gulf nations. The interview can be viewed [here](#).



Dr. Abdulrazak Gherraf, Senior Researcher at the Gulf Research Center, participated on Algeria International Channel on January 1, 2025, to discuss the outcomes of one year of Algeria's membership in the Security Council.





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