



2024 Gulf Research Meeting



The Gulf Research Meeting - July 2024, Cambridge

The Gulf Research Center (GRC) hosted its 14th annual Gulf Research Meeting (GRM) in Cambridge from July 9-11, 2024, attended by over 400 experts, scholars, and practitioners. The event's participants were spread out over 13 workshops overseen by 29 workshop directors. The workshops covered a host of issues ranging from security and conflict resolution to AI and climate change related to the Gulf region. The Gulf Research Meeting seeks to hold academic meetings that lead to publications on topics related to social sciences with a focus on the Gulf region. More details on the meeting can be found on the [GRM website](#).

The GRM Opening Ceremony was moderated by GRC Director of Research Dr. Christian Koch and included welcoming remarks by Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the GRC, and Prof. David Cardwell, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Strategy and Planning at the University of Cambridge. This was followed by speeches from **H.H. Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al-Saud**, Foreign Minister of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, **H.E. Mr. Jasem Mohamed Albudaiwi**, Secretary General of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf, **H.E. The Rt Hon Patricia Scotland KC**, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, and **H.E. Mr. Luigi Di Maio**, European Union Special Representative (EUSR) for the Gulf region.

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14th Gulf Research Meeting
2024

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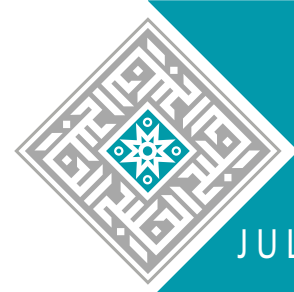
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GRM 2024 Keynote Speakers



The second half of the opening ceremony featured a panel discussion with three distinguished women from the Gulf region, and was moderated by Dr. Christian Koch, GRC's Director of Research. Panel speakers included **H.E. Sheikha Jawaher Ebrahim Duaij Al-Sabah**, Assistant Foreign Minister for Human Rights, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, State of Kuwait, who shared insights on the role of women in peace and diplomacy, with a focus on human rights issues; **H.E. Ambassador Nancy Jamal**, Chief of Strategic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Bahrain, who discussed her experiences in counter-terrorism, preventing extremism, and developing frameworks for sustainable security; and **H.E. Dr. Manal Radwan**, Advisor at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, who reflected on her involvement in high-level security discussions and the evolving international political landscape.

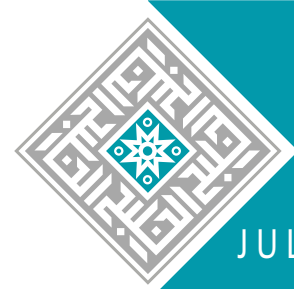
Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), welcomed all guests and participants and remarked on the challenges facing the region and the importance of "building bridges, allowing for spaces where discussions and exchange of views can occur." He stated that it was important to keep "an open door for a wide array of individuals and institutions to engage in deliberations that can overcome existing obstacles" through events such as the GRM.



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Professor David Cardwell, Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Strategy and Planning at the University of Cambridge, warmly welcomed attendees to the GRM, highlighting the importance of collaboration, especially in light of current global conflicts. He noted the University of Cambridge's active engagement with the Gulf region through various academic and cultural initiatives and emphasized the critical need for research and dialogue on issues like economic diversification, climate change, and artificial intelligence. He concluded by expressing optimism for productive discussions and new collaborations during the conference.



In his virtual address at the opening ceremony of the Gulf Research Meeting, H.H. Prince Faisal bin Farhan, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, emphasized the importance of intellectual discourse in order to better understand regional dynamics. He stressed the need for a rules-based international order to prevent chaos and conflict, urging a commitment to international law and peaceful dispute resolution. H.H. Prince Faisal highlighted Saudi Arabia's dedication to regional stability, cooperation, and economic prosperity. He also called for an immediate ceasefire and renewed dialogue to resolve the Palestinian conflict, advocating for justice, equality, and mutual respect. Access the full speech [here](#).

In his keynote speech, H.E. Mr. Jasem AlBudaiwi, Secretary General of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf, highlighted the relevance of the Gulf Research Meeting as a crucial platform for dialogue on all issues pertaining to Gulf regional affairs. Access the full speech [here](#).

In her keynote address, the Rt Hon Patricia Scotland KC Secretary-General of the Commonwealth emphasized the importance of international cooperation in addressing global challenges. Highlighting the roles of international organizations like the Commonwealth, H.E. detailed various initiatives undertaken by the Commonwealth aimed at sustainable development, climate resilience, and environmental stewardship. These include the Common Sensing Programme for disaster management, the Blue Charter for ocean conservation, the Common Earth Initiative for nature-based climate solutions, and the Clean Ocean Initiative to tackle marine plastic pollution. The Secretary-General of the Commonwealth also introduced the Climate Finance Access Hub and the Common Space Initiative, which explores the potential of space technology for sustainable development. The overarching message was a call for unity and collaboration to build a sustainable, peaceful, and prosperous world. Access the full speech [here](#).

In his keynote speech, H.E. Luigi Di Maio, the EU Special Representative for the Gulf Region, highlighted the importance of the EU-GCC strategic partnership. He emphasized the need for trust, collaboration, and the fulfillment of promises to achieve sustainable peace and prosperity. H.E. Di Maio emphasized the significance of diplomatic maturity in discussing shared understandings and differences, and he spoke about the transformative power of human connections. In terms of EU-GCC ties, he highlighted the potential milestone of a first-ever EU-GCC Summit to be held later in 2024, which he believes could be vital for shared security, prosperity, and global stability in these uncertain times. At the same time, he condemned threats to international navigation and maritime security as have recently occurred in the Red Sea. Access the full speech [here](#).





GRM 2024 Workshops



Workshop 1: Towards a Global Coalition: Gulf countries, BRICS+, and the Future of the Global Order



Workshop 4: The Structural Economic Challenges that GCC Economies Face to Move Toward Economic Diversification and Sustainability



Workshop 2: The GCC between the Kurdistan Region and Iraq



Workshop 5: Blue Gulf: New Models and Systems for Regenerative Environments and Communities in Changing Climates and Rising Seas



Workshop 3: Securing the Future: The GCC States' Endeavors in Defense Industry, Warfare Technologies and Policy



Workshop 6: The Gulf Family: Transition, Tradition, and Tenacity



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Workshop 7: Gulf States' Engagement with Sport: Domestic and Global Drivers



Workshop 11: GCC Energy Transition in the Era of Energy Security



Workshop 8: Navigating the Future of Artificial Intelligence in the GCC Region: Opportunities and Challenges



Workshop 12: Silk Road or Spice Route? The Gulf's Rising Connectivity with Asia, Africa, and Europe



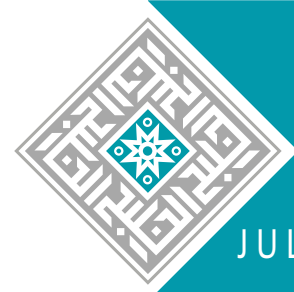
Workshop 9: Conflict Resolution Initiatives in the Gulf and Beyond: Strategies of Engagement and Prospects of Success



Workshop 13: The Politics and Policy of Climate Change in the Gulf



Workshop 10: Migration to the Gulf: Possible Scenarios for the Future: A View from the GCC and from Countries of Origin



GRM 2024 Photo Gallery



H.E. Mr. Jasem AlBudaiwi with Dr. Abdulaziz Sager



GRM participants gathered at the West Road Concert Hall ahead of the Opening Ceremony.



H.E. Luigi Di Maio, Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, and H.E. Mr. Jasem AlBudaiwi



Ambassador Talmiz Ahmed, Ambassador Stuart Laing, and Professor Tim Niblock at the Opening Ceremony



H.E. Mr. Jasem Al Budaiwi with Dr. Abdulaziz Sager and Dr. Christian Koch

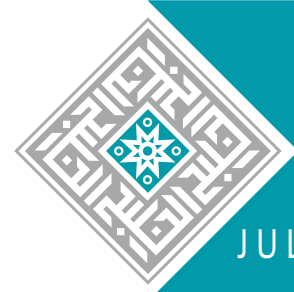


HE Ambassador Nancy Jamal, HE Ambassdor Sheikha Jawaher Al-Sabah, Naema Al-Shamsi, HE Dr. Manal Radwan

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GRM 2024 Photo Gallery



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, H.E. Ambassador Sheikha Jawaher Ebrahim Duaij Al-Sabah, H.E. Ambassador Nancy Jamal, H.E. Dr. Manal Radwan, Dr. Christian Koch



GRM 2024 Workshop Directors



GRM 2024 Organizing Team



GRM 2024 participants gather in King's College for the GRM Welcoming Dinner.



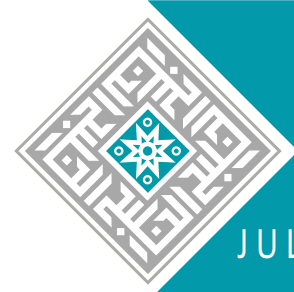
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GRC participants attending the GRM Opening Ceremony

GRC and the British International Studies Association (BISA) Conference

July 8, 2024
Cambridge, UK



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The Gulf Research Center (GRC) and the British International Studies Association (BISA) jointly organized its third mini-conference on Critical Reflections on Contemporary Foreign Policy Analysis through the BISA Foreign Policy Working Group at the University Arms Hotel in Cambridge on July 8, 2024.

The program included four panels covering the following topics:

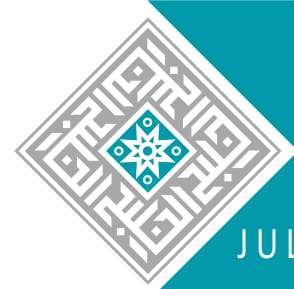
1. Theoretical re-assessments of foreign policy in the current context
2. Economics and foreign policy: costs, capacity, and sanctions
3. Religion in foreign policy
4. Polycrisis: foreign policy and risk management



Gulf In-Depth - Upcoming

Executive Learning Program

6-10 October, 2024



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THE GULF IN-DEPTH
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6 - 10 OCTOBER, 2024
Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Application deadline: August 31, 2024

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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.

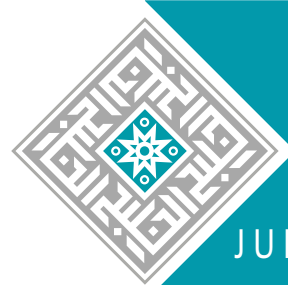
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For more information and details, click [here](#).

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.

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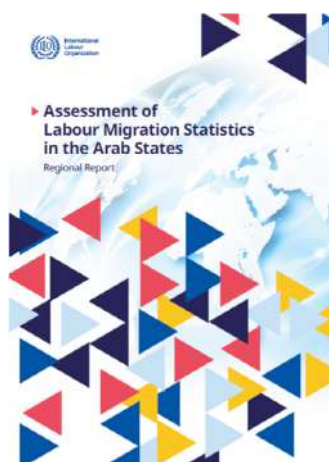


GLMM

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](#).

Publications

In July 2024, the International Labour Organisation (ILO) published a regional report and twelve country reports (in English and Arabic) as the result of a joint project of the ILO/Regional Office for Arab States (ROAS) and the Gulf Labour Markets, Migration, and Population (GLMM) programme assessing the labour migration statistics for the 6 GCC and 6 other Arab Mashreq countries. Access the full report [here](#).



The regional and country reports were drafted by a core team of experts of the GLMM under the auspices of the Gulf Research Centre Foundation (GCRF) in Geneva. The core team comprised: Philippe Fargues, former Robert Schuman Chair and Founding Director of the Migration Policy Centre (MPC), European University Institute (EUI), Florence, and Scientific Director, GLMM; Nasra M. Shah, Professor of Migration and Development, Graduate Institute of Development Studies, Lahore School of Economics, and Scientific Director, GLMM; Françoise De Bel-Air, Researcher and Consultant, Senior Fellow, GLMM; and Imco Brouwer, Managing Director, GLMM. The report was prepared under

the overall coordination of Ryszard Cholewinski, Senior Migration Specialist and Nader Keyrouz, former Regional Labour Statistician, ILO ROAS.

Access all GLMM publications [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

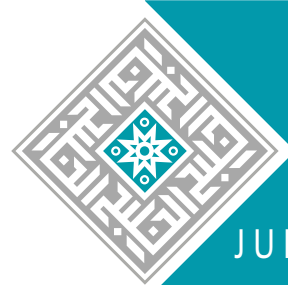
GLMM also constructs unique GCC regional tables based exclusively on the official country data. Access them [here](#).

Workshop



Entitled "**Possible Scenarios for the Future: A View from the GCC and from Countries of Origin**" GLMM organized a successful workshop in the framework of the 14th Gulf Research Meeting (GRM) in Cambridge from July 9-11, 2024, marking the 11th time that GLMM has done so. A total of **16 papers** were presented and discussed.

Lubna Alkazi: Challenges to Kuwaiti Women's Integration in the Private Sector; **Maria Dolores Picot**: Transformative



Labour Reforms in Qatar: An In-Depth Examination of Their Efficacy and Implications for Future Patterns in Labour Migration; **Nejla Ben Mimoune**: Beyond Oil: GCC Migration Trends in the Era of High-Skilled Labor and Technological Revolution; **GokuladasVK**: Impact of Educational Needs of the Wards of the Expatriate Community on Migration Decisions: An Empirical Study on the Perceptions of Expatriate Skilled Workers in the Sultanate of Oman; **Bilesha Weeraratne**: Changes in UAE Visa Regulations and the Dynamics in Informal Networks in Migration: Evidence from Sri Lanka; **Sabnam Sarmin Luna and Md Mizanur Rahman**: Feminized Migration in the GCC States: The Future of Asian Female Labour Migration to the Gulf; **Michael Ewers and Bethany Shockley**: Renegotiating the Expatriate Bargain: New Forms of Migrant Bargaining, Belonging, and Inequality with Policy Reform in the UAE; **Kailash Das**: Dynamics of Migrants from India to GCC countries; **Hessam Habibi Doroh and Javad Heyran Nia**: Iranian Baluch Migration to the Gulf Deciphering

the Baluch Mindset on Migration to the GCC; **Noosha Uddin**: Decentralized Migration Governance in Migrant-Sending States: Examining Incentives for Advocacy, Refusal, and Reluctance in the Bangladesh-Qatar Corridor; **Anu Abraham**: Determinants of the Decision to Migrate and Destination Choice of Labor Migrants from South Asia to the GCC; **Nasra M Shah and Memoona Qazi**: Future of Labor Migration from Pakistan to the Gulf Countries: An Overview; **Manal Nadeem and Amaan Siddiqui**: Deconstructing Dichotomies: Exploring Contemporary South Asian Emigration to the UAE Beyond Economics; **Mayada Medhat**: Future Migration Trends from Egypt to the Newly Secularized Saudi Arabia; **Burak Yalim**: Evolving Patterns of Turkish Migration to the UAE: Dynamics, Policies, and Future Prospects; **Froilan Malit**: Multilateral Migration Institutions in the Global South: Institutionalization, Socialization, and Diffusion Processes in the Asia-Gulf Corridor.

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GLMM
Gulf Labour Markets and Migration





11th Annual Subcommittee Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN Environment in Nairobi (July 8-12, 2024)

Dr. Mohamed Abdelraouf, Environmental Security and Sustainability Research Program Director participated in the 11th annual Subcommittee Meeting of the Committee of Permanent Representatives to UN Environment in Nairobi, Kenya from July 8-12, 2024 to discuss UNEP work program, budget and mid-term strategy and preparations for the seventh United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA7). Dr. Raouf in the capacity of the co-chair of Major Groups and Stakeholders coordinated the daily morning briefing for Major Groups and bilateral meetings between Major Groups and UNEA president, UNEA Vice President as well as with head of secretariat of UN Environmental Management Group.



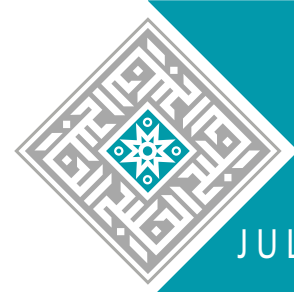
Major Groups meeting with UNEA 7 Vice President Ambassador H.E. Mr. Zsolt Mészáros of Hungary.



Major Groups meeting with UNEA 7 President H.E. Abdullah Bin Ali Al-Amri, Chairman of the Environment Authority of Oman.



Dr. Raouf facilitated daily morning briefing for Major Groups and Stakeholders during 11th ASC of UNEA 7 preparations.



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Research Paper

'King Faisal International Prize...The icon of the Arab awards'

By: Mufleh al-Adwan

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GRC Podcast Activities

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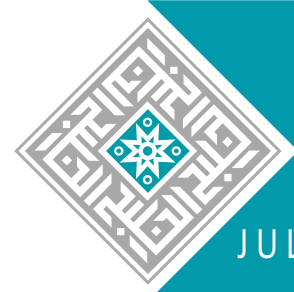


The GRC podcast aired a new episode titled: "The role of elements in human health." The episode explained the role that biochemistry plays in human life in many aspects. The seminar was presented by Eng. Hisham Ismail, a geological and environmental engineer, featuring Dr. Fahad Abdulkarim Turkistani, Chairman of the Environment Committee of the World Union of Muslim Scouts. The podcast was hosted by Dr. Zaid Alfadeil, Director of the GRC's Culture and Media program. Access the full episode [here](#).

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The GRC podcast aired a new episode titled: "Contemporary Anxiety." The seminar was presented by Dr. Basma Al-Sayoufi, an educational consultant, and featured Dr. Arwa Arab, Associate Professor of Clinical Psychology. The podcast was hosted by Dr. Zaid Alfadeil, Director of the GRC's Culture and Media program. Access the full episode [here](#).



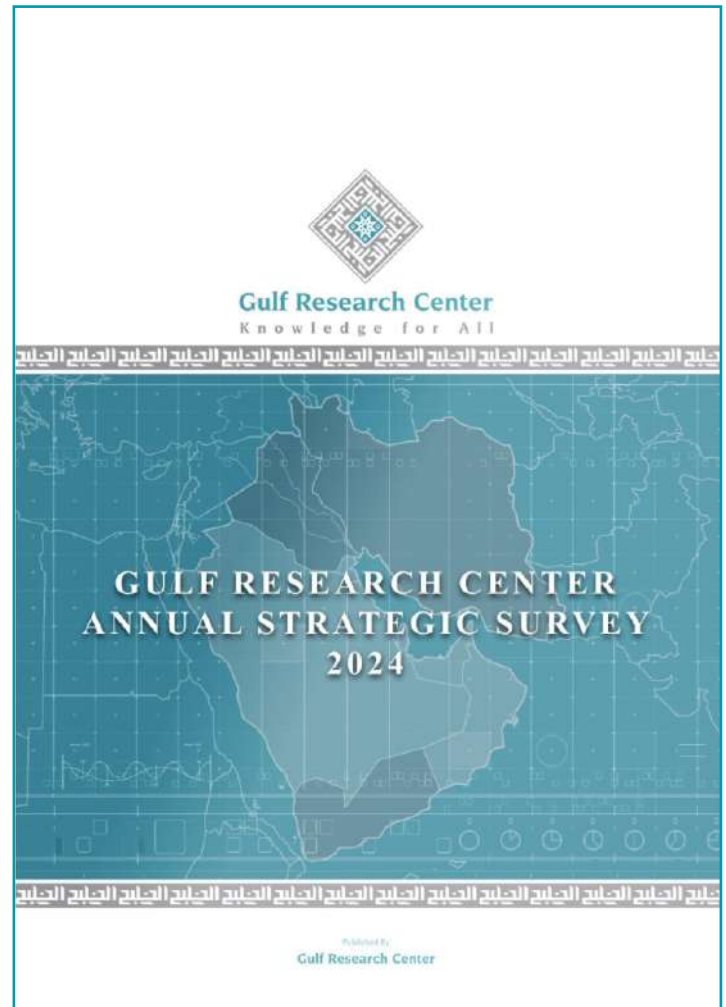
GRC Releases Annual Strategic Survey 2024

The Gulf Research Center (GRC) launched its Annual Strategic Survey on July 4, 2024. The chapters in this volume seek to provide some insight into how the Gulf countries have perceived the changing regional and international scene and how their role is central to the outcome of the developments taking place.

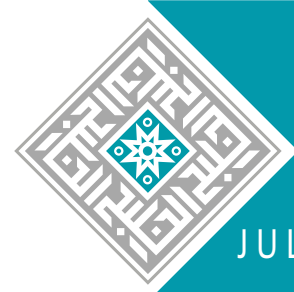
Key developments stand out when one looks at the Gulf's strategic environment and position as of 2024. The Gulf region continues to grapple with the devastating crisis in Gaza and the strategic repercussions it has had for the Middle East as a whole and puts the GCC states in a difficult position. The tragic events of October 7 were a stark reminder that stability in the region cannot be achieved until a just and equitable solution to the Palestinian issue culminating in the establishment of a Palestinian state is achieved. Unfortunately, the conflict continues unabated with the current Israeli government displaying absolutely no willingness to undertake the necessary steps towards a resolution to the crisis. This undermines not only regional stability but also highlights the failure of the wider international community to push for and implement a needed response.

This volume also delves into the various focus issues that have emerged as key priorities when it comes to the Gulf, ranging from the security of the Red Sea, the question of reform of the GCC, the Gulf's relations with Asia, in addition to key developments and challenges for the GCC labor markets.

The Gulf Research Center's goal is to foster informed dialogue and policy-making by presenting data and analyses that reflect the perspectives and priorities of the GCC states.



Read the full report [here](#)



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



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أساتذة العلوم السياسية ومستشار أول
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Yousef Kamil Khattab
July 2024



In July 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.

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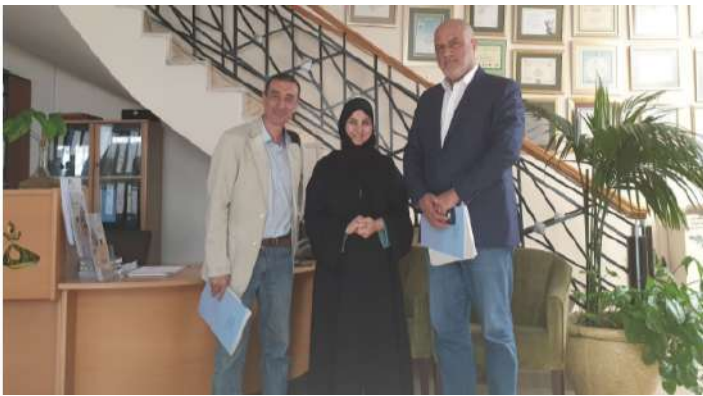
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Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), and GRC Researchers Layla Ali and Amah Mosly, participated in the Council of Councils Tenth Virtual Conference organized by The Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) titled 'What Will the Series of Pivotal Elections in 2024 Mean for Democracy?'

July 25, 2024



Dr. Mohamed Abdelraouf, GRC Environmental Security and Sustainability Research Program Director and Dr. Hares Youssef, Founder of the GAIIA Foundation met with Mrs. Habiba ElMarashy, Chairwomen of Emirates Environmental Management Group (EMG) at its premises to discuss GAIIA's proposal for an eco-currency and the GAIIA protocol for tree planting and decarbonization. Their discussion also focused on the planning of possible GAIIA project presentations at EMG events and workshops.

July 24, 2024

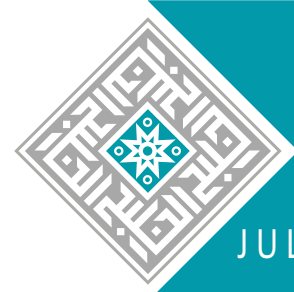


Dr. Mohamed Abdelraouf, GRC Environmental Security and Sustainability Research Program Director and Mr. Javid Iqbal, Board member of Gulf Research Center Foundation met in Dubai's KC office with Dr. Hares Youssef, Founder, GAIIA Foundation and Dr. Oliver Loisel, Co-Founder and CEO, to discuss preparation for possible side events during COP29 this year and COP30 next year. They also discussed the plan for next steps for a GAIIA proposal on eco currency and establishing an intergovernmental organization that can adopt and promote the corresponding GAIIA protocol.

July 17, 2024



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), participated as a speaker in the conference organized by the Project Aladdin and Bahçeşehir University under the auspices of UNESCO entitled "Towards Environmental, Social and Economic Sustainability: Challenges and Solutions" in Istanbul on July 17, 2024. In his session, Dr. Sager focused on his perspective on peace diplomacy and the role of youth in the international community.



July 15-17, 2024



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), participated as a speaker in a seminar organized by the Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESA Center) of the U.S. National Defense University (NDU) and the SETA Foundation for Political, Economic and Social Research in Istanbul from July 15-17, 2024. The seminar focused on security in the Mediterranean Sea and the role of international actors.

July 8, 2024



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), participated virtually as a speaker in the 'NATO 2024 Beyond the 75th Anniversary' event organized by the NATO Defense College Foundation and the Centro Alti Studi per la Difesa (CASD) on July 8, 2024. Dr. Sager joined Session II on 'Reinforcing Partnerships in the South - A Renewed Strategic Outlook,' which discussed ways to enhance strategic and security cooperation between the GCC and NATO.

July 5, 2024



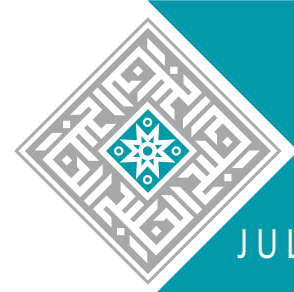
H.E. Mr. Diego Martínez Belío, Secretary of State for Foreign and Global Affairs of the Kingdom of Spain, hosted a luncheon on July 5, 2024, in Madrid in honor of Dr. Abdulaziz Sager,

Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC) upon his visit to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Spain. The General Director for the Maghreb, Mediterranean and Middle East together with several Middle East political advisors of the Secretary of State also attended the luncheon in which both sides discussed the current political situation and developments in the region.

July 4, 2024



On the occasion of the launch of the new Master Program on Cybersecurity by IE University together with the Gulf Research Center (GRC), Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center, acted as witness of an agreement signed between IE University by its President Dr. Santiago Íñiguez de Onzoño and TEDAE (Spanish Association of Defense, Security, Aeronautics and Space Technology Companies) by its Chairman H.E. Ricardo Martí Fluxá on July 4, 2024, in Madrid, Spain. TEDAE's role is to bring together companies involved in the new program. Dr. Sager and Dr. Íñiguez also discussed different fields of future cooperation in areas of international relations and academia. Dr. Sager also provided closing remarks made to the IE University Mentorship Program.



July 4, 2024



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), attended a private reception in Madrid, Spain, hosted by the Vargas Llosa Foundation and International Foundation for Freedom in honor of the Former President of Argentina, the Hon. Mauricio Macri in which both sides discussed the GRC's research program on GCC-Latin America and other topics. Former President of the Republic of Colombia, The Hon. Iván Duque, H.E. Javier Cremades, Chairman of the World Law Foundation, among other top political and business global leaders also attended.

July 3, 2024



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), signed his acceptance as a Member of the Board of Trustees of the World Law Foundation at the invitation of H.E. Dr. Javier Cremades, Chairman of the World Association of Jurists for International Relations and Peace through Law <https://worldjurist.org> in Madrid, Spain on July 3, 2024. Acting as witness was the Hon. Mr. Iván Duque, Former President of the Republic of Colombia being a member of the Foundation. Further discussions took place between both sides in areas of

common interest. This was followed by an official lunch with the attendance of members of the Foundation, Ambassadors accredited in Spain, together with wide representation of the media, business, telecom and law sectors.

July 3, 2024

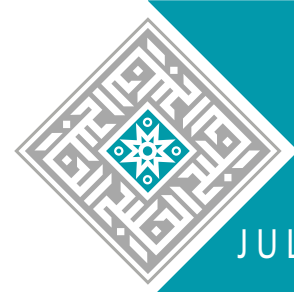


His Excellency, Mr. Javier Solana de Madariaga KCMG CYC, Chairman of the Royal Board of the Trustees of Prado Museum, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Spain, Former Secretary General of NATO, Former EU High Representative for Common Foreign and Security Policy and Secretary General of the Council of the European Union and of the Western European Union, received Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC) for a private visit to El Prado Museum in Madrid, Spain on July 3, 2024. Further discussions have taken place between both sides in areas of common interests.

July 3, 2024



Prof. Dr. Saleh Al-Khatlan, Senior Advisor to the Gulf Research Center, participated in the 2nd Austrian Peace Forum held in Vienna and presented a paper on Saudi mediation efforts.



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



Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, participated in a podcast on "Post-Oil" on Atheer Channel in an episode titled: "What is the Future of Saudi-Iranian Relations?" Watch the full episode [here](#).



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), was interviewed by Kuwait Rasd TV on July 10, 2024, during the 14th Gulf Research Meeting at the University of Cambridge. Watch the full interview [here](#).



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