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Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Application deadline: August 31, 2024

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GULF IN-DEPTH SESSIONS:

1. The Gulf in Transition
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4. Gulf Foreign and Security Issues
5. The Gulf Moving Forward

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.



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- 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 [here](#).

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Call for Workshop Proposal

GRM 2025 – Call for Workshop Proposals

15th Gulf Research Center Meeting

The Most Prominent Global Academic Meeting on the Gulf

Cambridge, UK, 22-24 July, 2025



Gulf Research Centre Cambridge
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Deadline: 30th September 2024



The Gulf Research Center is pleased to announce that we will be holding **the 15th Gulf Research Center Meeting (GRM)** in 2025 from **July 22-24, 2025** in Cambridge, UK.

The Call for Workshop Proposals has now been issued and we are keen to receive numerous quality proposals.

Access the Call for Workshop Proposals [here](#).

Click [here](#) to submit your Workshop Proposal Application.

The deadline for the receipt of proposals is September 30, 2024

The Gulf Research Center (GRC) seeks to invite scholars and specialists to apply to direct a workshop focusing on societies and culture, economies, politics, international relations, defense and security, energy, sustainable development, and environment.

A number of topics for which we would specifically like to receive proposals are listed on the call poster. However, it is important to stress that the Call is open to any topic in the social sciences and is not limited to the topics listed on the poster.



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 [here](#).

GLMM Activities Report (January 2023 - July 2024)

GLMM published its activities report covering the period January 2023 - July 2024. Access the report [here](#).

GLMM accomplishments include:

- Launched research projects focusing specifically on Saudi Arabia and another one focusing on Saudi Arabia, the UAE, and Qatar as well as Asian and Arab countries of origin of GCC migrants with an initial focus on Highly Skilled Migration
- Completed a project in cooperation with and funded by the ILO Regional Office for Arab States (ROAS, Beirut) assessing the labor migration statistics for the six GCC states and six other Arab Mashreq countries, publishing one regional report and twelve country reports



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

Activities Report January 2023 - July 2024

www.gulfmigration.grc.net

- Reinforced strategic cooperation with existing partners and established cooperation with new partners in the GCC, countries of origin of migrants, and elsewhere
- Reinforced its networks of GCC data producers, GCC data users, and GCC and global researchers
- Set up a prestigious international advisory board of eleven members
- Welcomed 3 non-resident fellows and 3 non-resident interns
- Organized very high quality and well attended workshops at the 13th Gulf Research Meeting (GRM, July 2023) and the 14th GRM (July 2024) each with 18 original papers
- Launched very well attended webinars (4 so far)
- Launched a new publication: Factsheets (11 published)
- Relaunched its Policy Briefs series (9 published)
- Continued to publish Explanatory Notes and Research Papers (5 published)
- Continued to gather, analyze, and republish GCC official documents and data on GLMM databases

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Provisional Accreditation from the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

of the Future and its associated side events and meetings, especially Action Days. Dr. Raouf is currently co-chairing the MGFC at UNEP as a representative of the GRCF.



United Nations
Convention to Combat
Desertification

The Gulf Research Center Foundation received the provisional accreditation from the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) based on its active role in research and activities in the field of environment and combating desertification and land degradation. This is a timely accreditation as the UNCCD COP16 will be held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, from 2 to 13 December 2024. GRCF is one of the very few organizations working in the Gulf that received the UNCCD accreditation.

The GRC Environment Security and Sustainability Program also conducted several activities during the month of August.

5th of August 2024

UNEP MGFC Monthly Coordination Telecall.

Dr. Mohamed Abdelraouf co-organized and moderated the monthly coordination and planning call for the UNEP Major Groups and Stakeholders Facilitating Committee (MGFC). The call's agenda mainly covered major groups' engagement in upcoming global events such as the Summit



12th of August 2024

Science Alliance Telecall

Dr. Mohamed Abdelraouf co-organized the monthly telecall for the proposed "Scientists Alliance for Chemicals, Waste and Pollution." The Alliance is intended to follow the work of the Science Policy Panel on Chemicals, Waste and Pollution Prevention planned to be operational next year. The idea of the Alliance originated from the UNEP Major Group Science and Technology where GRCF is one of the two representatives of this Major Group at UNEP.



مختبر الحوار الخليجي Gulf Dialogue Lab

Activities

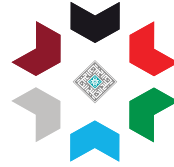
After the success of the Gulf Cultural Dialogue Labs series at the Gulf Research Center in 2023, the GRC, in cooperation with the Jordanian Narratives Laboratory is holding the first seminar of the Narratives Laboratory entitled "Features of Tourism, Archaeological and Historical Integration between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan."

This is supervised by writer and researcher Mufleh Al-Adwan, founder and head of the Jordanian Narratives Laboratory, with the participation of a number of specialists.

The GRC Gulf Dialogue Lab organized an online panel session that was presented and run by Dr. Basma Al-Sioufi, in collaboration with Ms. Abeer Abu Suleiman, a member of the Saudi Tour Guides Association.



The Gulf Dialogue Lab organized a panel session that was moderated and run by Eng. Hesham Ismail. The panel looked at the quality of homes and workplaces in the Kingdom.



مختبر الحوار الخليجي Gulf Dialogue Lab

Publications

Did the Media Play its Role in Marketing the National Achievement?

Arabic Documentation Department: The Historical Legacy is Not for Lamentation or Bragging



August 2024

Access the full paper [here](#).



By: Mohammed Issa Al-Adwan

August 2024

Access the full paper [here](#).

Arab Media and Culture in the Age of Cognitive Diaspora



By: Magda Dagher

August 2024

Access the full paper [here](#).



GRC Podcast Activities

August 14, 2024



In an episode titled "Journalistic Institutions and the Danger of Falling into the Abyss," Dr. Zaid Alfadeil, Director of the GRC's Culture and Media Program, hosted the editor-in-chief and general manager of Makkah Newspaper, Mr. Muwaffaq Al-Nuwaisir. Access the full episode [here](#).

August 7, 2024



The GRC Podcast aired a new episode featuring H.E. Ambassador Mohammed Ahmed Tayeb titled 'From History to the Corridors of Politics.' The conversation was moderated by Dr. Zaid Alfadeil, Director of the GRC's Culture and Media Program. Access the full episode [here](#).

August 5, 2024



The GRC Podcast hosted Sheikha Dr. Anoud Ibrahim Al-Sabah, former director of the NATO-Istanbul Cooperation Initiative Regional Centre in an episode titled 'The Istanbul Cooperation Initiative is a Political Platform in a Security Format.' The episode was moderated by Dr. Zaid Alfadeil, Director of the GRC's Culture and Media Program. Access the full episode [here](#).

August 4, 2024

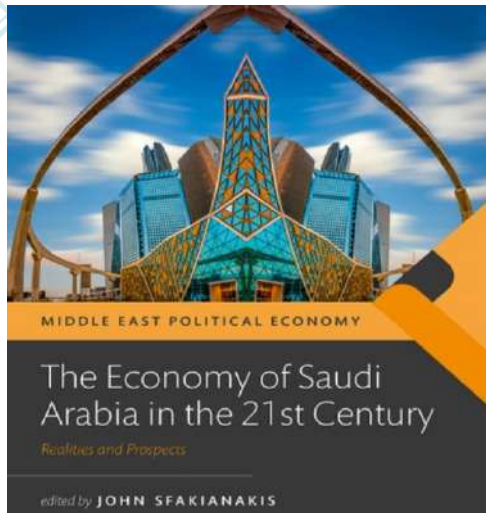


The GRC Podcast hosted Brig. Gen. Omar Al-Amiri in a new episode titled 'The Istanbul Initiative and Current Challenges.' The episode was moderated by Dr. Zaid Alfadeil, Director of the GRC's Culture and Media Program. Access the full episode [here](#).

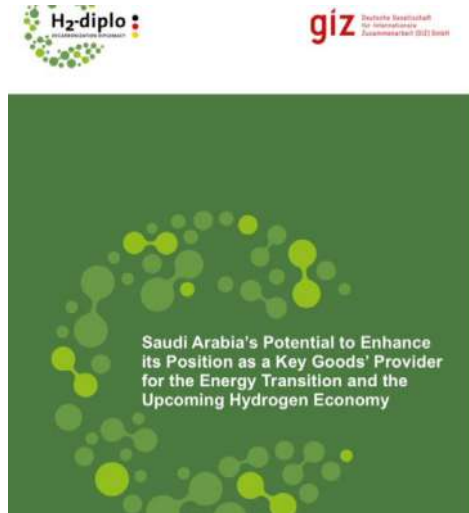


The Gulf Research Center produces various publications through its research programs, projects, and Gulf Research Meetings. The GRC's publications can be accessed on its website via [this link](#); the commentary and analyses can be found [here](#); and selected Arabic articles can be found [here](#).

Edited Volumes and Studies



The Economy of Saudi Arabia in the 21st Century
Prospects and Realities
Edited by John Sfikianakis

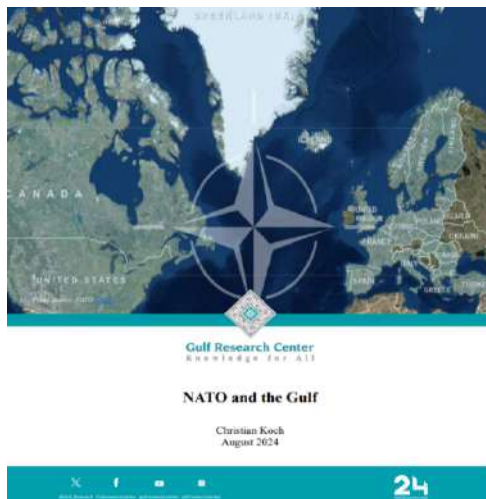


Saudi Arabia's Potential to Enhance its Position as a Key Goods' Provider for the Energy Transition and the Upcoming Hydrogen Economy
Dr. Mohamed Raouf
for German Development Cooperation Agency (GIZ)

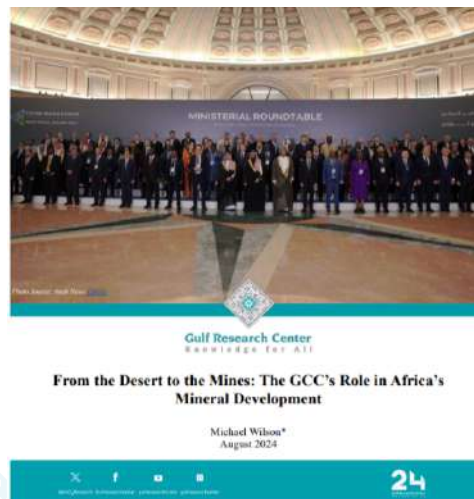
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Nayib Bukele and Saudi Arabia: A New Era of Relations
Hannan Alghamdi
August 2024



NATO and the Gulf
Dr. Christian Koch
August 2024



From the Desert to the Mines: The GCC's Role in Africa's Mineral Development
Michael Wilson
August 2024



What Does President Biden's Withdrawal Mean?
Annah Mosly
August 2024



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Assessing the Impact of President Pezeshkian's Election on GCC-Iran Relations & What Should GCC States Expect

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Country Updates



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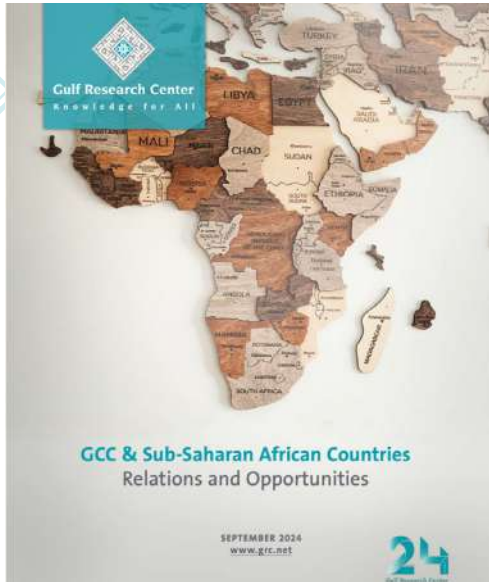
Australia - GCC Relations
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GRC Reports



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GCC-Sub-Saharan African Countries: Relations and Opportunities August 2024

GCC and Swiss Economic Outlook August 2024

#200 (July 2024) International Courts and Protecting the Rights of People of Third World Countries



The Current Situation in the Middle East Amid Rising Tensions between Iran and Israel Yousef Kamil Khattab August 2024

Ukraine's Attack on Russia's Kursk: Does it Change the Rules of War in Ukraine? Dr. Abderrezzaq Gherraf August 2024

Bangladesh and the Administration of the Geopolitical Conflict Between the Asian triangular nuclear Power Dr. Abderrezzaq Gherraf August 2024



In August 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.

August 12, 2024



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), met with H.E. Dr. Suhel Ajaz Khan, Ambassador of the Republic of India to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. During the meeting, both sides discussed relations between India and the Gulf and India-Saudi relations. Both sides also discussed areas of mutual interest, with a focus on enhancing cooperation in academia and research.

August 11, 2024



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), met with H.E. Mr. Balázs Selmecei, Ambassador of the Republic of Hungary to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and Mr. Sándor Major, Deputy Head of Mission, at the GRC's office in Riyadh on August 11, 2024. During the meeting, both sides reviewed relations between the GCC states and Hungary, including between the Kingdom and Hungary specifically, given the developments in the region and in light of Hungary's current presidency of the EU.



August 2, 2024

The Ambassador of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Republic of Tunisia, Dr. Abdulaziz bin Ali Al-Saqr, held a luncheon at his residence in honor of the Chairman of the Gulf Research Center, Dr. Abdulaziz Sager.



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



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), appeared in an interview on Asharq News on August 22, 2024, where he discussed two crucial topics: the potential for cooperation and trade between Saudi Arabia and Iraq, especially considering the newly activated Coordination Council, and how Saudi-Iraqi coordination might help reduce regional tensions and improve security. The discussion was featured on Asharq TV's "The Link," focusing on these significant regional issues. Watch the full interview [here](#).



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager participated in an interview on August 7, 2024, on the Iraqi Al-Taghyir channel's program "Ras Al-Satr," in an episode titled 'To Deter Israel: Pakistan Threatens to Move 'Shaheen' Missiles Towards Iran.' Watch the full interview [here](#).



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center, participated in an interview on August 10 on Asharq TV (Bloomberg) in a program called "On the Borders." The episode was titled "Iran and Israel..Shadow Wars and Rules of Engagement." Watch the full interview [here](#).



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager participated in an interview on August 6, 2024, on the "Here in Riyadh" program on Al Ekhbariya News channel. The episode, titled 'Iran - Israel: Preparing for the Next Steps', covered recent developments in the region and Hamas' announcement of Yahya Sinwar as their new leader following Ismail Haniyeh's assassination in Tehran. Watch the full interview [here](#).



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Dr. Abdulaziz Sager participated in an interview on August 6, 2024, on Al-Arabiya program. The episode, titled 'Anticipating a Possible Iranian Response,' covered the current escalation in the region and the possible reactions from Iran following Ismail Haniyeh's assassination in Tehran. Watch the full interview [here](#).



Dr. Abdulaziz Sager, Chairman of the Gulf Research Center (GRC), in the "Hour of Dialogue" program on Al Arabiya in an episode titled:

How do European countries deal with migrants and extremism in all its forms?

Access the full episode [here](#):



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