

GRM 2026 – Call for Workshop Proposals

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Deadline: 29th September 2025



The Gulf Research Centre Cambridge (GRCC) welcomes any innovative proposal in the social science field dedicated to a better understanding of developments in the Gulf region.

For GRM 2026, GRC welcomes in particular proposals on the following topics:

- **Multilateralism and Strategic Autonomy in GCC Foreign Policy**
- **Gulf Mediation and Conflict Resolution**
- **The EU-GCC Partnership: Strategic Opportunities and Gaps**
- **GCC-Sub-Sahara Africa Economic Relation: Energy, Mining, Infrastructure, and Food Security**
- **Evolving Threat Perceptions and Strategic Doctrines in the Gulf**
- **The Role of Defence Industrialization**
- **Economic Competition and Gulf State Strategies and Visions**

- **Nuclear Energy and Non-Proliferation: Strategic Cooperation and Emerging Challenges in the Gulf**
- **Gulf Climate Diplomacy and the Energy Transition**
- **Women and Political Development in the Gulf: Participation, Policy, and Progress**

The GRC’s Gulf Labour Market, Migration, and Population (GLMM) program will organize a workshop entitled “The Future of Gulf Migration: The African – GCC Corridor.” Those who plan to submit a proposal on a similar topic are advised to submit an abstract before developing a full application.

Workshop proposals should include the following elements:

Workshop Details

- Workshop title (between 10 and 25 words)
- Workshop abstract (between 200 and 250 words)
- Workshop context (between 400 and 600 words)
- Workshop focus/objectives (between 400 and 600 words)
- References cited in the workshop proposal/suggested readings for prospective authors (between 150 and 250 words)

Workshop Contribution

- Workshop relevance for the Gulf countries (between 50 and 150 words)
- Workshop contribution to Gulf studies and other fields (between 50 and 150 words)
- Papers
- Indication of topics on which you would like to receive paper proposals (between 150 and 300 words)
- Indication for the authors of paper contents, structure, referencing, etc. (between 50 and 150 words)

Publication Plans

- Details outline of joint publication as a special issue of a journal/edited volume (between 150 and 400 words)

Workshop Director’s CVs and Details

Workshop Participation

- Names of prospective participants
- Strategy of obtaining applicants

Potential Institutional Cooperation



Eligibility and preferences

Eligibility

- Number of directors per workshop: exactly two (no exceptions will be made – those who would have acted as additional directors can be accommodated among the workshop participants).
- Workshop directors should have demonstrable expertise on the workshop topic (as evidenced by their CV and publications).
- Workshop directors should complement each other in terms of expertise.
- Workshop directors should be affiliated with institutions in different countries.
- Workshop directors of all levels of seniority are eligible. Junior applicants should be complemented by a more senior scholar.

Preferences

- Workshop proposals should preferable include at least one female director.
- One workshop director should preferable be employed by a Gulf institutions (i.e., based in the Gulf).
- One workshop director should preferable be a Gulf national.
- Workshop directors should preferably not have directed a workshop in the 15th GRM of 2025

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[Click here to access the ‘Workshop Director Guidelines’](#)

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By submitting and completing your workshop proposal application, you agree to the terms and conditions of the Workshop Directors Guidelines, Intellectual Property Guidelines, and Paper Guidelines

Please submit any questions to grm@grc.net



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