



GULF STUDIES

RESEARCH CENTER & GRADUATE STUDIES

Achievements 2018-2021





INTRODUCTION

The Gulf Studies Center 2018-2021 Achievements Report presents a comprehensive list of accomplishments by the Center's students, faculty and affiliated scholars. This report shows a marked increase in the number of events and publications produced by the Gulf Studies Community in the past three years. As part of the Gulf Studies Center's outreach initiative, the Center recruited a number of renowned international scholars to produce joint research in the form of policy briefs and monographic series. These scholars also participated in the center's events and online webinars. This allowed the Center to have a wider network of scholars as well as reach out to more international institutions. This is in addition to our own faculty and students who participated in local and international events, as well as numerous research projects.

Through the statistics and facts presented in this report, one can conclude that the Center has a clear mission of conducting research on a wider range of scholarly topics, with a specialized focus on the interdisciplinary aspect of the Gulf Studies as an area of research. In order to achieve that, the center is employing all of its resources, faculty, students and efforts to produce a cutting-edge research, critical analysis of the Gulf area and produce unique research by scholars and students from the Gulf.

I am proud to see the vision and mission of the Gulf Studies Center being applied. The Center is proudly contributing to the outreach and internationalization of Qatar University through the growing quality of its research as well as production of academia that goes hand in hand with Qatar's Research Priorities and National Vision. We aim to continue producing strong academic work and expanding the bounds our scholarly endeavors and their impact.

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MISSIONS & OBJECTIVES

Mission

Promote interdisciplinary and innovative graduate studies and academic research to advance knowledge of issues related to the Gulf.

Objectives

- Establish a Gulf Studies Center of international excellence at Qatar University offering multidisciplinary postgraduate programs and cutting-edge research on the Gulf region.
- Stimulate and advance education and research on a broad range of political, economic, social, environmental, cultural and security issues, and other critical matters relating to the Gulf.
- Promote dialogue among students, scholars, and practitioners of Gulf affairs.
- Facilitate the free flow of ideas and knowledge thus promoting scholarly interest in the region.
- Develop a forum for innovative scholarship and academic research to foster interdisciplinary Gulf studies research led teaching.
- Engage in outreach activities with a wide range of local, regional, and international partners.



FACT SHEET (2018 - 2021)

Faculty Publications:

Books	Peer- reviewed Journal Articles	Book Chapters	Working papers	Other publications	Total
8	25	11	5	4	53

Student Publications:

Book Chapters	Articles	Peer Reviewed Publications	Online publications	Book Reviews	Books	Total:
7	3	5	4	7	1	27

Faculty- Student Joint Publications:

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles	Book Chapters	Articles	Online Publications 1	Total:
4	5	3	1	13

In-house Publications:

Gulf Monographic Series	Monograph Series: The Shura Councils in the Gulf	Gulf Insights	Policy Briefs	Total
6	3	41	3	52

Events:

Events		Coffee with Scholar	Research Seminars		Talks	Total
2018/2019	2020/2021	2018/2019	2018/2019	2020/2021	2018/2019	53
15	14	9	9	2	4	

Number of Graduates:

MA			PHD			Total:
2018	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021	19
7	3	5	1	1	2	

Link for all Gulf Studies student theses: <https://qspace.qu.edu.qa/handle/10576/3077>



ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

1. BOOKS

2021

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INHOUSE PUBLICATIONS

1. MONOGRAPHIC SERIES

2020

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- Malaria and Empire in Bahrain (1931 – 1947) – By Laura Frances Goffman (March 2020)

2019

- Russian Foreign Policy towards Qatar and Saudi Arabia: Bridging the Gaps – By Nikolay Kozhanov (December 2019)
- Shaping a New World Order: The Gulf and the Greater Middle East Stake Their Claim – By James M. Dorsey (September 2019)
- The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor and the Gulf Crisis – By Juan Cole (June 2019)

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2. GULF INSIGHTS

2021

- India's Vaccine-diplomacy with the GCC- by Lakshmi Venugopal Menon and Thomas Bonnie James (May 2021)
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- King-making amid the Gulf Crisis – by Bulent Aras and Emirhan Yorulmazlar (February 2021)

2020

- The Challenges of 2020 and the Future of Political Reforms in the GCC - By Cihat Battaloglu (December 2020)
- Trump Gone: What Does it Mean for the GCC - By Hamdullah Baycar and Huzeyfe Altiok (December 2020)
- Can 2021 be the Year Iran and the GCC States Engage in Dialogue? – By Mehran Haghirian (December 2020)
- Cooperation between the UAE and Israel in the Oil Market: Can it go beyond Political Considerations? – By Nikolay Kozhanov (November 2020)
- The Gulf and the Smart City Movement in the Middle East – By Javier Guirado (November 2020)
- Consequences of Kuwaiti Succession for the GCC – By Courtney Freer (September 2020)
- The UAE-Israel Normalization “If you Can't Convince Them, Confuse Them” – By Mahjoob Zweiri (August 2020)
- Is the Strait of Hormuz Still a Vital Energy Route? Alternatives between Ambition and



- Oman: Food Security in Times of Uncertainty – By Gertjan Hoetjies (June 2020)
- Missed Opportunities: The Trump Administration, Iran, and the Coronavirus Pandemic – By Juan Cole (June 2020)
- Navigating Troubled Waters: Experts’ Views on GCC Challenges for Socio-Economic Recovery in the Post-Covid-19 Period – By Nikolay Kozhanov & Luciano Zaccara (May 2020)
- Covid-19 Crisis and Iran-Turkey-Qatar Relations: Economic Downgrade and Corona Diplomacy – By Nesibe Hicret Battaloglu (May 2020)
- Covid-19 in War-Ravaged Yemen: Ends or Doubles the War? – By Betul Dogan Akkas (May 2020)
- Covid-19 in Saudi Arabia: Beyond the Health Crisis – By Antonino Occhiuto (May 2020)
- Saudi Arabia in Struggle for the Chinese Oil Market: the Price War as Necessity – By Nikolay Kozhanov (April 2020)
- The Covid-19 Pandemic: Vulnerability of Migrant Workers in the GCC States – By Mizanur Rahman (April 2020)
- Pandemic Threatens to Drive Wedge into US-Gulf relations – By James M. Dorsey (April 2020)
- Saudi Arabia: More Room for Wahhabism Lite? – By Paul Aarts (April 2020)
- Covid-19, a Common Threat towards Intrusive Regionalism – By Mahdokht Zakeri (April 2020)



- Covid-19 in Qatar: Well Versed in Crisis Management – By Marc Owen Jones (April 2020)
- Covid-19 in Kuwait: An Opportunity for the Government – By Hamad H. Albloshi (April 2020)
- COVID-19 and Plummeting Oil Prices; a Time of Reckoning for Oman – By Ahmed Ali M. Al Mukhaini (April 2020)
- The Sudden Cost of Unexpected Threats: The Novel Coronavirus and Dubai – By Hamdullah Baycar (March 2020)
- Iran: Legislative Elections 21st February 2020 – By Luciano Zaccara (March 2020)
- Reconstructing the Event: The Repercussions of Soleimani’s Assassination in the GCC – By Erick Viramontes (February 2020)
- Natural Gas in the Gulf: From a Failed Regional Gas Grid to an Emerging Intra-Gulf LNG Market? – By Naji Ab9- Aad (February 2020)
- Arabian Gulf Cup Offers Hope of Diplomatic Breakthrough – By John McManus (January 2020)

2019

- Moving Towards a Knowledge-Based Economy in Qatar: What Is Needed To Enable ICT, Education, Innovation and Entrepreneurship? – By Tareik Ben Hassen and Fatima Al-Dhaheri (December 2019)
- Economic Drivers of the GCC Investments in the Horn of Africa Region – by H ela Miniaoui (December 2019)



- Iran Hormuz Peace Initiative and the Neighboring Countries: The Helsinki Model – By Mahjoob Zweiri and Muyassar Suleiman (November 2019)
- Can Pakistan Mend Relations between Saudi Arabia and Iran? – By Ana Ballesteros Peiró (October 2019)
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- Iran’s Economic Challenges in the New Year: Problems with (out) Solutions? – By Nikolay Kozhanov (April 2019)
- Food Security in Qatar: Threats and Opportunities – By Hussein A. Amery (February 2019)
- The Future of the GCC and the Possibility of Persistence – By Shareefa Al- Adwani (February 2019)
- Qatar’s Exit from the OPEC: Economically Driven, Politically Determined – By Nikolay Kozhanov (January 2019)

2018

- Blood Diplomacy: Saudi Arabia between Yemen and Jamal Khashoggi – By Paulino R. Robles- Gil Cozzi (November 2018)
- The Causes and Consequences of the Dispute between Canada and Saudi Arabia – By Thomas Juneau (November 2018)

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3. POLICY BRIEFS

- Joe Biden and the Future of the Gulf (November 2020)
- The Gulf and the Future of Yemen (September 2019)
- The Regional Implications of the Murder of Jamal Khashoggi (November 2018)

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4. MONOGRAPH SERIES: THE SHURA COUNCILS IN THE GULF

2020

- Yemeni Parliament: Functioning Legislature in a Failed State – By Ahmed A. Saif (January 2020)

2019

- Representative Councils in Oman. A Normative Assessment of Parliamentary Efficacy of the Majlis Ash-Shura in Oman – By Ahmed Ali M. al Mukhaini (September 2019)
- Kuwait's National Assembly: Roles and Dynamics – By Hamad H. Albloshi (July 2019)

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EVENTS & ACTIVITIES (2018 - 2021)

2021

- The GCC Reconciliation: Opportunities and Implications- Webinar (24 January 2021)
- Qatar World Cup 2022 in Perspective- Webinar (24 February 2021)
- The Covid-19 Pandemic: An Opportunity for Regional Integration? – Webinar in collaboration with Durham University and Edinburgh University (25 February 2021)
- Climate Change and the GCC: Economic and Environmental Impact- Webinar (2 March 2021)
- GCC Hydrocarbon Economies and COVID: Old Trends, New Realities- Virtual Roundtable (7 April 2021)
- Implications of the Iran-China Strategic Cooperation Agreement on the Gulf Region- Webinar in collaboration with The International Office at the President’s Office. (25 My 2021)

2020

- Security System Towards A Strategic Solution- Seminar in collaboration with Aljazeera Research Center (19 & 20 January 2020)
- Russia and the Gulf: Alternative Perspectives- Roundtable in collaboration with Ibn Khaldoon Center for humanities and Social Sciences (25 February 2020)
- The Internal and Regional Impact of the Iranian Legislative Elections- Roundtable (9 February 2020)



- Gulf Security in the Age of Covid-19- Webinar (1 June 2020)
- Social Sciences and Societies in the age of Covid-19 – Webinar in collaboration with the Office of International Affairs at Qatar University (4 June 2020)
- Pandemic Politics: Reflections on COVID-19 in the Gulf- Webinar in collaboration with the SEPAD Project and Richardson Institute at Lancaster University: (24 – 26 August 2020)
- What Does Joe Biden’s Win Mean to the GCC Region and Neighboring Countries?- Webinar (12 November 2020)
- The 5th Annual International Conference of the Gulf Studies Center Social Change in the Gulf Societies in the 21st Century- Webinar (15 – 19 November 2020)
- Regional Responses to Security Threats in the Middle East Cooperation or Fragmentation? – Webinar in collaboration with Durham University and Edinburgh University (10 December 2020)

2019

- The Islamic Revolution in Retrospect: The Internal, Regional and Global Impact- Conference in collaboration with Ibn Khaldoon Center of Humanities and Social Sciences (24 February 2019)
- Regime Survival and Economic Diversification- Lecture by Dr. Maria Alienor Van den Bosch Lecture (20 March 2019)
- What Makes You an Expert in the Gulf? Workshop (31 March 2019)
- Qatar, the Region and the World: Assessing Qatar’s Challenges- (13 April 2019)
- The Fourth Annual Student Symposium on Gulf Studies “Globalization and the Gulf” (16 April 2019)



- United States and Middle East after Warsaw- Conference, Presented by: H.E. Edward P. Djerejian Former US Ambassador and the Director of Baker Institute for public policy Rice University (21 April 2019)
- Sports, Women and Qatari Society: Global Perspectives and Local Responses- Workshop (23 April 2019)
- The Future of Yemen and the Gulf – Roundtable discussion (12 September 2019)
- Knowledge-Based Economy in Qatar: Trends and Opportunities for Interdisciplinary Research and Policy Making- Conference in collaboration with Department of International Affairs (27 & 28 October 2019)
- The 4th Annual International Interdisciplinary Conference of the Gulf Studies Center of Qatar University: “Geopolitics of the Gulf Energy: Responding to New and Old Challenges” (26 & 27 November 2019)
- Promotion of the Global Natural Gas Demand- Workshop (16 December 2019)

2018

- The US Sanctions on Iran: Future Prospects- Seminar in collaboration with Al – Jazeera Center for research and Studies (30 October 2018)
- A Surprising Spat: The Causes and Consequences of the Canada – Saudi Arabia Dispute – Lecture by Thomas Juneau (13 November 2018)
- The Prehistory of the Arabian Peninsula- Lecture by Dr. Remy Crassard (29 November 2018)
- The Gulf Studies Center Third Annual International Conference – Gulf Crisis: Origin, Repercussions and Future (9 & 10 December 2018)



Research Seminars

2020

- Only a Game? Mapping Qatar's Different Sporting Worlds – Dr. John McManus (10 February 2020)
- Divided Field: Challenges of the First World Cup in the Muslim World – Mr. Paulino Rafael Robles Gil Cozzi (24 February 2020)

2019

- The Qatar Central Municipal Council Elections – Dr. Luciano Zaccara (14 January 2019)
- Migration in the Gulf: Theoretical and Human Rights Dilemmas – Dr. Amani El Jack (28 January 2019)
- Gulf-Crisis and the Horn of Africa – Dr. Afyare Elmi (11 February 2019)
- Security Strategies of Qatari Foreign Policy – Betul Dogan (25 February 2019)
- E-Commerce and Consumption Patterns in Iran: Sanctions as a Boost to Overcome External Constraints- Mehran Haghirian & Dr. Luciano Zaccara (11 March 2019)
- Education and Tourism Sectors as Drivers for Economic Diversification in Qatar – Dr. Muhammad Yusuf & Dr. Hela Miniaoui (25 March 2019)
- Sociology of Immigrant Businesses in the Gulf – Dr. Mizanur Rahman (8 April 2019)
- Foreign Expertise and the Political Economy of Cultural Heritage in Qatar – Dr. Paul Christian (15 April 2019)
- The Blockade on Qatar: Post-Colonialism, Hegemony and Competing Projects – Dr. Farhan Mujahid Chak (22 April 2019)



Coffee with Scholar

2019

- The Role of the Qatari Foreign Aid Assistance – by Dr. Abdulfatah Mohamed (6 February 2019)
- International Human Rights System & Engagement by Gulf States with its Mechanisms – by Dr Abdelsalem Sidahmed (19 February 2019)
- Russian Relations with the GCC Countries: Main Drivers and Future Prospects – By Dr. Nikolay Kozhanov (13 March 2019)
- The historiography of the gulf: Between Monarchy, Nation and Gender – By Dr. Reem Meshal (21 March 2019)
- Space Politics and the Gulf States – by Dr. Jorg Mathias Determan (19 September 2019)
- Reinventing Zubara as a Prime Gulf Borderland during the Twentieth Century – By Dr. Peter Polak Springer (4 November 2019)

2018

- Petro-Coloniality and Film: Early Beginnings of Cinema in the Gulf, 1922-1957- by Dr. Firat Oruc (October 16, 2018)
- Area Studies and Research Method – by Dr. Rochelle Davis (29 October 2018)
- The Theatre Movement in Qatar – by Mr.Saad Yousef Essa Al- BuRashid (3 December 2018)



GRANTS (2018 – 2021)

The Gulf Studies Center highly encourages and supports its community to apply for different grants offered by the university. In the past three years, the members of the Gulf Studies Center were able to receive student/faculty grants and funding for NPRP projects of around 500,000.00 US Dollars equivalent to 1,820,000.00 Qatari Riyals.





CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MEDIA (2018 – 2021)

The Gulf Studies Center's contribution to the media from the years 2018 - 2021 accounts to more than 500 appearances.

These contributions include:

Newspapers, TV interviews, Radio Interviews, and Op-Eds.

Our faculty at the Center are regular contributors to Al Jazeera Arabic and English, as well as occasional contributors to mainstream media in Europe, the US, the Middle East, Asia and Latin America. The Faculty appearances are typically held in both Arabic and English, but also include other languages such as Russian and Spanish, which allows our contributions to reach a wider geographic audience around the world.



SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS



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