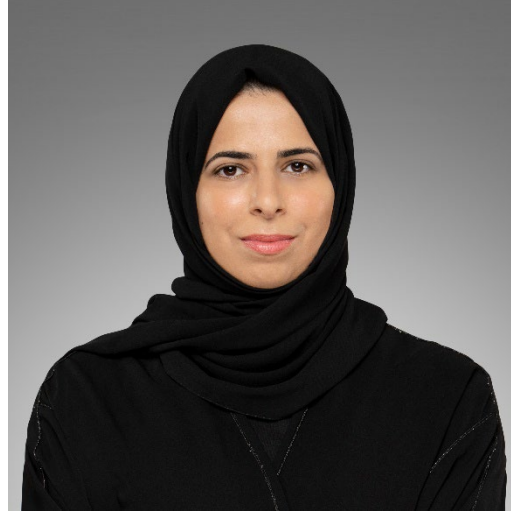


## Speakers Biography



**Her Excellency Lolwah bint Rashid Al-Khater**

**Minister of Education and Higher Education**

Her Excellency, Lolwah R M Al-Khater was appointed as Minister of Education and Higher Education in November 2024. Her Excellency was the former Minister of State for International Cooperation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2023 per the issuance of Amiri Order No. 4 of 2023. Previously, she had been appointed as Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs per HH the Amir Decision No 56 of 2019, assuming the position alongside her duties as Official Spokesperson for the Foreign Ministry, which she had been appointed in 2017. Her Excellency was appointed as Media City board member as per HE the Prime Minister and Minister of Interior decision no 20 of 2019. She is the Executive Director of Doha Forum, and Vice-Chairman of the Qatar Fund for Development. Al-Khater was also the Official Spokesperson for the Supreme Committee for Crisis Management formed in 2020 to combat COVID-19 effects domestically in Doha. Besides the official capacity, HE. Al-khater is Member of the Board of Trustees at College of Islamic Studies of Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Member of the Advisory Board at Georgetown University in Qatar, Member of the Board of Trustees at the Institute for Palestine Studies, Member of the Board of Trustees of Qatar Museums, and Chair of the Audit committee at Education Above All.



**Prof. şaban Kardaş** is a Research Professor and Program Coordinator at the Gulf Studies Center at Qatar University. He has published articles and book chapters on Turkish domestic and foreign policies, energy policies and international security and has been an occasional contributor to international media. Previously he has worked at Middle East Technical University, Sakarya University, and TOBB University of Economics and Technology (currently on academic leave). He received his doctoral degree in political science from the University of Utah. Dr. Kardas also holds a master's degree in international relations from the Middle East Technical University in Ankara, and a second master's degree in European Studies from the Center for European Integration Studies in Bonn, Germany.



**Dr. Shareefa Al-Adwani** joined AUK as Assistant Professor of Political Science in Fall 2016 and was promoted to Associate Professor of Political Science in the Fall of 2023. She earned her PhD in Political Science from the University of California, Davis in 2016, and has two master's degrees in International Relations from the University of Chicago in 2005, and in Political Science from the University of California. Her research interests include international relations and quantitative methods with an emphasis on the Gulf region. She has published in multiple journals and has taught a variety of courses related to Kuwait foreign policy, international law and organizations, politics and women in the Middle East, and quantitative methods.



**Dr. Imad Manosour** has worked with Qatar University, Sciences Po Paris – Campus Moyen-Orient Méditerranée à Menton, and McGill University, and was Non-Resident Scholar with the Middle East Institute (Washington D.C.). Research interests includes approaches to security studies, narrative analysis, the social roots of international politics especially regional orders and rivalries, state building in post-colonial contexts, and non-state actors. His is author of *Statecraft in the Middle East: Foreign Policy, Domestic Politics and Security* (2016), and co-editor of *Shocks and Rivalries in the Middle East and North Africa* (2020). He is an award-winning educator and international institutional bridge-builder, with recognition from McGill University (2009), Qatar University (2016), and the International Studies Association(2023).



**Dr. Rory Miller** teaches and researches on the security of small states and middle powers, maritime security, energy security, Gulf security, regional alliances, great powers and the changing international order and external intervention theory. Prior to that, between 1999 and 2014, he was a member of the War Studies department and then head of the Middle East & Mediterranean Studies Program at King's College London. He is a fellow of the Royal Historical Society and in recent years he has held a visiting professorship in the War Studies department of King's College London (2014-17), a Visiting Research Professorship at Trinity College Dublin (2020-21). He is the author or editor of 11 books and he has published extensively in academic and policy journals and the international media including *Foreign Affairs*, *The Economist*, *Foreign Policy*, *The New Republic*.



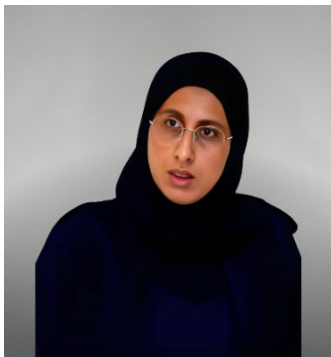
**Dr. Aisha Al Rashidi** teaches at the department of international affairs, and is the department academic coordinator. the research interests are within the field of the international relations, conflict resolutions, political identity and political violence, state building process especially within the middle east region. As for the education credentials: PhD in International Relations at the University of St. Andrews, Scotland (2023) with a dissertation titled: A comparative study of the Sectarianization of the 2011 Uprisings in Bahrain and Syria, and MA in Modern Middle Eastern Studies (2014) from Leiden University, the Netherlands and an undergraduate degree from the Department of International Affairs, Qatar University 2012.



**Dr. Sultan Al-Khulaifi** has been working with the Qatari Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 2017, as an international relations analyst. He holds a PhD in Politics from the University of Glasgow, awarded in October 2024. His doctoral thesis, titled "Echoes of Peace: Qatari Maneuvers in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict (1995-2013)," explores Qatar's motivations and strategies in one of the region's most intractable conflicts. His research interests include Qatari foreign policy, conflict mediation, and conflict resolution.



**Dr. June Park** is a South Korean political economist working on geopolitical risk and emerging technologies, observing East Asia, the U.S., Europe and the Persian Gulf. She focuses on geoeconomic conflicts in digital and green transitions, working on AI governance. She also analyzes different policy outcomes as a response to pressures based on industrial capacity and governance structures. She currently serves as a 2023-2024 Visiting Fellow at the Middle East Council on Global Affairs (formerly Brookings Doha Center) in Doha, Qatar for her project, '[South Korea-GCC Relations: Energy, Technology, Security,](#)' while serving as Expert PI (Principal Investigator) and Convener of the Emerging Technologies Workshops for a multi-year project for the [Small States Research Program at Georgetown University in Qatar \(GU-Q\)](#). She concurrently serves as a non-resident fellow at the National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR) in Washington, DC.



**Dr. Amna Sadiq** specializes in Gulf history and politics, with a particular concentration on regionalism and the Indian Ocean. Her research includes investigating local archives (Qatar, Kuwait, and Saudi Arabia), transcribing and translating local records, and drawing network maps.



**Dr. Jagannath Panda** is the head of the Stockholm Center for South Asian and Indo-Pacific Affairs (SCSA-IPA) at the Institute for Security and Development Policy (ISDP), Sweden. He is also a Professor at the Department of Regional and Global Studies at the University of Warsaw; and a Senior Fellow at The Hague Center for Strategic Studies in the Netherlands. As a senior expert on China, East Asia, and Indo-Pacific affairs, Prof. Panda has testified to the US - China Economic and Security Review Commission at the US Congress on 'China and South Asia'. He is the Series Editor for Routledge Studies on Think Asia.



**Professor Simon Mabon's** work falls at the intersection of Middle East Studies, International Relations and (International) Political Theory. He is interested in sovereignty and its discontents, sectarianism, space, and nomos, along with the empirical manifestations of these issues. He also holds the position of Director of SEPAD, funded by Carnegie Corporation and The Henry Luce Foundation. His research interests include sectarianism, sovereignty and regional politics. He has published work in leading Middle East studies and IR journals. His recent monographs include: *The Struggle for Supremacy in the Middle East: Saudi Arabia and Iran* was published by Cambridge University Press in 2023. The second, *Houses built on sand: Violence, sectarianism and revolution in the Middle East* was published by Manchester University Press in 2020 and was listed by Choice as an academic book of the year.





**Dr. Hend Al Sulaiti** is a senior research assistant at Qatar University's Social and Economic Survey Research Institute (SESRI). She holds a bachelor's in International Affairs from Qatar University and an M.A in International Relations, focusing on Strategic Studies. She was a lecture of international affairs, focusing on energy, sustainability, and regional security, before serving in her current role. She specializes in energy and resources security and sustainability research.



**Dr. Abdulla Al-Etaibi** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of International Affairs at the College of Arts and Sciences, Qatar University. His PhD focused on the role of narratives in shaping foreign policy. He holds a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in International Affairs (International Security & Diplomacy) from Qatar University and a Master of Science (MSc) in International Public Policy from University College London (UCL). His research interests include Foreign Policy Analysis (FPA) and the relationship between identity and politics in the Gulf region.

**علوي المشهور** حاصل على بكالوريوس من جامعة كانبرا بأستراليا وماجستير في العلاقات الدولية والدراسات الأمنية من جامعة السلطان قابوس، مع اهتمام بالسياسة، الاقتصاد، والتخطيط الحضري. كاتب نشط في المنصات البحثية والثقافية العمانية والعربية، وشريك مؤسس في مركز تصافر البحثي، ويعمل كباحث اقتصادي وعضو في الخطة الخمسية بوزارة الاقتصاد في سلطنة عمان.



**الدكتور ماجد التركي** رئيس مركز الإعلام والدراسات العربية - الروسية، ومستشار تجاري لشركات ومؤسسات سعودية في المملكة، ومستشار استراتيجي لعدد من مراكز البحوث، وعضو في عدة مجالس استشارية، بما في ذلك المجلس الاستشاري لمجموعة الرؤية الاستراتيجية "روسيا والعالم الإسلامي". يحمل دكتوراه الدولة في العلوم السياسية من جامعة موسكو، ويمتلك خبرة طويلة في العمل الدبلوماسي والبحث العلمي. له إسهامات متعددة في مجال الإعلام والسياسة، مع إصدارات علمية تتناول مواضيع العلاقات السعودية - الروسية والسياسات الإعلامية في المنطقة.







**Dr. Hamad Al Bloshi** earned his Ph.D. from the Fletcher School – Tufts University. He is the author of “The Eternal Revolution: Hardliners and Conservatives in Iran.” He has published many academic articles both in Arabic and English on issues related to the relationship between Iran and Kuwait, Iran’s internal politics, Kuwait’s internal politics, Kuwait’s political system, and the Houthis. These articles appeared in journals at Kuwait University as well as the Middle East Journal, the British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies, Journal of Arabian Studies and the Muslim World. He has published several chapters in edited books as well.



**Dr. Mohammed Al-Hashimi** has previously held several positions in corporations and government bodies, including serving as Secretary for Diplomatic Affairs and Communications for Qatar’s Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, and as Vice President for Strategic Relations and Director of Public and Government Affairs at ExxonMobil Qatar. Dr. Al-Hashimi earned a Bachelor’s degree in International Affairs from Qatar University, a Master of Science in Development Studies from the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) at the University of London, and a Ph.D. in Political Sociology from Brunel University. His doctoral thesis focused on youth empowerment and capacity building in Qatar. He has published several book chapters and academic papers on the policies and dynamics of development in the Gulf and Middle East.