



Gulf Research Centre Cambridge  
Knowledge for All

## 2018 Gulf Research Meeting

July 31<sup>st</sup> - August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018  
University of Cambridge

### Workshop No. 2

## The Gulf and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation

### Workshop Schedule

#### Workshop directors

**Amb. Talmiz Ahmad**  
Symbiosis School of  
International Studies  
Pune  
India  
[talmiz.ahmad@gmail.com](mailto:talmiz.ahmad@gmail.com)

**Prof. Degang Sun**  
Shanghai International  
Studies University  
China  
[sdgsdg@163.com](mailto:sdgsdg@163.com)

**Prof. Tim Niblock**  
Emeritus Professor of  
Middle Eastern Politics  
University of Exeter  
United Kingdom  
Email: [T.C.Niblock@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:T.C.Niblock@exeter.ac.uk)

*Please note that this is a tentative schedule and that changes may occur until and during the meeting*

#### Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018

---

16.00-18.00    **GRM 2018 Opening at the West Road Music Concert Hall**  
<http://www.westroad.org>

---

18.15            **GRM 2018 Group Picture at King's College**

---

18.30-21:00    **Reception and Gala Dinner at King's College**

---

#### Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018

---

8.30-9.30        **Introduction**

---

09.30-10.15    **Tim Niblock:** "The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation: Structure, Dynamics, and the Role of Gulf States"

Discussant: **Nikolay Kozhanov**

10.15-11.00 **Zhen Yu:** “The Interaction Across Institutional Borders: Research on the Relationship between the Gulf States and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation”

Discussant: **Gaafar Karar Ahmed**

---

11.00-11.20 Coffee break

---

11.20-12.05 **Degang Sun:** “NATO versus SCO: a Comparative Study of Outside Powers’ Military Presence in Central Asia and the Gulf”

Discussant: **Talmiz Ahmad**

---

12.05-12.50 **Philip Gater-Smith:** “The Strategic (Ir) relevance of the SCO: Situating the Gulf and its American Security Umbrella between Economic Interdependence and Geo-Political Rivalry in Asia”

Discussant: **Ayesha Farooq and Mohammad Omair Farooq**

---

13.00-14.15 Lunch break, King’s College (lunch is served at 13.00, please make sure to be there on time)

---

14.30-15.15 **Talmiz Ahmad:** “Promoting SCO-GCC Partnership: Shaping and Pursuing an Indian Initiative”

Discussant: **Wang Tingyi**

---

15.15-16.00 **Pritvi Ram Mudiam:** “The SCO and the Gulf: Will India Prefer Westward Expansion of the SCO or its Consolidation?”

Discussant: **Philip Gater-Smith**

---

16.00-16:30 Coffee break

---

16:30-17.15 **Rasmus Gjedso Bertelsen:** “The GCC-Russia-China Triangle: How Does the New Russian Arctic Supply of LNG to China Affect Gulf LNG Exports?”

GCC-Russia-China LNG triangle: how does new Russian Arctic LNG supply to China affect Gulf LNG exports?

new Russian Arctic LNG supplying China affects GCC LNG exports?

Discussant: **Jun Ding**

---

17.15-17.45 **All participants**  
Wrap-up session and discussion

---

**Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

---

09.15-09.30	<b>Introduction</b>
09.30-10.15	<b>Behzad Shahandeh:</b> “The SCO’s Relations with Iran and their Implication”  Discussant: <b>Zhen Yu</b>
10.15-11.00	<b>Nikolay Kozhanov:</b> “Iran’s Relations with the Republics of Post-Soviet Central Asia through the Prism of the Dialogue between Tehran and the SCO”  Discussant: <b>Degang Sun</b>
11.00-11.20	Coffee break
11.20-12.05	<b>Wang Tingyi (presented by Bao Chengzhang):</b> “Saudi Arabia and the SCO: Challenge or Opportunity?”  Discussant: <b>Jin Wang</b>
12.05-12.50	<b>Jun Ding:</b> “The Diplomatic Strategy of GCC States: a Case Study of Saudi Arabia’s Changing Diplomacy”  Discussant: <b>Rasmus Gjedds Bertelsen</b>
13.00-14.15	Lunch break, King’s College (lunch is served at 13.00, please make sure to be there on time)
14.30-15.15	<b>Gaafar Karar Ahmed:</b> “GCC Countries Membership in the SCO: Myth or Reality”  Discussant: <b>Tim Niblock</b>
15.15-16.00	<b>Ayesha Farooq and Mohammad Omair Farooq:</b> “The Qatar Crisis and the SCO”  Discussant: <b>Behzad Shahandeh</b>
16.00-16.30	Coffee break
16.30-17.00	<b>All participants</b> Wrap-up session and discussion

---

**Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018**

---

08.00-08.45 **Jin Wang:** Counter-Terrorism Cooperation between China and the  
Central Asian States

Discussant: **Pritvi Ram Mudiam**

---

08.45-11.00 **All participants**  
Wrap-up session and discussion

---

11.00-11.30 Coffee

---

11.30-13.00 **All participants**  
Wrap-up session and discussion

---

13. 00-14.30 Light lunch at Hilton Cambridge City Centre

---

**END OF WORKSHOP**