Workshop No. 2

The Gulf and the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation

Workshop Schedule

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

Tuesday, July 31st, 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 1st, 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)


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 Gjedsso Bertelsen: “The GCC-Russia-China Triangle: How Does the New Russian Arctic Supply of LNG to China Affect Gulf LNG Exports?”

Discussant: Jun Ding

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