Workshop 2

Asia and the Gulf

Schedule

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Thursday 12 July

09:00- 10:00  Welcome and Introductory Paper
Tim Niblock and Monica Malik

Gulf-Asia Economic Relations: Pan-Gulf and Pan-Asian Perspectives
Tim Niblock

Discussant: Girijesh Pant

10:00- 11.00  Asian Hydrocarbons Companies and their Involvement in the Gulf
Gareth Stansfield

Discussant: Minxing Huang

The Growing Roles of Asian Pacific Powers in the Gulf: A Saudi Perspective
Naser al-Tamimi

Discussant: Sehar Kamran

11:00- 11:30  Coffee Break
11:30- 12:00  **Iran Pushes Ties with Asia: A Strategic Move or a Matter of Survival?**  
*Sara Bazoobandi*  
Discussant: Bingbing Wu

12:00- 1:00  **Turkey and the Gulf: An Evolving Economic and Political Partnership**  
*Ozlem Tur*  
Discussant: Paulo Botta

**Situating Gulf in India's Engagement with Emerging Asia**  
*Girijesh Pant*  
Discussant: Jackie Armijo

13:00- 14:00  Lunch Break

14:30- 16:00  **India and the Emerging Gulf: Between 'Strategic Balancing' and 'Soft Power' Options**  
*KM Seethi*  
Discussant: Chen Mo

**Rising India in the Gulf and Competition from Asian Powers**  
*Prasanta Pradhan*  
Discussant: Yoshio Minagi

**Small is Beautiful: South Korean-Gulf Relations as an Example of Strategic Engagement by Players in Different Arenas**  
*Joachim Kolb*  
Discussant: Noriko Suzuki

**Chinese and South Korean Relations with Saudi Arabia**  
*Behzad Shahandeh*  
Discussant: Nilly El-Amir

16:00- 16:30  Coffee Break

16:30- 17:00  **China and the Gulf: a Retrospective Survey**  
*Bingbing Wu*  
Discussant: Gareth Stansfield
Friday 13 July

09:00- 11:00  China and Iran: Special and Important Economic Partners
Minxing Huang

Discussant: Nikolay Kozhanov

China and the Gulf: A Retrospective Survey
Bingbing Wu

Discussant: Gareth Stansfield

The Economic Relations between China and GCC in post Financial Crisis Era
Chen Mo

Discussant: Behzad Shahandeh

Aligning Asian Muslims, Targeting Arab Trade: China's Ningxia as the Islamic Hub for China-Arab Connections
Wai-Yip Ho

Discussant: Namie Tsujigami

11:00- 11:30  Coffee Break

11:30- 13:00  Russia and the Countries of the Persian Gulf: The Main Principles of the Political and Economic Dialogue
Nikolay Kozhanov

Discussant: Ozlem Tur

The GCC and Iran in the Azeri Foreign Policy Agenda
Paulo Botta

Discussant: Sara Bazoobandi

Pakistan and Gulf Region – Historical Perspective and Future Trends
Sehar Kamran

Discussant: Joachim Kolb

13:00- 14:00  Lunch Break

14:30- 16:00  Beyond Food for Fuel: The Little Red Dot in GCC-ASEAN Relations
Sofiah Jamil

Discussant: Ichsan Intan
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**Three Decades of GCC–Indonesian Trade and Investment Relation: Predicaments and the Lost Opportunities**<br>
*Ichsan Intan*

Discussant: Mohamed Abu-Hussin

**Leveraging Arab Gulf Market: What Determines Malaysia’s Interest in the GCC Economy?**<br>
*Mohamed Abu-Hussin*

Discussant: Sofiah Jamil