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Workshop 11

The Consequences of the Kurdistan Independence Referendum: Relations between KRG – Iran/ the GCC

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 16th, 2019

8.30-9.30	Introduction
09.30-10.15	Inna Rudolf: Illuminating the Popular Shadow over Erbil – Baghdad Relations Discussant: Deniz Chific
10.15-11.00	Abdulla Al Sabah : The impact of KRG referendum and its regional consequences Nation-state Dilemma approach Discussant: Inna Rudolf
11.00-11.20	Coffee break
11.20-12.05	Prem Anand Mishra: Kurdish Referendum and Great Power Politics: Regional Response and Global Concern Discussant: Abdulla A Al Sanah
12.05-12.50	Sinem Çengiz: Saudi foreign policy towards KRG in the post-2003 era: Assessing Iran's role A neo-classical realist approach Discussant: Sherko Kirmanj

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 **Handren Ahmed:** Iraqi-Kurds from political stability to political upheaval; 2005 - 2017.

Discussant: **Shiraz Ibrahim**

15.15-16.00 **Amjed Rasheed:** The KRI Alliance Making in a Fragmented Regional Order

Discussant: **Sinem Cengiz**

16.00-16:30 Coffee break

16:30-17.30 **All participants**
Wrap-up session and discussion

Wednesday, July 17th, 2019

08.30-09.30 **Introduction**

09.30-10.15 **Sherko Kirmanj:** Iran's relation with Kurds in Iraq: An analysis of Iran's position on the 2017 Kurdish Referendum

Discussant: **Kate Hashmi**

10.15-11.00 **Ari Mamshae:** UAE and Qatar Position on Kurdistan's Independence

Discussant: **Jafar Ahmed**

11.00-11.20 Coffee break

11.20-12.05 **Kate Hashmi:** The KRG's Independence Referendum: A Turning Point in Iranian-(Iraqi)Kurdish Relations?

Discussant: **Sherko Karmanj**

12.05-12.50 **Jafar Ahmed:** The Impact of 'Āshūrā' Rituals on Shi'a-Sunni Relations in Iraq

Discussant: **Ari Mamshae**

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 **Sheraz Ibrahim :** Did the US and the UK left behind the Kurds for the Kurdistan independence? Assessing the importance of United States and United Kingdom approach towards the Kurdistan independence.

Discussant: **Abdulla A Al Sanah:**

15.15-16.00 **Deniz Çifçi** : The Factors Keeping the Islamic State Alive in Iraq and the Kurdistan Region: Ideology, Sectarianism and the Vacuum of Authority
Discussant: **Prem Anand Mishra**

16.00-16.30 Coffee break

16.30-17.30 **All participants**
Wrap-up session and discussion
(or paper presentation)

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