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Workshop No 12

Title

The Role of Sovereign Investment Vehicles in 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

9.00-9.30 **Introduction**

Juergen Braunstein & Mattia Tomba

PANEL 1: Strategies of Gulf SWFs

09.30-10.15 **Hela Miniaoui:** Gulf Sovereign Wealth Funds: Building an Economic Diversification Strategy

Discussant: **Fahad Al-Marri**

10.15-11.00 **Arianne Caoili:** Strategic Foresight Planning

Discussant: **Piotr Wisniewski**

11.00-11.20 Coffee break

PANEL 2: Domestic drivers behind SWF strategies

11.20-12.30 **Juergen Braunstein**, Book presentation on Capital Choices: Domestic Politics and the Variation of Sovereign Wealth

Discussant: **Mattia Tomba**

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

Panel 3: Future Diversification Strategies and domestic constraints

14.30-15.15 **Oliver McPherson-Smith**: The Diverse Domestic and International Strategies of Saudi Arabia's PIF, (via video-conference)

Discussant: **Arianne Caoili**

15.15-15.45 **Pat Schena and Elliot Kalter**: Stress-tested: Oil Shocks, Liquidity Buffers, and the Strategic Fiscal Role of GCC SWFs (via video-conference)

Discussant: **Hela Miniaoui**

16.00-16:30 Coffee break

16.30-17.00 **Wrap-up session and discussion (All participants)**

Wednesday, July 17th, 2019

09.00-09.30 **Introduction**

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PANEL 4: GCC Investments 2.0

09.30-10.15 **Piotr Wisniewski:** GCC sovereign wealth funds (SWFs) as a catalyst for foreign direct investment (FDI) in the Gulf,

Discussant: **Hussein Bina**

10.15-11.00 **Fahad Al-Marri:** To what extent has the sovereign wealth fund assisted Qatar's security and foreign policy in resisting the blockade?

Discussant: **Mattia Tomba**

11.00-11.20 Coffee break

Panel 5: Gulf SWFs in the Global Energy Transition

11.20-12.45 **Hussein Bina:** The Ticking Clock of Climate Change: Diversifying Economies in the GCC and the Role of Sovereign Wealth Funds,

Discussant and Intervention: Juergen Braunstein
Does it make sense to invest into renewables for GCC countries?

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

14:15-15:00 **Ibrahim Onour:** The role of GCC sovereign wealth funds in GCC capital markets' integration

Discussant: **Arianne Caoili**

15:00-15:30 **Wrap-up session and discussion: Next Steps**

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