

Workshop No 3

Business-State Relations in the Gulf

Workshop Schedule

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Tuesday, July 16th, 2019

8.30-9.30 **Introduction:** Opening remarks by Don Babai and Manal Shehabi

Session 1: Government Dominance and Policy Outcomes

09.30-10.15 **Ashraf Mishrif** : Industrial policy in GCC countries

Discussant: Noor Alabbas

10.15-11.00 **Sara Bazoobandi**: Mandatory reforms in state-business relations in Iran and Saudi Arabia: Market, education and good governance

Discussant: Amna Sadiq

11.00-11.20 Coffee break

Session 2: State-Business Relations and the Labor Market

11.20-12.05 **Rashid Faridi**: Manpower and private sector in Saudi Arabia: Litmus test of Nitaqat and other legislations

Discussant: Cian Mulligan

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12.05-12.50 **Noor Alabbas:** The role of Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry in labour market policy process in Bahrain between 2002 and 2016

Discussant: Radwa Radwan

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 **Cian Mulligan:** Private sector wage dynamics in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Discussant: Muhanna Al Zuheimi

15.15-16.00 **Discussion**

16.00-16:30 Coffee break

16:30-17.00 **All participants**
Wrap-up session and discussion

Wednesday, July 17th, 2019

08.30-08.45 **Introduction**

Session 3: Government Role(s) in Energy Transition

08.45-9.30 **Muhanna Al Zuheimi:** Open collaboration in the renewable energy sector: The case of Oman and the UAE

Discussant: Feras Klenk

09.30-10.15 **K. J. Sreekanth:** Toward a sustainable power system in Kuwait

Discussant: Ashraf Mishrif

10.15-11.00 **June Park:** Energy contest in the Gulf: The role of the state in East Asian-Gulf energy transactions in post-ISIS Iraq

Discussant: Rashid Faridi

11.00-11.20 Coffee break

Session 4: Market Integration and Capital

11.20-12.05 **Amna Sadiq:** Invisible barriers for GCC market integration in light of the political economy of the region

Discussant: Sara Bazoobandi

12.05-12.50 **Feras Klenk:** The political economy of timid capital: Business and state relations in Oman

Discussant: Gertjan Hoetjes

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

Session 5: Pathways to Economic Sustainability and Diversification

14.30-15.15 **Helen Avery:** How to manage change creatively: Unravelling the conundrum of business-state relations

Discussant: Tom Moerenhout

15.15-16.00 **Radwa Radwan:** The role of the private sector in economic diversification in the UAE

Discussant: June Park

16.00-16.30 Coffee break

16.30-17.30 **All participants**
Wrap-up session and discussion

Thursday, July 18th, 2019

08.30-08.45 **Introduction**

Session 6: Beyond Rentierism?

08.45-9.30 **Tom Moerenhout:** A rentier state's great chaotic transformation

Discussant: Helen Avery

09.30-10.15 **Gertjan Hoetjes:** Business-state relations and the transition towards a 'post-rentier state' in Kuwait

Discussant: K. J. Sreekanth

10.15-11.00 **All participants**
Wrap-up session and discussion

11.00-11.30 Coffee break

13.00-14.30 Light lunch at Hilton Cambridge City Centre
