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Workshop No 4

Domestic Policy Making and Governance in Saudi Arabia

Workshop Schedule

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

45 minutes per session: 15 minutes presentation, 5 minutes discussant and 25 minutes general group discussion

Tuesday, July 16th, 2019

9.00-9.30	Workshop Directors: “Introduction”
09.30-10.15	Ammar Malik “How is evidence used for policymaking in Saudi Arabia? Lessons from Harvard's engagements in human capital development and labour policy” Discussant: Wareed Alenaini
10.15-11.00	Faris Al-Sulayman & Makio Yamada: “How Can Saudi Arabia Better Coordinate Divergent Economic Reform Agendas?” Discussant: Ammar Malik
11.00-11.20	Coffee break

11.20-12.05 **Abdullah Alsabban:** “Understanding project failure using agency theory: the case of a high-speed rail mega-project in Saudi Arabia”

Discussant: **David Des Roches**

12.05-12.50 **David Des Roches:** “ Beyond the Glitter Factor: Building Defense Capacity in Salman’s Saudi Arabia”

Discussant: **Abdullah Alsabban**

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 **Hanaa Almoaibed:** “ Vocational Education and Training in Saudi Arabia: How Decisions about TVET Can Help Align Education Policies with Young People’s Aspirations”

Discussant: **Sophie Olver-Ellis**

15.15-16.00 **Sophie Olver-Ellis:** “Engaging and Meeting the Aspirations of the Youth in Saudi Arabia: Platforms of Participation in the Kingdom’s Transforming Political Economy”

Discussant: **Hanaa Almoaibed**

16.00-16:30 Coffee break

16:30-17.15 **Wareed Alenaini** “In-depth analysis of obesity causes and proposed innovative solutions”

Discussant: **Makio Yamada**

Wednesday, July 17th, 2019

09:15-09.30 **Workshop Directors:** Recap & Comments

09.30-10.15 **David Jones:** “King-Makers or Knaves? The Role of Consultants in Domestic Policy Making and Governance in Saudi Arabia”

Discussants: **Faris Al-Sulayman**

10.15-11.00 **Jim Krane:** “Last Man Standing: Global Climate Action and Saudi Reaction”

Discussant: **Aisha Al-Sarihi**

11.00-11.20 Coffee break

11.20-12.05	Aisha Al-Sarihi: “Climate change governance in Saudi Arabia: integrity, politics, challenges and opportunities” Discussant: Jim Krane
12.05-12.50	Tobias Zumbärgel: “In Search of Legitimation: Environmental Policy making in Saudi Arabia” Discussant: Abdulrahman A. Alkhalaf
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	Jessica Obeid: “Energy Governance: is the new meeting the old in Saudi Arabia's energy industries?” Discussant: Omid Shokri Kalehsar
15.15-16.00	Omid Shokri Kalehsar: “Challenges and Opportunities in Saudi Arabia Energy Transition” Discussant: Jessica Obeid
16.00-16.30	Coffee break
16.30-17.15	Abdulrahman A. Alkhalaf: “Characteristics of Saudi Arabia’s oil policy and implications on local economy” Discussant: Tobias Zumbärgel
17.15-18.00	All participants: Wrap-up session and publication discussion

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