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Emerging Challenges in International Relations and Transnational Politics of the GCC

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

Tuesday, July 16th, 2019

8.30-9.30	Introduction
09.30-10.00	Máté Szalai “Applying small state theory to the Gulf region – challenges, limitations and results” Discussants: Andrew Leber & Tyler Parker
10.00-10.30	Tyler Parker “Intrinsic Power of the Small Sheikdoms: Assessing Bilateral GCC Relations” Discussants: Máté Szalai & Andrew Leber
10.30-11.00	Andrew Leber “Mr. Otaiba Goes to Washington: Amplification and Persuasion in Small-State Diplomacy” Discussants: Tyler Parker & Máté Szalai
11.00-11.20	Coffee break
11.20-11.50	Abdalla Altayer “The Impact of Social Media on International Relations: The Case of Qatar-GCC Crisis” Discussants: Luíza Cerioli & Frank Tetart

11.50-12.20	Luíza Cerioli “A personalistic ruler among the House of Saud: understanding MBS’s choices on foreign policy and its effects on the country’s image” Discussants: Frank Tetart & Abdalla Altayer
12.20-12.50	Frank Tetart “The Gulf monarchies: Promoting their image to impact the world” Discussants: Abdalla Altayer & Luíza Cerioli
13.00-14.15	Lunch break, King’s College (lunch is served at 13.00, please make sure to be there on time)
14.30-15.00	Jocelyn Sage Mitchell “Transnational Identity and the Diplomatic Crisis: Changing Narratives of Belonging in Qatar” Discussants: Abdulla Al-Etaibi & Kristin Diwan
15.00-15.30	Abdulla Al-Etaibi “Transnational Identity and Foreign Policy: Tribal Identity and the Gulf Crisis” Discussants: Kristin Diwan & Jocelyn Sage Mitchell
15.30-16.00	Kristin Diwan “Transnational Islamic politics of the Gulf countries” Discussants: Jocelyn Sage Mitchell & Abdulla Al-Etaibi
16.00-16:30	Coffee break
16:30-17.30	All participants Wrap-up session and discussion

Wednesday, July 17th, 2019

8.30-9.30	Introduction
09.30-10.00	Karen Young “Master Developers: Gulf Export of Aid and Development” Discussants: Camille Lons & Hasan Alhasan
10.00-10.30	Camille Lons “The geopolitics of trade routes and infrastructures in the Gulf: rethinking the role of connectivity in the region’s rivalries” Discussants: Hasan Alhasan & Karen Young
10.30-11.00	Hasan Alhasan “Explaining Policy Adoption Patterns in the GCC: The Case of US Free Trade Agreement Negotiations” Discussants: Karen Young & Camille Lons
11.00-11.20	Coffee break

11.20-11.50	Becca Wasser “Military Reform in the GCC” Discussants: Florence Gaub & Jean-Loup Samaan
11.50-12.20	Florence Gaub “From Open Space to New Frontier: Gulf Air Sovereignty Emerging?” Discussants: Jean-Loup Samaan & Becca Wasser
12.20-12.50	Jean-Loup Samaan “Defense Cooperation in the Arabian Peninsula: Towards the Marginalization of the GCC?” Discussants: Becca Wasser & Florence Gaub
13.00-14.15	Lunch break, King’s College (lunch is served at 13.00, please make sure to be there on time)
14.30-15.00	David Goldfischer “From Hegemon to Wildcard: U.S. Disarray and Gulf Insecurity” Discussants: Loubna Madani & Yuting Wang
15.00-15.30	Yuting Wang “Perceptions of China’s “Soft Power” in the United Arab Emirates: A Cross-sectional Study” Discussants: David Goldfischer & Loubna Madani
15.30-16.00	Loubna Madani “Regional instability and the new assertiveness of UAE through alliance dynamics” Discussants: Yuting Wang & David Goldfischer
16.00-16:30	Coffee break
16:30-17.30	All participants Wrap-up session and discussion

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