

**Workshop No. 1**

**“A Peace Process for the Gulf:**

**International Initiatives and Gulf Conflict Resolution**

**Workshop Schedule**

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## **Tuesday, 16 July, 2019**

**8.30-9.30 am:** Introduction

**9.30-10.00 am:** Talmiz Ahmad: "Shaping a Peace Process for the Gulf: An Indian Initiative to Realise the Ideas of Westphalia"

**Discussant:** Philip Gater-Smith

**10.00-10.30 am:** Erzsebet Rozsa: "Is a Westphalian peace arrangement possible in the Persian Gulf? The social construct behind war and peace"

**Discussant:** Maged Botros Salib

**10.30-11.00 am:** Ozlen Tur: "Turkey's Role in Middle East and Gulf Security"

**Discussant:** Sergey Kostelyanyets

**11.00-11.30:** Coffee Break

**11.30-12.00 noon:** Shady Mansour and Basma Eletreby: "Searching for Peace amid Contesting Visions of Regional Order in the Middle East"

**Discussant:** N Janardhan

**12.00-12.30 pm:** Maged Botros Salib: "'Saudi Arabia-Iran: Rivalry over Gulf Hegemony in a Fluid and Transitional Global System"

**Discussant:** Khurram Abbas

**12.30-1.00 pm:** Jian Wei Han: “Iranian Rouhani Administration's Peace Initiative to GCC: Effects and Restrictions”

**Discussant:** Talmiz Ahmad

**1.00-2.15 pm: Lunch -King’s College**

**2.30-3.00 pm:** Shivale Lawale: “Countering and Preventing Violent Extremism through Education: A Vital Element in the Peace Process for the Gulf”

**Discussant:** Mahnaz Zahirnejad

**3.00-3.30 pm:** Anna Grichting Solder and Maryam Alfaraidy: “Blue Bridges – Blue Peace. The Gulf Eco Gateway: Transboundary Planning for Peace and Biodiversity Conservation”

**Discussant:** Saba Fatima

**3.30-4.00 pm:** Shubhda Chaudhary: “The Manufactured Clash: Role of Arab state-media in conflict resolution in the Gulf”

**Discussant:** Umer Karim

**4.00-4.30: Coffee Break**

**4.30-5.30 pm:** All participants – Wrap-up session and discussion

## Wednesday, 17 July, 2019

**8.30-9.30 am:** Introduction

**9.30-10.00 am:** Khurram Abbas: “Passive Mediation in Persian Gulf Conflicts: Analysis of Pakistan’s Peace Initiatives”

**Discussant:** Jianwei Han

**10.00-10.30 am:** Sergey Kostelyanyets: “Russia's Peace Initiatives in the MENA Region: Evaluation and Prospects”

**Discussant:** Anna Grichting Solder

**10.30-11.00 am:** Jun Ding: “The Chinese Perspectives and Wisdom on Conflict Resolution in the Gulf Area”

**Discussant:** Priya Ranjan Kumar

**11.00-11.30:** Coffee break

**11.30-12.00 noon:** Aisha Hadi Al Rashdi: “Bahraini 2011 Uprising, and the Regime’s Securitization of Sectarianism as a Survival Mechanism”

**Discussant:** Syed Tahseen Reza

**12.00-12.30 pm:** Umer Karim: “Ideological Polarity and Decision makers Perceptions: Under-balancing in the Middle East”

**Discussant:** Itxaso Dominguez de Olazabel

**12.30-1.00 pm:** Mahnaz Zahirnejad: “Regional Integration and Conflict Prevention: The Middle East Gas Pipelines”

**Discussant:** Shubhda Chaudhry

**1.00 – 2.15 pm:** Lunch Break – King’s College

**2.30-3.00 pm:** Itxaso Dominguez de Olazabal: “On the past, present and future of the so-called ‘outside-in’ approach to Israel-Palestine, with a particular focus on Saudi Arabia”

**Discussant:** Shivali Lawale

**3.00-3.30 pm:** N Janardhan: “BRI as a diplomatic and security tool in the Gulf”

**Discussant:** Aisha Hadi Al Rashdi

**3.30-4.00:** Saba Fatima: “Security Dynamics and the Role of Turkey in the Gulf and Middle East Region”

**Discussant:** Ozlem Tur

**4.00-4.30: Coffee break**

**4.30 -5.30:** Wrap-up session/ discussion

**Thursday, 18 July, 2019**

**8.30-9.30 am:** Introduction

**9.30-10.00 am:** Syed Tahseen Reza: “Towards Sustainable Peace in the Gulf: Localisation and Regionalisation of Conflict Resolution - Theory, Practices and Prospects

**Discussant:** Shady Mansour

**10.00-10.30:** Priya Ranjan Kumar: “Comprehensive Security Regime in Gulf Region: Prospects and Challenges”

**Discussant:** Xuming Qian

**10.30-11.00:** Philip Gater-Smith: “Asia and the Saudi-Iranian “Cold War”: The Desirability of Non-Alignment, the Prospects for Détente, and the Chances of an Asian Peace Initiative.

**Discussant:** Erzsebet Rozsa

**11.00-11.30: Coffee break**

**11.30-12 noon:** Fazzur Rehman: “The Imperative of Conflict Resolutions in Yemen: The Roles of External Powers” [Presented by Talmiz Ahmad]

**Discussant:** Jun Ding

**12.00-1:00 pm:** Wrap up session

**1.00-2.30 pm:** Light lunch at Hilton Cambridge City Centre