

Workshop No. 4

Industrial Policies in the Gulf and the Middle East

Workshop Schedule

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Please note: this is a tentative schedule and changes may up to and during the meeting

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

9:00-9:45 **Introduction:** Opening remarks by Don Babai and John Sfakianakis

9:45-10:45 **Náder Alyani and Noel Brehony:** Right-Skilling for the Gulf 's New Industrial Policies: Bridging the Disconnection of the Digital and Green Industries' Demands for the Next Decade

Discussant: Helen Avery

10:45-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-12:30 **Reda Cherif, Fuad Hasanov, and Madi Sarsenbayev:** Call of Duty: Making Industrial Policy for the Post-Oil Era

Discussants: Ashraf Mishrif and Susan Reyes Kurdli

12:45-14:30 Lunch break, King's College. (Lunch is served at 13.00. As it will be a 15- to 20-minute walk, please make sure to be there on time.)

14:45-15:45 **Sterling Jensen and Stephen Mezias:** Industrial Policies in the Gulf

Discussant: Omar Al-Ubaydli

15:45-16:45 **Ashraf Mishrif:** Rejuvenation of Industrial Policy During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Discussants: Reda Cherif and Fuad Hasanov

16:45-17:15 Coffee break

Thursday, July 14, 2023

9:00-9:15 Introduction

9:15-10:15 **Thamer M. Zaidan AL-Ani:** How to Achieve a Developed, Competitive and Industrial Economy for Saudi Arabia

Discussants: Nader Alyani and Noel Brehony

10:15-11:15 **Omar Al-Ubaydli:** From Hands Off to Hands On: The Evolution of Bahrain's Industrial Policy During the 21st Century

Discussants: Sterling Jensen and Stephen Mezias

11:15-11:45 Coffee break

12:45-14:30 Lunch, King's College. (Lunch is served at 13.00. As it will be a 15- to 20-minute walk, please make sure to be there on time.)

14:45-15:45 **Susan Reyes Kurdli:** Why Diversification-Oriented Industrialization Varies Across Resource-Rich Countries: The Case of MENA

Discussant: Nader Alyani and Noel Brehony

15:45-16:45 **Helen Avery:** Investment and Risk: Rationales and Dynamics of Public, Private, and Foreign Investment Strategies in the Gulf

Discussant: Amirah El-Haddad

16:45-17:15 Coffee break

17:15-18:00 **All participants**
Wrap-up session and discussion of key question:
Where do we go from here?

19:00 Dinner at King's College