

Workshop No. 2

The GCC between the Kurdistan Region and Iraq

Workshop Schedule

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Wednesday, 10 July 2024

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| 9:00-9:15 | Introduction |
| 9:15-10:00 | Paper One Ibrahim Aziz (Salahaddin University, Erbil, Iraq): “Post-Referendum Power-Sharing Arrangements in Iraq: Assessing the Influence of Iran and the US” Discussant: Ara Miran (Lebanese French University, Iraq) |
| 10:00-10:45 | Paper Two Saman Omar (University of Duhok and Universiti Utara Malaysia, Iraq): “Terrorism as a Non-Traditional Security Threat Post 9/11: Implications for Kurdistan Region of Iraq Security” Discussant: Hazha Yahia (Knowledge University, Iraq) |
| 10.45-11.15 | Coffee break |

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- 11:15-12:00 **Paper Three**
**Elizabeth Apple (The Ohio State University, United States),
Henry Leverett (The Ohio State University, United States):**
“Iran’s Underlying Strategic Influences Via Proxy Forces in
Kurdistan Regions and Iraq”
- Discussant: Ibrahim Aziz (Salahaddin University, Erbil, Iraq)
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- 12:00-12:45 **Paper Four**
**Miroslav Zafirov (New Bulgarian University/United Nations,
Bulgaria):** “Qatar – a Reliable Foreign Policy Player?”
- Discussant: Betul Dogan Akkas (Ankara University, Turkey)
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- 12:45-14:30 Lunch break (lunch is served at 13.00, please make sure to be there
on time as it will roughly be a 15/20 minutes walk to King’s
College)
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- 14:30-15:15 **Paper Five**
Haley Bobseine (King’s College London, United Kingdom):
“Saudi Arabia-Iraq’s Improving Security Relations: Opportunities,
Challenges, and the question of Armed Factions”
- Discussant: Miroslav Zafirov (New Bulgarian University/United
Nations, Bulgaria)
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- 15:15-16:00 **Paper Six**
**Ruslan Mamedov (Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian
Academy of Sciences, Russia):** “Baghdad’s Non-Western Foreign
Policy — Towards Strategic Autonomy?”
- Discussant: Haley Bobseine (King’s College London, United
Kingdom)
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- 16:00-16:30 Coffee break
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- 16:30-17:15 **Paper Seven**
Pascal Bernhard (Middle East Magazine Zenith, Germany):
“The Emirates’ stance: Can the KDP become a main ally for the
UAE and the GCC countries?”
- Discussant: Sterling Jensen (Mohamed Bin Zayed University for
Humanities, United Arab Emirates)
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17:15-18:00 **Paper Eight**
Sterling Jensen (Mohamed Bin Zayed University for Humanities, United Arab Emirates): “Building Religious Tolerance in Society: Shared Interests among Gulf States, Iraq, and KRG in Promoting Religious Tolerance”

Discussant: Ruslan Mamedov (Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia)

END OF FIRST DAY

Thursday, 11 July 2024

09:00-09:15 **Workshop Summary for Day 1**

09:15-10:00 **Paper Nine**
Zubir Ahmed (Salahaddin University, Erbil, Iraq): “KRI and GCC Countries: Evolving Relations

Discussant: Hemayun Akhtar Nazmi (Jamia Millia Islaima, New Delhi, India)

10:00-10:45 **Paper Ten**
Sheraz Ibrahim (Lebanese French University, Iraq): “Advancing KRI relationship with GCC in establishing a national legal framework on international crimes”

Discussant: Zubir Ahmed (Salahaddin University, Erbil, Iraq)

10:45-11:15 Coffee break

11:15-12:00 **Paper Eleven**
Salar Ismael (Soran University, Iraq): “The Role of Gulf Countries in Contemporary Constitutional Issues between the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) and Baghdad”

Discussant: Sheraz Ibrahim (Lebanese French University, Iraq)

12:00-12:45 **Paper Twelve**
Hemayun Akhtar Nazmi (Jamia Millia Islaima, New Delhi, India), Saiyad Shahnawaz (Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, India): “The impact of Kurdish Nationalism in Iraq and GCC Countries post 2017 Referendum”

Discussant: Salar Ismael (Soran University, Iraq)

12:45-14:30 Lunch break at workshop venues

14:30-13:15 **Paper Thirteen**
Hazha Yahia (Knowledge University, Iraq), Ara Miran (Lebanese French University, Iraq): “The role of cyber security in protecting the Kurdistan Region of Iraq against cyber threats, and its impact on Gulf States”

Discussant: Saman Omar (University of Duhok and Universiti Utara Malaysia, Iraq)

13:15-16:00 **Paper Fourteen**
Betul Dogan Akkas (Ankara University, Turkey): “Qatar-KRG Relations: An Emerging Multilayered Diplomacy”

Discussant: Hassan Hussein (Soran University, Iraq)

16:00-16:45 **Paper Fifteen**
Hassan Hussein (Soran University, Iraq), Ahmed Bzhar (Soran University, Iraq): “Targeting Sovereignty: A Study of Drone Warfare and Its Implications for Iraq and the Kurdistan Region”

Discussant: Elizabeth Apple (The Ohio State University, United States)

16:45-17:15 **Paper Sixteen**
Anuradha Jangra (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi India): “The Federal Dimension in the UAE’s Engagement with the KRG and Iraq”

Discussant: Pascal Bernhard (Middle East Magazine Zenith, Germany)

17:15-17:35 **Publication Plans, Questionnaires, Conclusion**
All participants and authors

END OF SECOND DAY

DINNER JULY 11TH 19:00 (BST) AT KING’S COLLEGE