



## **EU-GCC Regional Security Cooperation Lessons Learned & Future Challenges**

**28-29 October 2013**

**New Library Building, Qatar University (Doha, Qatar)**

**Monday, 28 October 2013**

<b>13:00</b>	<b>Networking Lunch and Registration</b>
<b>14:00</b>	<b>Welcome address and conference introduction</b> Representatives from Qatar University and the Sharaka project
<b>14:30</b>	<b>Keynote speeches</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Dr Abdullah Bishara</b>, President of the Diplomatic Centre of Strategic Studies (Kuwait City, Kuwait)</li><li>• <b>Michael Gahler</b>, Member of the European Parliament, Group of the European People's Party (Brussels, Belgium)</li></ul> Q&A session
<b>15:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>15:45</b>	<b>Plenary Session 1</b> <b>RISING POWERS AND THE CHALLENGES TO REGIONAL GOVERNANCE FROM DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES</b> Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Dr Khalid Almezaini</b>, Assistant Professor, Gulf Studies Program, College of Arts and Sciences, Qatar University (Doha, Qatar)</li><li>• <b>Dr Mehran Kamrava</b>, Director, Center for International and Regional Studies and Professor, School of Foreign Service in Qatar, Georgetown University (Doha, Qatar)</li><li>• <b>Dr Ayman Khalil</b>, Director, Arab Institute for Security Studies (Amman, Jordan)</li><li>• <b>Prof. Matteo Legrenzi</b>, President Elect Italian Association for Middle Eastern Studies (SeSaMO) and Associate Professor, Ca' Foscari University of Venice (Venice, Italy)</li><li>• <b>Dr Rolf Schwarz</b>, Political Officer, Middle East and North Africa Section, Political Affairs and Security Policy Division, NATO Headquarters (Brussels, Belgium)</li></ul> Chair: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Dr Steven Wright</b>, Associate Professor of International Relations and Gulf Studies, Qatar University (Doha, Qatar)</li></ul> Q&A session
<b>17:45</b>	<b>Closing of day 1</b> <i>Preparation of day 2 incl. division of conference participants into working groups</i>
<b>18:00</b>	<b>End of day 1</b>
<b>20:00</b>	<b>Networking dinner</b>

09:30 am

**Working Groups on different security issues – First Session**

**I. EU-GCC partnership: Facing global challenges**

Paper 1: International Political Threats

- **Dr Guido Steinberg**, Senior Associate, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP) - German Institute for International and Security Affairs (Berlin, Germany)

Paper 2: Cyber Security - Threats by state and non state actors

- **Dr Eneken Tikk-Ringas**, Senior Fellow, International Institute for Strategic Studies – Middle East office (Manama, Bahrain)

Chair:

- **Dr Mustafa Alani**, Senior Advisor and Program Director in Security and Defence Studies, Gulf Research Center (Dubai, United Arab Emirates)

**II. Food and Energy security**

Paper 1: Food security - a potential cause for cooperation or conflict?

- **Dr Ralf Klingbeil**, Regional Advisor Environment and Water, UN ESCWA - United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (Beirut, Lebanon)

Paper 2: GCC Energy Security Issues & Potential for EU Cooperation

- **Dr Naji Abi-Aad**, Senior Advisor, Petroleb (Beirut, Lebanon)

Chair:

- **Dr Zahra Babar**, Assistant Director of Research, Center for International and Regional Studies, Georgetown University – School of Foreign Service in Qatar (Doha, Qatar)

**III. The cases of Syria and Yemen and their impact on international / EU-GCC relations**

Paper 1: The war in Syria and its impact on international and EU-GCC relations

- **Dr Adham Saouli**, Lecturer and Programme Director, School of Social and Political Science, University of Edinburgh (Edinburgh, UK)

Paper 2: Instability in Yemen and its impact on international and EU-GCC relations

- **Dr Ahmed Saif**, Executive Director, Sheba Center for Strategic Studies (Sana'a, Yemen)

Chair:

- **Dr Ibrahim Sharqieh**, Deputy Director of the Brookings Doha Center (Doha, Qatar)

11:00

**Coffee Break**

11:15

**Working Groups – Second Session**

12:30

**Lunch Break**

13:30

**Working Groups Reports**

14:00

**Plenary Session 2**

**THE FUTURE OF EU-GCC SECURITY COOPERATION**

Panellists:

- **Prof. Saleh Almani**, Dean, College of Law and Political Science, King Saud University; Senior Consultant to the GCC Secretariat (Riyadh, KSA)

- **Dr Ebtessam Al Kitbi**, Professor, Faculty of Human and Social Sciences, UAE University (Al Ain, UAE)

- **Dr Geoffrey Edwards**, Senior Fellow, Department of Politics & International Studies (POLIS), University of Cambridge (Cambridge, UK)

- **Prof. Carlo Masala**, Professor, Bundeswehr University Munich (Munich, Germany)

Chair:

- **Dr Remi Piet**, Assistant Professor of Public Policy, Department of International Affairs, College of Arts and Sciences, Qatar University (Doha, Qatar)

Q&A session

16:00

**Conclusions and Closing remarks**

**Dr Abdullah Baabood**, Director, Gulf Studies Program, College of Arts and Sciences, Qatar University (Doha, Qatar)

16:30

**End of the conference**