

The 10th Annual International Interdisciplinary Conference of the Gulf Studies Center in the College of Arts and Sciences at Qatar University:

### **Bridging Tradition and Progress: Social Transformation Trends in the GCC States**

- 16 17 November 2025
- 9 8:30 am 3:00 pm (Doha Time)
- Qatar University, College of Law Building (109), Auditorium (B239)







# The 10th Annual International Interdisciplinary Conference Schedule Bridging Tradition and Progress: Social Transformation Trends in the GCC States First Day Program November 16, 2025

#### **Opening Ceremony and Welcoming Remarks**

8:30 - 9:00 Registration

• Mr. Mubrak Al- Kubaisi- MC

9:00 - 9:30

Dr. Fatima Al-Kubaisi

Dean of College of Arts and Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences- Qatar University

• Dr. Maryam Al Kuwari
Director of the Gulf Studies Center, College of Arts and Sciences - Qatar University

#### Panel 1 - Economic Development and Social Change

Moderator: Dr. Mazhar Al-Zoubi, Director of Student Data Analysis, Evaluation, and Planning - Qatar University

• Prof. Yagoub Al-Kandari

Director of Center of the Gulf & Arabian Peninsula Studies - Kuwait University

Economic Development and Social Change: A Study of Social Changes in Kuwaiti Family Structure

9:30 - 10:30

11:00 - 11:40

Prof. Haider Saeed

Director of Gulf and Arabian Peninsula Studies Unit - Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies The Middle Class and Political Development in the Arab Gulf Countries

Dr. Maryam Al Kuwari

Director of Gulf Studies Center, College of Arts and Sciences - Qatar University

The Securitization of Citizenship Policies in the GCC: Drivers & Implications for State -Society Relations

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

Panel 2 – The Legislative Frameworks in Building National Identities in the GCC States Moderator: Dr. Aisha Al-Rashidi, Head of Department of International Affairs, College of Arts and Sciences - Qatar University

Prof. Hassan Al-Sayed

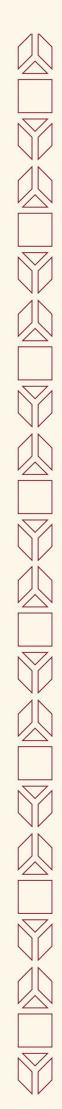
Professor of Public Law, College of Law - Qatar University

The Philosophy of Law in Social Cohesion and Integration: A Study of Nationality Laws in the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries

• Mr. Mohammed Al-Kubaisi

Judge and PhD candidate, College of Law - Qatar University

The Legislative Framework of Linguistic Security as a Tool to Protect National Identity in GCC Countries





11:40 – 12:50 Lunch Break

Panel 3 - Policies and Practices in Preserving the Gulf's Cultural Traditions

Moderator: Dr. Hamad Al Ghadeed , Humanities Department, College of Arts and Sciences - Qatar University

#### • Dr. AlAnood AlShaikh

Cultural Advisor and Regional Expert at the UNESCO

The Role and Impact of Heritage Practitioners within a Tribal Structure on the Interpretation and Presentation of National Heritage

#### Dr. Constantine Andoniou

Associate Professor of Education and the Chair of the Department of Education and Social Sciences - Abu Dhabi University

12:50 - 14:15

Algorithmic Heritage: Al Modernization and Cultural Identity in the Gulf States

#### Prof. Andrew Gardner

Professor of Anthropology, University of Puget Sound - USA

A New Vista Point on Transnational Labor Migration to the Qatari Peninsula

#### Mr. Said Al Hashmi

PhD Candidate - Huston University, USA

Past, History, Heritage: A Preliminary Approach to the Contradictions of the Present and Questions of the Future in the Arab Gulf Countries

### Panel 4 - The Role of Family and Marriage Institutions in Social Development

Moderator: Dr. Noora Al Mannai, Director of SESRI- Qatar University

#### • Dr. Noora Al Saai

Assistant Professor at the College of Law - Qatar University

The Multiplicity of Institutions and State Instruments Governing Marriage and the Family and their Impact on Social Development

#### Prof. Maha Al Sejari

#### 14:15 - 15:15

Department of Sociology and Social Work - Kuwait University

Economic and Social Changes and Their Impact on Gulf Women's Health: The Case of Kuwait

#### Ms. Fatima Elhag

Ph.D. Candidate at the Center for Socio-Legal Studies- Oxford University

The Role of Family and Marriage Institutions in Social Development





# The 10th Annual International Interdisciplinary Conference Schedule Bridging Tradition and Progress: Social Transformation Trends in the GCC States Second Day Program November 17, 2025

#### Panel 1 - Youth Identity in a Changing World

Moderator: Dr. Saleh Al-Khulaifi, Gulf Studies Center, College of Arts and Sciences - Qatar University

#### • Prof. Maryz Younes

Professor of Sociology - Lebanese University

Transformations of Gulf Youth Between Policies and Representations: A Sociological Reading

9:00 - 10:00

#### • Dr. Mansour Al-Maswari

Postdoctoral Fellow at the Global Center of Middle Eastern Studies - Columbia University Identity and Cultural Regeneration in Contemporary Arab Gulf Societies: A Critical Study

#### • Dr. Ugur Ozdemir

Senior Lecturer in Quantitative Political Science - University of Edinburgh Between Pride and Pluralism: National Identity and Global Openness Among Gulf Youth

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee Break

Panel 2 - Cultural Diplomacy in the Face of Unconventional Threats

Moderator: Prof. Saban Kardas, Program Coordinator at the Gulf Studies Center, College of Arts and Sciences - Qatar University

#### • Dr. Pinar Akpinar

Assistant Professor at the Gulf Studies Center, College of Arts and Sciences - Qatar University Humanitarian Diplomacy as Soft Power: Qatar's Cultural Strategy in Global Aid

#### • Mr. Mohammed Hanif

10:30 - 11:30

Adjunct Lecturer of Architecture -University of Bahrain

Redefining Historic District through "Staged Authenticity" in the Gulf: Heritage Boutiques, Curated Museums and Waterfronts

#### Ms. Aisha Ahmadi

Ph.D. Candidate at the Gulf Studies Program - Qatar University

The Digital Battlefield of FIFA 2022: Cybersecurity Challenges and Qatar's Response





11:30 – 12:45 Lunch Break

#### Panel 3 - Social Identity in Urban Futures

Moderator: Dr. Lulwa Al - Abdullah, Dean of Student Affairs, College of Arts and Sciences - Qatar University

#### • Dr. Djamel Boussaa

Associate Professor at the College of Engineering - Qatar University

The Interaction of Tradition and Progress: Lessons from the Msheireb Downtown Project in Doha, Qatar

#### • Ms. Amna Al Shahwani

12:45 - 13:45

Researcher in Sociology and Anthropology

A Study of the Transformation of Mobility Patterns in Gulf Cities: Doha and Modern Housing as a Case Study

#### • Mr. Mahdi Laadhari

Researcher in Anthropology and Sociology - Doha Institute

Qatari Majlis: Between Intimate Bonds, Belonging, and the Centrality of Discourse in a Changing Society

#### **Closing Remarks**

#### • Prof. Fahad Al-Naser

Professor in the Department of Sociology and Social Work - College of Social Sciences - Kuwait University

13:45 - 14:15

#### • Dr. Maryam Al Kuwari

Director of the Gulf Studies Center, College of Arts and Sciences, Qatar University