



Centre for Gulf Studies

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON STATE-BUSINESS RELATIONS IN THE GCC

(Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, Exeter, 12-13 September 2013)

Thursday 12 September

Peter Chalk, room 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3

9.00-9.30am: **Tea and Coffee**

9.30-10.00am: **Introduction**

Gerd NONNEMAN (Georgetown University, Qatar)

Marc VALERI (University of Exeter)

10.00-11.30am: **Private Sector and Reform in the GCC**

Steffen HERTOGE (London School of Economics and Political Science)

"Capable but Marginal: The Structural Isolation of the GCC Private Sector"

Jasim HUSAIN (Economics Researcher, Former Bahraini MP)

"Labour Market Reforms and Businesses in the GCC"

11.30-11.45am: **Coffee break**

11.45am-12.45pm: **Business and Politics in Bahrain**

Omar ALSHEHABI (Gulf University for Science and Technology, Kuwait)

"The Political Economy of Land Reclamation in Bahrain"

1.00-2.00pm: **Lunch at Reed Hall**

2.00-3.30pm: **Business and Politics in Saudi Arabia**

Giacomo LUCIANI (Sciences Po, Paris / Princeton University)

"Public vs Private Enterprises in the Saudi Diversification Drive"

Mohamed A. RAMADY (King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals, Dhahran, KSA)

"Economic Reform in Saudi Arabia and State-Business Relations: Pre and Post 'Arab Spring'"

3.30-3.45pm: **Coffee break**

3.45pm-5.00pm: **State-Business Relations in Qatar, Bahrain and Oman**

Mehran KAMRAVA (Georgetown University, Qatar)

"State-Business Relations in Qatar: Key to Political Stability"

Marc VALERI (University of Exeter)

"Business-State Relations and Economic Liberalization in Bahrain and Oman"

Friday 13 September

IAIS, LT1

9.00-9.30am: **Tea and Coffee**

9.30-10.45am: **Business Politics in a Comparative Perspective – Session 1**

Ben Ross SCHNEIDER (MIT)

"Institutions for Effective of Business-Government Collaboration: Micro Mechanisms and Macro Politics in Latin America"

Bassam HADDAD (George Mason University / Georgetown University, Washington)

"State-Business Networks: Findings from the Syrian Case"

10.45-11.00am: **Coffee break**

11.00am-12.00pm: **Business Politics in a Comparative Perspective – Session 2**

Pete W. MOORE (Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland)

"Iraq's War Economy and Business in the Gulf"

12.00-1.00pm: **Concluding remarks**

1.00pm: **Lunch at Reed Hall**