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Faculty Conference Room (1D02)
Georgetown Building

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	Welcome: Rory Miller, Georgetown University in Qatar
09.15	Panel 1: Security Threats and Challenges Chair: Rory Miller, Georgetown University in Qatar
	<p>Tarek Cherkaoui (TRT Research Center Turkey) <i>Reporting the New Security Architecture in the ME: TRT World & Al-Jazeera English</i></p> <p>Cinzia Bianco (Exeter University, UK) <i>The Hybridisation of Threat Perceptions and Regional Security</i></p> <p>Gabriele Cascone (NATO HQ) <i>Non-State Armed Actors as a Threat or Challenge?</i></p>
11.00	Coffee Break
11.15	Panel 2: The Political Economy Chair: Haoues Taguia, Al Jazeera Centre for Studies
	<p>Fahad Al Marri (Warwick University) <i>The Role of Sovereign Wealth Funds in response to the Blockade of Qatar</i></p> <p>Damilola S. Olawuyi (HBKU) <i>Qatar's energy alliances in a new security environment?</i></p> <p>Igor A. Matveev (MGIMO-University) <i>Russian-Syrian Economic Relations in a New Security Environment</i></p>
13.00	Lunch
14.00	Panel 3: Alliances and Rivalries Chair: Rory Miller, Georgetown University in Qatar
	<p>Imad Mansour (Qatar University) <i>Taking Narratives Seriously: Ideational Foundations of the Iran-Israel Rivalry</i></p> <p>Ismail Numan Telci (Sakarya University, Turkey) <i>Turkish-Qatari Relations: From Cooperation to Strategic Alliance</i></p> <p>Sarah Cardaun (King's College London) <i>Informal Security Coalitions in the Middle East and the New Security Order</i></p>
16.00	End of Workshop
19.30	Dinner: Location to be confirmed

Titles and Affiliations

Fahad Al-Marri is a PhD candidate reading Politics and International Studies at the University of Warwick, where his dissertation examines “The Role of Sovereign Wealth Funds in GCC Countries’ Security & Foreign Policy”. He is Chief Financial Officer in the President’s Office at Qatar’s Pension Funds. Also, he is a member in the Royal Institute of International Affairs. Al-Marri holds a master’s degree in Public Administration (MPA). He has published articles in several prestigious journals and made research contributions at international conferences. His last research paper was “*The Impact of the Oil Crisis on Security and Foreign Policy in GCC Countries: Case Studies of Qatar, KSA and UAE*” published with the Arab Centre for Research and Policy Studies (ACRPS).

Cinzia Bianco is a PhD candidate in Middle East Politics at the University of Exeter in the United Kingdom, where she is working on a thesis on the evolution of threat perceptions in the countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council after the 2011 Arab uprisings. Between 2013 and 2014, she was posted in the GCC region as a research fellow for the European Commission’s project on EU-GCC relations ‘Sharaka’. Before that, she worked as an analyst in the Middle East department at the NATO Defence College Foundation. She has published academic articles on the politics of security in the Arabian Peninsula in journals such as *International Affairs* and *Middle East Policy*, book chapters on relations between Europe and the Gulf, and analytical reports for think tanks located in Europe, the United States and the Gulf on domestic policies of the GCC countries. Cinzia holds a Master of Arts in Middle East and Mediterranean Studies from King’s College London.

Sarah K. Cardaun, PhD. completed her MA in Media and Communication Studies, Political Science and Business Administration at the Free University of Berlin in 2006. In 2014 she earned her PhD from the Institute of Middle Eastern Studies at King’s College London about governmental and non-governmental actors’ responses to contemporary antisemitism in Britain, while at the same time teaching extensively at King’s on MENA politics, international relations and politics and religion. Sarah also taught at various universities in the south of Brazil, where she lived for three years. Outside of academia, Sarah has many years of professional experience in adult education, social media analysis, training and public relations. Currently, she is full-time Research Assistant for a project on informal security alliances in the Middle East, funded by the Gerda Henkel Foundation in Germany.

Gabriele Cascone spent the first part of his career as an officer in the Carabinieri Corps. This included two tours of duty in Bosnia and Herzegovina with IFOR/SFOR in 1996 and 1997. In 1998, he joined the NATO International Staff, where he still works, having served in three divisions (NATO Office of Security, Political Affairs and Emerging Security Challenges). The focus of his twenty-year career at NATO, has been mostly with the Western Balkans and the Middle East and North Africa. In this respect, from 2011 to end 2018 he has been serving in the Strategic Analysis Capability (SAC) Section, providing medium-term (6-24 months) strategic assessments of emerging security crises, focused on the Middle East and North Africa regions. He holds a B.A. in Law from the University of Parma (Italy) and a M.A. in International Relations from the Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium).

Tarek Cherkaoui, PhD. is the manager of the TRT World Research Center in Istanbul, Turkey. He is the author of ‘The News Media at War: The Clash of Western and Arab Networks in the Middle East’ (I.B. Tauris 2017). He holds a PhD in media and communication studies from the Auckland University of Technology (New Zealand). His broader research themes include international communication, public diplomacy, news framing, and media-military relations—specifically within a Middle Eastern context.

Imad Mansour, PhD. is Assistant Professor in the Department of International Affairs at Qatar University. His research focuses on International Relations (IR) and foreign policy analysis, with an emphasis on the ideational and social roots of international politics especially conflicts and rivalries. Of particular interest is the conversation in IR theorizing that draws on histories of non-Western and pre-Westphalian orders and ontologies. With such motivating interests, Imad is active with the International Studies Association as a conduit for global dialogues. His publications include: *Statecraft in the Middle East: Foreign Policy, Domestic Politics and Security* (2016); “Treading with Caution: China’s Expanding Security Presence in the Gulf” (2019); “A Global South Perspective on International Relations Theory” (2017); “The State of Hezbollah? Sovereignty as a Potentiality in Global South Contexts” (2018); and *Shocks and Rivalry in the Middle East and North Africa* (with William R. Thompson, forthcoming).

Igor A. Matveev, PhD. was born in 1972 in Sochi, Russia. In 1995 graduated from MGIMO-University with distinction. In 2003 defended Ph.D in MGIMO under the title: 'Pan-Arab and National Trends in the Independent Syria and Policy in the Middle East'. In 1993-1994 for the first time visited Syria as a MGIMO student (intern). He speaks fluently English and Arabic. In 1998-2008 served as a Russian diplomatic officer in Syria, MFA Moscow staff member and in the United States. In 2003 graduated from the European Training Course, Geneva Center for Security Policy in Switzerland. During 2008-2014 was Deputy Head of the International Relations Department at the Council of Federation, RF Federal Assembly. From 2014 and until October 2017 was occupying diplomatic post of the Head of Trade and Economic Division - Senior Counselor at the Russian Embassy in Damascus, Syria. Currently he cooperates with MGIMO-University as an expert on Syria and the Middle East. He is the author of a series of research projects including the book *The Economic Impact of the Syria Crisis: Lessons and Prospects*, recently published in Beirut, Lebanon.

Rory Miller, PhD. is a Professor of Government at Georgetown University, Qatar. Between 1999 and 2014 he was a member of the War Studies and Middle East Studies departments at King's College London where he served as director of the Middle East Program between 2009 and 2014. He is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and is the author or editor of 10 books including, most recently, *The Gulf Crisis: The View from Qatar* (HBKU Press, 2018); *Desert Kingdoms to Global Powers: The Rise of the Arab Gulf* (Yale UP: 2016); *Inglorious Disarray: Europe, Israel and the Palestinians since 1967* (Columbia UP: 2011). His next book on *External Intervention Theory and the Israel-Palestine Conflict* will be published by Cambridge University Press. He is also co-editor of the Cambridge University Press book series on Intelligence and National Security in the Middle East and Africa. He has published extensively in scholarly and policy journals as well as in the international media including *Foreign Affairs*, *The Economist*, *Foreign Policy Online*, *The New Republic Online*, *The National Interest* and *The Wall Street Journal*.

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Haoues Taguia is a researcher and Head of Gulf Studies at Al Jazeera Centre for Studies. He has contributed to a number of publications such as *The Blockade of Qatar: The Contexts and Repercussions of the Gulf Crisis* and *Salafism and Political and Organisational Diversity*. He is a regular participant in international conferences and seminars and has given presentations at various universities and academic institutions on geopolitics and strategic issues. His research focuses on geopolitical interactions, social dynamics and security.

Ismail Numan Telci, PhD. completed his MA in European Studies at Hochschule Bremen, Germany and PhD in International Relations at Sakarya University, Turkey. As part of his PhD field research he spent 10 months at Cairo University from October 2012 to August 2013. Currently, he works as an Associate Professor at the Department of International Relations and lecturer at the Middle East Institute (ORMER) at Sakarya University. He is also a researcher at the Foreign Policy Department at SETA Foundation in Ankara. His research focuses on Turkey-Qatar relations, Gulf politics, Egyptian politics and Arab revolutions. He is the co-editor of *Turkish Journal of Middle Eastern Studies* and *Middle East Yearbook*, both published by the Middle East Institute at Sakarya. Telci is the author of three books, *Dictionary of Egyptian Revolution* (2014), *Egypt: Revolution and Counter-Revolution* (2017), *Egyptian Foreign Policy Since the Revolution: From Search for Change to Quest for Legitimacy* (2019).
