



Call for Articles **Foreign Policy Trends in the GCC States**

Submission deadline: Friday, July 7, 2017

Word count: 1,000–1,500 words

***Gulf Affairs* invites scholars to submit original analytical articles for its upcoming issue on the theme “Foreign Policy Trends in the GCC States.”**

Gulf Affairs is a journal founded by the Oxford Gulf & Arabian Peninsula Studies Forum (OxGAPS), a University of Oxford-based platform. The journal is dedicated to furthering knowledge and dialogue on the pressing issues and challenges facing the six member states of the Gulf Cooperation Council—Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. Each issue focuses on a particular theme, allowing for a comprehensive discussion from various analytical perspectives and fields of study. Accepted articles are reviewed and edited prior to publication.

To capture the complexity of the various issues and challenges around foreign policies of the GCC states, articles are encouraged from a wide range of disciplinary lenses, including: Economics, Politics/Political Economy, International Relations, Security, Law, Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology, Area Studies and History. Balanced articles supported by sufficient and credible sources that offer a unique perspective on the theme will likely be accepted for publication.¹

***Gulf Affairs* welcomes analytical articles on (though not limited to) the following areas:**

- What are the key drivers of GCC foreign policy (collectively or on a state-level) in the post-Arab Spring era? How have threat perceptions changed?
- How has the role of the Gulf states in the international relations of the Middle East evolved in response to the shocks of 2003 and 2011? Is a global rebalancing underway?
- How are GCC states engaging with other sub-regional blocs and forums? How are they pursuing foreign policy objectives through international organizations (i.e. the UN, OIC and Arab League)?
- What are shared foreign policy priorities among GCC states, and how are they cooperating to tackle them? In what areas are there differences, and how are they contributing to intra-GCC tensions?
- Can new Gulf-led military alliances, especially given the GCC region’s particularly high military expenditure in recent years, reshape the security architecture and politics of the Middle East?
- How are changes in domestic affairs (politically or economically) within the GCC states impacting their respective foreign policies?
- Amid ongoing crises in Yemen, Syria, Iraq and Libya, how are different security and conflict resolution visions altering the relationship between Gulf states and regional or global powers?
- What role can the GCC states play in post-conflict stability, capacity building and reconstruction efforts in crisis-ridden countries across the Middle East?
- Development aid has been a cornerstone of *Khaleeji* soft power for decades. What are other elements of GCC soft power, and how are they furthering the region’s foreign policy objectives?

Submission Guidelines: Please send articles to gulfaffairs@oxgaps.org by Friday, July 7, 2017. Authors whose articles have been accepted for review will be notified within two weeks after the submission deadline.

¹For citations and referencing, use [Chicago Manual of Style](#) endnotes.