



Call for Articles **Finance in the GCC: Policy and Developments**

Submission deadline: Friday, August 3, 2018

Word count: 1,000–1,500 words

***Gulf Affairs* invites scholars to submit original analytical articles for its upcoming issue on the theme “Finance in the GCC: Policy and Developments.”**

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, Finance, Management, Politics/Political Economy, International Relations, Law, Psychology, Sociology, 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 latest financial market trends in the Gulf states? What are the current prospects for IPOs in the region?
- How have sovereign wealth funds in the Gulf region developed and performed over time?
- What are the latest developments in bond issuance and debt markets in the GCC?
- How is financial regulation—such as insolvency laws—developing in the GCC?
- Have financial free zones and centers been successful in GCC countries?
- How is Islamic banking and finance developing across the Gulf states?
- What financial models and instruments will best support the financing of mega projects and national visions in GCC countries?
- What is the current status and outlook for fintech in the Gulf states? Will regulation keep pace with the technological disruptions caused by fintech?
- How are nationalization initiatives impacting the financial sector in the Gulf states? What are the human resource, education and training needs for the region’s financial sector?
- What types of financing are supporting the growth and development of SMEs across the Gulf states? Is microfinance, crowdfunding and/or venture capital playing a role in supporting SMEs?
- What are the prospects for mergers and acquisitions in the region’s banking sector?

Submission Guidelines: Please send articles to gulfaffairs@oxgaps.org by Friday, August 3, 2018. 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.