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The Oxford-GCC Business Conference – 2017

Saturday, 20 May 2017

Investcorp Lecture Theatre

St Antony's College, University of Oxford

62 Woodstock Road, Oxford, OX2 6JF

Conference Concept: The Oxford-GCC Business Conference aims to serve as a forum for networking and knowledge sharing. Attended by scholars, practitioners, and policy experts, the panel discussions will provide a wide range of views on key developments and factors impacting the GCC business environment through select themes.

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All participants will enjoy:

- Complimentary copies of upcoming *Gulf Affairs* issue (produced by OxGAPS) on the theme “Private Sector Development in the GCC”
- Complimentary copies of latest *Economic Focus* issue (produced by the Arab-British Chamber of Commerce)
- Complimentary copies of latest Oxford Business Group Reports on the GCC Region
- Complimentary 12 month subscription package to Oxford Business Group content
- Complimentary copies of the latest Arabisk London Magazine
- Complimentary coffee breaks and lunch

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Conference Programme

09:00 – 10:00	Registration and Refreshments
10:00 – 10:30	Opening Session
Welcoming Remarks by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof Margaret MacMillan, Warden of St Antony's College, University of Oxford • Dr Afnan AlShuaiby, Secretary General and CEO, Arab-British Chamber of Commerce 	
Keynote Address by H.E. Mr Yousef Ali Al-Khater, Ambassador, Qatari Embassy in London, UK	
10:30 – 11:45	Panel 1: Private Sector Development in the GCC Organized by: OxGAPS, Arab-British Chamber of Commerce, Said Business School Chair: Suliman Al-Atiqi, Committee Chairman, OxGAPS
Topic 1: The Role of the private sector in the GCC growth model Speaker: Dr Khalid Alkhater, Qatari economist specializing in monetary policy and political economy	
Topic 2: Plotting a new course for private sector development in the Gulf states Speaker: Oliver Cornock, Editor-in-Chief, Oxford Business Group	
Topic 3: Barriers and opportunities facing SMEs Speaker: Chris Innes-Hopkins, UK Executive Director, Saudi British Joint Business Council	
Topic 4: The role of family businesses Speaker: Prof William Scott-Jackson, Chairman, Oxford Strategic Consulting	
11:45 – 12:15	Coffee Break
12:15 – 13:30	Panel 2: The Arts and the Creative Economy in the Gulf Organized by: The Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington (AGSIW) Chair: Dr Kristin Smith Diwan, Senior Resident Scholar, AGSIW
Topic 1: Nurturing a creative community in Kuwait Speaker: Husa Al-Humaidhi, Partner, Nuqat	
Topic 2: Building a creative career in Saudi Arabia Speaker: Malik Nejer, Art Director and Co-Founder, Myrkott Animation Studios	
Topic 3: New forms of art patronage in the Gulf Speaker: Princess Alia Al-Senussi, Chair of Tate Young Patrons and Representative for Art Basel	
13:30 – 14:45	Networking Lunch
14:45 – 16:00	Panel 3: Women and the GCC Private Sector Organized by: Oxford Women in Politics (OxWiP) Chair: Lama Khaiyat, Co-Vice President, OxWiP
Topic 1: Female labour force participation in the Saudi private sector Speaker: Caroline Montagu, Saudi British Society	
Topic 2: Gender and workforce inclusion in the UAE labour market Speaker: Dr Mona Hamade, Programmes and Development Director, UGD Foundation in London	
Topic 3: More educated, less employed: the school-to-work transition among GCC women Speaker: Dr Karen Young, Senior Resident Scholar, Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington	
Topic 4: The role of women in family businesses in the GCC Speaker: Heba Al Emara, UK Head of Relations EMEA, Vistra	
16:00	Closing Session
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rapporteur's Summary Lolwah Alkhater, Arabic Content Lead at OxGAPS and DPhil Candidate at St Antony's College, Oxford 	