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Nobel Peace Prize Winner Prof. Muhammad Yunus Delivers Talk at Qatar University



On April 24, 2025, Nobel Peace Prize winner Prof. Muhammad Yunus delivered a talk at Qatar University, where he shared his vision of a world of “Three Zeros” - Zero Poverty, Zero Unemployment, and Zero Net Carbon Emissions.

Hosted by the Gulf Studies Center, the event was attended by Dr. Omar Al-Ansari, President of Qatar University, students, faculty, and wider community. In his speech, Prof. Yunus highlighted the need for global change to tackle the issues of poverty and unemployment.

He shared his vision of a world where these “three zeros” are achieved through innovative solutions, such as social businesses and economic reforms. His ideas left the audience motivated to contribute to a more sustainable future.

The event underscored Qatar University’s commitment to hosting insightful dialogues that inspire change and progress in both the region and the world.



Seminar Series The Palestinian issue in Gulf history

Seminar 3

The Gulf's position on the Palestinian issue during the second half of the twentieth century

The Gulf Studies Center held its third seminar on the Palestinian Issue in Gulf History Series on Tuesday, April 22, 2025. The seminar was led by Dr. Ahmad Jamil Azam, Assistant Professor at



the International Affairs Department at Qatar University and author of the book *Kamal Adwan: A Man in a Revolution... and a Revolution in a Man*, his talk was titled, "Palestinian Diaspora in the Arab Gulf." Dr. Azam presented an in-depth study and biography of Kamal Adwan, a prominent Palestinian leader who dedicated his life to the Palestinian revolution and was empowered through his education and career accomplishments. In addition to Adwan's memoir, Dr. Azam highlighted several other Palestinian political figures who spent part of their youth in the Arab Gulf region in countries such as Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Qatar.

Critical Perspectives on Social, Political, and Cultural Dynamics in the Arab Gulf States



The Gulf Studies Center at Qatar University hosted a workshop on the 11th and 12th April, 2025 as part of the second edition of the Gulf International Forum at Georgetown University D.C, titled: "Critical Perspectives on Social, Political, and Cultural Dynamics in the Arab Gulf States." The workshop featured the participation of a number group of researchers specializing from various fields relevant to Gulf affairs.



Seminar

The Historical Development of Legislative Authority in the State of Qatar



On April 27, 2025, the Gulf Studies Center hosted a seminar titled “The Historical Development of Legislative Authority in the State of Qatar.” The event featured a presentation by Dr. Hassan Al Sayed, Professor of Public Law at Qatar University.

Dr. Al Sayed delivered a comprehensive overview of the evolution of Qatar’s legislative system, tracing its trajectory from the early days of traditional tribal governance through the establishment of formal legal institutions and modern constitutional developments. His presentation highlighted significant milestones in Qatar’s political history, shedding light on the gradual transformation of authority and the institutionalization of legal processes that have contributed to the nation’s current governance structure.

The seminar also included a dynamic Q&A session, where participants—ranging from scholars and legal experts to students and researchers—engaged in thought-provoking discussions about the broader implications of these developments.

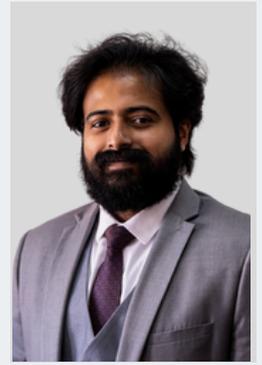
The seminar served as a valuable platform for advancing knowledge and understanding of Qatar’s unique legal and political evolution. The Gulf Studies Center remains committed to promoting research and discussion on issues of national and regional significance through such academic events.





Thomas James, PhD

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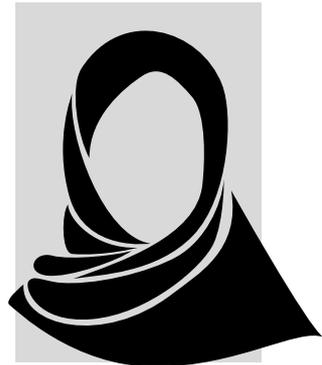
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Maryam Al Thani, MA

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Nasser Fadala, MA

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The College of Arts and Sciences is pleased to invite you to participate with a research paper at the 10th Annual International Interdisciplinary Conference of the Gulf Studies Center titled:

Bridging Tradition and Progress: Social Transformation Trends in the GCC States

[For Submissions](#)



📅 16 - 17 November 2025

🕒 9:00 am - 5:00 pm (Doha Time)

📍 Qatar University, College of Law Building (109),
Auditorium (B239)

