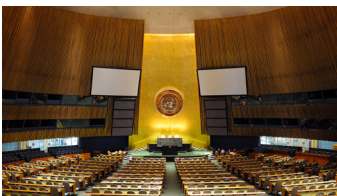
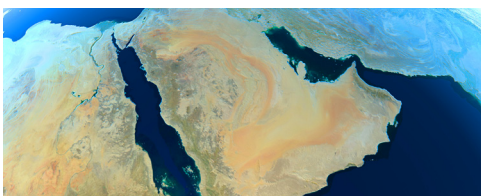


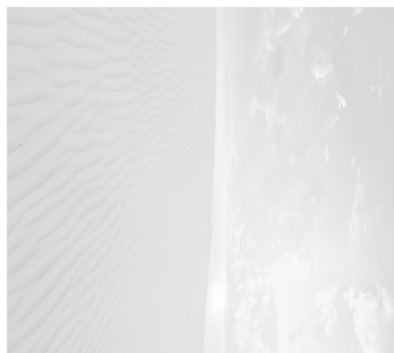
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DAY 1 / SUNDAY 4 NOV, 2012**09:00** **REGISTRATION****10:00** **WELCOME GREETINGS***H.E. Dr. Muhammad Abdul Ghaffar***10:20** **SESSION 1: CONFLICT IN THE ARABIAN GULF:
PLAYERS & STRATEGIES****Moderator: Prof. Dr. Mohammed Al-Rumaihi****1****IN SEARCH OF BALANCE IN THE GULF: GCC, IRAN & THE US
*Dr. Anthony Cordesman*****2****THE IRAQI, SYRIAN AND YEMENI CONFLICTS & THEIR
REPERCUSSIONS FOR IRANIAN AMBITIONS & GCC SECURITY
*Dr. Radwan El-Sayed*****3****A HISTORY OF IRANIAN REVISIONISM & INTERVENTION
IN BAHRAIN
*Dr. Mitchell Belfer*****4****MILITARY MOVEMENTS IN THE REGION
*Major Gen. Dr. Anwar Eshki***

12:30 PRAYER & LUNCH BREAK

14:30 **SESSION 2: NON-STATE ACTORS AND GCC SECURITY:
FRIENDS OR FOES?**

Moderator: Mr. Michael Elleman

1

RECONCILING NATIONAL INTERESTS WITH FOREIGN
ASSISTANCE OF CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS AND
RADICAL NON-STATE ACTORS

Ambassador John B. Craig

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RADICAL NON-STATE ACTORS AND THREATS TO
SOVEREIGNTY AND SOCIAL COHESION

Dr. Mohamed Noman Galal

3

THE ROLE OF RELIGION IN SHAPING THE FUTURE OF
THE ARABIAN GULF

Ambassador Dr. Azmy Khalifa

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SOCIO-POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF LEGITIMIZING
RADICALISM ON GCC COUNTRIES

Dr. Bashir Zain Al-Abdin

16:30 END

DAY 2 / MONDAY 5 NOV, 2012

10:00 **SESSION 3: NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION: REALISTIC GOAL OR PIPEDREAM?**

Moderator: Mr. Riad Kahwaji

1

IRANIAN NUCLEAR AMBITIONS: RISK ASSESSMENT
& MILITARY OPTIONS
Lt. Gen. Sir Graeme Lamb

2

A NUCLEAR IRAN'S IMPACT ON THE REGION:
OPTIONS FOR THE GCC
Dr. Ebtesam Al-Ktebi

3

REGIONAL THREAT: IRAN'S HEGEMONIC AMBITIONS
Mr. Ali Bakeer

4

CONSEQUENCES OF THE FAILURE OF NUCLEAR
NEGOTIATIONS WITH IRAN ON BAHRAIN & THE
REST OF THE GCC
Dr. Ashraf Kishk

12:00 **PRAYER & LUNCH BREAK**

14:00 **SESSION 4: THE GCC COUNTRIES AT A CROSSROADS:
OPTIONS FOR DEALING WITH INTERNATIONAL CONFLICT**

Moderator: Dr. Fahad Al Orabi Al Harthi

1

GCC RELATIONS WITH IRAN: BETWEEN TRADE PARTNER
AND REGIONAL SECURITY THREAT
Prof. Dr. Nevine Mossaad

2

GCC CHALLENGES: BALANCING POLITICAL REFORM AND
MAINTAINING INTERNAL SECURITY
Prof. Dr. Mohammed Al-Rumaihi

3

MANAGING THE TRADE-OFF BETWEEN GCC REFORM
EFFORTS AND REGIONAL SECURITY CONCERNS
H.E. Ahmed Obaid Al Mansoori

4

FUNNELING SOCIAL FORCES TOWARDS NATIONAL
INTERESTS: ENGAGING CIVIL SOCIETY INSTITUTIONS IN
REFORM EFFORTS WITH LIMITED EXTERNAL INTERFERENCE
Mr. Yousif Al Binkhalil

16:00 **CLOSING REMARKS - END**