



Department of International Relations Diplomacy

College of Political Science

Salahaddin-Erbil University

Subject: Foreign Policy of Gulf States (GCC)

First year Students

Course Book - (1<sup>st</sup> year student)

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5-Time(In hours) per week	Theory : three class 9 Practical :
6-Office Hours	Three days
7- Course Code	PSIR1202

<p>8- Teacher's academic profile</p> <p>Nawzad Abdullah Shukri</p>	<p>Nawzad A Shukri holds a PhD in Politics and International Relations from Leicester University, United Kingdom, which was awarded in 2017. His PhD thesis focused on, explaining U.S. Foreign Policy towards Iraqi Kurdistan 2003-2016. He currently works as a Lecturer at the University of Salahaddin in the Kurdistan region of Iraq. He has published a variety of academic articles on US foreign policy, Middle Eastern politics and Kurdish issues. Dr Nawzad has participated and presented papers at many conferences and workshops such as 'US foreign policy towards Iraqi Kurdistan 2003-2014' at Manchester University in 2015. His research interests focus on U.S. Foreign Policy towards the Middle East, specifically regarding Iraq, Iran, Syria, Turkey, GCC and the Kurdistan Region. He speaks four languages: Kurdish, Arabic, Persian and English</p>
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**9- Course Overview:**

This Semester of the study would focus on Foreign Policy of Gulf States (GCC) and would attempt to explain the foreign policy of the Arab Gulf states. In this regards, this study attempts to pay attention to the geopolitical locations of the Arab Gulf states and how this affected their foreign policy in the region. Moreover, during this Semester we try to analyses the foreign policy of the Arab Gulf region towards the key regional and international actors including US, Israel, Iran and Iraq.

Within this context, In this this semester we would explain why cooperation Gulf council was established and what were the key reasons behind it. Moreover, the semester would attempts to explain the key reasons behind rapprochement between Israeli and Arab Gulf states. Further, This Semester of the study would analyses the foreign policy of Arab Gulf states towards US and try to understand why there have been historical and strategy relations between them. Also, we try to determine the key shared interests between Arab states and US. One of the other points which in this semester we try to focus on it is related to the Iran and Arab Gulf States relations. In this regards we attempt to understand the nature of conflict and competition between Iran and Arab Gulf States. In particular, the Arab states saw Iran as a key menace and threat to their security interests. At the same time, The Arab Gulf states have concerns that Iran would try to undermine the territorial integrity of their states. Finally, in this this semester we would explain the relations between GCC and Iraq.

**10- Course Objective:**

The objectives of this semester could be summarized in following points:

- 1- Shed light on foreign policy of the Arab Gulf states (GCC)
- 2- Attempt to understand the key reasons behind creation of Gulf cooperation council
- 3- Examine the relations between Israel and the Arab Gulf states and try to analyses the key reasons behind rapprochement between Israel and Arab states.
- 4- Examine the relations between US and Arab Gulf states and underline the vital shared interests.
- 5- To explain the conflict and computation between Arab Gulf states and Iran and to understand why the Iran as a vital threat to the security and interests of Arab states.
- 6- To examine the relations between GCC and Iraq.

11- Forms Of Teaching

Presenting lectures, Questions, Exercises and discussion

12- Assessment scheme

Final examination (60%)

**13- Course Reading list and References:**

Low, L. "The Gulf Cooperation Council: a rising power and lessons for ASEAN/- Singapore." *Institute of Southeast Studies* (2011).

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Kostadinova, Valentina. "The Gulf Arab Countries' Foreign and Security Policies Post-Arab Uprisings: Toward Greater Regional Independence of the Middle East." (2015).

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Blanchard, Christopher M. *Saudi Arabia: background and US relations*. DIANE Publishing, 2010.

Al-Barasneh, Ayman Saleh. *United States foreign policy towards the Gulf Cooperation Council*

*Countries (GCC) 2001-2008: searching for stable security framework.* Diss. University of Leicester, 2015.

14- The Topics:	Lecture's Name
Week (1-2): The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) , The importance of GCC and why GCC established, The key local, regional and international reasons and factors behind the formation of the GCC	
Week (3): Arab-Israel relations Arab states and Israel conflict	
Week (4, 5): Arab league position words Israel, The Arab states boycott policy towards Israel	
Week (6, 7): peace deal between Arab Gulf states and Israel, Deal of the Century Abraham accord, The key reasons behind Abraham accord and rapprochement between Arab Gulf States and Israel:	
<p>Week (8, 9):</p> <p>(The Arab spring, Iran’s growing influence in the region, The Obama administration disengagement policy in the region, supporting Donald trump, collapse of many Arabs secular states, rise of Sonnies Islamic )</p>	
Week (10, 11): US- the Arab Gulf states relations, historical background common interests, their collective policy in the region.	
Week (12, 13): Iran the Arab Gulf states relations, historical background conflict and competition, Iran and chancing balance of power in the region	
Week (14, 15): The Arab Gulf states and Iraq relations,	
<p>Hint:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1- Final Examinations and Cuisses depending on time board.</li> <li>2- Questions, Exercises and problems are included at the end of each chapter (Solved problems at class and home works).</li> </ol>	