

# AGENDA

## المعهد العالمي للدراسات الاستراتيجية GLOBAL INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC RESEARCH

1st October 2023 | Doha | Qatar

The Launch will take place in the Ballroom at the Multaqa Building in Education City

09:00 Guests arrivals

10:00 Opening Remarks

**Dr. Ahmad M. Hasnah**

President of Hamad Bin Khalifa University

10:05 GISR Logo Reveal Video & Advisory Board Announcement

10:15 Opening Plenary

### The 21st Century Global Challenges of Governance, Advancement and Peace

Speaking to the research themes of the new Global Institute for Strategic Research, the opening plenary will consider the global challenges of governance, advancement (defined as progress, prosperity, and development), and peace; and the role of states – operating globally, regionally, and bilaterally – in pursuing greater connectivity and collective action for meeting these 21st century challenges. In exploring some of the socio-cultural, political, and economic drivers changing the world today, the session will also give special attention to how GISR can contribute a distinctly Arab and regional point of view to having a meaningful impact on global policy.

#### Speakers

**H.E. Sigmar Gabriel**

Chairman of Atlantik-Brücke and Former Vice-Chancellor, Germany

**Ambassador Navdeep Suri**

Distinguished Fellow, Observer Research Foundation, India

**Dr. Jon Alterman**

Senior Vice President, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Washington DC

**H.E. Ibrahim Agboola Gambari**

Chairman, Savannah Centre for Diplomacy, Democracy and Development (SCDDD), Nigeria

**H.E. Hans Grundberg**

Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen, United Nations

**Dr. Sultan Barakat**

Acting Director, Global Institute for Strategic Research (GISR) and Professor, College of Public Policy at Hamad Bin Khalifa University

#### Moderator

**Ms. Elsy Abi Assi**

Principal Presenter, Aljazeera

11:00 Coffee Break

Please make your way to one of the breakout sessions which will run between 11:30 and 13:00.

## 11:30 Roundtable A: Conference Room 1

### A Framework for Artificial Intelligence Governance in Qatar and the Region

This roundtable will examine the geopolitical dimensions of advancing AI, including competition between major powers, risks of destabilization, and differing regulatory approaches. The discussion will explore the potential social and economic impacts of AI adoption, both positive and negative, as well as the ethical implications of AI systems and policy frameworks needed for responsible governance.

<b>Speakers</b>	<b>H.E. Mohammed Al-Mannai</b>	Minister of Communications and Information Technology, State of Qatar
	<b>Dr. Farnam Jahanian</b>	President of Carnegie Mellon University
	<b>Dr. Michael Wooldridge</b>	Oxford, AI Expert, and member of Qatar Computing Research Institute Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC), Hamad Bin Khalifa University
<b>Moderator</b>	<b>Dr. Sanjay Chawla</b>	Senior Research Director, Qatar Computing Research Institute at Hamad Bin Khalifa University
<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Dr. Steven Wright</b>	Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at College of Humanities and Social Sciences at Hamad Bin Khalifa University, GISR Senior Research Associate

## 11:30 Roundtable B: Conference Room 2

### The Future of Energy: Accelerating Energy Transition Strategies

This roundtable will analyze ongoing energy transition strategies based on the global commitment to meet the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change target to reduce CO2 emissions to prevent global surface temperatures from rising over 1.5C above pre-industrial levels, while taking into consideration the strategic challenges facing the sector due to the ongoing power struggle. Particular attention will be paid to the challenges facing Qatar's LNG strategy, especially since Doha is on the verge of expanding its production by the equivalent of nearly two-thirds of its current capacity in the next four years.

<b>Speakers</b>	<b>Dr. Naser Al-Tamimi</b>	Senior Associate Fellow of Italian Institute for International Political Studies, Rome and GISR Senior Research Associate
	<b>Dr. Bassam Fattouh</b>	Director of the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies
	<b>Dr. Neil Quilliam</b>	Associate Fellow, Middle East & North Africa Programme, Chatham House, Royal Institute of International Affairs
<b>Moderator</b>	<b>Dr. Leslie Alexander Pal</b>	Dean, College of Public Policy at Hamad Bin Khalifa University
<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Dr. Elham Fakhro</b>	Research Fellow, Institute of Arab & Islamic Studies at Exeter University

## 11:30 Roundtable C : Conference Room 3

### Beyond Shaking Hands-Implementing Agreements & Sustaining Peace in Fragile States

This roundtable will delve into the reasons why peace agreements falter and explores the role of design, capacity, and political will. It will highlight the importance of understanding the wider environments that characterize and shape peace processes, including that of state fragility, and offer insights to support more robust and sustainable agreements.

<b>Speakers</b>	<b>Mr. Rafat Al-Akhali</b>	Convenor of the Council on State Fragility, University of Oxford
	<b>H.E. Mutlaq Al-Qahtani</b>	Ambassador of the State of Qatar to the Netherlands
	<b>Dr. Keith Krause</b>	Professor at the Geneva Graduate Institute, Switzerland and GISR Senior Research Associate
	<b>Dr. Erin McCandless</b>	Associate Researcher at the Politics Department, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg and GISR Senior Research Associate
<b>Moderator</b>	<b>Dr. Piotr Dutkiewicz</b>	Professor of Political Science and the Director of the Center for Governance and Public Policy, Carleton University
<b>Rapporteur</b>	<b>Dr. Logan Cochrane</b>	Associate Professor, College of Public Policy at Hamad Bin Khalifa University and GISR Senior Associate Fellow

## 13:00 Lunch

## 14:00 Plenary Session

Moderators and Reporters from the breakout session will report back on their findings to the Plenary

<b>Moderator</b>	<b>Dr. Sultan Barakat</b>	Acting Director, Global Institute for Strategic Research (GISR) and Professor, College of Public Policy at Hamad Bin Khalifa University
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## 14:30 Concluding Plenary Session

### Building Shared Futures: Innovating Governance for Global and Regional Problem-Solving

This final plenary will reflect on the conclusions reached by the breakout sessions and will launch the joint GISR, Doha Forum and Stimson Center report on the Future of International Cooperation 2023. This report seeks to facilitate deeper collaboration between governments, civil society, religious leaders, the media, the business community, and international organizations to help present and future generations realize their full potential. It focuses on some of the disruptive trends in cyber technology and the challenges of persistent conflict. It shows how carefully designed and responsible initiatives in cyber-governance, including the regulation of artificial intelligence, and in reinvigorated peacebuilding can benefit peoples and nations and influence the outcomes of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

<b>Panelists</b>	<b>H.E. Fatima Gailani</b>	Chair, Afghanistan Future Thought Forum
	<b>H.E. Ibrahim Agboola Gambari</b>	Chairman, Savannah Centre for Diplomacy, Democracy and Development (SCDDD), Nigeria
	<b>Dr. Sara Pantuliano</b>	Chief Executive, Overseas Development Institute, London
<b>Moderator</b>	<b>Dr. Richard Ponzio</b>	Director, Global Governance, Justice & Security Program, Stimson Center

## 15:30 Closing Remarks

<b>Ms. Elsy Abi Assi</b>	Principal Presenter, Aljazeera
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