



## Covid-19: An Opportunity for Regional Integration?

Thursday 25 February 2021 | WebEx

At 4:00pm – 6:45pm (Doha Time) & 1:00 pm – 3:45pm (UK Time)

Jointly held by al-Sabah Programme, Gulf Studies Center, Political Settlements Research Programme and Open Think Tank

16:00-16:15 Welcoming Remarks

**Dr. Mahjoob Zweiri – Gulf Studies Center, Qatar University**

**Prof. Anoush Ehteshami – al-Sabah Programme, Durham University**

### **Panel I: Regional Responses to Covid-19 in the Middle East and Africa**

Chaired by Dr. Amjed Rasheed (al-Sabah Programme, Durham University & Open Think Tank)

16:15-16:30 The Day after Covid-19 in the Middle East: Rivalry, Conflict and Integration

**Prof. Bulent Aras – Gulf Studies Center, Qatar University**

16:30-16:45 The African Union's Response to Covid-19

**Dr. Kathryn Nash – Political Settlements Research Programme, University of Edinburgh**

16:45-17:00 The Organization of Islamic Cooperation's Response to Covid-19

**Hannah den Boer – Political Settlements Research Programme, University of Edinburgh**

17:00-17:20 Q&A Panel I

17:20-17:30 Coffee Break

## **Panel II: Covid-19: Tool of Conflict or Opportunity for Rapprochement in the Gulf?**

Chaired by Prof. Anoush Ehteshami (al-Sabah Programme, Durham University)

17:30-17:45 Political Discourses in the Gulf and the Middle East: Constructing and Reconstructing Covid-19

**Dr. Mustafa Menshawy – Sectarianism, Proxies and De-sectarianisation, Lancaster University**

17:45-18:00 Oil Market Instability and its Impact on GCC (Dis)integration

**Prof. Nikolay Kozhanov – Gulf Studies Center, Qatar University**

18:00-18:15 Covid-19: The Missed Opportunity to Bridge the Gulf Gaps

**Dr. Luciano Zaccara – Gulf Studies Center, Qatar University**

18:15-18:35 Q&A Panel II

18:35-18:45 Final Remarks and Farewell

## **TO JOIN THE EVENT**

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