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# The Gulf Studies Center's Fourth International Annual Conference 2019, "Geopolitics of the Gulf Energy: Adjusting to a New Global Vista"

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Qatar University  
Higher Administration Building  
(B01) – Conference Room



## Description:

At the beginning of the 21st century, the situation at the global energy markets experienced drastic changes. The monopoly of the West on the determination of the situation in the global energy market as well as on the shaping of the global energy security was challenged. This happened due to a number of reasons. On the one hand, the new centers of energy consumption such as China and India emerged and became no less important as well as influential than the EU countries. The non-European centers of consumption also created their own energy corporations. Now, these new companies are attempting to shape the global oil and gas market. Yet, their vision of the hydrocarbon and non-hydrocarbon energy industry's future is not always in compliance with the vision of the old players. On the other hand, the EU and US have to take into account the growing role of international and regional structures in determining the situation in the energy market. In addition to that, the OPEC once again tries to increase its influence in the oil market. Finally, the West is also changing. While the shale revolution turned the US in the net exporter of oil and gas, Europe becomes more interested in the quest for sustainable and environmental-friendly sources of energy. Under these circumstances, the Gulf countries once again have to define their place in the global energy market that is no more solely dominated by the Western powers. However, it is still an open question on whether the Gulf countries will be able to shape the global energy market in accordance to their vision or their role has already been defined by external factors. Moreover, this role might be different from what Gulf authorities and business would like to have.

This annual international conference will bring together scholars, policy makers and students from a wide-range of disciplines to engage in a nuance debate on the geopolitics of the Gulf energy, considering existing transformations of the global energy market and those political and economic challenges faced by the Gulf countries.

## Possible topics for papers:

We encourage the submissions of papers that promise to scholarly analyse, find solutions and set best practices, including, but not limited to the following areas:

- Gulf and the Main Trends of the International Oil and Gas Markets
- Middle Eastern Conflicts, Tensions and Insecurity: Challenges for Hydrocarbon Export from the Gulf
- Gulf Oil and Gas Sector: the Role of Non-Regional Players (US, EU, India, China and Russia)
- Regulating the Markets: Gulf Countries' Relations with the GECF, OPEC and OPEC+
- Diversification, Energy Sector Reforms and the Future of Gulf Hydrocarbons
- Prospects for Renewable Energy in the Gulf



### **Publication:**

Accepted papers will be published in an edited volume providing that the author(s) present the work at the Conference. Given that papers will be peer-reviewed and should enhance the knowledge and contribute to the current debate regarding the issue, publication is not guaranteed.

### **How to apply**

Interested participants need to submit an abstracts of 500 words as well as an updated CV to GSEvents@qu.edu.qa, before **10 September 2019**. Candidates whose abstracts are accepted will be notified by **20 September 2019**.

Presenters are expected to submit the first draft of their papers by **20 October 2019** (submission of the draft is the condition for participation in the conference)

### **Venue**

The two-day 4th Annual International Interdisciplinary Conference will take place in Qatar University- Administration Building, Conference Hall B01.

### **Practical Information**

All presenters whose book chapters are accepted for the Conference will have their travel expenses and accommodation arranged and paid for by the organizers, as well as all the Conference lunches and dinners.

