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Shifting roles in Middle East politics: collaborators, newcomers and dealbreakers

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This panel includes four abstracts focusing on Middle East politics through the lens of role theory. Each paper has a separate case study of role theory in terms of analysing the pursuit of power and alliances in the region. Kuwait, Turkey, Russia, Syria, Libya, China, Iran and Saudi Arabia are the countries whose overlapping interests and roles are elaborated on in the panel papers. This panel aims to re-visit role theory approaches to contemporary conflicts in the region to build a solid and comprehensive literature.

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