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Re-visiting the Gulf Studies: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Scope, Theory and Data

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The study of the Gulf is an emerging academic field under the broader research on the Middle East literature. It is mainly an interdisciplinary area of research, in which multiple understandings and formations of scope, theory and data overlap. This roundtable brings PhD students and scholars working on the six Gulf Cooperation Council states, Iran and Yemen together to delve into the challenges and opportunities in the current study of the Gulf. The participants are from several Gulf nations studying at various academic institutions from diverse professional backgrounds.

The purpose of this roundtable is to examine the interdisciplinary approach to scope, theory and data while delving into the politics, economics, society and culture of the Gulf. The participants are either students or academics from several universities across the world bringing a comprehensive and dynamic approach to their experience with studying the sub-region. The roundtable will analyze certain agendas on the emerging discipline and relate the approaches to scope, theory and data with the current regional and global politics connecting the production of knowledge with personal research experiences and changes in the Gulf societies.

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