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**Nationality/birth year:** British, 1964

**Employment:**

Consultant, Gulf & wider Middle East affairs, 2002-present (*from 2010: freelance contributor to the Economist Group's online material on the Gulf*)

Visiting Lecturer, Department of Education, University of Middlesex, UK, Oct 2012-July 2013

Visiting Lecturer, Department of Politics & International Relations, University of Westminster, London, January 2010-July 2012

Assistant Professor, Department of International Studies, American University of Sharjah, UAE, August 2008-June 2009; Adjunct Professor, American University of Sharjah, Jan-May 2008

Senior Analyst (Gulf Arab states), International Crisis Group, Dubai, March 2007-March 2008

Senior Editor/Economist, Economist Group (Economist Intelligence Unit; Middle East & North Africa), London, 2002-07

Head, Middle East & North Africa Programme, Royal United Services Institute for Defence & Security Studies (RUSI), Whitehall, London. 1998-2002

Researcher, Labour Middle East Council, and Research Assistant to John Gunnell MP, Houses of Parliament, London. 1995-1997

Researcher, Jordanian Embassy, London. 1995-6

Researcher/Editor, Panorama (Palestinian Research Centre), Jerusalem. 1993-95

**Education**

Ph.D. International Relations ([Thesis: Kuwaiti Foreign Policy 1961-77](#)), London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE), University of London, 2006

M.A. Area Studies (Near & Middle East), School of Oriental & African Studies, University of London, 1991-2

BA (Hons) Government & Politics, London Metropolitan University (née City of London Polytechnic), 1987-90

Heathfield Secondary School, East Sussex, 1976-1980

**Publications** (selected)

“Saudi Arabian Foreign Policy: Conflict and Cooperation”, IB Tauris, London (Editor and lead contributor). Second edition April 2018; first edition 2016

[“Saudi Defence and Security Reform”](#), *Sada*, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington DC, May 2018

[“The Saudi & Emirati Conundrum after Saleh”](#), *Sada*, Carnegie Endowment, December 2017

[“The UAE’s War Aims in Yemen”](#), *Sada*, October 2017

[“Lebanon in the eye of the regional storm”](#), *Open Democracy*, June 2017

[“Qatar’s Foreign Policy Leverage”](#), part of a *Sada* presentation of four analysts’ opinions, June 2017

[“Saudi Arabia and the Trump Administration: A Marriage of Mutual Needs”](#), March 2017, IB Tauris blog

[“Why the US-Saudi defence and security relationship will remain firm”](#), *The National Interest* (online blog), October 2016

[“The Saudi Kingdom: Between the Jihadi Hammer and the Iranian Anvil”](#), a review of a book with this title by Ali Al-Shihabi, *Middle East Journal*, Summer 2016, Vol. 70 No. 3, pp 498-99

“Saudi Arabia's problematic allies in Yemen”, *Sada*, February 2016

“Saudi Arabia’s Yemen Gambit”, *Sada*, Oct 2015

“Saudi Arabia: A War on All Fronts?”, Arabian Gulf States Institute in Washington (AGSIW), Sept 2015

“Analysis: Saudi Arabia faces complex regional challenges”, BBC News website, October 2014

“Saudi Arabia and Jordan: Friends in Adversity”, Kuwait Programme on Globalisation, Governance and Development in the Gulf, London School of Economics & Political Science (LSE), July 2013

Morocco (History), Tunisia (History and Economy), Saudi Arabia (Economy) entries, *The Middle East and North Africa Yearbook* (2012-18), Routledge, London

“Crown Prince’s Death Raises Succession Questions”, BBC News website, June 2012

“Iran: Anatomy of a Crisis”, from the quarterly edition of the Economist Intelligence Unit publication, “Country Forecast: Regional Overview”, March 2012

“The GCC: Gulf State Integration or Leadership Cooperation”, LSE, November 2011

“Nationalism in the Gulf Arab States”, from *Transformation in the Gulf – Politics, Economics and the Global Order*, Routledge, London 2011

“Saudi Arabia’s New Role in the Emerging Middle East”, BBC website, 28th April 2011

“Limits of Being Helpful” (Saudi Arabian Foreign Policy), *The World Today*, Royal Institute of International Affairs, December 2010

Contributor, *Middle East International*, London, 2010, 1995-96

“Regional Investment in Human Resources in the Gulf”, in *Human Resources & Development in the Arabian Gulf*, Emirates Centre for Strategic Studies & Research (ECSSR), July 2010

“Nationalism in the Gulf”, LSE, October 2009

“Discreet Persuasion: Saudi Arabia’s Foreign Policy”, *The World Today*, July 2008

“Projecting Saudi Power: Saudi Arabia's Foreign Policy in the Middle East”, *Middle East & North Africa Regional Overview*, Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU), March 2008

“Dire Straits for US Mid-East Policy: The Gulf Arab States and US-Iran Relations”, [www.rusi.org](http://www.rusi.org) February 2008

*Showdown with Iraq* (contributor); Author & Senior Editor, *Saudi Arabia Country Report, Iran Country Report, Iraq Country Report, Kuwait Country Report, Palestinian Territories Report*, Economist Group publications, 2002-07

Co-Editor, contributor, “Gulf Security – Challenges for the New Generation”, *RUSI Whitehall Paper No. 51*, 2001, London

“The United States, Europe and the Security of the Gulf”, *The RUSI Journal* (April 2004);

“WMD and the Threat to the Gulf”, *The RUSI Journal* (Nov 2000)

“Repatriation of Palestine”, *Brassey's Defence Yearbook 1996*, King's College, London.

‘The Palestinians’ – an entry in [The International Encyclopaedia of World Terrorism](#), Brown Partworks, 1996 (republished by Routledge 1998, 2015 (ed. Martha Crenshaw & John Pimlott)

“Israel and the Occupied Territories”, “Iraqi sanctions”, *Parliamentary Brief*, 1995

“Palestinians in Profile” (Co-Editor/Editor), Vols 1-II, Panorama, Jerusalem, 1994, 1996.

[“Democracy Under Limited Autonomy”](#), Panorama, Jerusalem, 1994

#### **Papers and/or presentations** (selected)

“Saudi Foreign Policy”, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington DC, May 2018 (roundtable & book launch hosted by Dr Michele Dunne)

“Saudi-UK Relations in Light of Brexit”, Institute of Diplomatic Studies, Foreign Ministry, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, May 2018

“Saudi Arabia After The Purge” – *Saudi Arabian Foreign Policy: Conflict & Cooperation* book launch event with IB Tauris & Aperio Intelligence, London, April 2018

[“Labour Market Reform in the GCC”](#), General Secretariat of the Supreme Council for Planning & Development, Kuwait, January 2018

“Nationhood & Citizenship in the UAE, the Gulf and internationally”, National Defence College, Abu Dhabi, UAE, October 2017

Speaker, OXGAPS seminar on the “Qatar crisis”, House of Lords, September 2017

[“Saudi Arabia, the Gulf States, and the Trump Administration”](#), OXGAPS seminar on the Middle East under President Trump, House of Lords, February 2017

“Saudi Foreign Policy: A New Regional Approach or More of the Same?” (‘Saudi Arabia: Domestic, Regional & International Challenges’; National University of Singapore, Dec 2016

“Saudi Arabia’s Foreign Policy”, book launch presentation, CAABU, London, April 2016

“Saudi Arabian Foreign Policy”, book launch presentation (with Mark Katz, Fahad Nazer and Hussein Ibish), Arabian Gulf States Institute in Washington (AGSIW), March 2016

“Saudi Arabia’s domestic and foreign relations”, a group briefing for Simon Collis, (then) UK ambassador designate to Saudi Arabia, Foreign & Commonwealth Office, November 2014

“The UK’s Relations with Saudi Arabia and Bahrain” – evidence given before the Foreign Affairs Select Committee of the House of Commons, January 2013

“Saudi Arabia and the Arab Spring”, briefing for Sir John Jenkins, UK ambassador designate to Saudi Arabia, FCO, May 2012

“GCC Cooperation in Light of Regional Challenges”, Wilton Park, April 2012

“The GCC States in 2020”, training session for UK diplomats, Bahrain, February 2012

“Political Identity in the GCC States”, (part of a panel to launch *Transformation in the Gulf – Politics, Economics and the Global Order*, Routledge) LSE, November 2011; Kuwait, Dec 2011

“Sunni-Shia relations in the GCC Countries”, Arab-Iranian Relations Conference, LSE Middle East Programme, September 2011

“Influence of External Actors” (part of “Middle East Roundtable: Prospects for Regional Security”), Royal United Services Institute, November 2010

“The GCC and Europe”, Chatham House “GCC Conference”, October 2010

“The Politics of the UAE”, Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Germany, July 2010

“National Identity in the Gulf Arab States”, Gulf Studies Conference, Exeter, July 2010

“Constraints on effective GCC states’ Yemen policy”, Chatham House/Brookings roundtable on Yemen, May 2010, Doha

“Saudi Private Sector: Constraints and Capabilities”, *The Economist* Gulf CEOs Roundtable, Riyadh, May 2010

“Nationalism in the Gulf”, LSE, January 2010; Institute of Diplomatic Studies, Foreign Ministry, Saudi Arabia, May 2010

“Regional Investment in Human Resources in the Gulf”, Emirates Centre for Strategic Studies & Research (ECSSR) Annual Conference, Abu Dhabi, March 2009

“British Elites and Saudi Arabia”, Saudi-British Relations Conference, Institute of Diplomatic Studies, Foreign Ministry, Riyadh, April 2008

“Saudi Foreign Policy in the Middle East: Conservatism or Change?”, Houses of Parliament, Royal Institute of International Affairs, and RUSI, London, January 2008; University of Princeton, New Jersey, and University of Mary Washington, Virginia, USA, March 2008

“Saudi Foreign Policy”, King Faisal Centre for Research and Islamic Studies, Riyadh, July 2007.

“GCC Foreign policy”, Middle East Petroleum and Gas Conference, Dubai, April 2007.

“Political Reform in the GCC States”, Foreign Policy Centre seminar, Houses of Parliament, April 2006.

“Iran and the Regional Balance of Power”, “Saudi Arabia and Iraq: Risk Scenarios”; The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) Country Risk seminars, January 2007 & January 2005.

“Iraq and Regional Security Threats”, RUSI Transnational Terrorism Seminar, March 2006.

House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee: Written evidence on Saudi Arabia, Winter 2005-06, (published in "Foreign Policy Aspects of the War against Terrorism", Fourth Report of Session 2005-06, June 2006); and Iraq, (published in “Foreign Policy Aspects of the War against Terrorism”, Sixth Report of Session 2004-05 Volume II, April 2005).

"US policy toward the Persian Gulf in the Post-Iraq War Era", Persian Gulf Security Conference, Institute for Political and International Studies, Tehran, Iran, February 2004.

“The Consequences of the US’ Iraq Policy”, ECSSR, Abu Dhabi, January 2003.

“WMD and Gulf Security”, IDEX Gulf Security Conference, Abu Dhabi, 2001.

“Israel: Threat or Threatened?”, Mediterranean Security Conference, Oxford University, 2000.

“US and European Approaches to Persian Gulf Security”, Center for Scientific Research and Middle East Strategic Studies, Tehran, 2001.

“Prospects for Regional Security Co-operation”, Gulf Security Conference, Wilton Park, 2000

“A European Role in the Peace Process”, Houses of Parliament, 1995.

**Languages:** English (native) and Arabic (basic conversation/literacy)