

THE GULF & THE GLOBE 2009 CONFERENCE

28-29 JANUARY 2009 - ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND USA

CALL FOR PAPERS

From the time the first Portuguese explorers passed through the Strait of Hormuz in the 15th century to the present, global powers, along with their fleets and armies, have shaped the nations of the Gulf region, and in turn, have been shaped by them. The "Gulf and the Globe 2009" conference, hosted jointly by the U.S. Naval Academy's Center for Middle East and Islamic Studies, and the U.K. Joint Services Command and Staff College's Corbett Centre for Maritime Policy Studies, aims to investigate the encounters between the world's global powers and the local states of the region, bringing together a mix of academics and diplomatic & military practitioners who share an interest in a peaceful and stable Gulf. Expanding the academic literature in the military and political dimensions of Gulf security, particularly the role of the global powers in it, serves as a primary purpose of the conference.

Paper proposals are invited from prospective participants on the following broad topics:

- *Past/present/future security & defense issues
- *Political evolution of the Gulf states
- *Education and the media
- *Ethno-linguistic issues & socio-cultural affairs
- *Oil/Energy
- *Technology
- *Regional and international impact of Gulf wealth & prosperity
- *Military history

-This list is meant to suggest possible topics, although other topics are welcome if they establish their general relevance to the subject of the encounters between the global and local powers in the Gulf region.

-Both broad theoretical studies and specific case studies are welcome. Paper proposals (no more than 200 words) & a 1-page biography (electronic or paper copies), are due by 15 October 2008, and should be sent to:

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-This is an interdisciplinary conference. Participants will include academics, diplomats, military officers, and other interested individuals. Prospective authors are asked to write to the widest possible professional audience. Authors should keep their writing clear and succinct, minimizing the use of jargon and specialized vocabulary.

-Authors of accepted proposals will be notified by 1 November 2008. Final papers must be submitted by 1 January 2009.

-Paper presenters and participants must cover their own travel and accommodations to participate in the conference, and pay the \$95 conference registration fee by 1 January 2009. Certain participants may qualify for reduced fees.

-Registration information and amplifying information for the conference will be available by 30 August 2008 at www.usna.edu/MiddleEast

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