

# Provisional Program

Thursday October 16

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**Cloister Hall**

4:30 - 5:30 pm

Registration

**Tapestry Hall**

6 - 7 pm

Welcome

- **Giovanni Bazoli**, President of the Giorgio Cini Foundation
- **Gilles Kepel**, Chairman Eurogolfe

Opening Messages

- **Message from HE Nicolas Sarkozy**, President of the French republic, President of the European Union
- **Message from HH Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani**, Emir of the state of Qatar, President of the Gulf Cooperation Council

Inaugural Speeches

- **Bernard Kouchner**, French Minister of Foreign Affairs (expected)
- **Abdul Rahman Al-Attiyah**, Secretary General, Gulf Cooperation Council
- **Christophe de Margerie**, Chief Executive Officer, Total
- **Abdallah bin Hamad Al-Attiyah**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Energy and Industry, Qatar (expected)
- **Hubert Védrine**, Former French Minister of Foreign Affairs
- **Shaikha May Bint Mohammed Al Khalifa**, President of Board of Trustees of the Sheikh Ebrahim Center for Culture and Research

7:30 - 8:00 pm

*Vocal Performance of traditional Gulf and Middle Eastern Poetry*  
by **Mlle Ghada Shbeir**

**Palladian**

**Refectory Hall**

8:00 pm

Dinner & Concert

Opera Stravagante Heighten Century Venetian Music

## Friday October 17 - Morning session

### Energy, Environment, Investments: Engineering a Shared Sustainable Growth

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9 - 10:30 am

#### Workshops

##### Barbantini Hall

#### Panel 1. The New Energy Challenges: Sustainability and Feasibility.

Moderator: **Giacomo Luciani**, Professor and Director, Gulf Research Center Foundation, Geneva / Dubai

- **Philippe Boisseau**, President of Gas & Power business, Total, France
- **Simon Henderson**, Baker Fellow and Director of the Gulf and Energy Policy Program, The Washington Institute for Near East Policy
- **Khaled Awad**, Director of Property Development, MASDAR, Abu Dhabi
- **Albert Bressand**, Executive Director, Center for Energy, Marine Transportation and Public Policy (CEMTPP), Columbia University
- **Ibrahim Al-Muhanna**, Advisor to the Minister of Petroleum, Saudi Arabia (expected)

##### Library

#### Panel 2. Sovereign Wealth Funds: For What Purpose?

Moderator: **Brad Bourland**, Head of Research, Jadwa Investment, Saudi Arabia

- **Dominique Senequier**, Chairman of the Board, AXA Private Equity, France
- **Alain Demarolle**, Adviser to the French Government on Sovereign Wealth Funds
- **Abdel Aziz Aluwaisheg**, Director of Economic Integration Department, GCC
- **Mahmoud Al Kanderi**, Director Legal and Compliance Department, Kuwait Investment Authority (KIA)

##### Council Hall

#### Panel 3. Is the Gulf Becoming a Key Center in the Multipolar World ?

Moderator: **Steffen Hertog**, Kuwait Professor at Middle East Studies, Sciences Po Paris

- **Vincenzo Nesci**, President, Middle-East & Africa, Alcatel-Lucent, France
- **Bernard Savage**, Ambassador and head of the European Union Delegation at the GCC, Riyadh
- **Ali Ahmed Radhi**, Chief Executive Officer, Labour Market Regulatory Authority, Bahrain
- **Usamah Kurdi**, Member of the Saudi Majlis Al-Shura, Former Secretary General, Council of Saudi Chambers of Commerce

##### Tapestry Hall

11:00 am -12:30 pm

#### Plenary Session

Moderator: **Gilles Kepel**, Chairman Eurogolfe Middle-East Mediterranean Studies, Sciences-Po Paris Europe, the Gulf & the Mediterranean : to Triangulate Confidence.

- **Hassan Abouyoub**, Roving Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco
- **Moudi Al Humood**, Minister of State for Housing and Development

- Affairs, Kuwait (expected)
- **Lionel Zinsou**, Managing Director, PAI Partners, France
- **Waleed Al Mokarrab Al-Muhairi**, Chief Operating Officer, Mubadala Development Company, Abu Dhabi

**Palladian Refectory  
Hall**

12:30-2:30 pm

**Lunch**

**Friday October 17 - Afternoon session**

*Innovations in the Gulf and Perspectives of Cultural Cooperation*

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2:30- 3:45 pm

**Workshops**

**Barbantini Hall**

Panel 1. **Education: a New Asset in Global Competition?**

*Moderator: **Nada Murtada**, Vice Chancellor, American University, Sharjah*

- **Haïfa Jamal al Leil**, Dean, Effat College, Saudi Arabia
- **Richard Descoings**, Chairman, Sciences Po Paris
- **Elena Maestri**, Professor and Senior Researcher, Centro di Ricerche sul Sistema Sud e il Mediterraneo Allargato, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano
- **Tarik Yousef**, Dean, Dubai School of Government
- **Shafeeq Ghabra**, Professor of Political Science, Kuwait University

**Library**

Panel 2. **Investing in the Arts: Building Heritage in a Global Era?**

*Moderator: **Rita Aoun-Adbo**, Art and Cultural Advisor, Tourism Development and Investment Company, Abu Dhabi*

- **Frederic Sichler**, Chief Executive Officer, Rotana Films, Egypt
- **Dominique de Font Réaulx**, Curator, Musée du Louvre, in charge of the Louvre Abu Dhabi project
- **Ali Bagherzadeh**, Director of Xerxes Fine Arts Art Gallery, London
- **Golnaz Fathi**, Artist and Painter, Iran
- **Isabelle de la Bruyère**, Director, Christie's Middle East, UK
- **Lee Tabler**, Chief Executive Officer, Tourism Development and Investment Company, Abu Dhabi

**Council Hall**

Panel 3. **The Gulf Media Industry: Communication, Entertainment & Identities**

*Moderator: **Khaled Hroub**, Director of Cambridge Arab Media Project, University of Cambridge, UK*

- **Abdulrahman Al Rashed**, General Manager, Al -Arabiya Television, Dubai
- **Nigel Parsons**, Manager Director, Al Jazeera English, Qatar
- **Shada Omar**, TV journalist and presenter, LBC Channel, Lebanon
- **Mohammad Al-Rumaihi**, Professor of Political Science, Kuwait University
- **Sheikh Al-Hussain Bin Ali Ahmed Al Thani**, Chief Executive Officer, Qatar Media Services

**Cypress Cloister  
Hall**

Panel 4. **Sharing Words: Lost & Found in Translation.**

*Moderator: **Isabella Camera d'Afflitto**, Professor Straordinario di Lingua e*

- **Francesca Corrao**, Professor of Arabic Language and Literature, University of Naples "L'Orientale", Member of the Union of European Arabists
- **Tahar Labib**, General Manager, Arab Organization for Translation, Lebanon
- **Gonzalo Fernández Parrilla**, Departamento de Estudios Árabes e Islámicos, Facultad de Filosofía y Letras, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain

**Tapestry Hall**

4:00 - 5:30 pm

Plenary Session

*Moderator: Bruno Maquart, Director, Agence France Museums, Europe, the Gulf and the Mediterranean: New Cultural Horizons*

- **Tarak Ben Amar**, Member of the Board, Foundation Giorgio Cini, Producer, Quinta Communications, France & Egypt
- **Renaud Donnedieu de Vabre**, Former French Minister of Culture and Communication
- **HRH Prince Faisal bin Salman**, Chief Executive Officer Saudi Media and Research Group
- **André Azoulay**, President, Anna Lindh Foundation, Morocco
- **Emmanuel Hoog**, President, L'Institut national de l'audiovisuel (INA), France

5:30 – 6:00 pm

Video Presentation on

« **The Louvre in Abu Dhabi, an Ateliers Jean Nouvel Project** » by **Hala Warde, Ateliers Jean Nouvel, France** introduced by **Bruno Maquart**

**Cypress Cloister Hall**

6:30 – 7:30 pm

**Student Workshop "East vs West and Beyond"** Moderator: **Claire Talon**, PhD Student Sciences Po Paris.

- **Victor Gervais**, PhD Student Sciences Po Paris, Visiting Researcher at the Emirates Centre for Strategic Studies and Researcher (Abu Dhabi)
- **Maria Fantappiè**, Master Student, Sciences Po Paris
- **Mansour Al Bogami**, Master Student, Sciences Po Paris
- **Tariq Hasan al Hasan**, Student, Sciences Po Menton.
- **Dana Fardan**, Master Student AUS, Qatar
- **Amber al Tayyeb**, Master Student AUS Yemen

**Tapestry Hall**

7:30 pm

Cocktail with Video Documentary on Sciences-Po Menton Campus & Book Signing by **Gilles Kepel** *Beyond Terror and Martyrdom / The Future of the Middle East*, Harvard University Press, fall 2008

**Palladian Refectory Hall**

9:00 pm

Dinner at Cini Foundation

Saturday October 18 - Morning session  
*Preconditions for a Stability Framework in the Region*

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9:00-10:30 am  
**Barbantini Hall**

Workshops

Panel 1. **GCC New National Security Strategies.**

*Moderator: Gerd Nonneman, Professor of International Relations & Middle East Politics, Al-Qasimi Professor of Arab Gulf Studies, Exeter University, UK*

- **General (ret.) Saber Mohammad Al Suwaidan**, Former Commander of the Kuwaiti Air Force, Member of the Higher Council for Planning and Development, Kuwait
- **General (ret.) Khaled Al Bu-Ainnain**, Former Commander & Chief of UEA Air Force and Air Defense, Chairman of the Baynuna Group.
- **Riad Kahwaji**, Founder & General Manager, Institute for Near East and Gulf Military Analysis, Dubai
- **Tim Niblock**, Professor of Arab Gulf Studies, Institute of Arab & Islamic Studies, Exeter University, UK
- **Matteo Legrenzi**, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, University of Ottawa, Canada

**Council Hall**

Panel 2. **The Dynamics of Iranian Regional Policy.**

*Moderator: Bernard Hourcade, Research Fellow, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), France*

- **Kayhan Barzegar**, Research Fellow Harvard University, and Assistant Professor of International Relations, Science and Research Campus, Islamic Azad University, Iran
- **Mahmood Sariolghalam**, Associate Professor, School of Economics and Political Science, Shahid Beheshti University, Iran
- **Walter Posch**, Research Fellow, European Union Institute for Security Studies, France
- **Abdulaziz Sager**, Chairman, Gulf Research Center, Dubai

**Library**

Panel 3. **Beyond the Arab-Israeli Quagmire?**

*Moderator: Joseph Bahout, Professor, Sciences-Po Paris*

- **Marc Otte**, EU special representative for the Middle East peace process
- **Alain Dieckhoff**, Senior Research Fellow, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), France
- **Saleh Al-Mani**, Professor and Dean of College of Law and Political Science, King Saud University, Saudi Arabia
- **Samir Al-Taqi**, General Coordinator, Orient Center for Studies, Syria
- **Michael Young**, opinion page Editor, Daily Star, Lebanon

**Cypress Cloister Hall**

Panel 4. **Domestic Reforms in the Gulf: Assessments and Perspectives.**

*Moderator: Stéphane Lacroix, post-Doctoral Fellow, Stanford University / Sciences Po Paris*

- **Mohammed al-Rukn**, Associate Professor of Public Law, University Abu Dhabi
- **Ghanem al-Najjar**, Professor of Political Science, Kuwait University
- **Katja Niethammer**, Post-Doctoral Fellow, Center for International and Regional Studies, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service in Qatar.
- **Hauke Hartmann**, Director, Project Bertelsmann Transformation Index,

Bertelsmann Stiftung, Germany  
➤ **Abdulla Baabood**, Co-ordinator of the Cambridge Arab Media Project,  
Cambridge University, UK

**Tapestry Hall**

10:45 am 12:15 pm

Plenary session

Addressing the Stability Challenge: Which Political Responsibility for the EU  
and GCC?

*Moderator: Sergio Romano, Columnist, Corriere della Sera, Italy*

- **Joschka Fischer**, Former German Foreign Minister and Vice-Chancellor
- **HRH Prince Turki Al Faisal**, Chairman of the King Faisal Center for  
Research and Islamic Studies
- **Najib Mikati**, Former Prime Minister of Lebanon
- **HE Sayyid Badr Bin Hamad Bin Hamoud Al Busaidi**, Secretary  
General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sultanate of Oman (expected)
- **Stefania Craxi**, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Italy

12:45 pm

**Departure for Palazzo Grassi / Special guided tour and visit of the  
exhibition**

“ITALICS, ITALIAN ART BETWEEN TRADITION AND REVOLUTION, 1968-2008”

2:00 pm

**Private Lunch in the Atrium of the Museum**