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Workshop *China in the Arab World and the Emerging East Asia-Middle East Nexus*

Centre for the Advanced Study of the Arab World (CASAW), in association with the School of Government and International Affairs, Durham University

29-30 September 2009

Venue: Room 201, School of Government and International Affairs
The Al-Qasimi Building, Elvet Hill Road, Durham, DH1 3TU
(No.5 in Campus Map <http://www.dur.ac.uk/map/durham/>)

Tuesday 29 September 2009

10:30 Opening remarks
Prof. Anoush Ehteshami

10:45-12:00 **Panel I** *Conceptualizing the New Nexus*

Chair: Prof. Rodney Wilson (University of Durham)

Dr Narayanappa Janardhan (Political Analyst, Gulf-Asia Affairs, UAE) 'Middle East–East Asia Ties: Economy First? What Next?'

Prof. Tim Niblock (University of Exeter) 'China's Growing Involvement in the Gulf: Towards a Shift in the Regional Strategic Balance?'

Prof. Anoush Ehteshami (University of Durham) 'Conceptualizing the New Nexus'

12:00-12:15 Break (McEwan Lounge upstairs) with English refreshments

12:15-14:00 **Panel II** *The Economic Nexus*

Chair: Raja Almarzoqi Albqami (Institute of Diplomatic Studies, Riyadh)

Dr Rafael Leal-Arcas (Queen Mary, University of London) 'China's Rise of a Global Economic Superpower'

Prof. Emma Murphy (University of Durham) 'Can China be a model for Development in the Arab World? The Lessons of the Beijing Consensus'

Dr Gordon Cheung (University of Durham) 'The 2008-09 Financial Crisis and Emerging Economies: Opportunities and Challenges of Shanghai and Dubai in the Global Financial System'

14:00-14:45 Lunch (McEwan Lounge upstairs) with Arabic food

14:45-16:15 **Panel III** *The Security Nexus*

Chair: Prof. Emma Murphy (University of Durham)

Dr Yukiko Miyagi (University of Durham) 'China's Palestine Policy'

Dr Marc Lanteigne (University of St Andrews) 'China's Emerging Strategic Interests in Central and Southwest Asia'

Dr David Kerr (University of Durham) 'Central Eurasia's Role in China's Strategic Emergence'

Wednesday 30 September 2009

9:00-10:30 **Panel IV** *China-Saudi Relations*

Chair: Dr Gordon Cheung (University of Durham)

Dr Raja Almarzoqi Albqami (Institute of Diplomatic Studies, Riyadh) 'Saudi-China Economic Relationship'

Ms Norafidah Ismail (University of Exeter) 'China and Saudi Arabia: two decades of relationships'

Discussant: Prof. Tim Niblock (University of Exeter)

10:30-10:45 Break (McEwan Lounge upstairs) with Chinese and Arabic refreshments

10:45-12:15 **Panel V** *Other Dimensions of the Emerging Nexus*

Chair: Dr Narayanappa Janardhan (Political Analyst, Gulf-Asia Affairs, UAE)

Dr Janet Xuanli Liao (University of Dundee) 'China and the Middle East: energy security versus great power ambition'

Ms Sami Limlikit (University of Durham) title tba

12:15-13:00 Lunch (McEwan Lounge upstairs) with Chinese food

13:00-14:00 **Panel VI: Roundtable** *Assessing the East Asia- Middle East Nexus*

Chair: Prof. Rodney Wilson (University of Durham)

Contributions by panellists and audience

14:00 Closing remarks

Prof. Anoush Ehteshami