

Robert Mason
BA (Combined Hons) PhD FHEA

Non-Resident Fellow, Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington
Fellow, Sectarianism, Proxies and De-sectarianisation (SEPAD), Lancaster University

Academic Qualifications

Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter

2009-12 PhD Middle East Politics

Supervisor: Professor Tim Niblock

Examined by Professor Philip Robins and Dr Michael Axworthy

Thesis title: Economic Factors in Middle East Foreign Policies: The Case of Oil and Gas Exporters with Special Reference to Saudi Arabia and Iran.

Diplomatic Academy of London

2003-4 PG Certificate in Diplomatic Studies (International Law and Foreign Policy Analysis)

University of Westminster, London

1998-2002 BA Combined Honours International Relations & Politics (including a 6 month academic exchange at the University of Tampa)

The King's School, Peterborough

1998 3 A levels

1996 11 GCSEs

Professional Career

The American University in Cairo

2016 - 2019 Associate Professor, Middle East Studies Center

2016 - 2019 Director, Middle East Studies Center

The British University in Egypt

2013 - 2016 Lecturer in Political Science (e-learning coordinator)

University of Exeter, UK

2010 - 2011 Teaching Assistant

University of Exeter, UK

2009 – 2010 Administrator, European Muslim Research Centre

Hudson Institute, Washington D.C.

2008 Intern (I wrote fact files on UK and Libyan CBRN weapons and capabilities as well as a report on US critical infrastructure protection)

Fellowships and Visiting Positions

2020 - Non-Resident Fellow, Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington (AGSIW)

- 2020 - Fellow, Sectarianism, Proxies and De-sectarianisation (SEPAD) project based at the Richardson Institute, Lancaster University
- 2019 Visiting Scholar, Department of Near Eastern Studies, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University
- 2017 Visiting Scholar, Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia, NYU New York
- 2016 Visiting Research Fellow, Changing Character of War Programme, University of Oxford
- 2014-15 Visiting Fellow, Centre for International Studies, London School of Economics
- 2015 Visiting Scholar, Centre d'Etudes de Relations Internationales (CERI), Sciences Po, Paris
- 2011 Visiting Research Fellow, King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Educational Scholarships, Awards and Prizes

- 2018 AUC Faculty Research Award 2017-2018
- 2016 Certificate of Completion: National Institutes of Health (NIH) "Protecting Human Research Participants"
- 2015 Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (FHEA)

Administrative Experience

The American University in Cairo

- 2016 - 19 Director, Middle East Studies Center
- 2017 - 19 Various school and Department of Political Science search committees
- 2016 - 19 Member, Dean's Council, Global Affairs and Public Policy
- 2016 - 19 Member, Graduate Affairs Council
- 2016 - 19 Member, Advisory Committee, Center for Migration and Refugee Studies
- 2016 - 19 Member, Steering Committee, Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Center for American Studies and Research
- 2016 - 19 Member, Advisory Council, *The Cairo Review of Global Affairs*

External administrative academic work

- 2020 - 2022 Elected to the International Studies Association Foreign Policy Analysis (FPA) section executive board as an Officer-at-Large (member of Distinguished Scholar Award committee and Chair of the George Award committee for outstanding graduate student paper)
- 2020 Invited to participate in Think20 (T20), the 'ideas bank' of the G20
- 2020 Submitted written evidence to UK Cabinet Office Integrated Review
- 2021 Country expert for a UK asylum case
- 2019 Partner in successful ERASMUS+ grant application to enable academic exchange (staff mobility and student exchange) between AUC and the University of Salzburg
- 2018 Reviewer for 'Curated Reading List for the Study of Sino-Egyptian Relations', African Studies Center, Georgetown University, Washington D.C.

- 2017 Invitations accepted by Indian, South Korean and Indonesian ambassadors to give talks at the Middle East Studies Center at AUC
- 2015-17 Established a graduate level reading group in Political Science at the British University in Egypt and at the American University in Cairo
- 2015 Created internships for six British University in Egypt undergraduates at the Egyptian Council for Foreign Affairs (ECFA)

Teaching Experience

The American University in Cairo

Single taught core course and course convener

Politics and Economy of the Contemporary Middle East (capstone course open to all undergraduate students).

Single taught core courses

Introduction to Middle East Studies; Research Methods (Master).

Single taught options and course convener

Mediterranean Politics; Reassessing Order and Disorder in the Middle East; Politics and Power in the Middle East; Politics of the Gulf (Master).

Collaborative teaching activities

Dissertations (Master)

The British University in Egypt

International Relations Theory; The Rise of Asia; Negotiations and Conflict Resolution; American Studies; History of Political Philosophy; Politics of the Gulf; Humanities: An Historical Survey of the Relationship between Middle Eastern and Western Societies; International Law (Undergraduate).

Collaborative teaching activities

Dissertations (Undergraduate)

University of Exeter, UK

Collaborative teaching activities

Politics and Economy of the Contemporary Middle East (Undergraduate).

Mentoring and Visiting Scholar Supervision

Aida Yehia, PhD candidate, University of Dundee (2018 - 2020); Engin Koc, PhD candidate, Department of International Relations, Uludag University (2019, completed July 2019); Ruike Xu, post-doctoral scholar, Beijing Foreign Studies University (2019), Akira Ueno, PhD candidate, University of Tokyo (2018 - 2019); Anne-Marie Condacse, Professor of Vocal Studies, Oklahoma State University (2017).

PhD supervision and examining

External PhD examining

- 2021 Sukru Cildir, *Oil in Saudi - Iranian Relations Under US Hegemony: 1990-2020*, Department of Politics, Philosophy and Religion, Lancaster University.

Research and Travel Grants

- 2019 £1000 travel grant to Gulf Research Meeting, University of Cambridge
 2019 €1000 professor mobility grant from EuroMeSCo for EU academic participation in a 2-day post-graduate student workshop I convened: "The EU, Middle East and Africa in the 21st Century", American University in Cairo
 2018 €32,000 from the European Union for an academic – policy project in Egypt
 2018 £1000 travel grant to Gulf Research Meeting, University of Cambridge.
 2017 \$3000 field research grant (New York, U.S., and Moscow, Russia) from AUC
 2016 \$1650 conference grant from AUC
 2015 £3465 from London School of Economics Middle East Centre for field research in the UAE, as part of a project on *Mapping Foreign Policy in the GCC*
 2015 £500 research support funding from Centre of International Studies, London School of Economics
 2015 £1000 travel grant to Gulf Research Meeting, University of Cambridge
 2013 £1000 travel grant to Gulf Research Meeting, University of Cambridge
 2012 £1000 travel grant to Gulf Research Meeting, University of Cambridge
 2011 £1000 travel grant to Gulf Research Meeting, University of Cambridge
 2011 £2000 HRH Prince Alwaleed Al Saud Scholarship for travel to Saudi Arabia
 2010 £650 British Institute of Persian Studies Travel Grant for travel to Iran

Professional Memberships and Associations

British Society for Middle Eastern Studies; British International Studies Association (Foreign Policy Working Group); International Studies Association (Foreign Policy Analysis section); American Political Science Association; Middle East Studies Association; Association for Gulf and Arabian Studies; Gulf/2000 Project at Columbia University; Gulf Research Centre; Euro-Mediterranean Research, Dialogue, Advocacy (EuroMeSCo); Chinese in Africa/Africans in China Research Network; Réseau de Recherches Interdisciplinaire sur le Monde Arabe et l'Amérique Latine; Middle East - Asia Project (MAP) at the Middle East Institute (Washington D.C.); past contributing Analyst at Middle East Desk, Wikistrat.

Editorial and international advisory board positions

- 2021- Founding editor of monograph and edited collection series 'The Gulf States in International Affairs'. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books (an imprint of Rowman and Littlefield).
 2019-2022 Founding co-editor of monograph and edited collection series 'Political Economy and International Relations'. Cairo: AUC Press.
 2019 Co-chair of the Regional Conflicts and Security Working Group, AUC Centennial Project (Al Mostakbal) with the Middle East Institute (MEI) Washington D.C. and the World Bank.
 2018- Member of the scientific committee, Middle East Congress on Politics and Society, Sakarya University, Turkey.

Publications

Books (monographs and edited collections)

1. *Emerging Strategic Partners? China's Neutrality, Penetration and Prominence in North Africa and the Sabel* (working title). With Yahia Zoubir. Work in Progress for Syracuse University Press.
2. *Israel and the Gulf States: From Tacit Cooperation to Normalization?* With Banafsheh Keynoush and Guy Burton. New York: Lexington Books, forthcoming.
3. *Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates Foreign Policy: Strategic Alliances in an Uncertain World*. Manchester: Manchester University Press, forthcoming. “*Though Saudi Arabia and the UAE are arguably now the most influential Arab states, their foreign policies and policymaking structures remain rather enigmatic. Conducting the most detailed investigation to date, Mason provides us with a substantive, well-researched analysis. Essential reading*”. Christopher M. Davidson, author of *From Sheikhs to Sultanism: Statecraft and Authority in Saudi Arabia and the UAE*.
4. *The Gulf States and the Horn of Africa: Interests, Influence and Instability*. Co-edited with Simon Mabon. Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2022.
5. *Mediterranean and Trans-national Security Cooperation*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2020. “*Transnational Security Cooperation in the Mediterranean has the merit of combining both theoretical considerations and expert knowledge in one volume, tackling some of the most crucial security matters in the EU’s foreign policy towards the Southern neighbourhood.*” *The International Spectator*: <https://www.theinternationalspectator.com/post/book-review-transnational-security-cooperation-in-the-mediterranean>
6. *Reassessing Order and Disorder in the Middle East: Regional Imbalance or Disintegration?* New York: Rowman and Littlefield, 2017.
7. *Egypt and the Gulf: A Renewed Regional Policy Alliance*. Berlin: Gerlach Press, 2017.
8. *Muslim Minority - State Relations: Violence, Integration and Policy*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2016. “*Muslim Minority – State Relations is a very timely and sobering collection of essays... Challenging the presumed monolithic view of Muslims, the collection demonstrates the plurality of the Muslim socio-political and theological landscape, and documents how this plurality has come about, in that special attention is focused on the two-way interaction between Muslim minorities and states.*” *Perspectives on Politics*: <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/perspectives-on-politics/article/abs/muslim-minoritystate-relations-violence-integration-and-policy-by-robert-mason-palgrave-macmillan-2016-233p-10500/537472131220AD13B6EF4035C001261D>
9. *Foreign Policy in Iran and Saudi Arabia: Economics and Diplomacy in the Middle East*. London: I. B. Tauris, 2015.
 - a. Revised and updated 2nd edition. London: Bloomsbury, 2022.
10. *The International Politics of the Arab Spring: Popular Unrest and Foreign Policy*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2014. “*Mason’s contribution to understanding the repercussions of the Arab Spring is to show how the international community’s reluctance and inability to develop a coherent policy towards the region has contributed to the emergence of a power vacuum in which a diverse set of state and non-state actors now compete for influence.*” *Orient* (2016): https://migrationpolicycentre.eu/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Orient_I_2016.pdf

Textbooks

1. Robert Mason (editor and lead contributor) *New Perspectives on Middle East Politics: Economy, Society and International Relations*. Cairo: AUC Press, 2021. “*Erudite. . . The*

expert-level writings, often supplemented with data and graphs from recent research offer invaluable insights for policy professionals, journalists, and any reader interested in a deep dive into the extreme complexities of the region. . . especially and unreservedly recommended.”
Midwest Book Review: http://m.midwestbookreview.com/lbw/sep_21.htm

Journal Articles, refereed

1. Under review: "The Foreign and Economic Policies of Saudi Arabia and the UAE", *International Affairs*.
2. Under review: "Addressing Student Challenges in Private Universities in Egypt: The Critical Issues of Human Capital, Finance and Pedagogy", *Africa Education Review*.
3. "Germany - GCC Relations: Continuities, Priorities and Atlanticism", *German Journal for Politics, Economics and Culture of the Middle East (Orient)*, II, 2022, pp. 41-47.
4. "Strategic Depth Through Enclaves: Iran, Syria and Hezbollah", *Middle East Policy*, 28 (2), Summer 2021, pp. 96-108.
5. Guest editor for special issue "Greater Mediterranean as a Regional Security Complex", *Vestnik RUDN, International Relations* (Russian scientific journal in IR) of RUDN University (Peoples' Friendship University of Russia), 21 (3), 2021.
6. "Russia in Syria: An Unequivocal Return to the Middle East?", *Middle East Policy*, Vol. 25, Issue 4, Winter 2018, pp. 101-115.
7. "Enhancing South Sudan's Prospects Through Advancing an Ambitious National Security - Development Agenda", *Africa Policy Journal*, Vol. XIII, (Harvard Kennedy School), Spring 2018.
8. "A Reassessment of the European Neighbourhood Policy: Extending the Limits of Regional Conceptualisation and Approach", *Orient*, Vol. 1, 2018, pp. 31-39.
9. "The Syria Conflict and the Euro-Med Refugee Crisis: An Opportunity to Enhance the Common Foreign and Security Policy", *European Foreign Affairs Review*, Vol. 23, Issue 1, February 2018.
10. "Breaking the Mold of Small State Classification? The Broadening Spheres of UAE Foreign Policy through Effective Military and Bandwagoning Strategies", *Canadian Foreign Policy Journal*, Vol. 24, Issue 1, 2018, pp. 95-112.
11. "The Future of Egypt: Status Quo, Incremental Growth or a Rapid Ascent Back to Regional Leadership?", *Middle East Policy*, Summer 2016, Volume XXIII, Number 2.
12. "Caution Gives Way to Increasingly Assertive Policies in Saudi Arabia, but to What End?", *Harvard Journal of Middle East Politics and Policy*, Spring 2016.
13. "China's Impact on the International Relations of Sub-Saharan Africa: Implications for Dependency Theory", *Third World Quarterly*, March 2016.
14. "U.S., EU and Russian Middle East Policy: Failures, Interests and Reconciliation", *German Journal for Politics, Economics and Culture of the Middle East (ORIENT) IV 2015*, German Orient Institute, September 2015.
15. "Back to Realism for the Promise of an Enduring US - Saudi Relationship", *Middle East Policy*, Vol. XXI, No. 4, Winter 2014.
16. "The Omani Pursuit of a Large Peninsula Shield Force: A Case Study of a Small State's Search for Security", *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, 41 (4), 2014, pp. 355-367.
17. "Security and Development in Afghanistan: Rivalry, Reconciliation and Reconstruction", *Journal of Central Asian & Caucasian Studies*, 9 (17), Summer 2014, (English and Turkish).

18. "The Price of Peace: A Re-evaluation of the Economic Dimension in the Middle East Peace Process", *Middle East Journal*, 67 (3), Summer 2013, pp. 405-425.
19. "Russian Middle East Policy: A Function of "Reset" with the US or a New Cold War?", *The Maghreb Review*, 37 (3-4), 2012, pp. 247-258.

Chapters in Edited Collections

1. "China and Regional Stability in the Middle East: Economics, Engagement and Great Power Competition", in Yahia Zoubir (ed.) *Routledge Companion to China and the Middle East and North Africa*. Abingdon: Routledge, forthcoming.
2. "Saudi - Iranian Talks: On Track to De-escalation in the Middle East?" in *Gulf Reconciliation: Prospects and Implications for the Gulf's Regional and International Relations*. TBC, forthcoming.
3. "Introduction" and "Pushing the Envelope of National Security and State Influence at the Margins: Saudi and Iranian Competition in the Horn of Africa", in Robert Mason and Simon Mabon (eds.), *The Gulf States and the Horn of Africa: Interests, Influence and Instability*, Manchester: Manchester University Press, forthcoming.
4. "The Nexus Between State-Led Economic Reform Programmes, Security, and Reputation Damage in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia", in Martin Beck and Thomas Richter (eds.), *Oil and Political Economy of the Middle East: Adjustment Policies of the Arab Gulf and Beyond Since 2014*. Manchester: Manchester University Press, 2021.
5. "Population and Youth Issues in the Middle East", with Seif Hendy, in Robert Mason (ed.), *New Perspectives on Middle East Politics: Economy, Society and International Relations*. Cairo: AUC Press, 2021.
6. "Comparative Civil - Military Relations in the Middle East", with Dina Arakji, in Robert Mason (ed.) *New Perspectives on Middle East Politics: Economy, Society and International Relations*. Cairo: AUC Press, 2021.
7. "Environmental Politics in the Middle East", with Mohamed Aly, in Robert Mason (ed.), *New Perspectives on Middle East Politics: Economy, Society and International Relations*. Cairo: AUC Press, 2021.
8. "The Regionalisation and Internationalisation of Conflict", with Neil Partrick, in Robert Mason (ed.), *New Perspectives on Middle East Politics: Economy, Society and International Relations*. Cairo: AUC Press, 2021.
9. "The Fall and Rise of Extra-regional Actors", with Philipp Casula, in Robert Mason (ed.), *New Perspectives on Middle East Politics: Economy, Society and International Relations*. Cairo: AUC Press, 2021.
10. "Security Threats as Viewed by the Southern Neighbourhood: A Critical Assessment", in Robert Mason (ed.) *Mediterranean and Transnational Security Cooperation*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2020.
11. "Russia in Syria and the Middle East: Tactics Disguised as a Strategy", with Maxim A. Suchkov, in Robert Mason (ed.), *Mediterranean and Transnational Security Cooperation*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2020.
12. "Rethinking the EU Approach" in Robert Mason (ed.), *Mediterranean and Transnational Security Cooperation*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2020.
13. "Small State Aspirations to Middle Powerhood: The Cases of Qatar and the UAE" in Adham Saouli (ed.), *Unfulfilled Aspirations: Middle Power Politics in the Middle East*. London: Hurst/Oxford University Press: 2020, 157-183.

14. "U.S. and Russian Engagement in the Middle East: From Cold War to Cold War" in Wilda Western and Alejandra Galindo (eds.), *Voces, Tramas Y Trayectoria II*. Monterrey: Universidad de Monterrey, 2017. Translated into Spanish.
15. "Turkish Regional Policy in the Modern Era: From "Zero Problems" to Few Options" in Robert Mason (ed.), *Reassessing Order and Disorder in the Middle East: Regional Imbalance or Disintegration?* New York: Rowman and Littlefield, 2017.
16. "Egypt - Turkey Relations in Context: A Role for the GCC States?" in Robert Mason (ed.), *Egypt and the GCC States: Renewing an Alliance Amid Shifting Policy Pressures*, Berlin and London: Gerlach Press, 2017.
17. "Saudi - South Asian Relations", in Neil Partrick (ed.), *Saudi Arabian Foreign Policy: Conflict and Cooperation in Uncertain Times*. London: I. B. Tauris, January 2016.
18. "Executive Summary", in Robert Mason (ed.), *Muslim Minority - State Relations: Violence, Integration and Policy*. New York: Palgrave-Macmillan, January 2016.
19. "Towards a Strategic Partnership: Turkish Foreign Policy and GCC Alliance Building in the Era of the Arab Uprisings", in Ozden Oktav (ed.), *GCC - Turkey Relations: Dawn of a New Era*, Cambridge: Gulf Research Centre Publishing, June 2015.
20. "The Obama Administration and the Arab Spring: Waiting for a Doctrine" in Robert Mason (ed.), *Popular Unrest and Foreign Policy: The International Politics of the Arab Spring*, New York: Palgrave-Macmillan, December 2014.
21. "Iranian Policy towards Latin America as a Counter-Measure against U.S. Hegemony", in Alejandra Galindo (ed.), *The Gulf and Latin America: An Assessment of Expectations and Challenges*, Cambridge: Gulf Research Centre, October 2013.
22. "Realizing the Indo-Saudi "Strategic Partnership": An Analysis of the Leading Drivers", in Ranjit Gupta, Abu Backer Bagader, Talmiz Ahmad and N. Janardhan (eds.) *India and the Gulf: What Next?* Cambridge: Gulf Research Centre, 2013.

Encyclopedia and dictionary contributions

"Bahrain" and "Syria" in Christopher Matthews et al (eds.), *The Middle East and North Africa 2016*, 62nd Edition, Routledge, 2016.

Working papers

"Patterns and Consequences of Economic Engagement Across Sub-Sahara Africa: A Comparative Analysis of Chinese, British and Turkish Policies" LSE Centre for International Studies Working Paper, 2015.

Book reviews

1. A summary of the economic perspective in *Gulf State – Horn of Africa Relations* on the Manchester University Press blog platform:
<https://manchesteruniversitypress.co.uk/blog/2022/03/01/gulf-state-horn-of-africa-relations-in-economic-perspective/>
2. Invited: "Saudi - Iranian Relations and the Future of the Middle East" (including reviews of Kim Ghattas, *Black Wave: Saudi Arabia, Iran and the Forty-Year Rivalry that Unraveled Culture, Religion and Collective Memory in the Middle East*, (New York: Henry Holt and Company, 2020) and Ibrahim Fraihat, *Iran and Saudi Arabia: Taming a Chaotic Conflict* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2020), for *Bustan: The Middle East Book Review* (Penn State University Press), Winter 2021.

3. *Challenged Hegemony: The United States, China and Russia in the Persian Gulf*, by Steve A. Yetiv and Katerina Oskarsson, (Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2018), for *Middle East Journal*, Summer 2018.
4. *Muted Modernists*, Madawi Al-Rasheed, (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2016), for *Review of Middle East Studies*, Vol. 51, Issue 2, August 2017, pp. 258-260.
5. *Muslimism in Turkey and Beyond: Religion in the Modern World*, Neslihan Cevik, (New York: Palgrave, 2016), for *Perspectives on Politics*, Vol. 15, March 2017, pp. 264-265.
6. *The Arab Gulf States and Reform in the Middle East: Between Iran and the "Arab Spring"*, Yoel Guzansky, (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015), for *Journal of Arabian Studies*, Vol. 6, No. 1, 2016.
7. *A Poisonous Thorn in Our Hearts: Sudan and South Sudan's Bitter and Incomplete Divorce*, James Copnall, (London: Hurst & Co., 2014), for *African Affairs*, available at <http://afraf.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2015/05/29/afraf.adv033.full?keytype=ref&ijkey=Fga3mPwKAlr0HUB>
8. *South Sudan: From Revolution to Independence*, Matthew LeRiche and Matthew Arnold, (London: Hurst and Company, 2012), for *Journal of Pan African Studies*, Vol. 7, No. 3, September 2014, pp. 310 - 311, available at <http://www.jpnafrican.com/docs/vol7no3/7.3-22-Mason.pdf>
9. *Iran and the United States: An Insider's View on the Failed Past and the Road to Peace*, Seyed Hossein Mousavian, (New York: Bloomsbury, 2014), for Middle East Media and Book Reviews Online, available at <http://membr.uwm.edu/review.php?id=170>
10. *Bending History? Barack Obama's Foreign Policy*, Martin S. Indyk, Kenneth G. Lieberthal and Michael E. O'Hanlon, (Washington D.C.: Brookings Institution Press, 2012), for *LSE Review of Books*, available at www.lsereviewofbooks.com
11. *Obama and the Middle East: The End of America's Moment?*, Fawaz A. Gerges, (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2012) for *e-International Relations*, available at www.e-ir.info
12. *Muslims in Britain: Making Social and Political Space*, Waqar I. U. Ahmad and Ziauddin Sardar eds., (Abingdon: Routledge, 2012). Co-authored with Sherry Gadelrab. *LSE Review of Books*, available at www.lsereviewofbooks.com

Op-eds and Policy Briefs

1. "How to Break the US – Saudi Deadlock", *The National Interest*, 12 May 2022, <https://nationalinterest.org/feature/how-break-us-saudi-deadlock-202364>
2. "A New Era in German Defence and Foreign Policy: The Source of Broadening Relations in the Gulf?", Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington D.C. blog, 3 March 2022, <https://agsiw.org/a-new-era-in-german-defense-and-foreign-policy-the-source-of-broadening-relations-in-the-gulf/>
3. "Security, Energy and Identity Dominate Gulf Positions on Ukraine", Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington D.C. blog, 25 February 2022, <https://agsiw.org/security-energy-and-identity-dominate-gulf-positions-on-ukraine/>
4. "Revitalized Interactions Between the Gulf and Indonesia", Middle East Institute, 10 February 2022, <https://www.mei.edu/publications/revitalized-interactions-between-gulf-and-indonesia>
5. "Federalism and Conservatism in the UAE: The Case of Sharjah", Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington D.C. blog, 21 December 2021, <https://agsiw.org/federalism-and-conservatism-in-the-uae-the-case-of-sharjah/>

6. "Saudi-Russian Military Cooperation: Signalling or Strategy?", Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington D.C. blog, 3 September 2021, <https://agsiw.org/saudi-russian-military-cooperation-signaling-or-strategy/>
7. "Russia and the UAE: Monetization, Economization, and Militarization in the Gulf and Red Sea", Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington D.C. blog, 12 August 2021, <https://agsiw.org/russia-and-the-uae-monetization-economization-and-militarization-in-the-gulf-and-red-sea/>
8. "Consolidating Saudi - Omani Relations Under Sultan Haitham", Middle East Institute, 13 July 2021, <https://www.mei.edu/publications/consolidating-saudi-omani-relations-under-sultan-haitham>
9. "Is the Sky the Limit to the China - Gulf Partnership?", Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington D.C. blog, 12 March 2021, <https://agsiw.org/is-the-sky-the-limit-to-the-china-gulf-partnership/>
10. "US - Iran Relations Under President Biden: Back to the Status Quo Ante?", *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*, 30 November 2020, <https://gija.georgetown.edu/2020/11/30/us-iran-relations-under-president-biden-back-to-the-status-quo-ante/>
11. "As UAE Nuclear Power Plant Comes On Line, Attention Turns to Saudi Plans", Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington D.C. blog, 19 August 2020, <https://agsiw.org/as-uae-nuclear-power-plant-comes-on-line-attention-turns-to-saudi-plans/>
12. "Towards Peace-Building in Saudi - Iranian Relations?", in *Saudi Arabia, Iran and De-escalation in the Persian Gulf*, Sectarianism, Proxies and De-sectarianisation (SEPAD) project at Lancaster University, 24 June 2020, <https://www.sepad.org.uk/report/saudi-arabia-iran-and-de-escalaton-in-the-persian-gulf>
13. "An Iran Strategy Worth Fighting For", *Cairo Review of Global Affairs*, 24 July 2019, <https://www.thecaireview.com/tahrir-forum/an-iran-strategy-worth-fighting-for/>
14. "Civil Nuclear Energy in the Middle East: Demand, Parity and Risk". Co-authored with Gawdat Bahgat. Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington, May 2019. <https://agsiw.org/civil-nuclear-energy-in-the-middle-east-demand-parity-and-risk/>
15. "Recovering EU - Egypt Relations, But Core Political Issues Remain", for *Spot On*, Euro-Mediterranean Research, Dialogue, Advocacy Network, January 2019.
16. "US Reimposes Sanctions on Iran, but to what Effect?", *The Globe Post*, 21 November 2018, <https://theglobepost.com/2018/11/21/iran-sanctions-effects/>
17. "US - Saudi Relations in a New Perspective", *New Turkey*, 29 October 2018, <https://thenewturkey.org/us-saudi-relations-in-a-new-perspective/>
18. "Winds of Change in Riyadh", *The Cairo Review of Global Affairs*, 13 November 2017, <https://www.thecaireview.com/tahrir-forum/winds-of-change-in-riyadh/>
19. "In Trump's World, it Looks Like America First, Middle East Last", *The Hill*, 11 November 2017, <http://thehill.com/opinion/international/358943-in-trumps-world-it-looks-like-america-first-middle-east-last>
20. "Humanitarian Interventionism is Dead, Long Live Humanitarian Interventionism", *e-IR*, 3 November 2017, http://www.e-ir.info/2017/11/03/humanitarian-interventionism-is-dead-long-live-humanitarian-interventionism/?utm_content=bufferc63eb&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer

21. "Saudi Visit to Moscow: Driving a Wedge Between Russia and Iran", *The Globe Post*, 10 October 2017, <http://www.theglobepost.com/2017/10/10/saudi-salman-russia-iran/>
22. "Avoiding a Precedent in Syria and the Balkanisation of the Middle East", *OpenDemocracy*, 24 October 2016, <https://www.opendemocracy.net/arab-awakening/robert-mason/avoiding-precedent-in-syria-and-balkanisation-of-middle-east>
23. "Five Steps to Resolving the Ongoing Syria Crisis", *The National*, 18 November 2015, <http://www.thenational.ae/opinion/comment/five-steps-to-solve-the-ongoing-syrian-crisis>
24. "Soviet Strategy is Back in the Kremlin", *Fair Observer*, 22 September 2015, <http://www.fairobserver.com/region/europe/soviet-strategy-is-back-in-the-kremlin-81015/>
25. "Strategic Partnerships, Not Air Strikes and Advisors, Matter Most in the New War on Terror", *The Hill*, 15 June 2015, <http://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/foreign-policy/244852-strategic-partnerships-not-air-strikes-and-advisers-matter>
26. "Why the P5+1 - Iran Deal Won't Change Egyptian - Iranian Relations", *Iran Review*, 21 April 2015, <http://www.iranreview.org/content/Documents/Why-the-P5-1-Iran-Deal-Won-t-Change-Egyptian-Iranian-Relations.htm>
27. "What Happened to the Middle East Marshall Plan?", *OpenDemocracy*, 7 November 2014, <https://www.opendemocracy.net/robert-mason/what-happened-to-middle-east-marshall-plan>
28. "Sisi's Economic RoadMap", *OpenDemocracy*, 26 August 2014, <https://www.opendemocracy.net/arab-awakening/robert-mason/sisi%E2%80%99s-economic-roadmap>
29. "Palestinians Need an International Economic Strategy", *Financial Times*, 8 August 2014, <http://www.ft.com/intl/cms/s/0/76256936-1d8f-11e4-8f0c-00144feabdc0.html?siteedition=intl#axzz39pgXjwm5>
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Refereeing

Journals: Cambridge Review of International Affairs; International Relations; Middle East Journal; British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies; New Middle Eastern Studies; Asian Security; International Relations and Diplomacy; Journal of Economic Integration, Diplomacy and Statecraft; International Journal of Asia Pacific Studies; Arab Journal for the Humanities.

Publishers: Oxford University Press; Cambridge University Press; Manchester University Press; University of Exeter Press; American University in Cairo Press; Palgrave Macmillan; I. B. Tauris (Bloomsbury).

Think tanks and funding bodies: Chatham House; Qatar National Research Fund; Russian Science Foundation/Russian International Affairs Council; NYU Abu Dhabi Institute.

Broadcasting and Journalism

I have given interviews to the following media outlets and organisations:

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10. Voice of Russia World Service, Moscow, 17 June 2015, answering questions about the death sentence of Mohamed Morsi having been approved by the Grand Mufti
11. BBC Persian TV, 16 June 2015, answering questions about the prospects for peace negotiations in Yemen
12. Radio France International, 11 May 2015, answering questions about China negotiating Horn of Africa military base
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15. Voice of Russia radio, 4 March 2014, answering questions about President Karzai's interview with the Washington Post, available at
http://voiceofrussia.com/news/2014_03_04/Afghan-war-not-fought-in-countrys-interest-7825/
16. Voice of Russia radio, 24 January 2014, answering questions about Geneva II, available at http://voiceofrussia.com/2014_01_24/Geneva-2-ceasefire-in-Syria-highly-unlikely-despite-negotiations-expert-9776/
17. Voice of Russia radio, 3 January 2014, on Egypt in the coming year
18. Voice of Russia radio, 9 December 2013, answering questions about Chuck Hagel's surprise visit to Afghanistan, available at
http://voiceofrussia.com/2013_12_10/Chuck-Hagel-surprise-visit-to-Afghanistan-5422/
19. Voice of Russia radio, 27 November 2013, answering questions about the US - Afghan security relationship and the involvement of the Loya Jirga as a complicating factor
20. Voice of Russia radio, 17 November 2013, answering questions about Saudi and Israeli policy towards Iran should the Geneva talks fail
21. Voice of Russia radio, 11 November 2013, answering questions about the Iranian nuclear programme talks in Geneva and international sanctions against Iran
22. Girne American University, Cyprus, available at
<http://politikaakademisi.org/interview-with-dr-rober-mason/>

Policy Advice

Some recent examples:

1. I engage with policy-makers at multiple levels on a frequent basis, including participation in closed-door events held with Arab Gulf state foreign ministers and senior US officials hosted at the Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington (2020-present)
2. Convenor of an EU - Middle East Policy Round Table, with the participation of: Ambassador James Moran, former Head of Delegation at EU Mission to Egypt and former adviser to the EU External Action Service; Ambassador Aly Erfan, former Chef de Cabinet at the League of Arab States; Ambassador Amr Ramadan, Assistant Foreign Minister for European Affairs at the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; H.E. Julius Georg Luy, Ambassador of Germany to Egypt; H.E. Tomas Anker Christensen, Ambassador of Denmark to Egypt; Ms Omnia Taha, Former Director of the Europe and Euro-Arab Cooperation

- Department at the League of Arab States; and Ms Sandra de Waele, Deputy Head of Delegation at EU Mission to Egypt. Marriott, Cairo, 13 May 2019.
3. Co-organiser of Egypt - Japan symposium: "Egypt - Japan Cooperation in the Evolving Strategic Context of Middle East and Asia" with the Embassy of Japan in Cairo, including a delegation from the Japanese Institute of International Affairs, 5 February 2019.
 4. Discussant at "From Crisis to Peace-Making in Korea" with Professor Chung-in Moon, Special Adviser to the Republic of Korea President for Unification and National Security Affairs, part of "Tahrir Dialogue" series, American University in Cairo, 30 January 2019.
 5. Briefings and meetings with the ROK Ambassador to Egypt, ROK Ambassador to Jordan and Singapore Embassy staff in Egypt 2018-19
 6. Various policy related events at the EU Mission in Cairo 2016-17.

Invited Talks and Conference presentations

1. Book launch: *The Gulf States and the Horn of Africa: Interests, Influences and Instability*. The Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington, 8 April 2022.
2. Accepted paper: "Continuity and Change in the Arab Gulf Energy - Security Nexus", British Society of Middle Eastern Studies annual conference, University of St. Andrews, July 2022.
3. Invited presentation: "Saudi - Iranian Talks: On Track to De-escalation in the Middle East?", Eighth Annual Gulf Studies Forum, Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies, Qatar, 4-6 December 2021.
4. Invited presentation: "Foreign Policy Analysis in the Middle East: Leadership, Threat Perception and Intervention", BISA Foreign Policy Working Group, 7 October 2021.
5. Discussant, 'U.S. Foreign Policy in the Age of Trump', International Studies Association virtual meeting, 9 April 2021.
6. Invited presentation: "Encirclement, Insecurity and Strategic Depth: The Case of the IRGC in Syria", SEPAD work in progress meeting, 19 October 2020.
7. Workshop co-convenor: "Towards Sustainable Consumption and Production in the Gulf", Gulf Research Meeting, University of Cambridge, 15-18 July 2019.
8. Invited conference presentation: "The Shape and Form of De-escalation Measures Targeting Saudi - Iranian Rivalry and Proxy Conflicts in the Middle East", 1st Area Studies Conference, Tsinghua University, Beijing, 10-11 July 2019.
9. Invited presentation and discussion at Institute of West Asian and African Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, 9 July 2019.
10. Invited presentation: "Structural Reform and Political Consolidation: the Pathway to Modernization in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia", The Institute for the Transregional Study of the Contemporary Middle East, North Africa and Central Asia, Princeton University, 11 April 2019.
11. Invited presentation: "Structural Reform and Political Consolidation: the Pathway to Modernization in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia", paper for the workshop "Challenged by the Decreased Price of Oil: Adjustment Policies in the Arab Gulf and Beyond since 2014", hosted by the Lebanese Oil and Gas Initiative (LOGI) and the German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA), Beirut, Lebanon. 14-15 March 2019.

12. Invited lecture: "Reformulating UK - European Relations After Brexit: Implications for the MENA Region", Faculty of Economics and Political Science, Cairo University, 13 November 2018.
13. Invited participant in the dialogue workshop, "The role of Russia in the MENA region", organised by Istituto per gli studi di politica internazionale (ISPI) in the framework of the EuroMeSCo project, Milan, 12 October 2018.
14. Invited speaker: "Structure vs. Agency in the Middle East: The Case of the Gulf States and the Trump Administration", at the Middle East Congress on Politics and Society, Sakarya University, Turkey, 11 October 2018.
15. Convenor of the panel: "The Gulf States in East Africa: Security, Economic and Strategic Partnerships?", Gulf Research Meeting, University of Cambridge, 31 July - 3 August 2018.
16. Invited lecture: "Arab - Israeli Conflict", AUC Executive Education lecture for visiting undergraduate students from Tsinghua University, American University in Cairo, 28 January 2018.
17. Invited lecture: "Iranian Policy in Syria", Graduate School of International Area Studies, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Seoul, 28 November 2017.
18. Co-host and keynote speaker, 14th Korea - Middle East Cooperation Forum (sponsored by the ROK Ministry of Foreign Affairs), Seoul, 28 November 2017.
19. Chair of the panel: "Foreign Relations in and Beyond the Middle East", Middle East Studies Association conference, Washington D.C., 22-25 November 2017.
20. Guest speaker: "Iranian Policy in Syria: A Dichotomy of State Power and Objectives", School of International Service, American University, Washington D.C., 21 November 2017.
21. Invited presentation, "China and the Middle East (with special reference to Saudi Arabia and Iran)", to the Asia Club, Higher School of Economics, National Research University, Moscow, 25 October 2017.
22. Invited panel member and speaker, "Perspectives on the Saudi-Iranian Conflict and the Future of the Gulf Region", an event sponsored by Tusiad and Bogazici University Foreign Policy Forum, Istanbul, 28 September 2017.
23. Invited presentation: "Qatar and the UAE: Small State Aspirations to Middle Powerhood", Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, September 2017.
24. Member of Working Group "Middle Powers After the Arab Uprisings", Center for International and Regional Studies, Georgetown University Qatar, 15-16 January and 19-22 August 2017.
25. Moderator "Japan - Arab Academic Dialogue towards Stability in the Middle East" with Professor Eiji Nagasawa, University of Tokyo, part of "Tahrir Dialogue" series at American University in Cairo, 31 May 2017.
26. Invited presentation: "Saudi Policy in Africa", Regional Ministry of Defence Conference, Embassy of the Netherlands, Cairo, 14 February 2017.
27. Chair of the panel: "Revolution and Counter-Revolution in the Middle East: The Conceptualisation of Change through Intermestics", International Studies Association Annual Convention 2017, Baltimore, USA, 2-3 February 2017.
28. Chair of the panel: "The Gulf and the U.S.", Arab - U.S. Relations in Perspective, Center for American Studies and Research/Middle East Institute, American University in Cairo, 30-31 January 2017.
29. Invited presentation: "Iranian Policy in Syria: A Dichotomy of State Power and Objectives", Changing Character of War Programme, University of Oxford, 21 November 2016.

30. Book launch: *Muslim Minority - State Relations: Violence, Integration and Policy*, Middle East Studies Center, American University in Cairo, October 2016.
31. Book launch: *Muslim Minority - State Relations: Violence, Integration and Policy*, Ali Vural Ak Center for Global Islamic Studies, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, 25 February 2016.
32. Book launch: *Muslim Minority - State Relations: Violence, Integration and Policy*, Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Center for Christian - Muslim Understanding, Georgetown University, Washington D.C., 24 February 2016.
33. Conference presentation: "UAE Foreign Policy and the 'Influential Model': Economy, Alliances and Soft Power in the Modern Middle East", Middle East Dialogue, Policy Studies Organization, Washington D.C., 24 February 2016.
34. Invited presentation: "Breaking the Mould of Small State Classification? The Broadening Spheres of UAE Foreign Policy Through Effective Military and Bandwagoning Strategies", GCC Foreign Policy Workshop, Middle East Centre, London School of Economics, 7-8 October 2015.
35. Co-director of the panel (with Christian Henderson): *Egypt and the GCC: Renewing an Alliance Amidst Shifting Policy Pressures*; paper presenter: "The GCC Alliance and the Future of Egypt", Gulf Research Meeting, University of Cambridge, 24-27 August 2015.
36. Conference presentation: "China's Africa Policy in Retrospect and Options for Future Engagement", European Conference on African Studies, Sorbonne University, Paris, 8-10 July 2015.
37. Invited presentation: "Patterns and Consequences of Economic Engagement Across Sub-Sahara Africa: A Comparative Analysis of Chinese, British and Turkish Policies", Centre for International Studies, London School of Economics, 15 January 2015.
38. Conference presentation: "The Promise of an Enduring US - Saudi Relationship?", World Congress for Middle Eastern Studies, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey, 22 August 2014.
39. Conference presentation: "Towards A Strategic Partnership? Turkish Foreign Policy and GCC Alliance Building in the Era of the Arab Revolutions". Presented at the Gulf Research Meeting, University of Cambridge. (Discussant for Muhittin Ataman and Gulsah Neslihan Akkaya, "Turkey and the Gulf After the Arab Spring: Old Friends, New Partners"), 2-5 July 2013.
40. Conference presentation: "Iranian Policy Toward Latin America as a Counter-Measure against U.S. Hegemony". Presented at the Gulf Research Meeting, University of Cambridge (Discussant for Angel Blanco, Head of Iran Desk, Venezuelan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, "Venezuela and its Foreign Policy towards the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC): Historical Development, Challenges and Perspectives", and discussant for Elodie Brun, "Do Latin American Countries Still Dream about Arab Investment?"), 11-14 July 2012.
41. Invited presentation (as part of my British Institute of Persian Studies award): "Western Foreign Policy and Iran: The Argument for Active Engagement", British Institute of Persian Studies workshop, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, July 2012.
42. Conference presentation: "Realizing the Indo-Saudi 'Strategic Partnership': An Analysis of the Leading Drivers". Presented at the Gulf Research Meeting, University of Cambridge. (Discussant for a paper presented by H.E. Talmiz Ahmad, Indian Ambassador to Saudi Arabia), 8-11 July 2011.

43. Conference presentation: "The Price of Peace: A Re-evaluation of the Economic Dimension in the Middle East Peace Process." British Society for Middle East Studies Annual Conference, University of Exeter, 27-29 June 2011.
44. Conference presentation: "UK Foreign Policy and Government Relations with Muslim Communities: A Future of Greater Cohesion or Violent Extremism?" Humanities and Social Sciences Post-Graduate Conference, University of Exeter, 18-19 May 2010.