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The National Council on U.S.–Arab Relations is pleased to announce the launch of *Council Chronicle*, the Council’s free newsletter. You are receiving this inaugural issue as an expression of our gratitude for your previous support for what the Council seeks to accomplish. The newsletter seeks to keep the Council’s supporters informed and updated. To this end, the Council will produce and distribute news and special reports on the Council’s year-round educational programs, events, and activities.

About the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations

Founded in 1983, the National Council is an American educational, non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to improving American knowledge and understanding of the Arab world. The Council’s vision is a relationship between the United States and its Arab friends that rests on a solid, enduring foundation. Such a foundation would be characterized by strengthened and expanded strategic, economic, political, commercial, and defense cooperation in addition to heightened contacts and exchanges of present and emerging leaders among Americans and Arabs alike. The Council’s mission is educational. It seeks to enhance American awareness and appreciation of the multi-faceted and innumerable benefits the United States has long derived from its relations with the Arab countries, the Middle East, and the Islamic world. It endeavors to do this through leadership development, people-to-people programs, academic seminars, the Council’s annual Arab-U.S. policymakers’ conference, specialized publications, and the participation of American students and faculty in Arab world study abroad and Arabic language learning experiences. In pursuit of its mission, the Council serves as a U.S.-Arab relations programmatic, informational, and human resources clearinghouse. In so doing, it provides cutting edge information and insight to national, state, and local grassroots organizations, media, public policy research institutes, and select community civic, religious, business, and professional associations.

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Current and Forthcoming Activities and Programs

Save the Date: 16th Annual Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference October 25 & 26, 2007

The National Council's 16th Annual Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference is scheduled for October 25-26, 2007. The theme of this year's conference is "Revisiting Arab-U.S. Strategic Relations: Geopolitical, Energy, Defense, and Developmental Dynamics." The event will once again be held at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center, located at 1300 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, D.C. Information regarding the Agenda, Corporate Sponsorship, and Attendance will be available on the Council's Web site at www.ncusar.org.

Last year's Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference, held on October 30-31, 2006, registered 550 participants and was the largest and most successful in the Council's 24-year history. The Conference featured HRH Prince Turki Al-Faisal, Saudi Arabian Ambassador to the United States; chairs and members of the Foreign Affairs and Economic Committees in Saudi Arabia's *Majlis ash-Shura* (National Consultative Council); Saudi Arabian Minister of State Abdallah A. Alireza; the ambassadors and key diplomatic representatives of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, the Palestinian Authority, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen; the principal U.S. Department of State official responsible for U.S.-GCC relations; former U.S. Secretary of Defense, Energy, and Director of the Central Intelligence Agency Dr. James Schlesinger; the presidents and CEOs of America's largest oil companies -- Chevron, ConocoPhillips, ExxonMobil, Marathon, and Shell, as well as Saudi Aramco's Senior Vice President for Industrial Relations; and leading American and Arab policy analysts from the Congressional Research Service, the U.S. Department of Defense's Near East and South Asia Center for Strategic Studies, the Center for Strategic and International Studies, the Middle East Institute, Brown University, the Council on Foreign Relations, and other public policy research institutes and think tanks. C-SPAN satellite television aired the entire first day's proceedings live and rebroadcast them the following day, enabling the Conference's sessions to be viewed by millions nationally and internationally. More than 50 additional media representatives attended, ensuring that the conference received even broader print, radio, and television coverage.



(L to R) The Presidents and Chief Executive Officers of Shell, Marathon, Saudi Aramco (Vice-President), ConocoPhillips, Chevron, and ExxonMobil (Vice-President) discuss the energy dimension of the U.S.-Saudi Arabian relationship at the 15th Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference, October 30-31, 2006.



Video of the 2006 Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference's first day is available for purchase through C-Span. Visit www.c-span.org to find information on purchasing a copy of the proceedings.

Thank you to the following 2006 Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference Sponsors:

Aramco Services Company, Chevron, ConocoPhillips, Embassy of the State of Kuwait, Embassy of Saudi Arabia, ExxonMobil, Olayan Group, Shell Oil Company, Arcapita, Embassy of the United Arab Emirates, Marathon Oil Company, Northrop Grumman, Pratt & Whitney, U.S.-Saudi Arabian Business Council, Boeing, General Dynamics, Kuwait Petroleum Corporation USA, Patton Boggs LLP, Raytheon, Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center



HRH Prince Turki Al-Faisal delivers a keynote address at the 15th Annual Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C., October 30-31, 2006.



Dr. Nahed M. Taher, Founder and CEO of Gulf One Investment Bank, the first Saudi Arabian woman to head a bank in the Gulf region, addresses Regional Strategic Issues at the 15th Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference.



Dr. Kenneth Katzman, Senior Analyst of Gulf Affairs for the Congressional Research Service, delivers remarks at the 2006 Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference pertaining to the GCC countries and Iran.



HRH Prince Turki Al-Faisal meets two Model Arab League participants from New Era Academy (Baltimore, MD) during the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations' 15th Annual Arab-U.S. Policymakers Conference.

Academic Seminar for Summer Interns

The National Council is currently hosting a late afternoon (5:30-7:00pm) Academic Seminar on “America, the Arabian Peninsula, and the Persian Gulf: Myths and Realities” for Summer University Student Interns in Washington, DC. The June 19 – August 9 seminar is held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and is cosponsored by the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. The Seminar is designed to achieve two objectives. One is to provide as rich and varied an introduction as possible for understanding America’s relations with and the most pressing issues pertaining to the Arabian Peninsula and Persian Gulf. These two overlapping sub-regions are ones to which, three times in the past 20 years, the United States has mobilized and deployed a greater number of people and expended more of its treasure than anywhere else on earth. The second objective is to enable students to meet and interact with some of America’s and Arabia’s most renowned scholars and foreign affairs practitioners. In addition to highlighting important challenges affecting America’s interests in and involvement with the Arab and Islamic worlds, specialists discuss a range of opportunities awaiting those considering a career in U.S.-Arab relations. The Seminar, which has registered 97 participants, covers a breadth and depth of substantive and professional development topics that has seldom, if ever, been provided students in an academic setting. Information about the program can be found at: <http://www.ncusar.org/internship/07summerprogram.htm>. Students interested in participating in the program should e-mail their name, school, and academic major to InternProgram@ncusar.org, or call 202-293-6466 for more information.



Specialists who have addressed the National Council’s Seminar include National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations President and CEO Dr. John Duke Anthony; (L to R) former U.S. Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Michael Sterner; Dr. Peter K. Bechtold, Immediate Past Chairman, Near East and North Africa Program as well as the Advanced Arabian Peninsula Seminar, U.S. Department of State; Ambassador Walter Cutler, former U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia (twice) and U.S. Ambassador to Tunisia; Mr. Les A. Janka, former Special Assistant to U.S. Presidents Nixon, Ford and Reagan; Mr. Tyler Hoffman & Mr. Thomas A. Sams, respectively, Desk Officer for Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, and Yemen and Deputy Director, Office of the Near East, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce; Mr. Edward Burton, President, U.S.-Saudi Arabia Business Council; Mr. David Bosch, Director, Washington Office, Aramco Services Company; Ms. Laila Al-Qatami, Communications Director, American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee and Board Member, American Civil Liberties Union; Ms. Jennifer Salan, Producer, Al-Jazeera International; Ms. Susan Carter, Senior Director for Government Relations, ExxonMobil Washington Office; and Ms. Randa Fahmy-Hudome, former Special Assistant to the U.S. Secretary of Energy for International Affairs.

Academic Seminar for Summer Interns Topics:

UNIT I

- (1) Lenses for Learning about the Arabian Peninsula, the Persian Gulf, and Arab-U.S. Relations (I)
- (2) Pressing Issues and Arab-U.S. Career Opportunities in Diplomacy
- (3) Pressing Issues and Arab-U.S. Career Opportunities in the U.S. Government at Home and Abroad

UNIT II

- (1) Lenses for Learning about the Arabian Peninsula, the Persian Gulf, and Arab-U.S. Relations (II)
- (2) Pressing Issues and Arab-U.S. Career Opportunities as a Foreign Service Officer and in Cross-Cultural International Affairs Organizations
- (3) Pressing Issues and Arab-U.S. Career Opportunities in National Security Affairs and Government Relations

UNIT III

- (1) America, Arabia and the Gulf: Dynamics of People, Politics, and Power
- (2) Pressing Issues and Arab-U.S. Career Opportunities in the U.S. Government Involving Trade, Investment, and Commercial Joint Ventures in the Arabian Peninsula and Persian Gulf countries
- (3) Pressing Issues and Arab-U.S. Career Opportunities in Private Sector Business in the Arabian Peninsula and the Gulf Countries

UNIT IV

- (1) America, Arabia, and the Gulf: The Energy Dimension
- (2) Pressing Issues and Arab-U.S. Career Opportunities in the Media
- (3) The Situation in Darfur: Implications for American Interests and Foreign Policy Objectives

UNIT V

- (1) America, Arabia, and the Gulf: Dynamics of U.S. Policymaking (I): Arab-Israeli Conflict
- (2) Pressing Issues and Arab-U.S. Career Opportunities in Oil, Gas, and Petrochemicals
- (3) Pressing Issues and Arab-U.S. Career Opportunities in Defense and with Aerospace and Defense Companies

UNIT VI

- (1) America, Arabia, and the Gulf: Dynamics of U.S. Policymaking (II): The Gulf Cooperation Council Countries and Yemen
- (2) Pressing Issues and Arab-U.S. Career Opportunities in Intelligence and Counter-Terrorism
- (3) Arab-Israeli Conflict, Lebanon, and Arab-U.S. Career Opportunities in Human Rights, Development, and Peacemaking/Peacekeeping (I)

UNIT VII

- (1) Arab-Israeli Conflict, Syria, and Arab-U.S. Career Opportunities in Human Rights, Development, and Peacemaking/Peacekeeping (II)
- (2) Pressing Issues and Arab-U.S. Career Opportunities in Non-Government Organizations, Academe, and International Education
- (3) Pressing Issues and Arab-U.S. Career Opportunities in Banking, Law, and International Finance

UNIT VIII

- (1) Whither America Vis-a-Vis Iran and Iraq?
- (2) Pressing Issues and Arab-U.S. Career Opportunities on Capitol Hill and in Lobbying
- (3) Further Arab-U.S. Relations Opportunities for Leadership Development, Study Abroad Programs, and Graduate Studies

New Partnership with Yemen College of Middle Eastern Studies

The National Council is proud to announce its partnership with the Yemen College of Middle Eastern Studies (YCMES). Presently, the Council has 14 American students enrolled in the College's intensive Summer Arabic Language and Cultural Program. In addition to studying and practicing their ability to speak, read, and write in Arabic, the students visit several of Yemen's numerous cultural sites. Beyond furthering the students' ability to understand and communicate in Arabic, the program introduces them to one of the Arab and Islamic worlds' oldest and richest heritages in a country simultaneously engaged in modernization and development.



*The Yemen College of Middle Eastern Studies
Main Building in
Sana'a, Yemen*

The College, located in the Yemeni capital of Sana'a, houses the Program in Contemporary Middle Eastern Studies and the Yemen Language Center (YLC). The YLC, established in 1989, is the oldest private institution in Yemen dedicated exclusively to teaching Arabic as a foreign language and to serving the needs of international students, researchers, and the resident expatriate community. Headed by its founder, Mr. Sabri Saleem, the Center has administered all of the National Council's Congressional staff as well as faculty and student study abroad programs in Yemen for the past decade and a half. To date, more than 100 university faculty, students, and Congressional staff organized and escorted by the Council have participated in these programs. The Council's partnership with the YCMES was facilitated by Council President Dr. John Duke Anthony, who has been an official American observer for each of Yemen's four presidential and parliamentary elections since 1993 (Dr. Anthony is also the sole American Fulbright Fellow to have conducted research in what was formerly the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen). To learn about the YCMES and the YLC, visit www.ycmes.com.



Student Leadership Development: The Model Arab League



The National Council is pleased to report the successful completion of the 24th year of its Model Arab League (MAL) Program. In recent months, over 2,000 students from 200 schools participated in at least one Model. To highlight but one of the 13 Models, this year's National University Model Arab League, held in Washington D.C. from March 30th to April 1st, featured 273 student participants from universities all across the United States. As in 2006, the 2007 Program was conducted in 11 American cities plus Cairo, Egypt. Students participated before specially selected faculty advisers as well as adult judges known for their knowledge of the Arab world. Like no other comparable experience in the United States, this one-of-a-kind educational and leadership development program provides high school and university students an unparalleled opportunity to immerse themselves in the social, economic, and foreign policy challenges of the Arab countries.

The Model Arab League is similar to the Model United Nations but more limited and targeted in its focus and scope. It deals solely with the 22 Arab countries, not the 192 member-countries in the United Nations. By grappling with the foreign affairs challenges and opportunities of real-life Arab diplomats and foreign affairs practitioners, the participants are required to put themselves in the foreign policy shoes of someone from a country other than their own. The student delegates are required to learn their adopted Arab country's modern history, culture, society, economics, national politics and public policy positions on the most pressing issues confronting Arab governments.

Organized into five to ten-person delegations, the students' goal is to effectively represent a given country in competition with students representing other Arab countries. Students engage in the give and take of spirited discussion, debate, resolution-writing, and coalition-building aimed at persuading other delegations to support their positions. In the process, they acquire a range of skills that will be useful no matter what field they enter. Among the skills students learn and practice are critical thinking, chairing meetings, deciding agendas, time management, parliamentary procedure, and oral and writing skills within tight deadlines.

All in all, the experience of preparing for and participating in a Model Arab League enables students to learn about the Arab world and its peoples in a more effective way than is possible through academic courses, lectures, films, videos, briefings, blogs, or the Internet. Students who participate in the Models find very quickly that, whatever self doubts they may have had before, they rapidly develop valuable skills in diplomacy, negotiation, analysis, argumentation, and research as well as writing and public speaking.

From November 2006 to April 2007 the National Council administered 13 Models in 11 American cities. Among the delegations deemed by the judges to have performed in an outstanding manner at the National University Model were

the United States Military Academy at West Point, which represented Saudi Arabia (see photo on left); the American University in Cairo, which represented Iraq; Converse College of Spartanburg, South Carolina, which represented Palestine; Northeastern University of Boston, Massachusetts, which represented Egypt; and the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, which represented Sudan.

The National Council would like to express a special note of thanks to The David and Katherine Moore Family Foundation, The Mosaic Foundation, Chevron, and Marathon Oil for their support of the 2006-2007 Model Arab League Program.

Readers who know of any high school or university students or academic institutions that might be interested in participating in any of the Model Arab Leagues scheduled for 2007-2008, please contact National Council Student Programs Coordinator Andrew Vincent at Andrew@ncusar.org.



Model Arab League students cast their ballot for a resolution.



A student delegate represents Kuwait on the Social Affairs Council at the West Coast Model Arab League in Oakland, California.



The Model Arab League student delegation from the United States Military Academy at West Point visits the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia to receive a briefing.



Dr. John Duke Anthony, President and CEO of the National Council on U.S.-Arab Relations, with H.E. Dr. Hussein Hassouna, Ambassador of the League of Arab States to the United States.

Oman and the National Council's Malone Fellows in Arabic and Islamic Studies Program



Mosque and Historic Fort in Nizwa, Oman

A delegation led by National Council President Dr. Anthony and Mr. Peter Ochs participated in a study visit to the Sultanate of Oman March 22 - April 3, 2007. The delegation was comprised of USCENTCOM Officers, academics, and business representatives. The visit was part of the Council's Joseph J. Malone Fellowship in Arab and Islamic Studies Program. Established in 1984, the program provides select American university and high school faculty as well as foreign affairs professionals, select armed forces officers, private sector business leaders, and other specialists an opportunity to participate in intensive study visits to Arab countries. To date, there are more than 900 Malone Fellowship Alumni in nearly 800 American universities and other educational institutions. Since 1985, the Council has organized, escorted, and administered a total of 15 delegations of American leaders to participate in study visits to Oman. The delegations for these visits have been comprised of Congressional chiefs of staff, corporate representatives, university faculty, community public affairs specialists, presidents and executive directors of World Affairs Councils, high school students, and U.S. Armed Forces officers. The participants benefit from a diverse program of meetings with select Omani policymakers, briefings at the

American Embassy, a series of exposures to various components of Oman's rich cultural and historical heritage, and visits to sites of economic, infrastructural, and social development.

This year, as with the National Council's study visits to Oman for the past half decade, a quite differently focused cultural immersion program proved popular as a means of learning about this unique country. Whereas many of the Council's study visit programs in other Arab countries focus on policy-related issues and topics related to economic and social development, this one takes place outside the capital of Muscat, in the countryside. The purpose is to provide the delegation members a privileged first hand cultural and anthropological exposure to one of the Arab world's most demographically, geographically and socially diverse countries. It is also designed to provide context, background, and perspective for how these factors influence Oman's national interests as well as its domestic and foreign policy

objectives. To this end, participants spend time along the coasts, in the mountains, in an outdoors camp deep in the Sharqiyyah Sands' easternmost reach of the Rub' al-Khali desert, in remote villages, in hilltop hamlets, and in little-visited farm sites tucked beneath groves of trees clinging to mountainsides. They also visit classrooms of children dreaming their dreams of becoming one of Oman's leaders of tomorrow, and they observe how scarce water supplies are carried to far flung fields by an ancient system of irrigation and water conservation that is a marvel to behold: thousands of years old, but still intact.

Far from being passive participants in these adventures that few Americans or most other Westerners have had, delegation members get to sail all day and spend a night aboard a traditional wooden Arab sailing dhow, where they sleep in the open under the stars, scuba dive and snorkel offshore Telegraph Island, and anchor in hard-to-reach coves amongst Oman's Norwegian-like fjords that drop straight down into the sea in areas adjacent to and all the way around the internationally vital Strait of Hormuz. Opportunities abound to take the measure of the country's fisher folk and boat builders, its weavers and potters, its local councilmen and women, its wizened sentries who patiently guide one through the architectural mazes integral to some of the country's more than 400 centuries-old forts, its school children at play, its faithful at prayer, and its multi-ethnic and religious rituals. They do this along the shores and inland reaches of the Indian Ocean, the Gulf of Oman, the Arabian Sea, and other storied places. An additional program objective is to underscore little known aspects about Omani-U.S. relations and Oman's contributions to international maritime knowledge and history. For example, participants become aware that Oman has the singular distinction of being co-partners in the oldest ongoing treaty relationship that America has with any Arab nation (the 1833 Omani-U.S. Treaty of Commerce and Amity). They also learn that Oman gave birth to the most famous of all Arab navigators, Ahmad bin Majid. The latter ranks rightly in the same league with the legendary Portuguese explorer Vasco da Gama. Bin Majid is featured along with other facets of Oman's rich seafaring history at the exhibit, "Encompassing the Globe: The Portuguese in the 16th and 17th Centuries," currently on display in Washington, D.C. until the end of September at the Freer and Sackler Galleries of the Smithsonian Institution – in which the first ever gifts received were those from Oman. For more information, visit the web site: <http://www.asia.si.edu/EncompassingtheGlobe/>.



*End Pictures: inlaid Islamic niches at the Sultan Qaboos Mosque in Muscat;
Middle Pictures: Bedouin Omani girls in the Sharqiyyah Sands.*



The Malone Fellow delegation spends two days with Omanis who live in the Rub' al-Khali, the world's largest desert.



A traditional Arab sailing dhow at anchor in Sur - Oman's easternmost port on the Indian Ocean coast.

President's Outreach: Educational Service and Publications

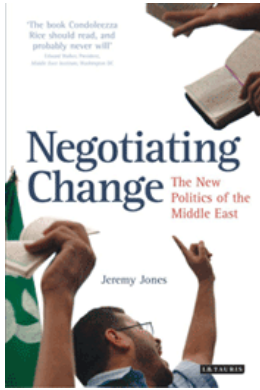
In the past year, National Council President Dr. Anthony taught the first academic semester-long course in the United States on "Saudi Arabia and Gulf Politics" at the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University. On September 20, 2006, he served as an official observer for Yemen's fourth presidential and parliamentary elections, being the only American to have served in this capacity for each of Yemen's national elections since they commenced in 1993. In December, he was again the only American invited to observe the 25th Annual Gulf Cooperation Council Ministerial and Heads of State Summits in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, December 10-11, 2006. He was also the only American among 40 international authors of the volume commemorating the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Gulf Cooperation Council, contributing an essay on "The GCC and America in Perspective," in addition to authoring an essay on "Gulf-U.S. Relations" for the *Gulf Yearbook, 2006*. Other publications include:

- An assessment of the first year of Saudi Arabian King Abdallah bin 'Abdalaziz Al-Sa'ud's reign since becoming Custodian of the Two Holy Places following the death of King Fahd (1982-2005), which appeared in *Al-Riyadh* (in Arabic), in *Saudi-U.S. Relations Information Services* (SUSRIS), and can be found on the National Council's Web site www.ncusar.org and www.susris.org.
- Articles on "Oman" and "Qatar" for the 2006 edition of *Encyclopedia Britannica*.
- Essays on the following personalities for the *Biographical Encyclopedia of the Modern Middle East*:
 - HRH Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Bin 'Abdalaziz Al-Sa'ud, Chairman of Kingdom Holding, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
 - HH Shaikh Khalifa Bin Zayid Al-Nahyan, Ruler of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi and President of the United Arab Emirates (UAE)
 - HH Shaikh Muhammad Bin Rashid Al-Maktoum, Ruler of the Emirate of Dubai, UAE Vice President, Prime Minister, and Minister of Defense
 - HH Shaikh General Muhammad Bin Zayid Al-Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE armed Forces
 - H.E. Adel Al-Jubeir, Saudi Arabian Ambassador to the United States.
- Book review essays for the *Middle East Journal* on the following publications appearing in 2006-2007:
 - Arabs*, by Sir Mark Allen
 - Storm from the East*, by Milton Viorst
 - The Iraq War: Causes and Consequences*, edited by Rick Fawn and Raymond Hinnebusch
 - Divide and Perish: The Geopolitics of the Middle East*, by Curtis F. Jones

In addition to publishing the above, Dr. Anthony addressed the following public affairs groups:

- Diplomatic and defense members of the Class of 2007 at the National War College
- The Class of 2007 at the Advanced Arabian Peninsula Seminar and the Near East and North Africa Program of the U.S. Department of State's George C. Shultz National Foreign Affairs Training Center
- The Northern Virginia Branch of the Foreign Policy Association's "Great Decisions Series"
- *Al-Hewar*, Northern Virginia
- The National World Affairs Councils Annual Convention
- The World Affairs Council of Dallas/Fort Worth
- The Washington, D.C. World Affairs Council's Summer Teachers Institute on "The United States and the Arab World"
- The First Annual Convention of the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries' International Public Relations Association at its meeting in Bahrain
- The Third Annual National Convention on "Race, Place, and Ethnicity" at Texas State University
- The Washington Center Intern Program
- The American University in Cairo's Annual Student Leadership Program
- Members of the Gulf Cooperation Council countries' branch of the International Public Relations Association
- Members of the nongovernmental organization, Conflicts Forum, at its meeting in Beirut.
- Senior executives of American Fortune 100 corporations

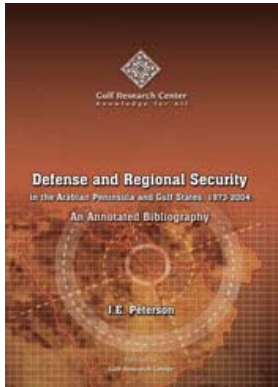
New Senior International Affairs Fellow



Since 1987, the National Council has awarded the title of Senior International Affairs Fellow to a select number of American, Arab, and other specialists in various facets of America's and other countries' relations with the Arab world. The Fellowship carries no financial stipend but enables Fellows to serve as part of the Council's network of educational resource specialists. The Council's newest Fellow is Mr. Jeremy Jones, author of *Negotiating Change: The New Politics of the Middle East* (London and New York: I.B. Tauris, 2007). Mr. Jones is also a Research Fellow at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and a Senior Research Associate at the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies. In March and April 2007, the Council organized a public affairs program for Mr. Jones in which he addressed the Class of 2007 at the National War College, Midshipmen and faculty in the Middle East Program at the United States Naval Academy, U.S. Central Command officers en route the Sultanate of Oman, Hood College in Frederick, Maryland, and the Middle East Institute. On March 21 Mr. Jones also published an Op-Ed in the Baltimore Sun titled "The Voice of the People"

which can be found at: http://bcsia.ksg.harvard.edu/publication.cfm?program=CORE&ctype=article&item_id=1710

Defense and Regional Security in the Arabian Peninsula and the Gulf Region, 1973-2004: An Annotated Bibliography



The National Council is pleased to announce the publication of J.E. Peterson's *Defense and Regional Security in the Arabian Peninsula and the Gulf Region, 1973-2004: An Annotated Bibliography*. Council friends will recall the Council having published, in 1985, a previous volume on this topic by Dr. Peterson that covered the period 1973-1983. In that instance, as in this one, Council President Dr. John Duke Anthony wrote the Foreword. For this occasion, the Council entered into an agreement whereby Gulf Research Center (GRC) would handle publication and serve as the primary distributor of this important work. The GRC is an independent research institute located in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE). It was founded in July 2000 by Mr. Abdulaziz Sager, a Saudi Arabian businessman. Mr. Sager realized, in a world of rapid political, social, and economic change, the importance not only of pursuing politically neutral and academically sound research about the Gulf region but also disseminating the knowledge obtained as widely as possible. The Center is a non-partisan think tank, education service provider, and consultancy specializing in the Gulf region with a view to providing a better understanding of its challenges and prospects.

The 591-page volume is destined to become the classic reference work of its kind for a long time to come. Dr. Peterson, one of the world's foremost authorities on the Arabian Peninsula and Gulf states, has annotated a vast number of publications on the subject. The work is impressive not only for the extent of its reach but also for its comprehensiveness in covering virtually all of the more important publications appearing in English in the past three decades. In an introductory note, GRC Chairman Sager notes that, "it is important that academic studies be built on the foundation of extensive literature reviews so that they take into account what has already been written by others. This bibliography facilitates this process for any researcher interested in defense and security issues related to the Gulf region. The value of this work goes far beyond its utility in research. By browsing through the various publications and reading the commentaries, audiences will appreciate the trends and shifts in Gulf security and will have an understanding of the significance of certain events without having to read the complete referenced publications themselves. In this regard, the bibliography can be utilized by the novice and expert alike; both can expect to extract a high degree of value from this unique reference guide."

What Peterson has done is produce the most extensive annotated bibliography on the subject of Gulf defense and security available. The 2,214 entries cover such subjects as oil security; the Iran-Iraq war; the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait; post-1991 policy towards Iraq and the Iraq War; and the involvement of the United States, Soviet Union/Russia, Europe, and China in the Gulf, including their bilateral relations with the Gulf states. Regional disputes and bilateral relations between littoral states are examined as well as regional responses to security issues. The final section comprises coverage of internal aspects of Gulf security, including resurgent Islam, Gulf military capabilities and arms transfers, and sections on each of the Gulf states. The text is accompanied by a comprehensive index of institutions and personal names -- 2,105 in all -- of the scholars, academics, and other specialists who authored the publications examined.

Copies can be ordered from the following address: Gulf Research Center, 187 Oud Metha Tower, 11th Floor, 303 Sheikh Rashid Road, P.O. Box 80758, Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Tel: +971-4-324-7770; fax: +971-3-324-7771; e-mail: info@grc.ae; Website: www.grc.ae.

National Council Ripple Effects (I): Additional Management and Program Coordinator

The National Council's office at 1730 M St. NW, Suite 503, in Washington, DC, is staffed, in addition to Dr. Anthony, by Council Vice President and Director of Development Mr. Pat Mancino, Council Communications Coordinator Mr. Mark Morozink, and Model Arab League Coordinator Mr. Andrew Vincent. Prior to joining the Council, Mr. Mancino was Special Assistant to the President and Director of Development at the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC), a nonprofit, nonpartisan, nonsectarian, national civil rights organization where he developed, managed and executed the Committee's fundraising and development strategies. Mr. Mancino, a Magna Cum Laude Graduate (1992) of the School of Public Affairs at The American University in Washington, D.C., has been selected twice in the past year to serve as a judge on the National Selection Committee of the International Institute of Education (IIE). The Committee helps administer IIE's annual scholarship for American pre-collegiate educators to participate in a study visit to Saudi Arabia. Mr. Morozink has served as Conference Manager for the 14th and 15th Annual Arab U.S. Policymakers Conferences in Washington D.C. in 2005 and 2006, and Program Manager for the Model Arab League in 2005-06 and 2006-07. A Cum Laude Graduate (2005) of Augustana College in Augustana, Illinois, he is an alumnus of the Council's Model Arab League Program, to which he was introduced by Augustana professor and National Council Malone Fellow Dr. James A. Winship (see below). During Mark's tenure in this position, he has coordinated the participation of nearly 5,000 American university and secondary school students in the nation's premier youth leadership development program related to the Arab world. He has also assisted in placing many of the students in Arabic language study abroad programs in Egypt, Morocco, and Yemen.



Mr. Pat Mancino



Mr. Mark Morozink

National Council Ripple Effects (II): New Staff



The National Council is pleased to welcome a new member to its staff: Mr. Andrew Vincent. An alumnus of the Council's Model Arab League Program, Mr. Vincent comes to the Council with a Masters Degree in International Studies from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia (ODU). He will be serving as the Council's Student Programs Coordinator. Illustrative of the synergistic dynamics of the Council's educational programs for educators, students and the Model Arab League Program in the case of Mr. Vincent is that he studied under Malone Faculty Fellow Alumna Dr. Fran Hassencahl. Dr. Hassencahl, a noted teacher of Rhetoric at ODU, has participated in Council study abroad programs in Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Syria, and Yemen. Based on these experiences in pursuit of the Council's educational mission, she was elected Director of the Council's Virginia Committee on U.S.-Arab

Relations. She has also administered the Norfolk area High School Model Arab League, which has involved teachers and students from the more than two dozen secondary schools located in the Virginia Tidewater area. Additionally, she was a key figure in forging institutional linkages between ODU and the University of Aleppo in Aleppo, Syria. Since 1986, the Council has administered educational programs for nearly 400 American university professors and university as well as high school students at the University of Aleppo. In the 1990s, with the assistance of a special U.S. Office of Education three-year grant, ODU and the University of Aleppo administered a three-year faculty exchange program in which nine ODU professors taught at the University of Aleppo and an equal number of Syrian university professors taught at ODU. All of which underscores the long term multiplier-effect of but one among many of the Council's grassroots educators following their participation in one of the Arab-U.S. educational programs made possible by the Council's supporters.

National Council Ripple Effects (III): Summer Interns



(L to R) National Council 2007 Interns Elise Siewart, Philip Zandona, Jessica Dietrich, and Robert Lyons.

The National Council is presently hosting four university student interns. Ms. Jessica Dietrich is a rising senior at the University of Redlands in Redlands, California, the alma mater of Council Vice President Les Janka. She is a Government and Sociology double major and spent a semester studying abroad in Amman, Jordan; Mr. Robert Lyons, an alumnus of the Mississippi Valley Model Arab League, president of his student body, a student of Malone Fellow Alumnus Dr. James Winship, and a rising senior at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois; Ms. Elise Seiwert, a student of Ohio Model Arab League faculty advisor Saleh Yousef, is a rising senior at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio; and Mr. Philip Zandona, who spent the formative years of his upbringing in the United Arab Emirates and the State of Qatar, is a rising sophomore at the University of Delaware in Newark, Delaware.

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HRH Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal

Can You Answer These Questions About Arab-U.S. Relations?

- (1) What does “NOPEC” stand for and represent? Were it to be enacted into legislation by the U.S. Congress, what would be the possible implications for American interests and key foreign policies?
- (2) How did it come to be that high-ranking American officials and talk show pundits, in contrast to a year ago, are increasingly arguing that the United States must jettison its seven decades-old energy cooperation relationship with Saudi Arabia and other major Arab oil exporting countries? What precipitated the change?
- (3) How realistic is it for Americans to believe that the United States can successfully switch from reliance upon oil and gas to alternative fuels, e.g., ethanol, hybrids, wind, solar, tar sands, and the like, without paying a prohibitively high strategic, economic, and geopolitical price?
- (4) What would be the likely consequences for America’s national security, economic, and related interests if the United States were to cease importing oil from the Middle East?
- (5) How is the U.S. governmental and legal system more -- or less -- conducive to furthering American private sector business interests in comparison to America’s competitors from other countries?
- (6) How is one to assess the economic, commercial, political, strategic, and/or other value of the imposition of economic sanctions or boycotts against (a) Iraq prior to the American-led invasion and occupation that commenced on March 19, 2003, (b) Iran, and (c) the Palestinian Authority following the establishment by Hamas and Fatah of a unity government in March of this year?
- (7) How is it that more than half of the entire Arab world’s private sector liquidity resides in the six GCC countries?
- (8) How have such geographically small polities like the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority managed to amass equities in foreign financial instruments and institutions valued in the neighborhood of 750 billion dollars and the UAE Emirate of Dubai succeeded this past year in having the income from its commercial activities exceed the revenue from its oil exports?
- (9) Why is it that, for more than a year, one of America’s most widely read newspapers, the Washington Post, has rarely if ever printed any letters to the editor related to Iraq, Iran, or Israel-Palestine? In contrast, what explains the fact that scarcely a week passes without The New York Times publishing numerous letters to the editor about these issues?
- (10) Why is it that, after more than a year of intensive and extensive efforts, the English-language version of the Arab world’s most widely viewed satellite television station, Al-Jazeera International, has been unable to secure arrangements to be carried by any major American media outlet?

Important Facts Pertaining to U.S.-Arab Relations That You Might Not Know:

- (1) The 300 million people of the United States are almost exactly the same in number as the population of the 22 Arab countries.
- (2) The estimated 1 billion people living in the Republic of India is only a third less than the total number of Muslims worldwide, which is estimated to be at 1.3 billion.
- (3) One out of every four Arabs is an Egyptian.
- (4) Prior to the enlargement of NATO in the past decade to include Central and East European countries, the territory of Saudi Arabia was larger than that of all of Western Europe combined.
- (5) Of the half dozen or so U.S.-bilateral economic commissions forged during the mid-1970s with several Arab and South Asian countries, only the one with Saudi Arabia succeeded in fulfilling its stated mission.
- (6) Of the 192 members of the United Nations, only two entered the international comity of independent nations in the immediate past century not out from under Western imperial rule: namely, Saudi Arabia and Yemen. (Some claim that Thailand was a third, but others emphasize that the de facto influence of Great Britain on the country was so extensive as to call into question the extent to which Thailand was nationally sovereign, politically independent, and territorially intact – three of the core criteria for admission of countries into the United Nations.
- (7) The nine countries of the Arabian Peninsula and the Persian Gulf contain 70 per cent of the world's known petroleum deposits; in contrast, the United States has less than three per cent.
- (8) The world's oldest regional organization dedicated to resolving intra-regional disputes peacefully, diplomatically, and legally, as well as promoting cooperation and development between and among its members, is the League of Arab States. The League formally came into existence in March, 1945, six months before the end of World War Two and several months prior to the meetings in San Francisco that led to the establishment of the United Nations.
- (9) The first of any among the world's countries to recognize the United States during the earliest years of America's fledgling republic was Morocco.
- (10) The first Arab country to send an Ambassador to the United States was Oman.

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