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Introduction

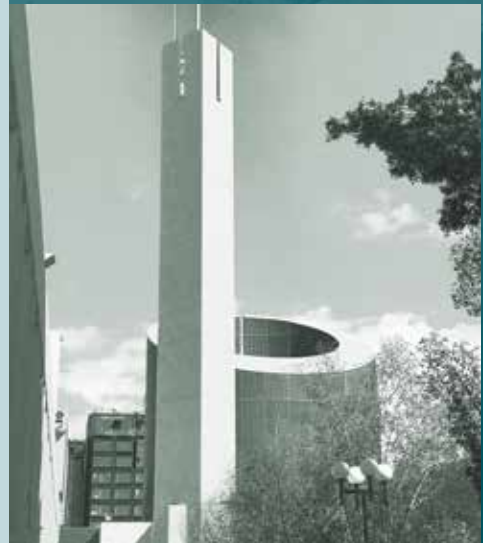


“We want this Kingdom, now and fifty years from now, God willing, to be a source of emanation for humanity and peace” – King Faisal bin Abdulaziz (1975)

In 1983/1403AH, eight years after the martyrdom of King Faisal (May God have mercy on him), King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies (KFCRIS) was established by King Faisal Foundation (KFF) with the aim to continue with the mission of late King to transmit knowledge between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the rest of the world. Since then, KFCRIS has been serving as a leading academic, intellectual and cultural hub.

The Center’s main role is to provide a knowledge platform, bringing together local, regional, and global researchers and research organizations to produce original research in the humanities and social sciences and engage in intellectual discussion and intercultural dialogues. Moreover, its missions are not only limited to research, but the Center fulfills diverse roles ranging from publishing house and library to archives and museum.

Al-Faisal Cultural House, the Center’s publication arm, publishes books and periodicals that explore themes and topics important to the Kingdom, Arab and Muslim societies, and the world. King Faisal Center Library offers various services to assist researchers. Faisal Family Archives preserves and raises awareness of the legacies of late King Faisal and his family. Al-Faisal Museum for Arab-Islamic Art conserves and showcases the valuable collections of Arab Islamic arts, rare manuscripts, and the memory of late King Faisal.





Vision

To be a wellspring of academic, intellectual, and cultural knowledge for humanity



Message

To enrich the local and global academic and cultural scenes with original research, excellent resources, and unique experiences



Values

To disseminate knowledge, facilitate academic research, and preserve our human heritage



Looking back over 2022

Chairman
HRH Prince Turki AlFaisal



In an atmosphere replete with optimism and achievement, and in preparation for the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies, I am pleased to present this Annual Review of the Center, which acquaints readers with the goals of the Center prescribed in its five-year strategy, the goals which have been achieved and the goals which are in the process of being achieved, and highlights the Center's achievements in the year 2022 regarding its activity in terms of research and intellectual and cultural endeavor. It also introduces the services the Center provides to support policy decisions, serve and elevate Saudi society, and aid in the renaissance and progress of society.

We, the King Faisal Center, offer integrated, multifaceted experiences that distinguish us from other institutions. On the one hand, the main mission of the Center is its determination and effort to document the history of King Faisal bin Abdulaziz (may God have mercy on him), one of the most influential personalities of the 20th century, or 14th century AH. We preserve the history of King Faisal and disseminate it among the people, informing current and future generations of his approach and policy, which he used to elevate his nation and all humanity. The Center has come a long way in documenting the tens of thousands of items related to this history, including pictures, speeches, news articles, press interviews, conference records, and audiovisual materials, which form, in their totality, an integrated image of King Faisal (God have mercy on him). The effort continues wholeheartedly, and God willing, we will achieve this great mission.

On the other hand, the Center continues with its grand mission to preserve Arab-Islamic heritage and document the splendid human achievements emanating from this heritage, highlight what has emerged from these achievements, facilitate research, and help researchers who come from various parts of the world to conduct their research here in the Kingdom. The Center possesses hundreds of thousands of pieces of information, including manuscripts and print materials, pertaining to all branches of knowledge, including the sciences, language, history, and culture.

The Center generates research outputs through its research programs and establishes agreements with prestigious research bodies in the Kingdom and around the world. The Center aims through all of these to contribute to the building up of humankind, both intellectually and socially, and to convey the voice of the Kingdom to the world. How beautiful the Kingdom's society is, one based on the bonds of mercy, affection, and interdependence, seeking renaissance and advancement and working to pave the way to the future with its relentless determination. Saudi society is supported by leaders who make an effort to elevate the people of this blessed land, which many countries are unable to do, and is based on the belief that people in this country deserve to lead the march of humankind because of the growth and prosperity they have achieved.

We hope that every seeker of truth and well-being from any part of this vast world, regardless of his or her affiliation or language, will benefit from our effort. Hence, we will know that we have reaped the fruits of our effort when looking back and seeing that we have met our objective, appreciating the rewards that come from this. We pray that God will help us in putting forth more effort on behalf of this nation, which deserves to lead the march of humankind with its effort, energy, and willingness to alleviate some of the burdens that human beings bear. We hope that God will help us achieve this.

Finally, I acknowledge the effort made by all staff of the Center—its researchers, administrators, and employees—and I thank them for what they have achieved, urging them to make a further effort to achieve the vision of the Center, which aims at the advancement of all humanity.

Secretary-General HRH Princess Maha bint Mohammed AlFaisal

The year 2022 was the second year of the King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies' five-year strategy, which was created as a starting point toward the destination it hopes to reach—and even surpass—the achievement of its main goals, which are the pillars of its existence and the basis for its establishment. The first goal is to preserve, document, and publicize the history of King Faisal bin Abdulaziz (may God have mercy on him) and make known his effort for bringing progress to the Arab and Islamic world. The second goal is to encourage research in the field of Arab-Islamic studies and highlight the roles played by Arabs and Muslims in advancing civilization and increasing knowledge in various fields; supporting human civilization with their resources; contributing to literature, the sciences, and the arts; and preserving human heritage, saving it from extinction. The third goal is to reinvigorate the study of the humanities and support serious research that aims to advance humankind both intellectually and socially.

The year also coincided with our greater openness to intellectual and research bodies in various parts of the world. The Center developed cooperation and partnerships as well as memorandums of understanding with these bodies, aiming to set the human mind on an elevated path.

The most prominent step taken by the Center in 2002 was the launch of the Asfār exhibition, which was the result of an effort made by the previous Secretary-General, Mr. Turki Alshuwaier, who bid farewell to the Center in August 2022, his career having been marked by continuing with the efforts made by the Center's other Secretaries-General over the past 40 years. The exhibition highlights the role of Arab-Islamic civilization and its contributions to the renaissance, a crucial period in history. It also showcases treasures found in the Center's collection of original manuscripts and print materials, which are rarely found in other institutions of the world, with some of them being utterly unique and unparalleled. The exhibition has won the admiration of its visitors, who praise it as an exhibition of great artistic and cultural value because of its nonpareil artifacts and manuscripts.

The launch of the exhibition coincided with the reopening of Al-Faisal Museum for Arab-Islamic Art, with its permanent gallery having been renovated with the theme "A Narrative of Arab-Islamic Civilization." The gallery invites visitors into a dialogue on Arab-Islamic civilization and its artworks. The works in the gallery trace, from an Arab-Islamic perspective, the history of this ancient civilization, one distinguished by its richness and diversity. The gallery features 92 pieces of Islamic artifacts chosen from the Center's collection; the display is organized within a context of understanding our civilization and its artistic heritage.

Another prominent step taken by the Center was the inauguration of the "Arabian Narrative," which aims to bring Arabs and the Arabic language back to the world of "equity" after having been marginalized for too long. This project seeks to highlight the narrative of the Arab people from established geography to moving history; to trace the origins of the Arabic language and the route it has taken in the Arabian Peninsula; to preserve the memory of a nation destined to be a Nation of Revelation; to emphasize the authentic civilizational merit of the Arabs, whether seen in the rise of Islam or in the foundation of Islamic civilization; and to document the fact that Saudi Arabia is the origin point of both Arabs and the Arabic language, is heir to the Arab-Islamic civilization, and is a source of humanity and peace, as the late King Faisal bin Abdulaziz (God have mercy on him) desired.

Furthermore, the Center hosts many projects that will contribute, God willing, to strengthening its position, help it achieve its goals, and provide it with the ability to continue with its mission. As Allah Almighty says in the Qur'an: "As for the foam, it vanishes, [being] cast off; but as for that which benefits the people, it remains on the earth. Thus does Allah present examples."

Five-Year Strategy

(2021-25)

KFCRIS currently operates its Five-Year Strategy (2021-25), which is implemented internally with goals set by each department of the Center. The strategy focuses on continuing with, and further strengthening, the Center's threefold mission to foster the legacy of the late King Faisal (God have mercy on him) and his sons and ensure that the Center serves as a pioneering platform for knowledge and cultural exchange, and remains a permanent and ever-renewing site for preserving our rich heritage and raising awareness of it.

In addition to the implementation of the Center's mission, the strategy addresses a number of fundamental points for the concerned period. It focuses on enhancing the Center's intellectual and cultural output, and continuing to expand

its partnerships and opportunities for collaboration and knowledge exchange. In terms of work procedures and keeping up with technological change, the strategy aims at the continued improvement of the work environment to stay attractive and the strengthening of its digital transformation. Its most important element is continued learning and the growth through the upskilling of the employees.

From the financial perspective, the strategy underscores the importance of enhancing the budgetary and operational efficiency and the continued investment in the Center's physical and knowledge resources, with the goal to secure returns, harness the Centers assets in upcoming projects, and ensure sustainability.



Projects

In 2022, the KFCRIS ran the following research, publication, and policy projects:

Cultural Studies Program

Report on the State of Culture in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia 2021: Culture in Public Spaces

The Report on the State of Culture is an annual report developed in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture. The report monitors general trends in culture in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia across 16 sectors and assesses various aspects of cultural development over a year, as well as analyzing several indicators of cultural growth. The report collects data from more than 150 governmental and private agencies, in addition to 10 discussion groups comprised of 71 participants who are active practitioners or contributors to the national culture, in addition to the survey of thousands of citizens and residents from across the Kingdom.

Socioeconomics Program

Vision 2030 and Reform in Saudi Arabia

A series of podcasts updating listeners on the progress of Saudi Vision 2030 in collaboration with the Conservative Middle East Council (CMEC) in the UK, based on the KFCRIS Special Report in 2021 “Vision 2030 and Reform in Saudi Arabia: Facts and Figures (April 2015 - April 2021).”

Society, Education, and Employment in Saudi Arabia

This project aims to examine the critical issues of educational reform and the relevance of these reforms in facilitating entry to the Saudi labor market, given the demographics of Saudi Arabia and the fact that employment is considered the key issue for young Saudis of both genders.

African Studies Program

Africa Followups

A monthly report edited by Dr. Mohamed Al-Sbitli. It discusses political, economic, and security issues in the African continent and issues of interest to those in and from the continent from a multidisciplinary perspective, in addition to exploring the regional and international implications of these issues.



Asian Studies Program

Translation Project

Translation of historical Chinese-language sources on the Arab world from the Han to the Qing era (2000 years, cumulatively), overseen by Dr. WAN Lei. The project was initiated in 2018. Its first volume (one of the five prospective volumes) is now ready and under copy-editing that is expected to finish by early 2023; its publication is anticipated for mid-2023.

ChinaMed Research Project

The ChinaMed Project, jointly run since 2011 by the Center for Mediterranean Area Studies of Peking University and the Torino World Affairs Institute, aims at offering independent and objective analysis on the deepening interconnections between the greater Mediterranean region and the People's Republic of China. The objective of the cooperation with the Project is to exchange data, analyze trends and developments, and help produce research on various aspects of China's engagement with the Middle East and broader Mediterranean region.

Policy Initiative

Cooperation with the Ministry of Education

Cooperation with the Ministry of Education with the aim to contribute to the enhancement of the policy of career guidance for students; Dr. Makio Yamada, Maha Fallatah, and Wejdan Almalki (collaborator) discussed the proposals with the Ministry of Education's Center for Research on Education Policy and relevant entities, based on the MoU signed in 2021.



Agreements

In 2022, the KFCRIS signed seven new agreements with external organizations:



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Ministry of Investment

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Ministry of Investment

The MoU aims to strengthen cooperation in studies about investment in the training of citizens and preparing them in accordance with the Saudi labor market demands.



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Leibniz-Zentrum Moderner Orient (ZMO)

The MoU aims to strengthen cooperation in jointly producing research and organizing events on the issues of mutual interest.



Jagiellonian Library

The MoU aims to enhance the cooperation in research and advisory services, and to exchange expertise in areas related to their activities, especially academic and practical expertise in the field of librarianship, such as indexing and classification, methods of preservation, documentation of acquisitions, and the transfer of technical and professional knowledge.

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King Fahad National Library

The Saudi Unified Index (FAHARES) aims at strengthening cooperation among Saudi libraries and information institutions, providing effective and influential services to their beneficiaries, keeping pace with the knowledge age in light of scientific and technological developments, and presenting the increasing Saudi intellectual production at the national and regional levels.



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Royal Institute of Traditional Arts

The MoU aims to establish a strategic cooperation between the two organizations through joint projects and initiatives, helping both parties achieve their goals and meet their expectations in the fields such as research, publishing, authoring, education, and training.

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Ministry of Human Resources and Social Development

The MoU aims to enhance the cooperation between the two entities in the fields of research and the exchange of information, opinions, ideas, experiences, and knowledge in accordance with their common interests.





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Imam Mohammad Ibn Saud Islamic University

The MoU aims to achieve cooperation between the two entities, with the goal to unify their efforts in the fields of research, training, and publication, and to collaborate in organizing conferences, seminars, and workshops, harnessing each entity's expertise.



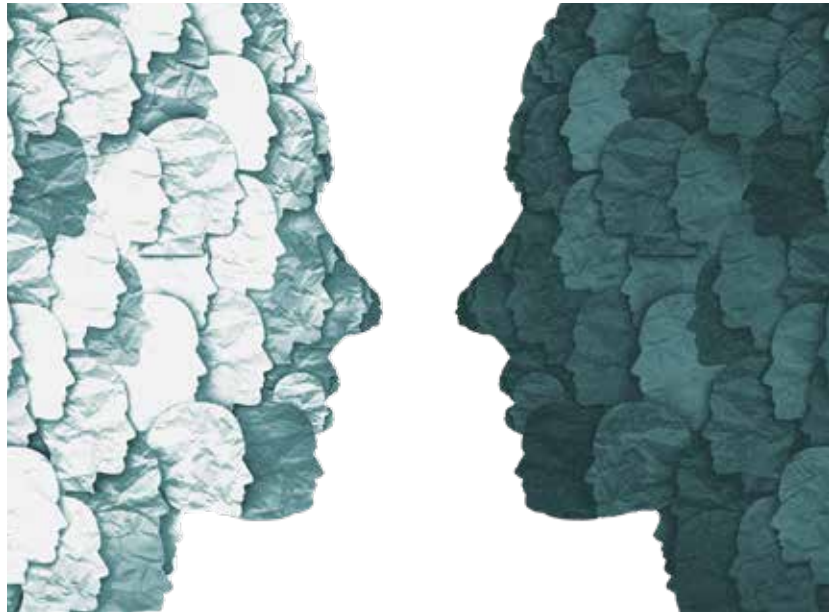
Research Programs

The KFCRIS conducts in-house research and attracts contributions from external researchers

In 2022, five research programs were in operation: Cultural Studies, Socioeconomics, African Studies, Asian Studies, and Yemen Studies. The Cultural Studies Program completed its mission in October 2022. In December 2022, the Center launched a new project “The Arabian Narrative.”

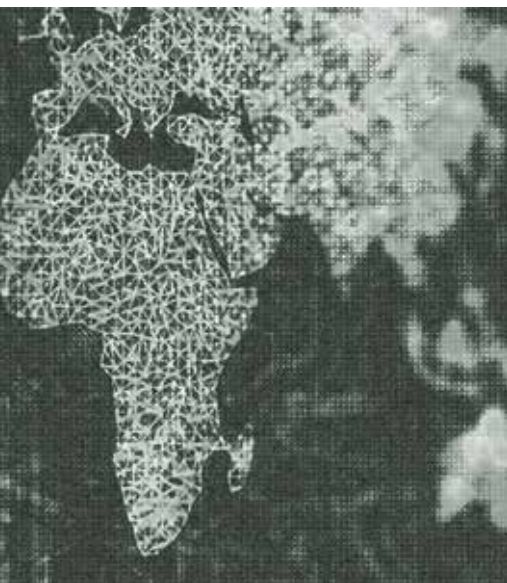
Cultural Studies Program (in operation until October 2022)

The Cultural Studies Program advances research that focuses on culture and cultural policies and the way they interact with broader social and political contexts. It adopts a broad definition of culture that includes identity, discourses, and cultural practices as well as creative cultural production. It aims to contribute to a deeper understanding of cultural change at the local, regional, and global levels, and to raise the quality of public debates concerning cultural policies. The Program was responsible for the Ministry of Culture’s “Report on the State of Culture in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia” (2019, 2020, 2021) project.



Socioeconomics Program

The Socioeconomics Program highlights the development of contemporary socioeconomic issues, concepts, and theories. In addition, it aims to study the significance of socioeconomic issues for specific societies and/or constituencies, with emphasis on Saudi Arabia, the Gulf states and the wider Arab and Muslim worlds. The Program encourages interdisciplinary approaches, encompassing socioeconomic, sociopolitical, and sociocultural topics and issues in order to provide a broader picture as well as a nuanced analysis of the questions arising from the intersection between economies and societies.



African Studies Program

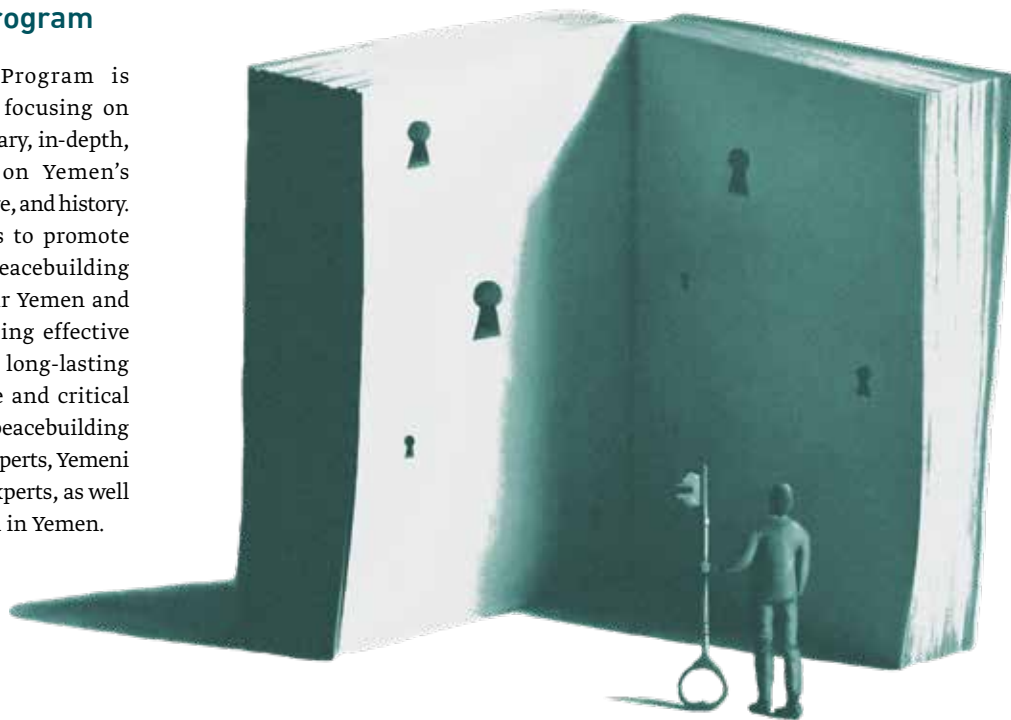
The African Studies Program specializes in affairs in the African continent. The Program examines political, strategic, cultural, economic, and social issues by bringing together multiple specializations and analyzing domestic dynamics and intra-regional relations.

Asian Studies Program

The Asian Studies Program is dedicated to the study of Asia and Asian societies. As one of the regionally-specialized programs at the KFCRIS, it aims to promote greater understanding of Asia within the Gulf and the wider Arab world. It also seeks to enhance the quality of academic, journalistic, and policy-making coverage and discussions surrounding Asia and its complex relationships with Saudi Arabia and the broader Middle East (alternatively identified as West Asia). It is also intended to build connections with other Asia-focused research institutions and think-tanks around the world.

Yemen Studies Program

The Yemen Studies Program is academically oriented, focusing on promoting interdisciplinary, in-depth, and critical research on Yemen's politics, society, art, culture, and history. The Program also seeks to promote the understanding of peacebuilding approaches in a post-war Yemen and to contribute to advancing effective strategies for achieving long-lasting peace, through dialogue and critical conversations between peacebuilding and conflict-resolution experts, Yemeni civil society actors and experts, as well as organizations involved in Yemen.



Researchers

Dr. Abdullah Hamidaddin,

Assistant Secretary-General for Scientific Affairs, Head of the Yemen Studies Program

KFCRIS Publications in 2022:

- “Risks of Peace in Post-War Yemen Series: How Yemen Rises,” *Special Report*.

External Publications in 2022:

- Abdullah Hamidaddin (ed.), *The Huthi Movement in Yemen: Ideology, Ambition and Security in the Arab Gulf*, I.B. Tauris.

Ayael Alqarni,

Research Fellow at the Yemen Studies Program (until March)

Dr. Mohamed Al-Sbitli,

Head of the African Studies Program

KFCRIS Publications in 2022:

- “The Impasse of Frances Legislative Elections and Future Scenarios,” *Commentary*. (Arabic only)
- “Economic and Political Implications of the Russian-Ukrainian Conflict on Africa,” *Commentary*. (Arabic only)
- Edited *Africa Followups*, Issues 21-32. (Arabic only)

External Publications in 2022:

- “Senegal.. Reading in Legislative Elections,” *TRENDS Research and Advisory*. (Arabic only)

Hifa Almutawa,

Junior Research Fellow at the African Studies Program

KFCRIS Publications in 2022:

- “Ethiopia’s Internal Conflict: Is there a Path to Peace?,” *Commentary*.

Dr. Mohammed Al-Sudairi,

Head of the Asian Studies Program

KFCRIS Publications in 2022:

- “China and the Russo-Ukrainian War: A View from the Gulf,” *Commentary*.

External Publications in 2022:

- “Exploiting China’s Rise: Syria’s Strategic Narrative and China’s Participation in Middle Eastern Politics,” *Global Policy* (Co-authored Andrea Ghiselli).

Faris Al-Sulayman,

Research Fellow at the Asian Studies Program

External Publications in 2022:

- “How Can Saudi Arabia Better Coordinate Divergent Economic Reform Agendas?,” in Mark C. Thompson and Neil Quilliam (eds.), *Governance and Domestic Policy-Making in Saudi Arabia: Transforming Society, Economics, Politics and Culture*, I.B. Tauris (Co-authored with Makio Yamada).

Dr. Mark C. Thompson,

Head of the Socioeconomics Program

External Publications in 2022:

- *Governance and Domestic Policy-Making in Saudi Arabia: Transforming Society, Economics, Politics and Culture*, I.B. Tauris (Co-edited with Neil Quilliam).
- “Societal Perceptions of the Saudi Government’s Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic,” in Stanley D. Brunn and Donna Gilbreath (eds.), *COVID-19 and a World of Ad Hoc Geographies*, Springer.

Dr. Fahad Alsharif,

Senior Research Fellow at the Socioeconomics Program

Dr. Hanaa Almoaibed,

Research Fellow at the Socioeconomics Program

External Publications in 2022:

- “Vocational Education and Training in Saudi Arabia: How Decisions about TVET Can Help Align Education Policies with Young People’s Aspirations,” in Mark C. Thompson and Neil Quilliam (eds.), *Governance and Domestic Policy-Making in Saudi Arabia: Transforming Society, Economics, Politics and Culture*, I.B. Tauris.

Ahmed Alowfi,

Head of the Cultural Studies Program (until October)

Marwa Ehsan Fakhri,

Research Fellow at the Cultural Studies Program

Hamza Kashgari

Research Fellow at the Cultural Studies Program

Lojain Alyamani,

Research Fellow at the Cultural Studies Program

Rehab Almutairi,

Research Fellow at the Cultural Studies Program

Nuha Alotaibi,

Research Fellow at the Cultural Studies Program

Nouf Almutlaq,

Research Fellow at the Cultural Studies Program

Dr. Joseph A. Kéchichian,

Senior Research Fellow

External Publications in 2022:

- “Saudi Arabia after the Arab Spring,” in Md. Muddassir Quamar (ed.), *Politics of Change in Middle East and North Africa since Arab Spring*, Knowledge World Publishers Pvt. Ltd.
- “Confronting Regional Foes through the GCC: An Emirati Perspective,” in William Gueraiche and Kristian Alexander (eds.), *Facets of Security in the United Arab Emirates*, Routledge.
- “Target Saudi Arabia: To Demonize and Belittle,” *Contemporary Review of the Middle East*, 9(3).
- “Armenians and Jews Confront the Genocide,” in P. R. Kumaraswamy (ed.), *The Palgrave International Handbook of Israel*, Springer.
- Articles for: *The Encyclopedia of Islam, Three* (Brill); “Khadim al-Haramayn al-Sharifayn (Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques),” “‘Abdallah b. ‘Abd al-‘Aziz Al Su‘ud,” “Fahd b. ‘Abd al-‘Aziz.”

Associate Fellows

Dr. Paul Sullivan

(Distinguished International Fellow at the National Council on US-Arab Relations)

Dr. Louis Blin

(Director of the Middle East Directions Programme, European University Institute)

External Publications in 2022:

- *La Ligue Islamique Mondiale. Le Renouveau Musulman?*, [The World Muslim League: An Islamic Revival?], Hémisphères/Maisonneuve et Larose.
- *Alexandre Dumas. Récits d'Arabie, présentés et annotés par Louis Blin* [Alexandre Dumas: Tales from Arabia, Introduction and Annotations by Louis Blin], L'Harmattan.

Dr. Heba Albeity, Yemen Studies Program

Dr. WAN Lei

(Deputy Director, the Chinese National Hui Studies Association), Asian Studies Program

Dr. Amal Kandeel,

Research Fellow

KFCRIS Publications in 2022:

- “Climate Crisis, COP27, and a Constructive Role for the GCC in West Asia,” *Commentary*.
- “Solar Energy in an Integrated Approach to Arab Rural Development,” *Commentary*.

Kameal Al-Ahmad, Research Fellow

Maha Fallatah, Research Fellow

Abdulmohsen bin Saud Al Saud, Research Fellow

Salem Barabaa, Junior Research Fellow

External Publications in 2022:

- “Heidegger’s Ghosts in ‘Gender Anxiety,’” *Mana*.

Mohammed Alamer, Junior Research Fellow

Dr. WANG Tingyi

(Assistant Professor, Tsinghua University), Asian Studies Program

Dr. HUNG Tak Wai

(Centre for Study of Islamic Culture, Chinese University of Hong Kong), Asian Studies Program

Umer Karim

(Doctoral Researcher, University of Birmingham), Asian Studies Program

KFCRIS Publications in 2022:

- «Pakistani-Saudi Ties: Anatomy of a Unique Relationship,» *Dirasat* (initially published in 2020; updated in 2022).
- “Political Change in Pakistan: What Should We Expect from the New Sharif Government?,” *Commentary*.

External Publications in 2022:

- «Inter-Regional Embedded Security Model: Turkish and Emirati Engagement in the Horn of Africa,» in Robert Mason and Simon Mabon (eds.), *The Gulf States and the Horn of Africa: Interests, Influences and Instability*, Manchester University Press.

Latifa Abdullah Al Saud,

Asian Studies Program

Mohammed Alrmizan

(Doctoral Researcher at City, University of London), Asian Studies Program

KFCRIS Publications in 2022:

- “Turkish Foreign Policy in Central Asia in the Era of Erdoğan: The Convergence of Pan-Turkism, Pragmatism, and Islamism,” *Dirasat*.

External Publications in 2022:

- “The Arabs and the Muslims: Between Diaspora and Transnationalism,” *Diaspora Studies*.

Sarah Alotaibi

(PhD candidate at Leuphana University of Lüneburg)

Hanin Alsudaïs

Visiting Fellows



German

Julia Gurol

(Lecturer, University of Freiburg)

- **Research Topic:** The Multidimensional Relations between China and the Gulf in the Context of Global Power Reconfigurations



Malaysian

Muhamad Razak Idris

(Lecturer, National University of Malaysia)

- **Research Topic:** A Study of Academic and Research Institutions Promoting Global Peace in Saudi Arabia Today



Austrian

Gunda Kinzl

(Pre-Doctoral Researcher, University of Vienna)

- **Research Topic:** The Arabic Dialect(s) of the Rashayda Bedouins



Swiss

Philippe Thalmann

(PhD Candidate, University of Cambridge)

- **Research Topic:** Religious Identities, Entertainment, and Mobility in Saudi Arabia

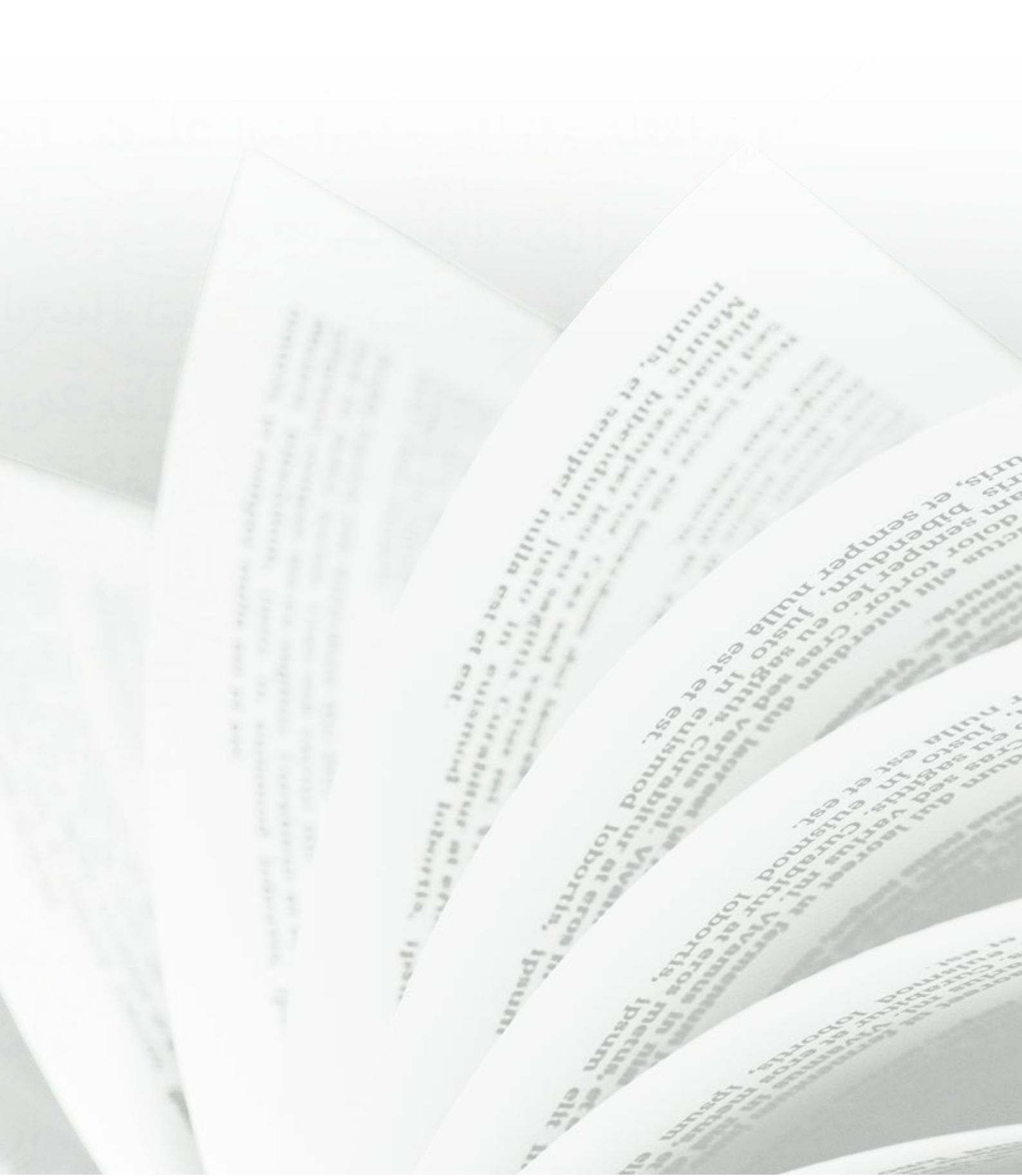


Saudi

Rawan AlFuraih

(Graduate Student, SOAS University of London)

- **Research Topic:** Bodies, Walls, and Power: Tracking Shifts in Power on Ushaiger Women through the Spatial Dimension



Research Papers

Dirasat (KFCRIS Papers)

Research papers of at least 5,000 words: in 2022, 2 Dirasat were published:

- “Turkish Foreign Policy in Central Asia in the Era of Erdoğan: The Convergence of Pan-Turkism, Pragmatism, and Islamism” by **Mohammed Alrmizan** - (No. 64)
- “Pakistani-Saudi Ties: Anatomy of a Unique Relationship” by **Umer Karim** (Updated version; initially published in 2020) - (No. 56)



Qira'at (KFCRIS Humanities Papers)

Research papers focusing on the humanities of at least 5,000 words: in 2022, 1 Qira'at was published:

- “Love, Death and Self-Transformation in Jahriyyah Hagiographies and Ma Dexin's Commented Translation of Qaṣīdat al-Burda (The Mantle Poem)” by **Tommaso Previato** - (No. 16)

Special Reports

Analytical pieces of at least 2,000 words: in 2022, 7 Special Reports were published:

- “The Philippines and the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries in the Twenty-First Century”
by **Alvin Camba and Asma Alkaabi** - (October)
- “Developments in Indonesian-Saudi Relations Under President Joko ‘Jokowi’ Widodo”
by **Muhammad Zulfikar Rakhmat** - (June)
- “Muslim Brotherhood’s Influence on Husayn al-Huthi”
by **Hamad Sulaiman Othman Alturki** - (June)
- “The Chinese Communist Party in Hong Kong”
by **John P. Burns** - (June)
- “How Yemen Rises”
by **Abdullah Hamidaddin**
(Risks of Peace in Post-War Yemen Series) - (April)
- “When Peace Produces War: The Case of South Sudan”
by **Joshua Craze** (Risks of Peace in Post-War Yemen Series) - (January)
- “Why the World Needs Partnership with Saudi Arabia: Saudi Arabia’s Global Humanitarian and Development Aid”
by **Makki Hamid** - (January)



Commentaries

Analytical pieces of between 1,500 and 2,000 words: in 2022, 14 Commentaries were published:

- “Turkey’s Relations with Pakistan: Friends, But Not Allies”
by **Agha Hussain** - (September)
- “Climate Crisis, COP27, and a Constructive Role for the GCC in West Asia”
by **Amal Kandeel** - (August)
- “Playing a Strong Hand in an Energy Crisis: The Role of the Gulf States in Boosting European Energy Security”
by **Diana Galeeva** - (August)
- “An Assessment of the Aftermath of the Second Nagorno-Karabakh War and its Regional Impact”
by **Maryam Alshaikh** - (August)
- “Political Change in Pakistan: What Should We Expect from the New Sharif Government?”
by **Umer Karim** - (July)
- “The Impasse of Frances Legislative Elections and Future Scenarios”
by **Mohamed Al-Sbitli** - (June)
- “Recent Domestic Power Shifts in Malaysia and the Prospects for Enhanced Saudi-Malaysian Relations”
by **Rizwan Rafi Togoo** - (June)
- “Ethiopia’s Internal Conflict: Is there a Path to Peace?”
by **Hifa Almutawa** - (May)



- “Solar Energy in an Integrated Approach to Arab Rural Development”
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- “China and the Russo-Ukrainian War: A View from the Gulf”
by **Mohammed Al-Sudairi** - (March)
- “Economic and Political Implications of the Russian-Ukrainian Conflict on Africa”
by **Mohamed Al-Sbitli** - (March)
- “2022: Yemen’s Year of Escalation?”
by **Adam Michael Baron** - (March)
- “Kazakhstan’s Disturbances: Internal Dynamics and External Dimensions”
by **Zaki Shaikh** - (March)
- “What the Iraqi Elections Mean: Its Future and the Region”
by **Mona Alami** - (January)

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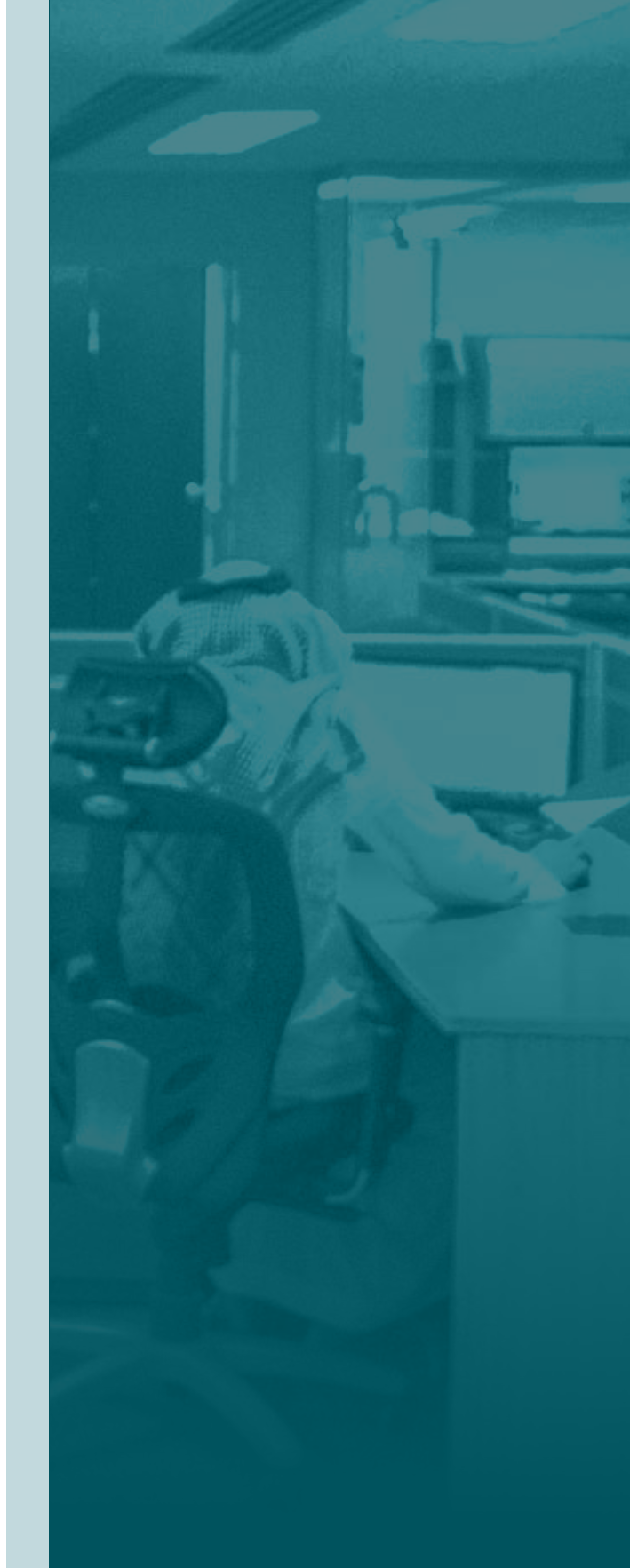




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Al Faisal Cultural House

Headed by Dr. Habbas Al-Harbi

The Al-Faisal Cultural House (Dār al-Faiṣal al-Thaqāfiyya) was established in March 1977 and published the first issue of Al-Faisal Magazine in June 1977. The decision was made to merge Al-Faisal Cultural House with the KFCRIS in 1988. The Al-Faisal Cultural House became the publishing arm of the Center in 1991. In 2022, the Al-Faisal Cultural House published seven books. In addition to publishing books and periodicals, Al-Faisal Cultural House is responsible for all of the Center's design, printing, editing, and translation work.







Books and Periodicals

Al-Faisal Cultural House (*Dār al-Faiṣal al-Thaqāfiyya*), the publishing arm of the KFCRIS, published the following books and periodical issues in 2022:

Books

Faisal Family (Āl Faisal) Series

- King Faisal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud's Efforts to Counter the Intellectual Invasion in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (1384-1395 AH / 1964-1975 AD)
by Ashwaq Salem Alqahtani
(Arabic only)



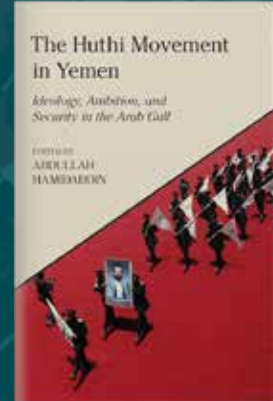
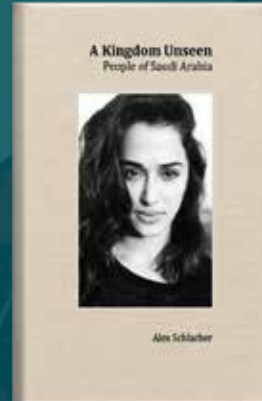
Heritage Studies (*Taḥqīq al-Turāth*) Series

- Manāqib al-Imām Mālik bin Anas
by Abī al-Ḥasan ʿAlī bin al-Ḥasan bin Fīhr al-Miṣrī al-Makkī
edited by: Nūr al-dīn bin Muḥammad al-Ḥamīdī al-Idrīsī
(Arabic only)
- Kitāb Sīrat Rasūl Allah
by Abī al-Muʿtamir Sulaymān bin Ṭarkhān al-Taymī al-Baṣrī
edited by: Riḍwān al-Ḥaṣrī
(Arabic only)
- Ikhtilāf al-ʿAdad
by Abī al-Ḥusayn Aḥmad bin Jaʿfar bin Muḥammad bin al-Munādī al-Ḥanbalī
edited by: Bashīr al-Ḥimayrī
(Arabic only)
- Bardīyyāt Qurrat bin Sharīk al-ʿAbsī
edited by: Jāsir bin Khalīl Abū Ṣafiyya
(Arabic only)

English Books

A Kingdom Unseen: People of Saudi Arabia
by Alex Schlacher
(Via Medina Publishing)

The Huthi Movement in Yemen
edited by Abdullah Hamidaddin
(Via I.B. Tauris/Bloomsbury)



Periodicals

Journal of Linguistic Studies

- *Journal of Linguistic Studies* is a quarterly peer-reviewed journal on studies of the Arabic language. The journal was launched in 1999. In 2022, the Journal published 25 papers in total. It also acquired 127 new subscriptions in the same year.



Vol. 25, No. 1

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International Journal of Humanitarian Studies

- Al-Faisal Cultural House publishes the *International Journal of Humanitarian Studies* for the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre (KSRelief) every four months. The Journal is peer-reviewed, and published in Arabic and English.



Issue 8

Issue 7

Issue 6

Al-Faisal Magazine

- *Al-Faisal Magazine* is published every two months. The magazine was launched in 1977 and came under the remit of the KFCRIS in 1988. In 2022, the magazine acquired 174 new institutional subscriptions.



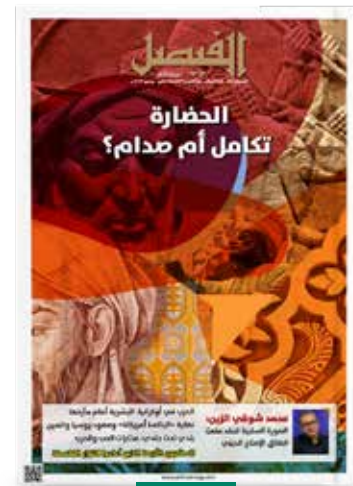
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Youthful Expressions:
New Identities



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Civilization:
Complementarity or Clash?



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Motherhood, Women, Femininity:
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Post-Gay: Beyond the Anxiety
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News about Al-Faisal Cultural House

دار الفیصل الثقافية / المملكة العربية السعودية

المؤسسة الفائزة بفرع أبحاث اللغة العربية ودراساتها العلمية



- Al-Faisal Cultural House won the King Salman Global Academy Prize for the Arabic Language in the field of research of the Arabic language and its scientific studies.
- King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies was shortlisted for the National Cultural Awards (the non-profit cultural institutions section)
- Al-Faisal Cultural House participated in Riyadh International Book Fair in October 2022 and Jeddah International Book Fair in December 2022.





Events and Exhibitions

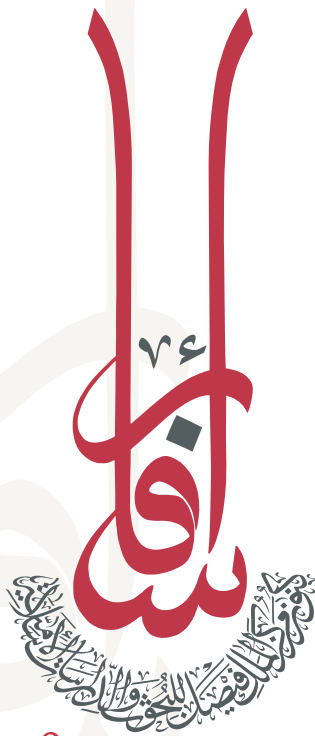
Asfār

Treasures of King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies

This exhibition showcases 36 rare manuscripts selected from the Center's collection of more than 178,500 manuscripts (original and photographed).



On Sunday, February 27, 2022, HRH Prince Mohammed bin Abdulrahman bin Abdulaziz, the Deputy Governor of the Riyadh province inaugurated the Asfār exhibition at the Al-Faisal Museum for Arab-Islamic Art in the presence of HRH Prince Turki AlFaisal, the Center's Chairman.



Asfār Treasures of King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies

Photo Exhibition Commemorating King Faisal's Visit to Poland in 1932 (in Krakow, Poland)

This exhibition commemorated the 90th anniversary of King Faisal's visit to Poland on May 27, 1932, where he was received by Marshal Józef Piłsudski and President Ignacy Mościcki. It showcased photos indicating the depth of the bilateral relationship between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Republic of Poland.

On Tuesday October 11, 2022, HRH Prince Turki AlFaisal, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the KFCRIS inaugurated the photo exhibition in Krakow, Poland. The exhibition was held in cooperation between KFCRIS and Jagiellonian University in Krakow, in the presence of Professor Jacek Popiel, the Rector of Jagiellonian University and a number of officials, diplomats, intellectuals and experts from various cultural fields and media.



Symposium "Saudi-Bosnian Relations: A Historical View and Prospects for the Future", with Photo Exhibition

The symposium shed light on the diplomatic relationship between Saudi Arabia and Bosnia and Herzegovina since the inauguration of the embassies in both countries on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Saudi-Bosnian relations. The symposium entailed the photo exhibition which showcased photos indicating the depth of the bilateral relationship between the two countries.



On Tuesday November 22, 2022, HRH Prince Turki AlFaisal, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the KFCRIS, opened a symposium "Saudi-Bosnian Relations: A Historical View and Prospects for the Future" and a Photo Exhibition, in cooperation with the Embassy of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Inauguration Ceremony of the "Arabian Narrative"



The "Arabian Narrative" studies the narrative of the Arabs and the story of the language in the Arabian Peninsula, using a solid scientific methodology that brings together tools for activating ideas socially and means for establishing knowledge, in order to generate dialogues, field studies, critical readings, and foundational literature in the fields of history, archaeology, sociology, philosophy, literature, and arts. The Arabian Narrative brings up what Arabs face such as alienation, marginalization, or neglect as a social component as well as a cultural and civilizational actor. The Narrative looks at our future and the future of generations that will follow, at the principles that will guide their lives, and at the foundations on which they will build their identities and affiliations.



On Tuesday, December 27, 2022, HRH Prince Turki AlFaisal, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the KFCRIS, opened the inauguration ceremony of the "Arabian Narrative".

HRH Prince Turki delivered a welcoming speech in which he explained that, as the Center was to celebrate the anniversary of its foundation, it could not find a better occasion to inaugurate the "Arabian Narrative," which the Center was proud of as its crown jewel. The Arabian Narrative, according to those in charge of it, seeks to address the ambiguity and the regress in the Arab civilization concept and to repel the attempts to damage and marginalize our civilization and the issue of the civilization concept itself, highlighting our story and the story of our glorious language and confirming the value of our authentic civilization.

Lectures, Panel Discussions, and Workshops

In 2022, the KFCRIS hosted 31 events: 11 in-person and 20 online:

Title (Co-organizer)	Date	Type		Language
The Right to Asylum in International Refugee Law and Islamic Law: Theory and Practice (with REF-ARAB Project at University of Oslo)	17 January	Panel Discussion	Online	English
South Korea's Middle East Policy in the Reform Era of Gulf Monarchies	23 February	Lecture	Online	English
Foreign and Security Policy in the framework of the German-Arab Gulf Dialogue on Security and Cooperation	6 March	Workshop (Invitation Only)	In-Person	English
Islam in Central Asia and the Caucasus since the End of the Soviet Union	9 March	Lecture	Online	English
China-Middle East Relations	15 March	Panel Discussion	Online	English
The Russia-Ukraine Conflict: Implications for Yemen	23 March	Panel Discussion	Online	English
An analysis and description of a rare Meccan manuscript of al-Qadi 'Iyad's «al-Shifa fi ta'rif huquq al-Mustafa» (on the rights of the Prophet)	4 April	Lecture	Online	Arabic



Title (Co-organizer)	Date	Type		Language
EU-China Relations at a Crossroads: Recent Developments and Future Prospects	6 April	Lecture	Online	English
The Russia-Ukraine War: African Repercussions	13 April	Panel Discussion	Online	Arabic
Reconceptualizing the Role of Education in the Arab World	18 April	Panel Discussion	Online	English
Korean Workers in Saudi Arabia during the Cold War	19 April	Lecture	Online	English
Mamluk Cairo: A Capital Under Construction	20 April	Lecture	In-Person	Arabic
How China Escaped the Poverty Trap	25 April	Lecture	Online	English
The Revival of Islamic Studies in Europe: Contemporary Trends (with Embassy of France)	23 May	Lecture	In-Person	English
Japan as Savior of the Muslim World: Transnational Nationalism and Empire 1900-1945	7 June	Lecture	Online	English
The Impact of Vision 2030 on Outlook and Opportunities: Qualifications, Skills, and Lifelong Learning	14 June	Panel Discussion (Invitation Only)	In-Person	English
Towards a People-Centered Urbanity: Lessons from Riyadh	19 June	Lecture	Online	English
Vision 2030 and Its Effect on Attitudes and Opportunities: Certifications, Skills, and Lifelong Learning	21 June	Panel Discussion	Online	English
The “Kitab al-Adwar» of Safi al-Din al-Urmawi: A Reception History	22 June	Lecture	In-Person	Arabic





Title (Co-organizer)	Date	Type		Language
The Current Situation in the Horn of Africa in Light of Developments in Sudan, Ethiopia, and Somalia” (jointly organized with Pharos Center for Consulting and Strategic Studies)	26 June	Panel Discussion	Online	Arabic
Representations of the Muslim «Other»: A Comparative Case Study of France and Japan	7 August	Lecture	Online	English
Sacred Sites in Altishahr: Destruction, Transformation, and Persistence	17 August	Lecture	Online	English
Migration of Concepts and Transformations of Culture	7 September	Lecture	In-Person	Arabic
“Nuzhat al-mushtāq” with the Geographer Al-Idrīsī (jointly organized with Saudi Geographical Society, King Saud University)	14 September	Lecture	In-Person	Arabic
Source of Life: Water Management in the Premodern Middle East (jointly organized with the Embassy of The Netherlands)	19 September	Lecture	In-Person	English
Germany and MENA in a Time of Shifting Energy Landscapes (jointly Organized with German Orient-Institute and Al-Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies)	25 October	Panel Discussion	Online	English
Incident Response: A Case Study on National Museum	5 December	Panel Discussion (Invitation Only)	In-person	Arabic
The Influence of the Arabic Language on Some Languages of the Red Sea Coasts and Their Heritage and Literature	7 December	Panel Discussion	Online	Arabic
Saudi Arabia’s Future Workforce: 2030 and Beyond	12 December	Panel Discussion	Online	Arabic
Alexandre Dumas’ Arabian Stories	13 December	Lecture	In-person	English
Belt and Road Initiative and Religion: Local, Transnational, and Geopolitical Imaginations and Assemblages	14 December	Lecture (Invitation Only)	In-person	English



Faisal Family Archives

Faisal Family Archives (Dārat Āl Faiṣal) is an official source and provider of information about the history of King Faisal and his family. The Archives aims to collect all materials related to King Faisal and his family, ranging from documents and print materials to photographs and audiovisual materials, both inside and outside the Kingdom.

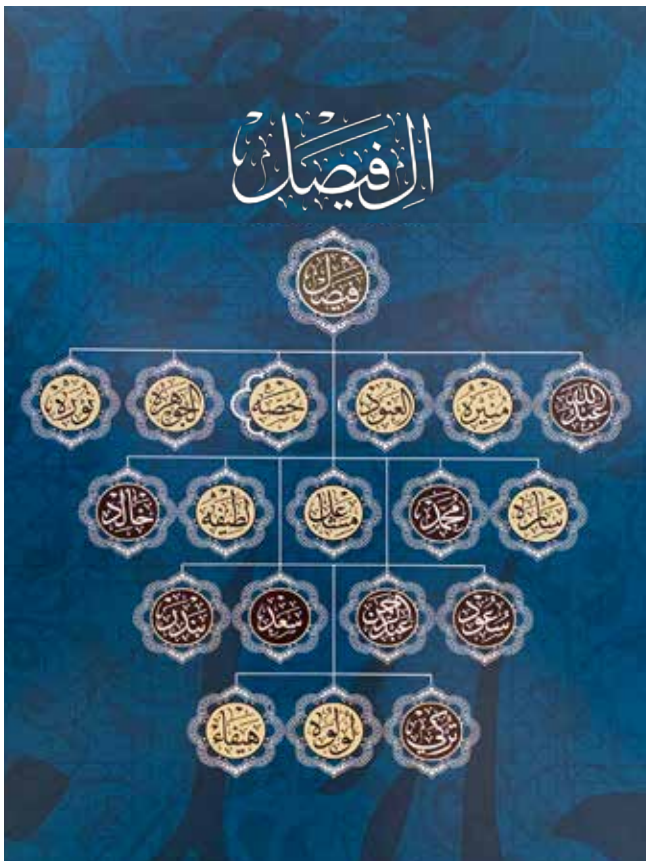


King Faisal's sons:

Standing from right: Prince Turki, Prince Bandar, Prince Abdulrahman, Prince Saad
Sitting from right: Prince Saud, Prince Mohammed, Prince Abdullah, Prince Khalid

In 2022, Faisal Family Archives (Dārat Āl Faiṣal) completed cataloguing its portfolios of materials relating to the late King Faisal and his family, and achieved the following:

- Established collections specializing in the sons and daughters of King Faisal, by collecting the folders of materials regarding each prince and princess.
- The total number of the folders of materials preserved by the Archives, including images, and news articles, has reached 3,224.
- The number of images owned by the Archives has reached 20,950.
- 74 items of audiovisual materials have been indexed and transcribed, now stored in the audiovisual section.
- Indexed all magazines (domestic, Arab, and foreign) containing images and news about King Faisal and some of his sons and daughters. The number of indexed magazines now exceeds 1,400.
- Sterilized newspapers containing news about King Faisal. The number of the sterilized newspapers has reached 1,026.
- Began to register the images into the new digital archival system. The number of the registered images has reached 2,380.



King Faisal family tree, with the sons and the daughters listed by age from the eldest to the youngest.



Library

Director: Dr. Mosbah Bouznif

The King Faisal Center Library offers various services to researchers, ranging from the surveying of bibliographical information and the issuing of research reports (e.g., on whether a particular topic has been researched before) to the depositing of university theses and the issuing of certificates for the deposit, in addition to answering various inquiries and providing any other kinds of assistance to researchers that help them complete their research.

The numbers of the services the Library provided to researchers in 2022:

Type of Service	Number
Inquiries answered via the website, email, and telephone	11,519
Inquiries answered in person	253
Research reports provided to researchers	2,401
University thesis deposit certificates issued	96
Total	15,126

The Library also received 337 applications for university thesis registration and 520 requests for scan.



The Library also continued expanding its collections through the acquisition of new materials and the digitization of documents. It also continued indexing and cataloguing them in order to make them more easily available to researchers. The following table indicates the number of items acquired, indexed, and catalogued in 2022:

Acquisitions

	2022		Total	
	Arabic	Latin	Arabic	Latin
Books	733	102	147,199	42,518
Periodicals	2	-	2,573	3,044
University theses	1650	2	27,281	1,698
Manuscripts	51	-	28,585	-
Digitized manuscripts	-	-	140,000	-
Documents	-	-	40,000	-
Total	2,540		435,438	

Indexing and Cataloguing

	2022		Total	
	Arabic	Latin	Arabic	Latin
Books	733	102	147,199	42,518
Journal articles	1,819	28	485,074	23,485
Seminar papers	-	-	59,228	-
University theses	2,136	2	160,745	1,698
Manuscripts	80	-	19,795	-
Digitized manuscripts	-	-	43,321	-
Documents	20	-	18,665	-
Edited and published primary sources	-	-	36,627	-
Total	4,920		1,038,355	

Digital Indexing and Data Base Linkage

	2022		Total	
	Arabic	Latin	Arabic	Latin
Books	96	11	164	15089
University theses	623	-	-	21529
Manuscripts	11	-		23000
Digitized manuscripts	277	-		93461
Journal articles	3066	-		305552
Seminar and conference papers	221	-		31442
Audiovisual materials	121			5588
Total	4426		495825	



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Assets and Museums

Director: Rasha AlFawaz

On August 16, 2022, the former Museum Department was reorganized into the Department of Assets and Museums expanding its missions to include the management of the cultural assets preserved in the Center, whereby an appropriate environment for preserving the cultural assets is provided and the inventory of these assets are made and maintained. The Department also supervises the Heritage Studies Unit, which specializes in studying the Arab-Islamic manuscripts preserved within, and outside the Center using research methodologies qualifying reliable standards. It also promotes the importance of studying heritage and reinvigorates it in society and in people's mind, shedding light on rare manuscripts and highlighting the Center's efforts to preserve the written Arab heritage.





Treatment and Restoration Section

Assessment:

Upon its creation, the Department of Assets and Museums implemented assessment, which is a crucial operation that needs to be carried out periodically for the preservation of historical materials; the condition of manuscripts was monitored by restoration experts, through careful examination to ensure pages are free of acidity and safe from insects; the prioritization in the restoration of different manuscripts was also set. During this stage, the preservation and storage condition of the historical materials were also assessed, and a report was written evaluating the preservation status as well as the quality and appropriateness of the asset, with the goal to have up-to-date reports on the status of the historical materials and storage spaces.

The following items were assessed in 2022:

- ▶ **2,017** manuscripts
- ▶ **331** metal objects from the Arab-Islamic Collection
- ▶ **1,062** newspapers from the Faisal Family Archives: to find their need for restoration and treatment
- ▶ The status of storage spaces for all of the Center's assets



Sterilization:

The following items were sterilized in 2022:

Books	4,290
Manuscripts	2,154
Newspapers	1,079
Magazines	198
Maps	159
Museum items	143
Boxes	20
Photographs	15
Documents	2
Total	8,060



Restoration:

The following items were restored in 2022:

Manuscripts	23
Documents	2
Books	1
Total	26



Binding:

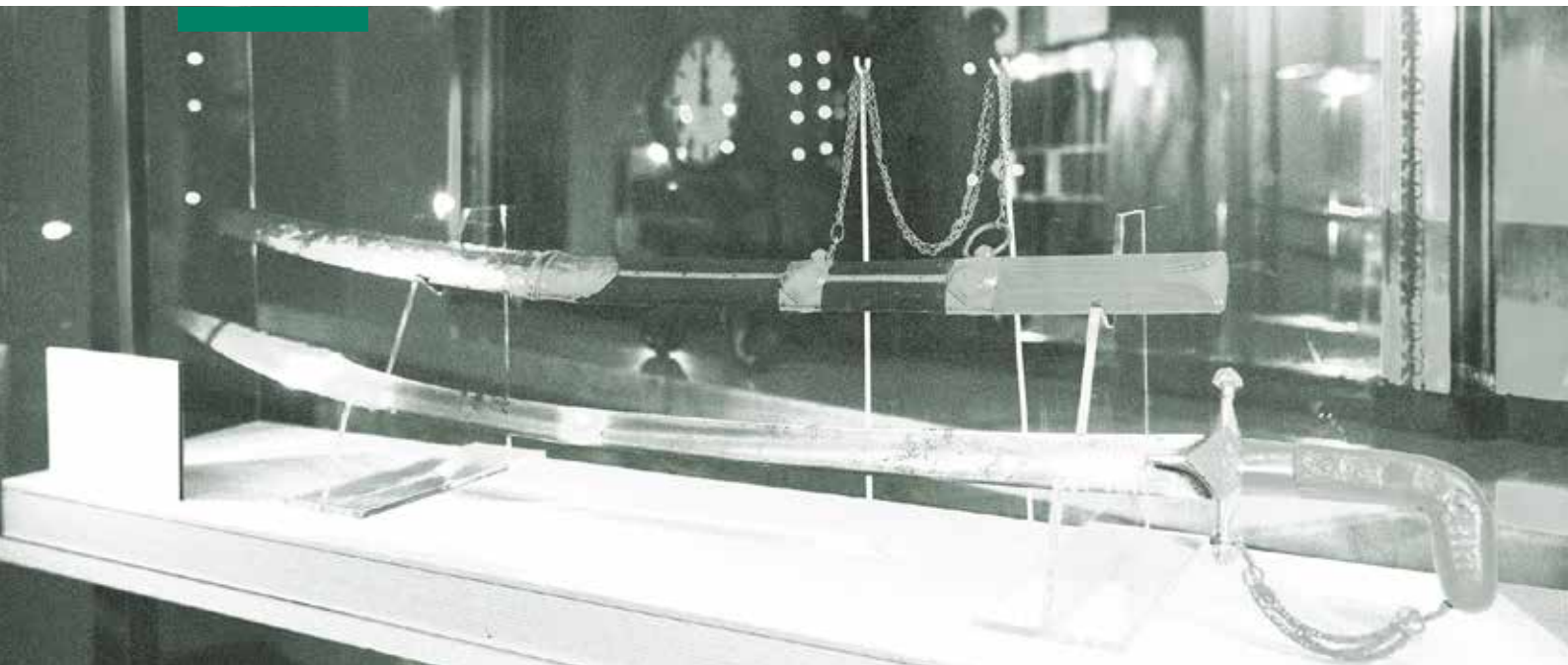
42 manuscripts were bound using the “Islamic-style” binding method.

Collection Management Section

Making an Inventory:

The inventory of all of the Center's cultural assets was created, and a report on them was prepared:

Dept. of Assets & Museums		Dept. of Library		Dept. of Faisal Family Archives	
Museum items	5,177	Manuscripts	28,668	Photographs	15,000
Paintings	967	Books	189,494	Magazines	1,246
Audio materials	3,588	Periodicals	5,619	Newspapers	1,026
Books and magazines	4,973	Microfiches and micro-films	65,669	Documents	2,438
Audio tapes and CDs	2,228	Maps	696	Books	341
Saudi Memory items	25,669	Audiovisual materials	21,669		
Center History items	145	Rare books	6,385		
		Documents	5,619		





Archiving:

- ▶ 90 paintings were transferred from the Fine Arts Collection to the King Faisal Memorial Collection.
- ▶ 46 items from the Arab-Islamic Art Collection were registered into the digital archival system.
- ▶ 182 audio materials were registered into the digital archival system.
- ▶ 249 audio materials from the collection of Dr. Saad Al-Sowayan was catalogued.

Acquisition:

- ▶ 199 books from the library of Dr. Saad Al-Sowayan were incorporated after their indexing.



- ▶ The following items were generously donated by HRH Princess Haifa AlFaisal:
- ▶ Golden cufflinks (Sep. 29)
- ▶ Golden box gifted to King Faisal by the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand (Sep. 29)
- ▶ Golden box with drawings of the GCC flags (Oct. 4)
- ▶ Faisal Family Archives transferred its 187 items to the Department for the work of their certification:
- ▶ 42 items from the HRH Prince Abdulrahman AlFaisal Collection
- ▶ 2 items from the HRH Prince Bandar AlFaisal Collection
- ▶ 134 items from the HRH Prince Turki AlFaisal Collection

Storage:

- ▶ 4 items from the King Faisal Memorial Collection (the bags containing silverware gifted to King Faisal) were dry-cleaned.
- ▶ A depot was prepared to preserve the assets of the Saudi Memory Unit in line with the global standards of museum preservation.
- ▶ The condition of storage spaces for the Center's cultural assets was assessed by Stephen Umpleby, an objects conservator.

Providing Consultation:

- ▶ Consultation on the preservation and storage methods, conservation, storage, and restoration was provided to one of the external entities.

Exhibitions

- ▶ Al-Faisal Museum for Arab-Islamic Art reopened on February 27, 2022 after the renovation of its permanent gallery.
- ▶ The “Asfār” exhibition was inaugurated on February 28, 2022.
- ▶ The exhibition received more than 3,000 visitors in 2022.
- ▶ The two rare printed works were added from the Center’s collections to the exhibition on November 3.
- ▶ The “Takwīn” exhibition concluded on October 12, 2022.



Training

- ▶ The Department hosted a Four-day training course in October about the preservation of museum collections and storage environments provided by Stephen Umpleby, an objects conservator. The course targeted the Department employees and specialized external entities such as: the Diriyah Gate Development Authority, Al-Madinah Al-Munawwarah Research & Studies Center, the Royal Institute of Traditional Arts, and the King Fahd National Library.
- ▶ The Treatment and Restoration Section accepted three male and female trainees.

Volunteering

- ▶ In 2022, eight male and female volunteers from King Saud University volunteered as museum guides.



Supporting External Research

In 2022, the Department made the following items available to external researchers:

- ▶ Items from the Museum’s collections: for three graduate and postdoctoral researchers
- ▶ Items for the Saudi Memory Unit: for four researchers in non-material cultural heritage and anthropology

Administrative Support

Department of Administration and Finance

Headed by Saleh Al-Shamrani

The Department of Administration and Finance provides support for the Center's activities ranging from administration and finance to human resources, information technology, safety, security, maintenance, and infrastructure, as well as the reception of visitors.

On November 13, 2022, HR provided a training course on the use of computer for office work.



Department of Project and Development

Headed by Ibrahim Aldeghaither

The Department of Project and Development monitors the implementation of the Center's projects, and also serves as a point of contact for external agencies in relation to joint projects. The Department also compiles necessary reports and ensures that the beneficiaries are satisfied with the quality of the projects' output. The Department also works on developing the Center's strategic plans, reviewing,

measuring, and evaluating them regularly, adapting them in accordance with the Board of Directors' decisions and new developments as well as external and internal factors, and following up on their implementation to achieve the desired goals. In 2022, the Department worked on developing a new follow-up system that responds to the Center's requirements. The Department also follows up on the implementation and updating of the Balanced Scorecard and the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) for the Center's departments in accordance with the strategic plans and objectives.

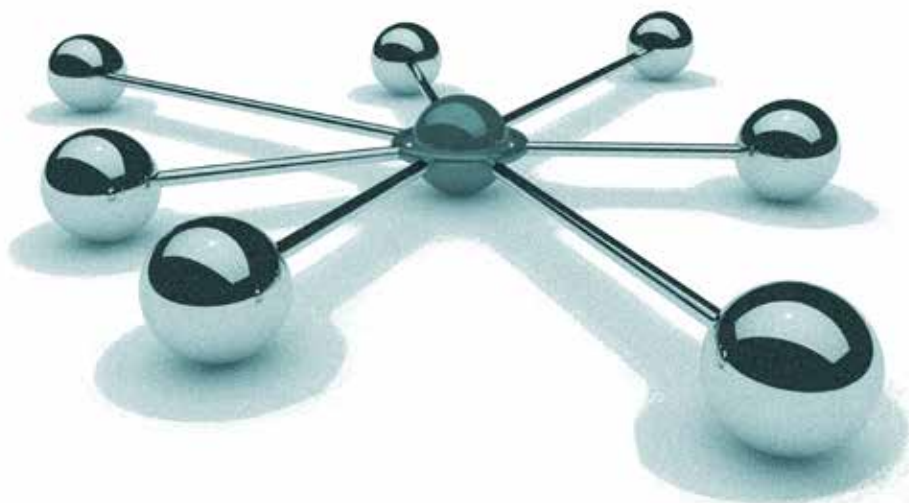
Some entities which the Department facilitates the Center's cooperation with:



Corporate Communication Department

Headed by Sara Alsaif

The Corporate Communication Department is responsible for the efficient coordination of the Center's internal and external communications and the establishment and maintenance of the Center's institutional reputation among stakeholders and those involved in the work of the Center in any capacity. The Department also undertakes the work in relation to strategic partnerships; develops protocols to facilitate communication within the Center and with external entities; organizes and coordinates



meetings, events, conferences, seminars, and exhibitions hosted by the Center; and provides logistic support for official visitors and delegations. The Department also cooperates with local and international media to ensure adequate press coverage of the Center's various activities and events, documents and archives press coverage, drafts press communiqués, and produces reports on media coverage.

The number of followers of
the KFCRIS on its various
social media accounts



Twitter
(@KFCRIS & @KFCRIS_en)

36,500+



LinkedIn
(مركز الملك فيصل للبحوث والدراسات الإسلامية)

24,500+



Facebook
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20,500+



YouTube (KFCRIS)

8,000+



Instagram (kfcris_sa)

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