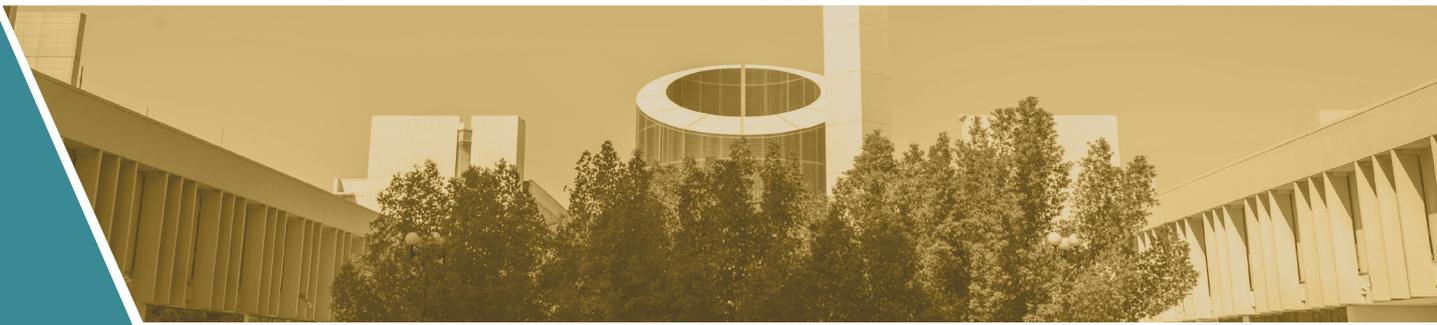




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King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies



## Annual Report 2016







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# Introduction

*“I see the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, after 50 years, as a wellspring of radiance for humanity” – King Faisal bin Abdulaziz Al Saud (1975)*

The King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies (KFCRIS) was established in 1983 by the King Faisal Foundation in order to preserve the legacy of the late King Faisal – may God have mercy on him – and continue his mission of transmitting knowledge between the Kingdom and the world. The KFCRIS serves as a platform for research and Islamic Studies, bringing together researchers and research institutions from the Kingdom and across the world through its conferences, workshops, and lectures, and production and publication of scholarly works, as well as preservation of Islamic manuscripts.

The Research Department of the KFCRIS is home to a group of established and promising researchers who endeavor to produce in-depth analysis in various fields ranging from Contemporary Political Thought, Energy Studies, and Arabic Language Studies, to Saudi Studies, North African Studies, Iranian Studies, and Asian studies. The Research Department is currently working on broadening the range of its research work and publications so as to take the leadership in scholarly research in the Arab and Muslim worlds. It also receives a number of academic visitors through its Visiting Fellows Program.

The KFCRIS is also equipped with specialized institutions, such as the KFCRIS Library; the Alfaisal Institute for Human Resource Development; the Alfaisal Museum for Arab Islamic Art; Darat Alfaisal; and the Alfaisal Cultural Press.

The Chairman of the KFCRIS is HRH Prince Turki Alfaisal. In 2016, the KFCRIS appointed a new Secretary-General Dr. Saud Alsarhan who had served as the Director of Research of the KFCRIS since 2013. Dr. Alsarhan succeeded Dr. Yahya Mahmud bin Junaid who had served as the Secretary-General of the KFCRIS between 1999 and 2016.



*In 2016, the KFCRIS launched its Five-Year Strategic Goals (2016-20):*

- ④ Increasing awareness and knowledge of the heritage of the late King Faisal to preserve his memory and document his contributions to services for humanity
- ④ Encouraging and supporting dialog, and strengthening the bonds of knowledge cooperation to achieve the Center's objective
- ④ Focusing on the production of research in Human Sciences
- ④ Preserving and studying the Islamic heritage
- ④ Enhancing the level of technological infrastructure, electronic applications, and online presence, to facilitate the achievement of the Center's objective.



# Statement by the Chairman



## **HRH Prince Turki Alfaisal**

Chairman

*Since its establishment over thirty years ago, the KFCRIS has dedicated itself to continuing the noble mission pursued by the late King Faisal – may God have mercy on him. The late King was eager to encourage the transmission of knowledge so as to strengthen bonds among Muslims, and between Muslims and the rest of the human communities.*



The KFCRIS is proud of its achievements, which are now visible not only in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, but also in the rest of the Arab and Muslim worlds. These achievements enabled the KFCRIS to gain an outstanding reputation around the world and enjoy a special status among the world's prestigious research institutions.

The KFCRIS spares no effort to achieve its objectives through the production of scholarly research and the publication of knowledge, as well as hosting conferences, workshops, and lectures, which are participated in by distinguished Saudi and foreign intellectuals. The KFCRIS also offers Saudi citizens and foreign visitors in search of knowledge opportunities to enrich themselves through harnessing our resources and to contribute to the development and progress of Saudi society.

Every year, the KFCRIS makes efforts to improve the quality and quantity of its activities in order to keep up with a quickly changing world. This Annual Report aims to identify these efforts and their achievements in the course of the year 2016 (1437-1438 AH).

# Statement by the Secretary-General



**Dr. Saud Alsarhan**  
Secretary-General

*The year 2016 saw a number of changes and developments in the Kingdom, as well as at the regional and international levels. The KFCRIS responded to these changes and developments and kept its commanding presence felt at a time when the Kingdom and the world are in flux. It stepped up its intensive cultural and scholarly activities, which included hosting conferences, workshops, and lectures, and promoting the exchange of cultural and scholarly visits, as well as issuing publications that deal with changes and developments at the local, regional, and international levels.*

The KFCRIS also consolidated its strong ties with other prestigious research institutions around the world and attracted a group of outstanding researchers in various fields to join its research activities. The KFCRIS also continued providing researchers with access to its resources in order to enable them to complete their research work and obtain valuable outcomes.

The KFCRIS endeavored to put its policy of producing and disseminating knowledge into action. In particular, it laid a foundation for the coming years by adopting new criteria for its publications including books and periodicals. It continued to publish books and its new research publication series, such as



*Dirasat, Masarat, Qira'at, Commentaries, and Special Reports*, as well as its older periodicals such as *Majallat Al-Faisal, Al-Islam wa-l-'Alam al-Mu'asir, Al-Faisal Al-'Ilmiyya, and Majallat Al-Dirasat Al-Lughawiyya* which underwent improvements in content and styles using up-to-date techniques. The KFCRIS Library also obtained a number of new books, periodicals, and manuscripts through purchases, donations, and exchanges with other scholarly institutions, which are now accessible for researchers in and outside the KFCRIS.

In 2016, the KFCRIS made its commanding presence felt by organizing the Saud Al-Awtan Conference to commemorate the first anniversary of the passing away of HRH Prince Saud Alfaisal. The KFCRIS also hosted exhibitions about late King Faisal entitled "Alfaisal: A Witness and a Martyr" in Makkah and Al-Jawf following exhibitions in other cities in the Kingdom in the previous years.

Finally, I would like to commend the important role played by Dr. Yahya Mahmud bin Junaid, who left the KFCRIS in 2016 after serving as its Secretary-General since 1999 and dedicating himself to enriching its cultural and scholarly activities.



# Activities:

## Office of the Chairman

*The Chairman of the KFCRIS, HRH Prince Turki Alfaisal, engages himself in many intellectual activities in and outside the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. He pays visits abroad, attends a number of conferences and forums and delivers speeches and lectures, and receives distinguished guests.*







## In-House Events in 2016

- “Saudi-Chinese Cooperation in the Building of ‘One Belt, One Road’ and Discussing the Situation of the Terrorist Groups and the Crisis in Syria,” workshop with the Chinese Institute for International Studies, 1 March 2016.
- “Oil Price Collapse and Changing Energy Landscape: US Perspectives and Implications for Saudi Arabia,” lecture delivered by Dr. Jason Bordoff, Columbia University, 13 April 2016.
- Saud Al-Awtan Conference to commemorate the late Prince Saud Alfaisal, 24-26 April 2016.
- Opening of the Exhibition “Alfaisal: A Witness and a Martyr,” Makkah, 29 May 2016.
- “The Term Ahl al-Sunnah and the Whims of Politics,” workshop, 2 October 2016.
- Annual Conference on Islamic Political Thought, 6-7 December 2016.
- “The Role of Saudi Arabia, the Saudi-European Cooperation, and the Security Situation in the Region,” discussion with a delegation of the European Council on Foreign Relations, 12 December 2016.





## Conferences Attended in 2016



- World Economic Forum, Davos (Switzerland), 19-23 January 2016.
- Munich Security Conference, Munich (Germany), 12-14 February 2016.
- Beirut Institute News Conference, Abu Dhabi, 21 February 2016.
- AEI World Forum, Sea Island, Georgia (US), 3-5 March 2016.
- Tawasul Conference, International Society for Public Relations, Riyadh, 26 April 2016.
- Annual Conference, Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington, DC, 5 May 2016.
- “The Future of the Middle East Region,” Asia Society, New York, 19-20 May 2016.
- Annual Conference of the Iranian Opposition, Paris (France), 9 July 2016.
- “The Future of Stability and Regional Order in the Middle East,” International Institute for Strategic Studies and Centre for International Relations and Sustainable Development, London, 11 July 2016.
- “Today’s and Tomorrow’s Scenarios for Competitive Strategies,” Italy, 2-4 September 2016.
- “Open Societies under Attack: The Return of Ideology,” International Peace Institute, Salzburg (Austria), 4-6 September 2016.
- 6th Meeting of the Council of Secretaries, the Arab and International Relations Council, Kuwait, 4-5 October 2016.
- 2016 Conference on Inclusive Capitalism, New York (US), 10 October 2016.



- World Knowledge Forum, Seoul, 12-13 October 2016.
- Leadership Conference, Georgetown University, Washington, DC, 26 October 2016.
- Annual Arab-American Conference of Decision-Makers, Washington, DC, 26-27 October 2016.
- “The New Reality in the Middle East: A Saudi View,” New York Lawyers’ Union, New York, 9 November 2016.
- Annual Meeting of the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies, Georgetown University, Washington DC, 10 November 2016.
- 70th Annual Conference, Middle East Institute, Washington, DC, 16 November 2016.
- IISS Manama Dialogue, Manama (Bahrain), 9-11 December 2016.



- “The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Today,” lecture delivered at the International Academy of Diplomacy, Paris, 25 January 2016.
- “The Future of the Arab World in the Light on the Ongoing Changes,” lecture delivered at the King Saud University, Riyadh, 24 February 2016.
- “Regional Security Challenges: A Saudi View,” lecture delivered at the Royal College of Defence Studies, London, 14 March 2016.
- “Middle East Today: Future Prospects,” lecture delivered at the University of Wales Trinity St David, Lampeter (UK), 16 March 2016.
- “Middle East Today: Future Directions,” lecture delivered at the American University in Cairo, Cairo, 30 March 2016.
- “The International Dimension of the Phenomenon of Terrorism and the Relations of the Interests of the Major States with the Emergence of Terrorist Organizations,” speech delivered at the conference “Contributions of Scientific Research in the Kingdom to Fighting Extremism and Radicalism,” Imam Muhammad bin Saud Islamic University, Riyadh, 12 April 2016.
- “Challenges and Opportunities: Reflections on Political, Economic, and Security Challenges Facing the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia,” lecture delivered at the Royal United Services Institute, London, 16 May 2016.
- “King Faisal,” Makkah, 7 June 2016.
- “The Middle East Crisis: A Saudi View,” speech delivered at Council of World Affairs, Orange, California (US), 3 November 2016.
- “The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia amidst the Middle East Chaos,” a series of lectures delivered at the Crown Center for Middle East Studies, Brandeis University, Massachusetts (US), 22 November 2016.
- “In Memory of Ghazi Al-Gosaibi,” London, 28 November 2016.



## Other Activities

- Tumuh Summit, Dubai, 15 January 2016.
- Meetings, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, Oxford (UK), 27-28 January 2016.
- Ceremony honoring the late Prince Saud Alfaisal, Abha, 24 February 2016.
- Dinner meeting with the King of Bahrain, Manama, 27 February 2016.
- Opening of “Prince Saud Alfaisal Avenue” in Bahrain, 28 February 2016.
- Meeting with students from Stanford University in the US, Riyadh, 21 March 2016.
- Graduation ceremony, Prince Sultan College of Business, Jeddah, 17 April 2016.
- Graduation ceremony, College of Medicine, Alfaisal University, Riyadh, 27 April 2016.
- Meeting, Board of Trustees, Effat University, Jeddah, 3 May 2016.
- Meeting, Aurora Borealis Foundation, Svalbard (Norway), 11-14 May 2016.
- Meetings, Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, Oxford (UK), 7-8 September 2016.
- Middle East Strategic Action Group, Atlantic Council, Washington, DC, 16 September 2016.
- 11th Ministerial Dinner on the Middle East, International Press Institute, sponsored by the UAE and Luxembourg, New York, 18 September 2016.
- Annual Meeting, Clinton Global Initiative Foundation, New York, 19-21 September 2016.
- Dialog Day Lunch, hosted by HRH Prince Turki Alfaisal, New York, 27 September 2016.
- Dinner with Mark Carney, Governor of the Bank of England, New York, 9 October 2016.
- Honorary Citizenship Prize, Seoul City (South Korea), 12 October 2016.

- Meeting, Asia Society Policy Institute, Washington DC, 28 October 2016.
- Lunch with fellows and students of Harvard University, London, 21 November 2016.
- Meeting, Board of Trustees, Effat University, Jeddah, 30 November.
- Chair, Meeting of the Wise Men Committee, Arab League, Cairo, 8 December 2016.



## Interviews

- Marc Perlman (France 24), Paris, 26 January 2016.
- Christophe Ayad (Le Monde) & Jean-Pierre Perrin (Liberation), Paris, 26 January 2016.
- Becky Anderson (CNN), Abu Dhabi, 21 February 2016.
- Associated Press, Abu Dhabi, 21 February 2016.
- Raghdah Dugham (Wall Street Journal), Abu Dhabi, 21 February 2016.
- Julie Lerat (Channel 5 TV, France), Riyadh, 1 March 2016.
- Kasra Naji (BBC Persian), London, 15 March 2016.
- Hamad Al-Mahmoud (Sky News), Riyadh, 28 March 2016.
- Abdullah Al-Muhaysin (Saudi TV Channel 1), Riyadh, 29 March 2016.
- Catherine Philip (Times), Riyadh, 2 May 2016.
- Dexter Filkins (New Yorker), Jeddah, 8 June 2016.
- Mohindirtal Sahuta (Spun Gold TV), London, 28 November 2016.

# Activities:

## King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies

*In 2016, the KFCRIS bustled with a variety of cultural and scholarly activities such as conferences, workshops, lectures, and exhibitions that were participated by Saudi and foreign intellectuals. In addition, the KFCRIS received a number of distinguished visitors from within and outside the Kingdom.*





## Conferences



- Saud Al-Awtan Conference to commemorate the late Prince Saud Alfaisal, King Abdulaziz International Conference Center (Riyadh), 24-26 April 2016.
- Annual Conference on Islamic Political Thought, “Political Quietism in Sunni, Shia, and Sufi Jurisprudence: The Classics and the Contemporary,” KFCRIS, 6-7 December 2016.



## External Conferences the KFCRIS Participated



- Munich Security Conference, Munich (Germany), 12-14 February 2016.
- AEI World Forum, Sea Island, Georgia (US), 3-5 March 2016.
- Ditchley Foundation Conference, “Change in the Middle East: New Lines in the Sand?,” Ditchley (UK), 17-19 March 2016.
- King Faisal International Prize, Riyadh, 23 March 2016.
- Meeting with the top members of Ambrosetti Club, Lake Como (Italy), 1 September 2016.
- 42nd Annual Forum, “Intelligence on the World, Europe, and Italy,” Lake Como, Italy, 2-4 September 2016.
- Alexandria Library Conference, “The Future of Arab Societies: Changes and Challenges,” Alexandria (Egypt), 5-8 September 2016.
- Munich Strategy Forum 2016, Munich (Germany), 4-6 December 2016.
- Arab Thought Foundation Conference, Abu Dhabi (UAE), 4-6 December 2016.
- Meetings with the Council of Trustees and the Jerusalem Fund, Riyadh, 21 December 2016.



- “William Butler Yeats: A Patriot Poet,” lecture delivered by Professor Terrance Brown, Trinity College Dublin (with the Embassy of Ireland in Riyadh), 8 February 2016.
- “Islam and France against Terrorism,” lecture delivered by Dr. Slimane Zaghidour, Institut de Relations Internationales et Stratégiques, 28 February 2016.
- “Saudi-Chinese Cooperation in the Building of ‘One Belt, One Road’ and Discussing the Situation of the Terrorist Groups and the Crisis in Syria and Other Armed Issues,” workshop with the Chinese Institute for International Studies, 1 March 2016.
- “The Disruptive Change and the Middle East”, lecture delivered by Sir Robert Sawyers, the former Chief of the British Secret Intelligence Services (MI6), 6 March 2016.
- “Arab Heritage and Modern Theories,” lecture delivered by the two winners of the King Faisal International Prize for Arabic Language and Literature, Dr. Muhammad Abd al-Mutalib and Dr. Muhammad Muftah, 12 March 2016.
- “The Ancient and Modern Arab Sea Navigators”, lecture delivered by the winner of King Faisal International Prize for Islamic Studies, Dr. Abdullah bin Yusuf Al-Ghunaim, 13 March 2016.
- “The Global Energy Prospect and the Extent of its Economic and Geopolitical Impact on the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia”, workshop, 30 March 2016.
- “Oil Price Collapse and Changing Energy Landscape: US Perspectives and Implications for Saudi Arabia,” lecture delivered by Dr. Jason Bordoff, Columbia University, 13 April 2016.
- “Wealth Sharing in the GCC and Its Effect on Living Standards,” lecture delivered by Dr. Steffen Hertog, London School of Economics, 17 May 2016.
- “The Term Ahl al-Sunnah and the Whims of Politics,” workshop, 2 October 2016.
- “How Should the Arab World Lobby?,” lecture delivered by Dr. Dania Kolielat El-Khatib, 2 October 2016.
- “China’s Political and Economic Landscape,” lecture delivered by Professor Yan Xiaojun, University of Hong Kong, and Chen Xinwei, Nomura International, 17 October 2016.
- “New Security Dynamics in East Asia: Japan’s Expanding Strategic Portfolio,” lecture delivered by Dr. Ken Jimbo, Keio University, (with the Embassy of Japan in Riyadh), 2 November 2016.
- “Washington and the Middle East under the New Administration,” lecture delivered by Dr. Joseph Kechichian, KFCRIS, 14 November 2016.
- “Middle East Policy and Security,” lecture delivered by Dr. Mathew Levitt, Washington Institute for Near East Policy; and “The Age of Hatred: ISIS, Iran, and the New Middle East,” lecture delivered by Dr. Jack Caravelli, Defence Academy of the United Kingdom, 30 November 2016.
- “Developments in the Middle East: Challenges and Opportunities,” lecture delivered by Sid Ahmed Chozali, the former prime minister of Algeria, 27 December 2016.





## Exhibitions

- Exhibition on the Irish poet William Butler Yeats, with the Embassy of Ireland in Riyadh; opened by HRH Prince Faisal bin Saud Abd al-Muhsin (Assistant Secretary-General, KFCRIS) and Tony Cotter (Irish Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia), 9-10 February 2016.
- Exhibition on Arabic-language manuscripts, on the occasion of the Arabic Calligraphy Day, 6 April 2016.
- “Alfaisal: A Witness and a Martyr,” Makkah, 29 May-4 June 2016.





## Distinguished Visitors Received by the KFCRIS



*In 2016, the KFCRIS received a large number of distinguished visitors, including:*

- Sare Davutogly, wife of Ahmet Davutoglu, the Turkish Prime Minister, 1 January 2016.
- Mehmet Görmaz, President of the Presidency of Religious Affairs in Turkey, 1 January 2016.

- Conservative Party Delegation from the House of Commons (UK), 15 February 2016.
- Mihai Coman, Romanian Ambassador to Riyadh, 21 February 2016.
- Manuel Carvalho, Portuguese Ambassador to Riyadh, 29 February 2016.
- Luca Ferrari, Italian Ambassador to Riyadh, 29 February 2016.
- Delegation from the Royal College of Defence Studies (UK), 16 May 2016.
- Delegation from the Körber Foundation (Germany), 18 May 2016.
- Delegation from the Embassy of Japan in Riyadh, 27 September 2016.
- Abbas Shuman, Deputy Chair of the Al-Azhar Al-Sharif, 9 October 2016.
- Delegation of students from the Princess Noura University, 27 October 2016.
- Claudia Roth, Vice President of the Bundestag (Germany), 8 November 2016.
- Sid Ahmed Chozali, former Prime Minister of Algeria, 27 December 2016.



# Saud Al-Awtan Conference

*The Saud Al-Awtan Conference was held between 24 and 26 April 2016 to commemorate the late Prince Saud Alfaisal – may God have mercy upon him – at the King Abdulaziz International Conference Center in Riyadh. The Conference, attended by the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz and the Crown Prince Muhammad bin Naif bin Abdulaziz, hosted 14 lectures dealing with five key aspects of the professional and intellectual life of HRH Prince Saud: (1) His diplomatic efforts to bring peace in Lebanon; (2) the liberation of Kuwait from the Iraqi invasion; (3) the reinforcement of regional security; (4) his contribution to the defense of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people; and (5) the fight against terrorism and extremism. The guests of the conference included:*





- King of Spain, HM Juan Carlos
- Former President of Lebanon, HE Amine Gemayel
- Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Kuwait, Sabah bin Khalid Al Sabah
- Deputy Prime Minister of Bahrain, Muhammad bin Mubarak Al Khalifa
- Deputy Prime Minister of Oman, Fahd bin Mahmoud Al Said
- Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Jordan, Nasir Judah
- Former Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Qatar, Sheikh Hamad bin Jasim bin Jabir Al Thani
- Former Prime Minister of Syria, Riyad Farid Hijab
- Former Prime Minister of Lebanon, Fouad Siniora
- Former Prime Minister of Jordan, Taher Al-Masri
- Former Prime Minister of Libya, Mahmoud Jibril
- Former Prime Minister of Palestine, Salam Fayyad
- Former Prime Minister of Turkey, Yaşar Yakış
- Former Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Kuwait, Sheikh Muhammad al-Sabah al-Salim Al Sabah
- Foreign Minister of the United Arab Emirates, Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan
- Foreign Minister of Oman, Yusuf bin Alawi
- Foreign Minister of Bahrain, Khalid bin Ahmad Al Khalifa
- Foreign Minister of Turkey, Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu
- Foreign Minister of Greece, Nikos Kotzias
- Foreign Minister of Kosovo, Enver Hoxhaj
- Foreign Minister of Bangladesh, Abul Hassan Mahmud Ali
- Foreign Minister of Romania, Daniela Gitman
- Deputy Foreign Minister of Switzerland, Georges Martin
- Former Foreign Minister of Morocco, Taieb Fassi Fihri
- Former Foreign Minister of Egypt, Nabil Fahmi
- Former Foreign Minister of Egypt, Mohammad Kamel Amr
- Former Foreign Minister of the United Arab Emirates, Rashid Abdullah Al-Nuaimi





- Former Foreign Minister of Jordan, Abd-al-Ilah Al-Khatib
- Former Foreign Minister of Libya, Abd-al-Rahman Shalgham
- Former Foreign Minister of Tunisia, Kamel Morjane
- Former Foreign Minister of Mauritania, Hamadi Ould Meimou
- Former Foreign Minister of Germany, Jürgen Chrobog
- Former Foreign Minister of Spain, Miguel Ángel Moratinos
- Former Foreign Minister of Portugal, Luis Amado
- Finance Minister of Iraq, Hoshyar Zebari
- Minister of Communication of Lebanon, Boutros Harb
- Minister of Planning and Development of Pakistan, Ahsan Iqbal
- Minister of Labor and Employment of Comoro, Abdou Nassur Madi
- Adviser to the President of Sudan, Mustafa Uthman Isma'il
- Adviser to the President of Comoro, Ali Zoubir Mazi
- Secretary-General of the Gulf Cooperation Council, HE Abd al-Latif Al-Zayani
- Former Secretary-General of the Gulf Cooperation Council, HE Abdullah Bishara
- Former Secretary-General of the Arab League, HE Nabil Elaraby
- Former Secretary-General of the Arab League, HE Amr Moussa
- Former Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, HE Nizar Amin Madani
- Former Secretary-General of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation, HE Ekmeleddin İhsanoğlu
- A large number of Saudi princes and ministers as well as ambassadors also joined the Conference.

# Research Department

*The KFCRIS Research Department was founded in 2013. It is home to seven units:*

Contemporary Political Thought

Maghreb Studies

Energy Studies

Iranian Studies

Saudi Studies

Asian Studies

Arabic Language Studies

*In 2016, the Department also hosted a year-long “Middle East Strategy Project,” which carried out analysis of regional security agendas, with a particular focus on foreign interventions in Syria and their impacts on various parts of the Levant.*





**Dr. Saud Alsarhan**  
Secretary-General

### Publications:

- Book Chapter: “The Saudis as Managers of the Hajj”, in Shawkat Toorawa and Eric Tagliacozzo (ed.) *The Hajj: Pilgrimage in Islam* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015).
- The Arabic version of the above work: Al-Faisal book for the *Majalla Al-Faisal*, 479-480, September 2016.
- Edited Volume: *Rebuilding Yemen: Economic, and Social Challenges*. Co-edited with Noel Brehony (Berlin: Gerlach Press, 2016).
- The Arabic version of the above work: Riyadh: King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies, 2016.
- **Book Review:** *The Lineaments of Islam: Studies in Honor of Fred McGraw Donner*, edited by Paul M. Cobb, *Ilahiyat Studies Journal*, Istanbul University (Turkey), Vol. 6, No. 1, 2016.

- Encyclopedia Articles: *Encyclopaedia of Islam*, III, edited by Kate Fleet, Gudrun Krämer, Denis Matringe, John Nawas, and Everett Rowson (Brill).
- Unpublished: “Jabhat Fatah al-Sham wa Ahrar al-Sham.”

### Presentations and Lectures:

- “Ahmad Ibn Hanbal’s Political Theory: Rediscovery of the Traditional Sunni Thought in Combatting Extremist Discourse,” International Academic Symposium on “Refuting the Foundations and Messages of Extremism: Approaches and Experiences,” Rabat (Morocco), January 2016.
- “Saudi Experience in Countering Terrorism,” Royal Institute for Strategic Studies (Morocco), September 2016.
- “Being Patient Is Better Than Sedition: The Formation of Political Quietism in Sunni Thought,” the KFCRIS Conference, “Political Quietism in Sunni, Shia and Sufi Jurisprudence: The Classics and the Contemporary,” 6-7 December 2016.





**Faisal Abualhassan**

Head of the Unit

### Publications:

- Encyclopedia Article: “The Geography of War: Africa-North,” *The Sage Encyclopaedia of War: Social Science Perspectives* (Sage Publications).
- Conference Presentation: “Religion and State in the Arab World, 1900-2015: Viewpoint from the Arabian Peninsula,” the Helsinki Policy Forum, “Elimination of Religious Ignorance, Foreign Policy and Diplomacy, and Forward Thinking.”
- Dissertation: “Immigration in French Language: Messages on and outside the Internet with French Muslim Youths Who Use the Internet on Issues Linked to Religious Migration to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia,” School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (EHESS), Paris.
- Op-Ed: “The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia: Reforms Come with Social Responsibility,” *Al-Jazeera*, 24 April 2016.
- Op-Ed: “Changes in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Must Come from Within,” *Khaleej Times*, 1 June 2016.
- Work in Progress: “Elections: The Evolution of Local Governance, Municipalities, and Political Approach in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in the Light of the Second Round of the Municipal Elections,” co-authored with Sumayah Fatani.
- Work in Progress: “Discovery of Traditional Possessions of Religious French Migrants in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia,” PhD Thesis in Sociology at the School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (EHESS).
- Work in Progress: “Historical Research on the Migration of Muslims from French North Africa (during the Colonial Era) to the Arab East, Particularly to Mecca and Medina (Focus on Shaykh Muhammad al-Arabi al-Tabbani).”



## Sumayah Fatani

Research Fellow

### Publications:

- Book Chapter: “The New Saudi Nationalism of the New Saudi Media,” in Noha Mellor and Khalil Rinnawi (ed.), *Political Islam and Global Media: The Boundaries of Religious Identity*, (2016), co-authored with Gilbert Ramsay.
- Commentary: “Adapting to Your Audience: Linguistic Divergences in Daesh Female Recruitment Material,” Commentary (KFCRIS), October 2016.
- Work in Progress: “Elections: The Evolution of Local Governance, Municipalities, and Political Approach in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in the Light of the Second Round of the Municipal Elections,” co-authored with Faisal Abualhassan.

### Presentation:

- “Criticism of Extremist Messages and the Saudi Female Extremists,” Alexandria Library Conference, “The Making of Extremism: Examination of Measures of Ideological Confrontation,” Alexandria (Egypt), 3-5 January 2016.



## Sara Almohamadi

Associate Fellow

### Publications

- Unpublished: “The Candidature of Women in the Municipal Elections for the First Time in the History of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.”
- Work in Progress: “Salafism in Indonesia: The Unanticipated Consequences of a Transnational Movement.”

### Presentation

- “The Role of Research Centers in Combatting Extremism,” Alexandria Library Conference “The Making of Extremism: Examination of Measures of Ideological Confrontation,” Alexandria Library (Egypt), 3-5 January, 2016.



## Energy Studies Unit



## Saudi Studies Unit



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### Princess Noura Turki Al Saud

Head of the Unit

#### Publications:

- Commentary: “A New Price Era in a Time of Climate Action: Towards a Resilient and Responsive Saudi Economy,” Commentary (KFCRIS), January 2016.
- Periodical Article: “Refutation of the Allegations on the Kingdom’s Motivations and Policy in Oil Market,” *Majalla Al-Faisal*, 475-476, May/June 2016.
- Section in Report: “Energy Sector in Iraq,” in “The Post-Occupation Iraq: A Strategic Study of the Changes and Centers of Power,” Special Report, November 2016.

#### Conference Participation:

- CERAWEEK, Houston, Texas (US), February 2016.
- Workshop, “The Policy of Energy Sector, Oil, and Natural Gas in Iraq and Kurdistan,” University of Exeter, Exeter (UK), May 2016.



### Dr. Sulayman bin Abdulrahman Al-Theeb

Head of the Unit

#### Publications:

- Book: *Dadan: the Capital of the Kingdoms of Dadan and Lihyan*. (Riyadh: KFCRIS, 2016).
- Qira’at: “Inscriptions Found in Al-Arnabiyyah, Umm Judair and Al-‘Amariyyah in Northern Saudi Arabia,” Qira’at (KFCRIS) No. 4, July 2016.
- Periodical Article: “Tayma in the Light of Its Aramaic Sculptures: Clashes of Empires, Accepting Others and the Woman Rules,” *Majalla Al-Faisal*, 473-474, March/April 2016.
- Op-Ed: “Continuous Polemic over the Site of the Punishment of the People of Salih,” *Al-Watan*, November 2016.
- Op-Ed: “Thamudi Scripts: Sculptures Expressing Feelings and Day-to-Day Life,” *Al-Watan*, December 2016.

#### Presentation and Lectures:

- “Ancient Arab Monuments in Dadan Town, the Capital of Lihyaniyah,” KFCRIS.

#### Academic Courses:

- Nabatean Language, Alexandria Library, Alexandria (Egypt)
- Nabatean Language, Bait al-Sanari, Cairo (Egypt).



### Mohammed Alsudairi

Head of the Unit

#### Publications:

- Journal Article: “Adhering to the Ways of Our Western Brothers: Tracing Saudi Influences on the Development of Chinese Salafism”, *Sociology of Islam*, Vol. 4, Nos. 1-2, 2016.
- Commentary: “President Xi Jinping’s Visit to the Kingdom and the Problem of the Sino-Saudi Relationship,” Commentary (KFCRIS), February 2016.
- Book Chapter: “Sino-Gulf Relations,” *Gulf Research Center Yearbook*, 2016.
- Journal Article: “China as the New Religious Frontier for the Da’wah: Analyzing the Emergence of a China-oriented Missionary Impulse in Saudi Arabia,” *Journal of Arabian Studies*, forthcoming.
- Book Chapter: “Hajjis, Refugees, Salafi Preachers and a Myriad of Others: An Examination of Islamic Connectivities in the Sino-Saudi Relationship”, in *China and the Middle East*, (Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, forthcoming).

#### Presentations and Lectures:

- “Chinese-Saudi Strategic Relations: The Need for a New Narrative,” Doha Institute, (Mohammed Alsudairi chaired the closing roundtable session on the Future of the Arab-Chinese relations), May 2016.
- “The Middle East at the Strategic Crossroads: Joint Efforts to Deal with the Challenges”, Shanghai Institute for International Studies, July 2016.
- “A New Idolatrous Tyrant Raises Its Head in the East: Contextualizing ISIS Discourses on China”, University of Hong Kong, September 2016.
- “Sectarianism among Sino-Muslims: The Salafiyya of the Northwest as a Case Example,” Chinese University of Hong Kong, November 2016.



## Tingyi Wang

Visiting Fellow

### Publications:

- “Shift in Saudi External Strategy” (in Chinese).
- “Chinese Economic Influence in the Middle East” (in Chinese).
- “The Oil-Producing Countries: Strategies at the Time of Dropping Prices” (in Chinese).
- “Distance between China and the Middle East Is No Longer Long” (in Arabic).
- “The Agitated Middle East and China’s Participation” (in Chinese), co-authored with Professor Chen Qi.
- “Joint Security in the Gulf and China’s Participation” (in English).

### Conference Participation:

- “Saudi-Chinese Cooperation in the Building of ‘One Belt, One Road’ and Discussing the Situation of the Terrorist Groups and the Crisis in Syria and Other Armed Issues,” KFCRIS Workshop with the Chinese Institute for International Studies, 1 March 2016.
- World Peace Forum, Beijing, July 2016.
- Development of China Thought Research Center, Development Research Center of the State Council, Beijing, July 2016.
- Gulf Research Meeting, Cambridge, UK, August 2016.
- Shenzhen Forum, Sun Yat-sen University, Guangdong (China), December 2016.



## Dr. Mohammed Al-Sbitli

Head of the Unit

### Publications:

- Dirasat: “Assessment of the Situation in the Arab Maghreb 2015-2016,” Dirasat No. 10 (KFCRIS), 2016.
- Periodical Article: “Albanian Artist Views Music as a Cause and Commitment: Blum Forbsi: Hearing Koran from an Arab Reciter Made Me Revise the Composition of My Music,” *Majalla Al-Faisal*, 473-474, March/April 2016.
- Commentary: “The 10th Congress of the Tunisian Ennahdha Movement party: Is It the End of Political Islam?,” Commentary (KFCRIS), July 2016.
- Work in Progress: “Contemporary Religious Discourse in the Arab Maghreb States.”

### Presentations and Lectures:

- “Mecca Scholars at the End of the 19th Century and the Beginning of the 20th Century,” Asia Contact Group Workshop, Seoul University, South Korea, April 2016.
- “Economic and Social History of Mecca,” Al-Qadhi Iyadh University, Marrakesh (Morocco), November 2016.
- “Method of Historical Research and its Influence on Social Sciences and Law,” Al-Qadhi Iyadh University, Marrakech (Morocco), November 2016.



### Sebastian Maier

Head of the Project

#### Publications:

- Dirasat: “Quo Vadis, ‘Party of God?’: The Regional Entanglement of the Lebanese Hezbollah,” Dirasat No. 7 (KFCRIS), January 2016.
- Dirasat: “Germany’s Foreign and Security Policy in Syria and Iraq, 2011-2016,” Dirasat No. 14 (KFCRIS), August 2016.
- Dirasat: “Sometimes Peculiar, Mostly Pragmatic: Russian-Israeli Intersection in the Contemporary Middle East,” Dirasat No. 16 (KFCRIS), October 2016.
- Masarat: “Understanding the Rise of Lebanese Hezbollah: 1985-2000,” Masarat No. 23 (KFCRIS), April 2016.
- Commentary: “Calm before the Storm: Hezbollah Solidifies Its Foothold along the Lebanese-Syrian Border,” Commentary (KFCRIS), May 2016.
- Commentary: “The Fallout of Russia’s Syria Campaign in North Caucasus,” Commentary (KFCRIS), June 2016.
- Commentary: “The Making of the 2016 White Paper: Incorporating Society as a Whole,” Commentary No. 11 (KFCRIS), August 2016.
- Commentary: “One Year On: Putting Russia’s Syria Campaign into Perspective,” Commentary No. 13 (KFCRIS), October 2016.

#### Contribution by External Researchers:

- Jean Dufourcq and Olivier Kempf, “The Evolution of France’s Policy on Syria,” Dirasat, No. 9.
- “If You Cannot Solve a Problem, Make It Bigger: Russia in Syria,” Masarat No. 20.
- “Deciphering Russian Interference in Syria: What Is at Stake for Moscow?,” Masarat No. 21.
- “Tenuous Allies: Iran and Russia’s Brittle Syrian Collaboration,” Masarat No. 22.



**Dr. Joseph A. Kechichian**  
Senior Research Fellow

**Publications:**

- Book: *From Alliance to Union: Challenges Facing Gulf Cooperation Council States in the 21st Century*. (Brighton, UK: Sussex Academic Press, 2016).
- Dirasat: “Who Writes Arab History?,” Dirasat No. 15 (KFCRIS), September 2016.
- Analysis: “The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and China: The Security Dimension,” Middle East Institute, 9 February 2016.
- Encyclopedia Articles: “Faisal bin Abdulaziz,” in *Encyclopaedia of Islam*, Third Edition, (Brill, 2016).

**Lecture:**

- “Washington and the Middle East under the New Administration,” KFCRIS, 14 November 2016.

**Conference Participation:**

- “Coexisting with Terrorism,” Asan Institute for Policy Studies, Seoul, 26-27 April 2016.
- “Gulf Cooperation Council and Its Role in Regional Dynamisms” Arab-American Decision-Makers 25th Annual Conference, Washington, DC, 26 October 2016.



**Dr. Fahad Al-Sharif**  
Senior Research Fellow

**Lecture:**

- “City of Dreams, Disappointments and Optimisms: The Case of Nine African Undocumented Migrants Communities in the City of Jeddah,” KFCRIS, 30 January 2016.

**Conference Participation:**

- Harvard Kennedy School-Human Resources Development Fund Symposium: “Evidence-Based Policy Design for the Saudi Labor Market” Riyadh, 25 October 2016.
- Huawei Conference: Global Politics and Economy, and International Marketing, Marrakesh (Morocco), 7-8 December 2016.



**Dr. Makio Yamada**  
Research Fellow

- Joined the KFCRIS in September 2016.



## Visiting Fellows Program

The KFCRIS launched the Visiting Fellows Program in 2000 (1420 AH) to help facilitate the research projects of scholars from the Kingdom and across the world. Between 2000 and 2015, the KFCRIS hosted around 300 Visiting Fellows from over 50 different countries. In 2016, the KFCRIS hosted 18 Visiting Fellows from 12 different countries.

Name Nationality Affiliation	Topic	Starting Date Duration
Layla Maqbul, Norway Oslo University	The Syrian Crisis between Shaykhdoms and the Kingdom's Role in Combatting Terrorism	August 2015 12 months
Tingyi Wang, China Tsinghua University	The Gulf-Chinese Relations since 1990 and before	October 2015 9 months
Sherine Al-Tarabulsi, Egypt University of Oxford	How Humanitarian Action Is Undertaken in the GCC States in a Fast-Changing Environment Troubled by Conflicts and Catastrophes	December 2015 10 days
Annalisa Pavan, Italy University of Padova	Saudi Arabia's New Pedagogy Era	January 2016 4 months
Janice Hyeju Jeong, South Korea Duke University	Chinese Muslims within the Hijazi Community	January 2016 1 month
Philippe Petriat, France University of Sorbonne	The Economic History in the Arabian Peninsula 1850-1930	February 2016 1 month
Masooda Bano, Pakistan Oxford University (UK)	Changing Structures of Islamic Authority and Consequences for Social Change	March 2016 1 month
Maria Syed, Pakistan Australian National University	Interdependence Between Pakistan and Saudi Arabia in the Formative Phase	March 2016 2 months
Yusuf Saraj Ma Fuda, China Xi'an Jiaotong University	The Fatwa in Islamic Jurisprudence and its Enforcement in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	May 2016 3 months

<i>Name Nationality Affiliation</i>	<i>Topic</i>	<i>Starting Date Duration</i>
Ashwaq Hawtar, USA University of California, Berkeley	An Anthropological Study of the Medicine in Arabic Manuscripts	August 2016 6 months
Shigeto Kondo, Japan Institute of Energy Economics Japan	Current Position of the Economic Situation in Saudi Arabia	September 2016 3 months
Babak Mohammadzadeh Hollande University of Cambridge	State-Society Relationship and Foreign Policy Autonomy in Saudi Arabia and Iran	September 2016 4 months
Tobias Zombragel, Germany Friedrich Alexander University, Bayern	The Climate Policy and Environment Protection in the Arabian Peninsula	October 2016 3 months
Martyn Rush, UK University of Oxford	The Development of Economic Teaching in Saudi Education Institutions	October 2016 10 days
Hirotake Ishiguro, Japan Institute of Developing Economies	Role of the Shura Council and Anti-Corruption Authority on the Reform for Promoting Accountability in Saudi Arabia	November 2016 2 months
Emine Yakar, Turkey University of Exeter	Interaction between the Islamic Legal Theory and the Social Context in the Light of Contemporary deliverance of Advisory Opinions	December 2016 1 month
Sumeyra Yakar, Turkey University of Exeter	The Role of Tradition in the Development of Islamic Jurisprudence	December 2016 1 month
Nadav Samin, USA Dartmouth University	Wahhabism in the 1950s and 1960s	December 2016 14 days

# Research Publications

*The KFCRIS publishes scholarly works in five formats:*

**Dirasat:**

A study of between 6,000 and 10,000 words; published monthly.

**Qira'at:**

A study on cultural and historical issues of between 6,000 and 10,000 words.

**Masarat:**

A study that is shorter than 4,000 words; published anonymously.

**Commentaries:**

An analysis of current affairs of between 1,000 and 1,500 words.

**Special Reports:**

An analysis of current affairs that is longer than 3,000 words.

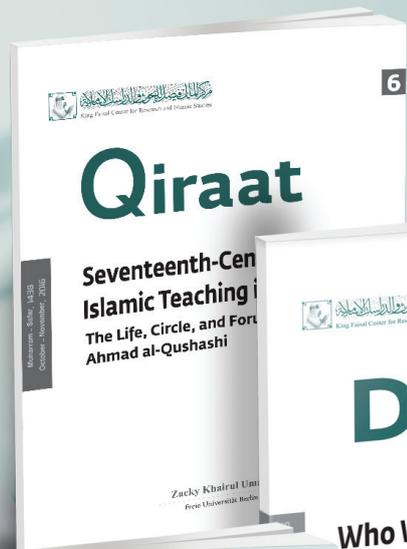
# Masarat

## The Issue of Minorities in Syria: From Proscriptions to Tyranical Presence

Introduction  
Minorities in Syria before the 2011 Revolution  
Geographic and Political Distribution of Minorities in Syria  
The Role of Minorities Towards the Regime  
Minorities' Stances Towards the Regime  
Attitudes Towards Minorities in Syria  
The Targeting of Minorities in Syria  
The Status of Minorities in Syria  
Casting a Searching Glance

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# Qiraat

Seventeenth-Century Islamic Teaching: The Life, Circle, and Forum of Ahmad al-Qushashi

Zacky Khairul Ummat  
Free University of Berlin

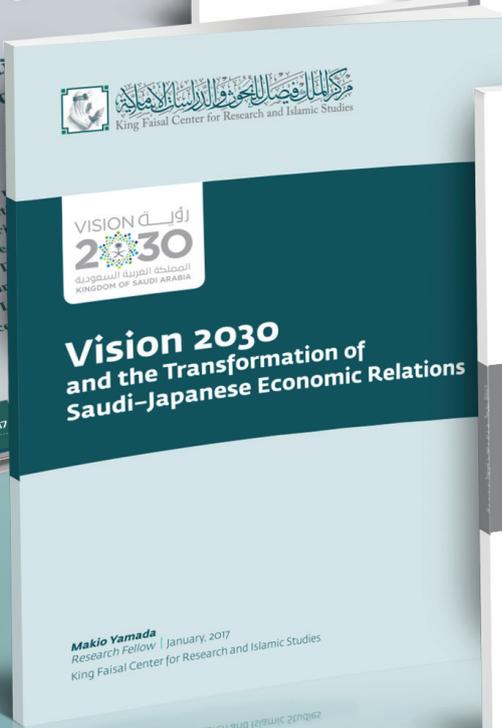
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# Dirasat

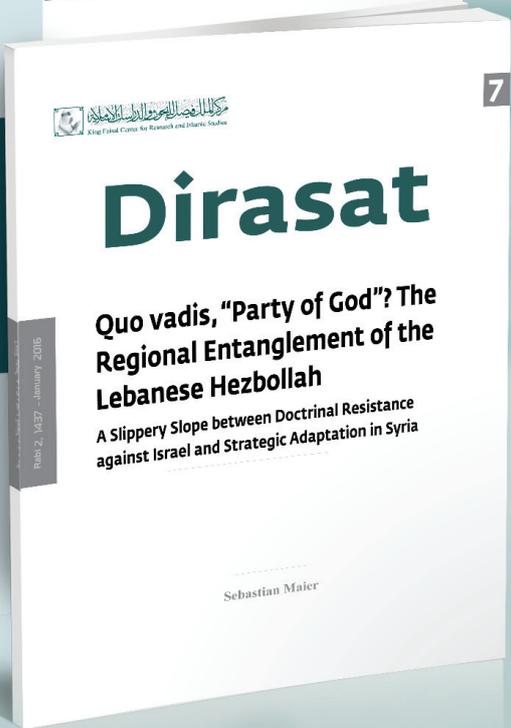
Who Writes Arab History?

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# Vision 2030 and the Transformation of Saudi-Japanese Economic Relations

Makio Yamada  
Research Fellow | January, 2017  
King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies



# Dirasat

Quo vadis, "Party of God"? The Regional Entanglement of the Lebanese Hezbollah  
A Slippery Slope between Doctrinal Resistance against Israel and Strategic Adaptation in Syria

Sebastian Maier

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## Titles Published in 2016



### Dirasat

No.	Title	Author
7	Quo Vadis, "Party of God"?: The Regional Entanglement of the Lebanese Hezbollah	Sebastian Maier
8	Terror Propaganda: Da'ish's Media and Operating Strategies	Mohammad El Arabi
9	The Evolution of France's Policy on Syria	Jean Dufourcq and Olivier Kempf
10	Arab-Maghreb: Between the Legitimacy of the Democratic Transition and Countering Terrorism	Mohammed Al-Sbitli
11	Da'esh and Transborder Terrorism	Hassan Salim
12	How Should the Arab World Start a Lobby?	Dania El Khatib
13	A Song of the Red Sea: Communities and Networks of Chinese Muslims in the Hijaz	Hyeju Jeong
14	Germany's Foreign and Security Policy in Syria and Iraq, 2011-2016	Sebastian Maier
15	Who Writes Arab History?	Joseph Kechichian
16	Sometimes Peculiar, Mostly Pragmatic: Russian-Israeli Intersection in the Contemporary Middle East	Sebastian Maier
17	Jihadist and Salafi Discourses in Sudanic Africa: Boko Haram and the Emerging Terror Network in Muslim West Africa	Amidu Sanni
18	Deciphering Iran's Cyber Activities	Jack Caravelli and Sebastian Maier

### Qira'at

No.	Title	Author
3	Etymology and Evolution of the Term Huizu	Lei Wan
4	Safaitic Inscriptions in the North of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	Suleiman Al-Theeb and Madallah Al-Hishan
5	Consumption and Production of Foods and Drinks in the Nabatean Kingdom	Ziyad Mahdi Al Salamin
6	Seventeenth-Century Islamic Teaching in Medina: The Life, Circle, and Forum of Ahmad al-Qushashi	Zaki Khayr al-Umam

### Special Reports

Title	Author
The Chinese President's Visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia	Mohammed Al-Sudairi
Special Report on Yemen	Anonymous
The Challenges Facing the Aden-based Yemeni Government	Anonymous
China and Syria: Full-scale Intervention or Limited Participation?	Mohamed Al-Sudairi
The Syrian Crisis Between a Shifting Conflict and a Deadlocked Solution	
Post-Occupation Iraq: A Strategic Study of the Developments and Centers of Power	

## Commentaries

No.	Title	Author
4	A New Price Era in a Time of Climate Action: Towards a Resilient and Responsive Saudi Economy	Noura Al Saud and Mashael Al-Shalan
5	President Xi Jinping's Visit and the Problem of the Sino-Saudi Relationship	Muhammad Al-Sudairi
6	Calm Before the Storm?: Hezbollah Solidifies Its Foothold along the Lebanese-Syrian Border	Sebastian Maier
7	The Fallout of Russia's Syria Campaign in the North Caucasus	Sebastian Maier
8	Comments on Recent Changes in the Leadership of the "Ahrar al-Sham"	Malek Elabdeh
9	The 10 <sup>th</sup> Congress of the Tunisian Ennahdha Movement Party: Is It the End of Political Islam?	Mohammed Al-Sbitli
10	The Maghreb Strategy of Countering Extremism and Terrorism: A Socio-Historical Study	Al-Hasan Hama
11	The Making of the 2016 White Paper: Incorporating Society as a Whole	Sebastian Maier
12	Adapting to Your Audience: Linguistics Divergences in Da'ish Female Recruitment Material	Sumayah Fatani
13	One Year on: Putting Russia's Syria Campaign into Perspective	Sebastian Maier

## Masarat

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19	Civil Protest Movement in Iraq Post - 31 July 2015: Formation Mechanisms and Future Scenarios
20	If You Cannot Solve a Problem, Make It Bigger: Russia in Syria
21	Deciphering Russian Interference in Syria: What Is at Stake for Moscow?
22	Tenuous Allies: Iran and Russia's Brittle Syrian Collaboration
23	Understanding the Rise of the Lebanese Hezbollah: The 1985-2000 South Lebanon Security Zone Conflict
24	Friction at the Helm: Four Decades of Amity, Conflict, and Reconciliation between Hashemi Rafsanjani and Ali Khamenei
25	Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF): From the Washington-Moscow Agreement to Animosity with Turkey
26	The Kurdish Democratic Party of Iran Reappearance after 20-Year Hiatus: Is It a Real or an Imagined Threat to the Islamic Republic?
27	Hosseini-Montazeri Exchange 1988 Revisited
28	The Issue of Minorities in Syria: From Proscription to Tyrannical Presence

## Books

Title	Author
Rebuilding Yemen: Political, Economic, and Social Challenges	Noel Brehony and Saud Alsarhan (eds.)
Dadan: the Capital of Dadan and Lihyan Kingdoms	Sulayman Al-Theeb et al.

The KFCRIS and the Alfaisal Cultural Press provided around 200 book titles to recent book fairs in and outside the Kingdom, including:

- Sharjah International Book Fair, 2-12 November 2015
- Jeddah International Book Fair, 12-22 December 2015
- Riyadh International Book Fair, 9-19 March 2016
- Alexandria Library International Book Fair, 21 March-3 April 2016
- Istanbul International Book Fair, 25-21 July 2016 (in cooperation with Alexandria Library)
- The College of Tourism and Antiquities, the King Saud University, 16-20 October 2016
- The “Saudi Colors” Forum, 11-15 December 2016



## Marketing Office

*The activities of the Marketing Office include:*

- Making distribution contracts with libraries
- Coordinating with online publication distributors
- Making contracts with marketing companies
- Developing an online bookshop
- Building a database of the distribution of the publications of the KFCRIS in the Kingdom
- Updating the catalogue of the publications of the KFCRIS, including online and social media publications



## Media Office

*The Media Office works on increasing the media coverage of publications and audio-visual materials issued by the KFCRIS. Its activities include:*

- Increasing the media coverage of publications and audio-visual materials issued by the KFCRIS
- Overseeing designing, printing, and distribution of the publications of the KFCRIS
- Overseeing online publications of the KFCRIS
- Coordinating relations between the KFCRIS and external organizations
- Establishing communication channels between the KFCRIS and different sections of the society
- Constantly assessing the marketing plan and its implementation to improve efficiency
- Launching an online marketing campaign for the products of the KFCRIS
- Developing media strategy for activities of the KFCRIS
- Managing the contents of the website and the social media posts of the KFCRIS



# KFCRIS Library

*The KFCRIS Library assists research activities both in and outside the KFCRIS by providing researchers with access to sources of data and knowledge. The following table summarizes its activities in 2016:*



<i>Section</i>	<i>Category</i>	<i>Number</i>
Acquisition	Books	3,679
	Periodicals	10
	University theses (e-copies)	6,697
Cataloguing and Indexing	Books	4,541
	Periodical articles	13,133
	University theses	7,175
	Others	884
Scanning	Books	1,600
	Magazines	3,332
	Microfilm	785
	Microfiche	496
Electronic Storing	Books	1,727
	Periodical articles	38,364
	University theses	6,697
	Others	3,841
Restoration	Sterilization	261
	Restoration	24
Special Collections	Catalogued manuscripts	630
	Catalogued documents	1,967
	Obtained manuscripts	20
	Obtained documents	166



# Alfaisal Institute for Human Resources Development

*The Alfaisal Institute for Human Resources Development was established in 2000 as a training arm of the KFCRIS. The Institute provides training programs for both employees of the KFCRIS and people outside. In 2016, the Institute underwent a full restructuring, setting its new vision, objective, and programs. The Institute also began to be housed in a new building located in the plaza area of the KFCRIS. The new building is capable of accommodating up to 120 people and equipped with state-of-art facilities. The Institute launched its website ([www.kingfi.net](http://www.kingfi.net)), which also has an English version.*

*The Institute currently runs three training programs: The International Program on the Teaching of Arabic Language; the Eshaa Program to Prepare Youth for the Labor Market; and the Right to Knowledge Program. These training programs have been authorized by the Technical and Vocational Training Corporation.*

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*This program offer courses on Arabic language for both native and non-native speakers from in and outside the Kingdom. Both corporates and individuals can subscribe to its training courses. Currently, the following training courses are available for non-native speakers:*

Course Title	Number of Levels	Hours
Arabic for Communication	3	132
Arabic for Adults	6	324
Arabic for Youngsters	6	216
Arabic for Diplomats	-	110
Arabic for Business People	-	110
Arabic for Journalists	-	110
Arabic for Medical Purposes	-	110

The program publishes a series of its own teaching materials and is keen on focused on continually upgrading its teaching methods through specialized workshops and conferences.



# Alfaisal Museum for Arab Islamic Art

*The Alfaisal Museum for Arab and Islamic Art, expected to open in spring 2017, aims to present glorious aspects of the Islamic civilization characterized by unity and universality. The Museum will be home to exemplars of Islamic art that were produced in Muslim societies through the past centuries. It hosts over 200 pieces of art collections covering the period between the 7th and 20th centuries, which have been collected from different parts of the world using strict technical procedures.*







## The activities of the Museum in 2016 include

- Equipping its Exhibition Hall with a glass façade
- Making a plan for the museum's storeroom and repackaging the stored collections
- Verifying the archeological and antiquarian pieces through communication with experts
- Verifying the classification of the collections and providing them with clear descriptions
- Discussing a proposal for a new system to control humidity in the Museum's glass façade to protect manuscripts
- Conducting a comprehensive examination of the collections regarding their history and current state
- Cooperating with the experts of Alexandria Library on verifying the collections





# Darat Alfaisal

*The Darat Alfaisal collects, archives, and digitalizes primary and secondary sources dealing with the late King Faisal and his family members. It was established in 2011 (1432 AH).*



*Its archives consist of comprehensive collections of photos, books, and newspaper and magazine articles concerning the late king, including:*



*In 2016, the Darat Alfaisal implemented many projects, including:*

- The “Alfaisal in the *Umm al-Qura* Newspaper” Project: a two-volume index recording all articles on late King Faisal published in the *Umm al-Qura* newspaper, including news, interviews, statements, declarations, decrees, and poems. The first volume includes the issues of the newspaper from No. 4 to No. 2044 covering the life of the late King Faisal from when he was a viceroy in Hijaz to when he was a Crown Prince. The second volume includes the issues from No. 2045 to No. 2581, covering the life of the late King Faisal from his enthronement in 1964 to his martyrdom in 1975.
- The King Faisal Archive: including documents, photos, and audiovisual materials on the life of the late King Faisal.
- The “Saud Alfaisal in the *Umm al-Qura* Newspaper” Project: an index recording all articles on the late Prince Saud Alfaisal published in the *Umm al-Qura* newspaper. It includes the issues of the newspaper from No. 815 (reporting the birth of the Prince) to No. 4575 (reporting his passing away).
- Preparation of a book on the late Prince Saud Alfaisal: supervised by a team headed by Dr. Nizar bin Obaid Madani, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs. The book will include articles by eminent contemporaries of the late King Faisal who accompanied him in various stages of his personal and professional life. The first draft of the book has been completed.
- Production of documentary films on the life and achievements of the late Prince Saud Alfaisal: funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The films will deal with the personality of the late Prince and his key stances towards the region’s historical turning points that are narrated by the contemporaries of the late Prince who are eminent Arab personalities. Currently, a production team is filming interviews with these individuals in several Arab countries.

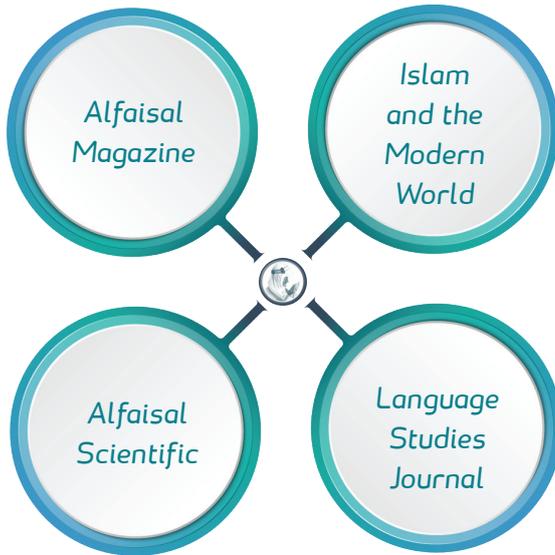


*In addition, the Darat Alfaisal launched new projects in 2016, including:*

- The “Prince Abdullah Alfaisal in the *Umm al-Qura* Newspaper” Project
- The “Prince Muhammad Alfaisal in the *Umm al-Qura* Newspaper” Project
- The “Prince Khalid Alfaisal in the *Umm al-Qura* Newspaper” Project

# Alfaisal Cultural Press

*Alfaisal Cultural Press, originally established in 1977 through the donation by HRH Prince Khalid Alfaisal (the current Governor of Makkah Province) and incorporated into the KFCRIS in 1983, publishes four Arabic-language periodicals:*







- **Alfaisal Magazine** serves as a platform for Arab writers and intellectuals to publish in-depth analysis on a range of topics related to culture, such as religion, language, literature, heritage, and art. The first issue of the magazine was published in 1977. In 2016, the editorial board of the magazine was reformed with the appointments of a new editor-in-chief, managing editor, and head of design.
- Under the new editorial board, the magazine adopted its new vision and editorial policy, which keep the contents of the magazine in tune with the ongoing cultural, economic, and political developments in the Arab region and the rest of the world. The magazine also began to illuminate the diversity of cultural movements in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, with a particular focus on youth.
- The new editorial board analyzed the reasons behind the magazine's delay in publication in recent years, and began publishing every two months from March/April 2016. In addition, a small book, **Alfaisal**, which promotes the works of young creators such as poets and filmmakers, began to be distributed along with the magazine. In 2016, the magazine published the following issues:

Issue No. 473-474 March/April 2016

Issue No. 475-476 May/June 2016

Issue No. 477-478 July/August 2016

Issue No. 479-480 September/October 2016

Issue No. 481-482 November/December 2016

### The magazine's other developments in 2016 include:

- Developing a new linguistic and editorial style specific to the magazine - the "Alfaisal Style" - through cooperation with experts in and outside the KFCRIS
- Overhauling the technical aspects of the design of the magazine
- Entering the negotiations with firms supplying photos for press
- Launching a new website of the magazine (<http://www.alfaisalmag.com/>), to which the PDF version of the magazine's issues are uploaded
- Creating Twitter and Facebook accounts for the magazine
- Making a plan of marketing, advertising, and distributing the magazine
- Agreeing with a marketing business firm to attract sponsors
- Examining the history of the magazine and its past publications
- Discussing with a specialized firm on the digitization of the past issues of the magazine





- Being aware of the shortcomings of the culture to promote research on science and technology to the public, the KFCRIS launched the *Alfaisal Scientific* magazine in 2003 to enable members of the society to understand basic concepts of science and technology and keep up with the latest developments in the fields. Since 2009, the KFCRIS has been in cooperation with the King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology to enrich the contents of the magazine. In 2016, the magazine issued the following issues:

Nos. 50 and 51

July-September 2016

No. 52

October-December 2016

- In 2016, the magazine also launched its website ([www.alfaisal-scientific.com](http://www.alfaisal-scientific.com)) in response to the global trend that people rely more on online news and information sources. The website archives the all issues of the magazine which are available free of charge. Currently, an application to view the magazine on smart phones is also under preparation. Other important developments in 2016 include:
- Launching the magazine's new logo
- Making a plan for regular publication
- Recruiting outstanding scientists to publish their research work in the magazine
- Reconsidering the design of the magazine regarding the use of photos, charts, diagrams, graphs, and other tools to ensure readers' effective access to, and understanding of, academic data.





- The KFCRIS launched the **Language Studies Magazine** in 1999 to promote Arabic language as a vehicle for the Islamic culture and civilization. Run by experts in the field, the magazine attracts outstanding research articles on grammar, morphology, prosody, and linguistics from the communities of scholars in the Arab world and beyond. In 2016, the magazine published the following issues:

Volume 18, Issue No. 2 January-March 2016

Volume 18, Issue No. 3 April-June 2016

Volume 18, Issue No. 4 July-September 2016

Volume 19, Issue No. 1 October-December 2016







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