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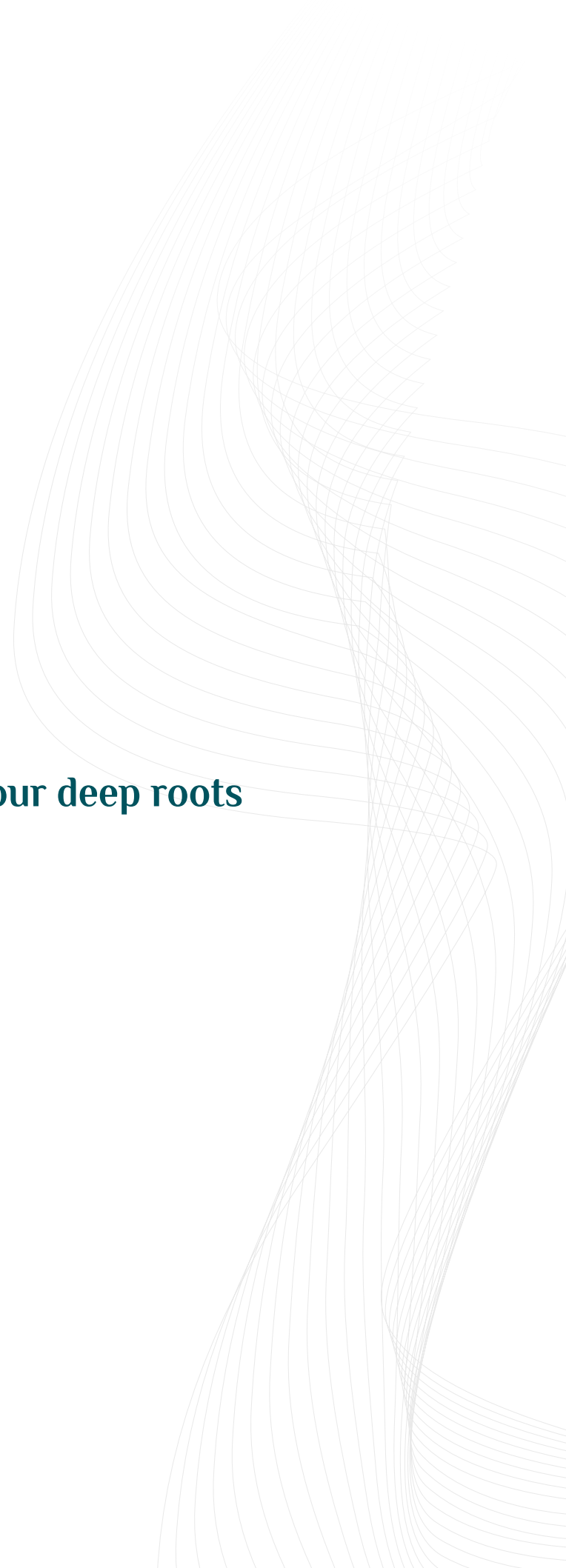
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Annual Review
2023

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**Forty years have passed since the
King Faisal Center for Research
and Islamic Studies (KFCRIS)
was established in 1983.**

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History of the King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies



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.



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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

Five-Year Strategy (2021-25)

KFCRIS 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.



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Gratitude, Loyalty, and Promise

HRH Prince Turki AlFaisal

Chairman



We marked the year 2023 with the fortieth anniversary of the establishment of the King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies. Thus, it is fitting to say: “Lord, enable me to give thanks for Your grace.” We are not an inorganic entity, but an entity brimming with life, which attracts a group of the finest scholars, researchers, and intellectuals from around the world. Our outputs contribute to assisting people of opinions and decision-makers in our country that has rich history, bringing forward growth, prosperity, pride, and empowerment.

The Center has a story that must be told so that people will know how we started and what we have become. In 1983, a young prince studied the intellectual space in his country and found that it was almost devoid of a center for thought or research. An idea emerged in his mind - he was a poet, a visual artist, a skilled administrator, and a servant of his country desiring its glory and protection - he decided to establish a center for research which would be no less prestigious than the international research centers that existed at that time.

The young prince was determined. Instead of seeking assistance here or there, he turned his attention towards his previous schoolmate in his childhood, the Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at that time, His Highness Prince Khalid bin Fahd bin Khalid—who recommended him seeking an assistance of the largest international body concerned with affairs of culture, education and science: the UNESCO. He asked its Secretary-General Mr. Ahmed Mukhtar Embu to appoint its experts for laying the foundation of a center which he wished to establish; and the Center was created.

I do not align with those who exaggerate that the Center was born gigantic. It was not the case; it rather went on its way step by step, one endeavor after another, one agreement followed by another; and between a success here and an achievement there, there was a setback as well - since no entity is built without setbacks - the Center went on to establish its position, placing a stone upon a stone, until it became a towering stature rivalling Arab and international research centers. The Center was sought after by researchers

from various parts of the world, was frequented by people of opinion, politics and status, and was joined, for a period of time, by some of those who later became decision-makers in their countries.

The one who was behind all that effort, and to whom all the credit goes, is my brother and mentor, His Royal Highness Prince Khalid AlFaisal bin Abdulaziz, an adviser to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques King Salman bin Abdulaziz, may Allah support him, also being Governor of the Holy City of Makkah—I pray to Allah for protecting him, and that he extends his life filled with the good that is equal to the good he has done for his country.

My brother, after consulting the Board of Trustees of the King Faisal Foundation, assigned me to manage the Center. Thus, I made a resolution and went on my way with a group of people with opinion and determination, being assisted by the Secretary-Generals who, over the past forty years, made the greatest effort human can make to root knowledge and culture in good soil: “like a crop which produces its offshoots and strengthens them, so they grow firm and stand upon their stalks to delight the sowers.” So, it ripened and bore fruit. I remember them, and I am very grateful for the effort they made and the time they spent. In chronological order, they were: Zaid bin Abdul Mohsen Al-Hussein, Yahya Mahmoud bin Junaid, Saud bin Saleh Al-Sarhan, and Turki bin Muhammad Al-Shuwaier. Then, a princess from the Faisal family took over the responsibility; and she sculpted the Center, and its efforts and goals, into a new direction that it had never witnessed before within a period that did not exceed a year and a half. She is my niece, Maha bint Muhammad AlFaisal. The Center has been under her governance, as it was said:

He has a fire that burns over Yafa'a, when other fires are covered

Perhaps one of the most prominent projects, toward which the efforts of the Center, of its employees and collaborators, have been harnessed is the launch of The Arabian Narrative, a project that, when completed and bearing fruit, will be unique in its time with the research and studies, undertaken by academic and intellectual figures, local and global, that reveal the genius of Arab civilization to people. The civilization has remained in the Peninsula for a long time and returns the Arabs and the Arabic language to the world of fairness after a long period of absence and denial.

This is our story in brief which we continued with. Our goal is two-pronged: to realize the visions of our late father, Allah willing, King Faisal bin Abdulaziz; and to assist the leaders of our country to achieve what they hope for our country in terms of progress, leadership, and growth, in light of the world afflicted by disasters and wars, and lacking in security. We are determined to contribute with all our might to achieving our country’s Vision 2030 and the wellbeing and prosperity it brings to our people. Greetings on the fortieth anniversary to all of those who have contributed, even with a word, to the building and advancement of this edifice, with great hope that we will continue with the mission until it will reach its end; that is not difficult for Allah.

Hope and Endeavor Extend as Far as Generations Extend

HRH Princess Maha bint Mohammed AlFaisal

Secretary-General

Here, hope has been realized. What was born yesterday is today a high mountain that rivals the greatest centers of civilization in the world. It is a source of our pride to be among the pioneers of research centers in our land. In the days when those centers were new and people found their resonance unfamiliar, we, by the grace of God, were not the same. Those who laid the foundations of this Center and established its structure aimed to work on a noble mission of seeking elevation and enhancement, starting with reviving the memory of the great leader, preserving his heritage, following his path, and disseminating the heritage of the nation that once fascinated the world for centuries; and extending to magnifying the Arabs and their glory, and reviving their memory in every place where a reader in Arabic is hoped to be found.

And because it is a duty of the nation to know the status of its language, the Center has endeavored to this end, disseminating its heritage, knowledge, and sciences; this effort has reached hundreds of publications, and continues by the grace of God. May God reward Abu Mansur Abdulmalik bin Muhammad Al-Tha'alibi, who stated: "Those who love the Arabs love the Arabic language, through which the best books have been transmitted to Arabs and non-Arabs. Those who love the Arabic language devote themselves to it, persevere in it, and direct their passion towards it.»

The King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies, when it was established in 1983, took its name from the exceptional leader who has been almost unmatched in history. The Center adopted the name "Faisal" to urge itself to advance forward in a path different from that of others, to distinguish its mission and magnify its purposes. The Center set three main goals:

The first goal is to revive the memory of King Faisal bin Abdulaziz, may God have mercy on him, document his life, highlight his approach, and convey our current and future generations his efforts towards the elevation of his nation and the consolidation of its

position, as well as challenges facing him, until he passed away, content and satisfied with the will of God. Moreover, the Center aims to document the history of his children and grandchildren, and their efforts in serving the country, through their official positions or their contributions through public, voluntary, and charitable work.

For the second and third goals, they are inseparable, and one would not stand without the other. The Center continues to endeavor for preserving and studying the heritage of the nation, linguistic, scientific, historical, and intellectual ones, and disseminating it among people in a peer-reviewed scientific manner, so as to remain the leading intellectual and scientific platform. The Center provides intellectuals with the original intellectual and research outputs and assists those in charge of the desired renaissance of our deep-rooted country, through cooperation with ministries and various agencies, with their cultural, economic, archaeological, and even touristic activities.

Our pursuit of uniqueness and leadership is not something we hide or dare to claim loud; rather, we develop them within our capacities and seek to achieve them with the resources we have in our hands and with the hope that fills our hearts.

Hope is far away, and the burden is heavy, but with high determination every difficulty would diminish, and every hardship would be easier. We, by God, possess strong determination, and our hope in our Creator is that He helps us achieve the mission we carry, all aimed at benefiting our country and its people in realizing a brighter tomorrow and a better future.

The forty years which the Center's journey has reached (1983-2023) and we celebrate these days, indicate that promises, if the intentions are sincere, would be assisted by honest determination. These promises result in work that amazes generations with its sincerity, delights people with its fruits, and makes its owner content. All of this is sought only to please our Lord and serve our nation. We are on that path, and continue to move forward.





New Agreements

In 2023

KFCRIS signed 10 new agreements with external organizations:



Permanent Committee of International Humanitarian Law

The MoU aims to support joint efforts and cooperation between the two entities in spreading culture and exchanging expertise and knowledge in the field of international humanitarian law, and the development of research skills in the fields of common interest, as well as research and advisory in general.

(January 31)



General Presidency of Grand Mosque and Prophets Mosque

The MoU aims to enhance cooperation between the two entities in research and publications, and collaborate in organizing conferences, seminars, and training workshops, in accordance with each entity's expertise.

(February 6)



Medor

The MoU aims to enhance cooperation between the two entities in research and culture.

(May 15)



Shanghai International Studies University

The MoU aims to enhance cooperation between the two entities, with the goal to unify their research efforts in the Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, and collaborate in organizing conferences, seminars, and training workshops.

(May 22)

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Saudi Logistics Academy

The MoU aims to enhance cooperation between the two entities, with the goal to unify their research efforts in the fields of logistics, supply chains, and leadership skills at multiple levels.

(August 1)



National Council on US-Arab Relations

The MoU aims to enhance cooperation between the two entities in creating greater national, regional, and international awareness on issues pertaining to security, stability, peace and sustainable development in the Gulf region.

(September 5)

ثمانية

Thmanyah Company for Publishing and Distribution

The MoU aims to enhance cooperation between the two entities in preserving and documenting the cultural, social, and artistic heritage.

(December 18)



Ministry of Economy and Planning

The MoU aims to enhance cooperation between the two entities in developing and harmonizing the strategic direction of national development priorities and economic policies, and enabling the decision-making process through the preparation of methodologies and studies.

(December 20)



Center for Research and Intercommunication Knowledge

The MoU aims to enhance cooperation between the two entities in research and translation.

(December 21)



Royal Commission for Alula

The MoU aims to enhance cooperation between the two entities by capitalizing on their respective strengths and assets. This partnership is aimed at promoting research and community engagement in the areas of archaeology, cultural heritage, and Islamic history.

(December 25)

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المروية العربية
Al-Marwiyah Al-Arabiyah



Projects and Research Programs

In 2023

KFCRIS operated the following projects



Report on the State of Culture in the Kingdom 2022

This project with the Ministry of Culture develops an annual report that documents the local cultural achievements, monitors general trends in the 16 cultural sectors, and evaluates aspects of the state of culture in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia within one year.

Economic and Social Studies of Local Community

This project with the King Salman bin Abdulaziz Royal Reserve aims to evaluate the economic and social aspects of local communities and local stakeholders with the goal of developing and implementing initiatives, projects and programs to involve local communities in all work and activities of the reserve and its decision-making processes while enhancing opportunities for sustainable economic development for them.



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الهيئة الملكية لمدينة الرياض
ROYAL COMMISSION FOR RIYADH CITY

Talent Regulatory Assessment

This project with the Royal Commission for Riyadh City that aims to review the regulatory framework for jobs to meet the needs and variables of the new market.

مركز الملك سلمان للإغاثة
والأعمال الإنسانية
KING SALMAN HUMANITARIAN
AID & RELIEF CENTRE



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.



In 2023

Four research programs were in operation



Al-Marwīyah Al-ʿArabīyah

The Al-Marwīyah Al-ʿArabīyah (Arabian Narrative) Program is dedicated to study 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.



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. The Program is responsible for editing *Africa Followups*, a seasonal report that 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.

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Asian Studies Program

The Asian Studies Program is dedicated to the study of Asia and Asian societies. 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. The program runs the “The Arabs in Chinese Sources” project, a book project that covers the Chinese sources on the Arab world in the period from the early Han to the Song period. Its first volume is expected to be completed in early 2024.

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.



Under this program, four workshops were convened in 2023:

(a) “Human Capital Development in the Saudi Logistics Sector: The Public Sector Perspective” at the Ministry of Investment; (b) “Human Capital Development in the Saudi Logistics Sector: The Perspective of Employees and Trainees” at KFCRIS; (c) “Human Capital Development in the Saudi Logistics Sector: The Private Sector Perspective” at the Saudi Logistics Academy.

• Realizing Saudi Vision 2030: Remodeling Government Entities, Creating New Institutions, Utilizing Human Capital: The overall goal of the workshop and subsequent edited book is to encourage scholars and practitioners to better understand how Saudi Vision 2030 is being realized, with particular emphasis on the roles played by specific Saudi institutions and personnel.



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Group A	Item 1	100
	Item 2	200
	Item 3	300
	Item 4	400
Group B	Item 1	500
	Item 2	600
	Item 3	700
	Item 4	800
Group C	Item 1	900
	Item 2	1000
	Item 3	1100
	Item 4	1200

COOPERATION OF INTELLIGENCE
AGAINST TERRORISM



Researchers

Researchers

As of December 31, 2023

Research Fellows

- **Dr. Abdullah Hamidaddin**, Assistant Secretary-General for Scientific Affairs
- **Dr. Mohamed Al-Sbitli**, Head of the African Studies Program
- **Dr. Mohammed Al-Sudairi**, Head of the Asian Studies Program
- **Dr. Mark C. Thompson**, Head of the Socioeconomics Program
- **Tariq Al Mubarak**, Research Operation Manager
- **Dr. Joseph A. Kéchichian**, Senior Research Fellow
- **Dr. Fahad Alsharif**, Senior Research Fellow at the Socioeconomics Program
- **Dr. Hanaa Almoaibed**, Research Fellow at the Socioeconomics Program
- **Maha Fallatah**, Research Fellow
- **Nuha Alotaibi**, Research Fellow
- **Abdulmohsen bin Saud Al Saud**, Research Fellow
- **Hifa Almutawa**, Junior Research Fellow at the African Studies Program

Associate Fellows

- **Dr. Louis Blin**, Senior Associate Fellow (Director of the Middle East Directions Programme, European University Institute)
- **Dr. WAN Lei**, Senior Associate Fellow at the Asian Studies Program (Deputy Director, the Chinese National Hui Studies Association)
- **Dr. WANG Tingyi**, Senior Associate Fellow at the Asian Studies Program (Assistant Professor, Tsinghua University)
- **Dr. Heba Albeity**, Senior Associate Fellow
- **Dr. Mansour Al Marzoqi**, Senior Associate Fellow
- **Umer Karim**, Associate Fellow at the Asian Studies Program (Doctoral researcher, University of Birmingham)
- **Latifa Abdullah Al Saud**, Associate Fellow at the Asian Studies Program
- **Sarah Alotaibi**, Associate Fellow (Doctoral researcher, Leuphana University of Lüneburg)
- **Marwa Ehsan Fakih**, Associate Fellow
- **Salem Barabaa**, Associate Fellow
- **Yahya Al Shamy**, Associate Fellow
- **Dr. Huda Aloufy**, Associate Fellow
- **Josh Hayes**, Associate Fellow

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Research Papers

“The Political Landscape in Nigeria: **Parties, Geo-Ethnicity, and the 2023 Presidential Election**”

By Hakeem Najimdeen

(Arabic only)

(Rajab 1444H. / February 2023)

“Better Jobs Tomorrow: **The Appeal and Increasing Relevance of Alternative Credentials in Saudi Arabia**”

By Mark C. Thompson and Hanaa Almoaibed

(Ramadan 1444H. / April 2023)

Dirasat

“Glimpses of the Contemporary History of the Merchants of the Arabian Peninsula in India”

By Suhaib Alam

(Arabic only)

(Shawwal 1444H. / May 2023)

“Dirty Sicknesses and Duwa Sugar: **Crossing and Making Boundaries in the Supernatural Worlds of Qinghai Muslims**”

By Alexander Rhea

(Rabi-I 1444H. / October 2023)



**“Living and Working in Riyadh:
Building a City of Global Talent”**

By Hanaa Almoaibed

(Muharram 1445H. / August 2023)

**“The Chinese Communist Party
in Hong Kong, Postscript”**

By John P. Burns

(Muharram 1445H. / August 2023)

Masarat
(KFCRIS Analysis)

**“Nigeria’s 2023 Presidential
Election Results and the
Challenges for the Next Phase”**

By Hakeem Najimdeen

(Arabic only)

(Muharram 1445H. / August 2023)

**“The G20 and the India-Middle East-Europe
Economic Corridor”**

Anonymous

(Jumada-I 1445H. / December 2023)



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“The Utilization of Islam in Russia’s Foreign Policy: Pathways of Engagement Between Muslim Russia and the States of the Gulf Cooperation Council”

By Diana Galeeva

(Rajab 1444H. / February 2023)

Special Reports

“Between War and Fragile Peace: The Case of Bosnia and Herzegovina”

Anonymous

(Jumada-II 1444H. / January 2023)



Africa Followups

Issues 33-36
Edited by Mohamed Al-Sbitli

فهارس المخطوطات الأصلية

المحفوظة في

مركز الملك فيصل للبحوث والدراسات الإسلامية



أمن على رسالتها

تأملات من بلاد العرب



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Books and Periodicals



دار الفيسال الثقافية
Al Faisal Cultural House

KFCRIS publishes books and periodicals through Al-Faisal Cultural House (Dār al-Faiṣal al-Thaqāfiyya).

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

General Books Series

'Ummat 'alā risli-hā: Ta 'ammulāt min bilād al-'arab

Author: HRH Princess Maha bint Mohammed ALFaisal

(Arabic only)



Heritage Studies (Taḥqīq al-Turāth) Series

Kitāb al-wara': 'an al-'imām 'aḥmad bin ḥanbal

Edited by: Mustafa Qabbani

(Arabic only)

Al-kitābāt al-'arabiyyat bi-qaṣr al-ḥamrā'

Edited by: Subaih Sadeq

(Arabic only)

'Ilm al-ikhtināh al-'arabī al-'islāmī

Edited by: Qasim al-Samarrai

(Arabic only)



Manuscript Index Series

Fifris al-makhṭūṭāt al-ḥadīth

Author: Ammar Tamalt

(Arabic only)

Fifris al-maṣāḥif al-makhṭūṭa

Author: Ammar Tamalt

(Arabic only)



Translated Books Series

Islamic Science and the Making of the European Renaissance

Author: George Saliba

Traslator: Hekmat Dirbas

(The original English book was published by MIT Press)

How Spies Think: Ten Lessons in Intelligence

Author: David Omand

Translator: Moed Al-Olaiwi

(The original English book was published by Penguin)



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 2023, KFCRIS published the 100th issue of the magazine, showcasing the center successful journey.



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No. 1

Indexing the Journal of Linguistic Studies

Edited by: Mesbah Mohammed Mesbah



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Al-Faisal Magazine

Al-Faisal Magazine is published every two months. The magazine was launched in 1977.



Issue

555/556
Global food crisis



Issue

557/558
Arabic calligraphy aesthetics
faces digitalization



Issue

559/560
Reform of education curricula
in the Gulf states



Issue

561/562
The image of the Arabian Peninsula



Issue

563/564
Biography.. in Arabic



Issue

565/566
Artificial intelligence,
clash of tears

News about Al-Faisal Cultural House

- The House was nominated for the Mohammed bin Rashid Arabic Language Award (the theme of culture, thought, and knowledge society).
- The House was nominated for the Sheikh Zayed Book Award (it is in the second evaluation stage).
- The House participated in the Riyadh International Book Fair in October 2023.
- The House participated in the Jeddah International Book Fair in December 2023.





Research Events

Research Events

***For the events organized by Al-Faisal Museum for Arab-Islamic Art, please see the “Assets and Museum” chapter.**

Al-Marwīyah Al-‘Arabīyah

Between Monday February 27th and Wednesday March 1st, 2023, KFCRIS organized the “Al-Marwīyah Al-‘Arabīyah Days” events under the theme “Transmission of Knowledge from, and to, the Arabs: The Classical Narrative.”

Monday February 27th

- **HRH Prince Turki AlFaisal, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of KFCRIS, inaugurated the events in the presence of HRH Prince Faisal bin Bandar bin Abdulaziz, Governor of Riyadh.**
- **Lecture “The Arab Roots of the Development of the Scientific Movement in the Arab-Islamic Civilization” by Professor George Saliba (Founding Director, Farouk Jabre Center for Arabic and Islamic Science and Philosophy).**

Tuesday February 28th

- **Workshop “The Emergence and Development of Arab Scientific Thought: The Formation of Narratives and Histories”.**
- **Lecture “Preserving the Arab Heritage in the Digital Age: The Vision” by Thomas Milo (Founder, DecoType).**

Wednesday March 1st

- **Workshop “Preserving the Arab Heritage in the Digital Age: Technical Barriers and Their Solutions”.**
- **Lecture “Did the Arab just Transfer Knowledge? Arab Astronomy and the Influence on the European Renaissance” by Professor George Saliba.**

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Al-Faisal Approach to Arabic Language Learning for Native Speakers

On Thursday, September 28th, KFCRIS and the King Salman Global Academy for Arabic Language jointly held a panel discussion entitled “Al-Faisal Approach to Arabic Language Learning for Native Speakers” with a group of Arabic language professors and specialists, to exchange experiences and opinions on ways to activate the role of the Arabic language and its promotion in our societies. The Al-Faisal Approach initiative focuses on enhancing the skills of using the al-fuṣḥā in daily life, and linking current generations with their ancient heritage by enabling them to communicate intelligently with it.

During the panel discussion, HRH Prince Turki AlFaisal, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the KFCRIS, announced the launching of the “Al-Faisal Approach to Arabic Language Learning for Native Speakers”. This was in the presence of HRH Maha bint Mohammed AlFaisal, Secretary-General of the KFCRIS.

This comes within the Center’s efforts to enhance the skills of using the Arabic language in daily life, and to link the current generations with their historical heritage by enabling them to intellectually communicate with it inte.

With the increasing challenges facing the Arabic language, such as the spread of colloquial languages at the expense of the standard Arabic language, it has become necessary to launch various programs to enhance and strengthen the standard Arabic language, and advance it to keep pace with latest developments while preserving its identity and distinctiveness. This is what the “Al-Faisal Approach to Arabic Language Learning for Native Speakers” initiative seeks to achieve.



Lectures, Panel Discussions, and Workshops

In 2023, KFCRIS hosted 30 events, 22 in-person and 8 online:

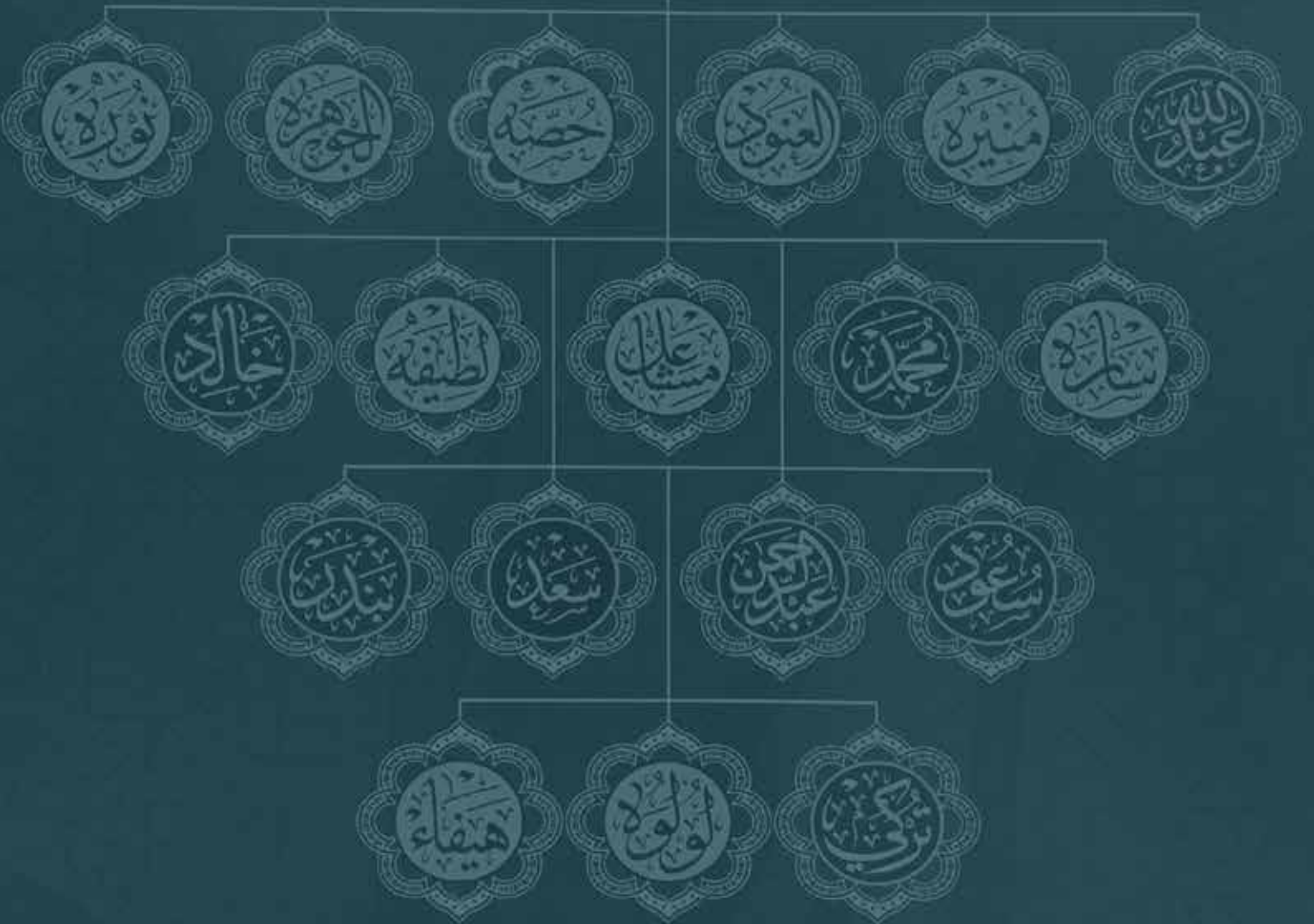
Language	Type	Date	Title (Co-organizer)	
Arabic	Online	Panel Discussion	25 January	The Evolving Role of Gulf Energy Producers in Multilateral Climate Efforts
Arabic	Online	Panel Discussion	30 January	Irregular Migration from Africa to the Arabian Peninsula and the Coasts of Southern Europe
English	In-Person	Workshop (Invitation Only)	1 February	Strengthening Cooperation Between Saudi Arabia and Europe on Regional Security and Energy and Regional Files
English	In-Person	Panel Discussion (Invitation Only)	15 February	China in MENA: Aspirations and Challenges (with Atlantic Council)
Arabic	In-Person	Lecture (Invitation Only)	27 February	The Arab Roots of the Development of the Scientific Movement in the Arab-Islamic Civilization
Arabic	In-Person	Workshop (Invitation Only)	28 February	The Emergence and Development of Arab Scientific Thought: The Formation of Narratives and Histories
English	In-Person	Public Lecture	28 February	Preserving the Arab Heritage in the Digital Age: The Vision
English	In-Person	Workshop (Invitation Only)	1 March	Preserving the Arab Heritage in the Digital Age: Technical Barriers and Their Solutions
Arabic	In-Person	Public Lecture	1 March	Did the Arab just Transfer Knowledge? Arab Astronomy and the Influence on the European Renaissance
Arabic	Online	Lecture	4 April	Arabic Manuscripts in Guinea
English	In-Person	Panel Discussion (Invitation Only)	28 -29 May	Next Steps for Sustainable Peace in Yemen (with Berghof Foundation)
English	Online	Discussion	6 June	Better Jobs Tomorrow: The Appeal and Increasing Relevance of Alternative Credentials in Saudi Arabia
English	Online	Panel Discussion	19 June	Attracting Talent in Riyadh: Key Opportunities for Enhanced Competitiveness
Arabic	Online	Lecture	17 July	Arabic Manuscripts in Mali
English	Online	Panel Discussion	2 August	Books, Boxes, and Displays: Exploring Hidden Aspects of Paper Conservation
English	In-Person	Workshop (Invitation Only)	4 September	International Mediation and Local Cultures: The Case of Arab Mediation Heritage (with Martti Ahtisaari Peace Foundation)
English	In-Person	Workshop (Invitation Only)	11 September	Domestic and Foreign Affairs Intertwined - German Foreign Policy in the Middle East and Implications for the Gulf (with Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung)
Arabic	Online	Panel Discussion	19 September	Discussing the Political and Geostrategic Situation in West Africa
English	In-Person	Public Lecture	20 September	Preserving the Legacies and Cultures of Native American Peoples (with the US Embassy)
Arabic	In-Person	Panel discussion (Invitation only)	28 September	Al-Faisal Approach to Arabic Language Learning for Native Speakers (with King Salman Global Academy for Arabic Language)
Arabic	In-Person	Workshop (Invitation Only)	8 October	Prospects of Cultural Diplomacy for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

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Language	Type	Type	Date	Title (Co-organizer)
Arabic	Online	Panel Discussion	25 October	Poverty in Africa and Ways to Prevent It
English	In-Person	Workshop (Invitation only)	26 October	Forced Displacement and the Role of State and Non-State Actors: Global Trends (with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees)
English	In-Person	Workshop (Invitation only)	15 November	Human Capital Development in the Saudi Logistics Sector (with the Ministry of Investment)
English	In-Person	Panel Discussion	21 November	The Worlds of Islam in Asia: A Millennium of Historical Exchange
English	In-Person	Panel Discussion	29 November	Legacy of the Polish Tatar Community
English	In-Person	Panel discussion	6 December	Islam and Muslims in China at the Turn of the Twentieth Century: Transformations and Global Influences
Arabic, Russian	In-Person	Panel Discussion (Invitation Only)	10 December	Saudi-Russian Relations: A Strategic Partnership and New Horizons
English	In-Person	Workshop (Invitation only)	11-12 December	Realizing Saudi Vision 2030: Remodeling Government Entities, Creating New Institutions, Utilizing Human Capital
Arabic	In-Person	Panel Discussion (Invitation only)	24 December	Discussing the Report on the State of Culture in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia 2022: Investment in the Cultural Sector (with the Ministry of Culture)



الملك فيصل



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

The background features a series of thin, white, wavy lines that create a sense of movement and depth, resembling a stylized wave or a series of overlapping curves. These lines are set against a solid, dark teal background.

Faisal Family Archives

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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 collect materials related to King Faisal and his family, ranging from documents and other print materials to images and audiovisual materials, both from inside and outside the Kingdom.



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In 2023

The Archives achieved the following:

- The number of images owned by the Archives has reached 22,560.
- The number of images registered in Museum Plus (the digital archival program) has reached 2,492.
- The number of folders of all preserved materials (including images and news articles) has reached 3,675.



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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





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Library and Information

Library and Information

The Department of Library and Information offers a variety of services to researchers, ranging from the surveying of bibliographical information and the issuing of research reports (on whether a particular topic has been studied before) to the depositing of university theses and the issuing of certificates for the deposit, in addition to providing other kinds of assistance to researchers to help them complete their research.



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The numbers of the services provided to researchers in 2023:

Type of Service	Number
Membership activation	160
Inquiries answered via the website, email, and telephone	10,549
Inquiries answered in person	307
Research reports provided to researchers	2,509
University thesis deposit certificates issued	238
Total	13,763

* The Department received 425 applications for university thesis registration and 1,699 requests for scan.

The Department also continued expanding its library collections through the acquisition of new materials and the digitization of documents. It also continued indexing and cataloguing them. The following table indicates the number of items acquired, indexed and catalogued, and digitized in 2023:

Acquisitions

Type of Resources	2023	
	Arabic	Foreign
Books	1,483	1,296
Periodicals	17	-
University theses	2,348	16
Total	5,160	

Type of Resources	Total	
	Arabic	Foreign
Books	148,684	43,814
Periodicals	2,590	3,044
University theses	27,629	1,714
Total	227,475	



Indexing and Cataloguing

Type of Resources	2023	
	Arabic	Foreign
Books	1,483	1,269
Periodical articles	6,823	-
Seminar papers	-	-
University theses	25,606	16
Total	35,197	

Type of Resources	Total	
	Arabic	Foreign
Books	148,684	43,814
Periodical articles	491,897	23,485
Seminar papers	59,228	-
University theses	186,351	1,714
Total	955,173	



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Digitization and Database Linkage

Type of Resources	2023	
	Arabic	Foreign
Books	1,464	-
Periodical articles	6,823	-
Seminar papers	-	-
University theses	527	-
Audio-visual materials	172	-
Total	8,986	

Type of Resources	Total	
	Arabic	Foreign
Books	16,553	164
Periodical articles	310,371	-
Seminar papers	31,442	-
University theses	22,056	-
Audio-visual materials	5,889	-
Total	386,475	





Gutenberg's World

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Assets and Museums

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The Department of Assets and Museums is responsible for a wide range of missions such as: managing the Center's cultural assets, organizing exhibitions and events at, and outside, Al-Faisal Museum for Arab-Islamic Art, preserving cultural assets, operating the Heritage Studies Unit and Saudi Memory Unit, providing training, and supporting external researchers.



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Exhibitions and Events

The “**FAYÇAL: Une vie au cœur du XXe siècle**” (“**FAISAL: A Life at the Heart of the 20th Century**”) exhibition took place at Ségur Hall of the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris between March 14th and 24th, on the occasion of the centenary of the historic journey of King Faisal (may God have mercy on him) to Europe in 1919. It was a second exhibition after the first one in London in 2019-20. The exhibition received 850 visitors.



تكوين

العلوم والإبداع

The “**Takwin: Sciences and Innovation**” exhibition traveled to Sharjah. The exhibition is hosted by House of Wisdom between December 6th, 2023 and March 6th, 2024. The exhibition originally took place at the King Faisal Center Library between 2019 and 2022.

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The “Asfār: Treasures of King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies” exhibition received 5,445 visitors in 2023. We also made tours for diplomats, government agencies, some tourist groups from inside and outside the Kingdom, and university and school students. Among our most prominent guests were the guests of the expanded 45th session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee in Riyadh.

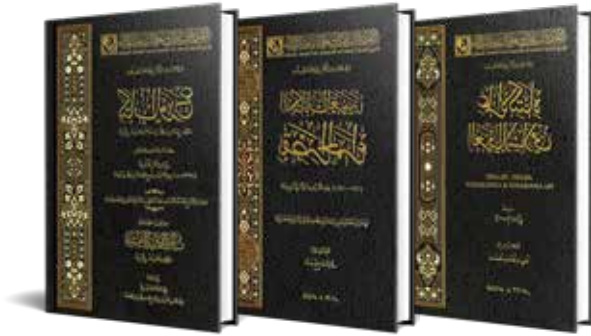


Public panel discussion
“Books, Boxes, and
Displays: Exploring
Hidden Aspects of Paper
Preservation” with Ina
Baumeister and Fatma
Abdulhadi on August 2nd.



Celebrating International Museum Day on May 18th by receiving special visits from school and university students.

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Heritae Studdies Unit

The Heritae Studies Unit published three books in 2023 – please see the “Books and Periodicals” section.

Saudi Memory Unit

The Saudi Memory Unit was created in 2017 with the aim to preserve and document the cultural, social, and artistic heritage of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, and anthropologically study that heritage. The Unit officially became operational in 2023 and began providing its contents to researchers through the Center’s website. The unit also began to transcribe its audio recordings.

In 2023, the Unit also achieved the followings:

- Catalogued 488 audio recordings in Dr. Saad Al-Sowayyan’s collection
- Entered 7,378 images in the Saudi Memory Unit collection to the archiving system
- Archived 793 audio recordings







Collection Management

Collection Management

The Center's Special Collection (manuscripts) was transferred from the Department of Library to the Department of Assets and Museums, which began to take care of the collection on 10 May 2023 in the storage spaces which have been designed according to the highest quality standards.

Archiving

The archiving process is based on collecting, digitizing, indexing documents related to museum objects, numbering historical materials in accordance with museum collections, and approving museum cards for objects according to international standards used by the International Council of Museums and the "Spectrum" standard. This year we have achieved:

Catalogued and recorded **413** original manuscripts

Indexed and recorded **1,500** original documents

- Issued two printed indexes of original manuscripts: a special index of manuscripts of the Qur'an; and a special index of manuscripts of the Hadith and its sciences
- Converted the format of the Queen Effat Collection's registration numbers and adopted the year 2016 as the date of acquisition following HRH Prince Turki AlFaisal's donation of the Collection to the Center
- Worked on coordinating records, documented the holdings using approved registration forms and photographs of each piece and uploaded them in special folders with the piece number

Inserted **340** pieces from the Islamic art collection into the museums' archiving system

Acquisition

Transferred **104** coins to the Coin Collection

Acquired **68** various pieces; **5** of which were transferred to the Islamic Art Collection

Received two pieces from the Office of the Secretary-General

Included **5** coffee cups in the King Faisal Memorial Collection

Included an old metal coin in the Coin Collection.

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Storage

We are working to restore the current storage spaces and equip them with new devices and tools to meet the international quality standards for museum preservation.

Transferred the manuscripts from the current storage location to a temporary storage area. **28,000** manuscripts, **40,000** documents, and more than **300** maps were transferred in ten days.

Sterilized and dry-cleaned **172** items received from the Department of Library

Sterilized and dry-cleaned with chemical intervention **6** pieces in the King Faisal Memorial Collection

Sterilized and dry-cleaned with chemical intervention **169** pieces that required special care and preservation

Implemented preservation methods for **140** historical and artistic items

Treatment and Restoration

Assessment

Evaluated the condition of the storage spaces for all of the Center's cultural assets

Evaluated the condition of **2,657** Islamic manuscripts and determined their need for restoration and treatment

Sterilization

This year we sterilized:

Books

4,290

Manuscripts

2,583

Newspapers

1,079

Magazines

198

Maps

159

Museum Objects

347

Boxes

20

Documents

2

Photographs

15

Total

8,060



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Restoration

Manuscripts **8** (5 external and 3 from the Center) were restored

Four restoration consultations were provided to external parties



Binding

124 manuscripts were bound using the Islamic binding method



Supporting External Researchers

- Provided the service to two researchers in oral and visual history
- Provided the service to an artist from the Resident Artist Program of the Misk Art Institute
- The collections were made available to 3 female postgraduate and postdoctoral researchers in the field of museums, and 4 female researchers in the fields of intangible cultural heritage and anthropology.





Administrative Support

Administrative Support

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





Training

In 2023, the Center trained 25 trainees including:

- Seven trainees in the Department of Assets and Museums (two female trainees in the Treatment and Restoration Section, four trainees in the Collection Management Section, and a female trainee in the Saudi Memory Unit)
- Two trainees in the Department of Administration and Finance (Finance Section)
- Four trainees in the Department of Corporate Communication (Information and Communication Section)
- Five trainees in the Department of Library and Information (Technical Service and Researchers Services Section)
- A trainee in the Research Department (Research Operations Section)
- Two trainees in the Gateway KSA project

Department of Project and Development

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.




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Department of Information Technology

The Department of Information Technology became an independent department on 24 August 2023. The Department provides a secure information system that complies with the standards of modern electronic systems and other distinguished electronic services. The Department also works on providing technical solutions that contribute to the raising of performance, and ensuring speed of communication, including internal communication that connects different sections of the Center through the advanced local network. Over the past years, the Center has made a number of agreements with external entities to develop its information technology infrastructure, including both internal and external systems. The cooperation remains ongoing to employ the latest global technologies for the Center to achieve its objectives according to its strategic plans.



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 **Youtube** (KFCRIS)

8700+

 **Instagram** (kferis_sa)

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Department of Corporate Communication

The Department of Corporate Communication is responsible for the effective coordination of the Center's internal and external communications and the 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; provides logistic support for official visitors and delegations; 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; produces reports on media coverage; and undertakes the work in relation to marketing and participating in bookfairs.





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