

Global Strategy Group Middle East

9-10 December, 2006, Kuwait

Preliminary agenda

As of 28 Nov.

Saturday, 9 December	<i>All sessions including the dinner are held in the Marina Hotel, Salmiya (Marina Mall, Arabian Gulf Road), Phone +965 2230 030</i>
9:00-10:30	<p>Session one Assessing the spillover impact of Iraq</p> <p>How will the region cope with the prospect of protracted chaos and civil war in Iraq? What are the implications – internal and external – that leading regimes in the region are going to draw from the Iraqi situation?</p> <p>Discussion leaders: Fouad Ajami, Professor, Johns Hopkins University, USA Nawaf Obaid, Managing Director, Saudi National Security Assessment Project, Saudi Arabia</p> <p>Chair: Claude Smadja, President, Smadja & Associates, Switzerland</p>
10:30-10:45	Coffee break
10:45-12:30	<p>Session two Is a new geopolitical balance emerging in the region? Coping with a resurgent Iran and the humbling of US power</p> <p>Discussion leaders: Jamil Mroue, Chairman and Editor-in Chief, Association of The Daily Star and the International Herald Tribune, ME and the Gulf, Lebanon Clyde Prestowitz, President, Economic Strategy Institute, USA Mahmood Sariolghalam, Professor of International Relations, National University of Iran and Director, Institute for Middle East Strategic Studies, Iran</p> <p>Chair: Shafeeq Ghabra, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Jusoor Arabiya, and former President, American University of Kuwait, Kuwait</p>
12:30-13:45	Lunch
14:00-15:30	<p>Session three Are we going to see a radical change in the Sunni-Shiite relationship or balance of forces? What implications for Lebanon and beyond?</p> <p>Discussion leaders: Abdul Kareem al-Dakheel, Professor, King Saud University, Saudi Arabia Gilles Kepel, Professor of Political Science, Center for International Research and Studies, France Abdel Monem Said Aly, Director, Al Ahram Center for Political and Strategic Studies, Egypt Paul Salem, Director, Carnegie Middle East Center, Lebanon</p>



	Chair: Claude Smadja , President, Smadja & Associates, Switzerland
15:30-15:45	Break
15:45-17:00	Session four What to expect in the Israeli/Palestinian conflict? Will the formation of a new Palestinian government help force a breakthrough? Discussion leaders: Mahdi Abdul Hadi , Founder and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Palestinian Academic Society for the Study of International Affairs, Palestine Emad Omar , Human rights analyst and activist, Jordan Chair: Jamil Mroue , Chairman and Editor-in Chief, Association of The Daily Star and the International Herald Tribune, ME and the Gulf, Lebanon
17:00-17:15	Coffee break
17:15-18:15	Session five Is the region truly seizing the oil bonanza opportunity to open a new economic era? A follow-up assessment Discussion leaders: Yousef Al Ebraheem , Advisor to the Prime Minister of Kuwait Nawaf Obaid , Managing Director, Saudi National Security Assessment Project, Saudi Arabia Chair: Nabil Qaddumi , Founder and Chairman, Projacs International, Kuwait
20:00-22:00	Dinner and session six <i>The Palms, Marina Hotel</i> Prepare for a new world: Five new trends shaping globalization What we need to understand about the new geopolitical and economic realities. Keynote speaker: Claude Smadja , President, Smadja & Associates, Switzerland Chair: Shafeeq Ghabra , Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Jusoor Arabiya, and former President, American University of Kuwait, Kuwait
Sunday, 10 December	
9:00-10:15	Session seven Where is China heading? Discussion leaders: Fan Gang , Director, National Economic Research Institute, People's Republic of China Sin Por Shui , Visiting Scholar, School of Public Policy and Management, Tsinghua University and former Executive Director, One Country Two Systems Research Institute, Hong Kong Ming Yan , Associate Professor, Institute of Sociology & Center for Social Policy Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, People's Republic of China Chair: Clyde Prestowitz , President, Economic Strategy Institute, USA



10:15-10:30	Coffee break
10:30-11:45	<p>Session eight Doing business in and with China: What prospects for Middle East companies?</p> <p>Discussion leaders: Chen Hong, Chairman & Chief Executive Officer, The Hina Group Inc., People's Republic of China Ronnie Chan, Chairman, Hang Lung Group, Hong Kong</p> <p>Chair: Samer Younis, Deputy Managing Director, National Kharafi, Kuwait</p>
11:45-12:00	Break
12:00-13:15	<p>Session nine China and the Arab world: Strategic interests and economic opportunities</p> <p>Discussion leaders: Mohamed Binhuwaidin, Department of Political Science, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, UAE University, United Arab Emirates Ye Qing, Deputy Director of Department of Middle East Studies, Shanghai Institute for International Studies, People's Republic of China</p> <p>Chair: Yousef Al Ebraheem, Advisor to the Prime Minister of Kuwait</p>
13:15-14:30	Closing luncheon