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The Gulf and the Globe Conference, to be held on 25-26 October, 2025 in Qatar at the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies, marks the 6th Congress of the Asian Association of World Historians (AAWH), following meetings in Osaka (2009), Seoul (2012), Singapore (2015), Osaka (2018), and New Delhi (2022).

Founded in 2008, the AAWH is a global association of scholars —particularly those based in or focusing on Asia— dedicated to advancing world-historical research and teaching. Interest in world and global history has grown markedly across the Asia-Pacific region in recent years, and this has led to an increase in the number of university programs, research organizations, and publications devoted to the field. Within this expanding landscape, the AAWH has emerged as a leading organization in the interdisciplinary study of societal transformations from early human history to the present, with an emphasis on the Asian continent and its adjacent seas. Its journal, “Asian Review of World Histories” (Brill), has rapidly become a major platform for publication in world history.

The Doha Institute for Graduate Studies is proud to co-host this event with AAWH as part of a broad effort to enhance academic dialogue among scholars of the Global South. The conference was conceived as a platform to foster discussion in the field of world history that emphasizes the role of the Gulf as a historic crossroad of key global processes and events. The call for papers invited submissions addressing, but not limited to, the following five broad themes:

- Maritime Trade, Oil and a Diversified Economy
- Archaeology, Anthropology and Disease
- Political Ecology of Development in the 20th & 21st Century
- Politics of Nation in the Age of Globalisation
- Writing and Teaching of World History

The response to the call for papers was significant and diverse, reflecting the growing scholarly interest in world-historical research that pays meaningful attention to the Gulf. The curated two-day program includes 13 sessions with 50 presentations and four keynote addresses, delivered in a hybrid format. The conference will also

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feature a special screening of “From the Small Island”, a documentary by Bríona Nic Dhiarmada (University of Notre Dame), followed by a discussion with the distinguished historian of Ireland, Professor Jane Ohlmeyer (Trinity College Dublin).

The program will open with welcome remarks by Professor Abdelwahab El-Affendi, President of the Doha Institute for Graduate Studies, followed by welcome remarks by Professor Sucheta Mahajan, President of the Asian Association of World Historians. Professor Amal Ghazal, Dean of the School of Social Sciences and Humanities at the Doha Institute, will deliver the opening keynote address. The subsequent keynote speakers are Professor Shiro Momoki (Kyoto University), Professor Vinita Damodaran (University of Sussex), and Professor Aditya Mukherjee (Jawaharlal Nehru University).

We warmly invite the scholarly community in Doha to join us for this rich and diverse academic gathering. Your presence and engagement will greatly enrich the conversations and exchanges that define this event.

Day 1: Saturday, 25 October 2025

Description	Speaker and Topic	Time & Venue
Inaugural Session Simultaneous translation is available	▶ Welcome Remarks: Professor Abdelwahab El-Affendi, President, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies ▶ Welcome Remarks: Professor Sucheta Mahajan, President, AAWH, (Retd), Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, IndiaGraduate Studies ▶ Keynote Address: Professor Amal Ghazal, Dean, School of Social Sciences and Humanities, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies, Doha, Qatar: Reclaiming the Margins: The Gulf and the Making of Modern History	09:00 am - 09:50 am Cultural Building - 1 st Floor Auditorium 2
Session 1 THE GULF IN THE WORLD (in Arabic) Simultaneous translation is available	Chair: Issam Nassar, Professor, Doha Institute for Graduate Studies, Qatar ▶ Ali Afifi Ali Ghazi, Managing Editor, Rewaq of History and Heritage Magazine, Hassan Bin Mohammed Centre for Historical Studies, Qatar: Indian-Gulf Relations Since India's Independence in 1947 ▶ Jawaher Al-Shamari, Lecturer, Qatar University, Qatar: Small States, National Identity, and Globalization: The Case of Qatar and Beyond ▶ Hossam Mohamed Abdel-Moati Ahmed, Professor, College of Arts and Sciences, Qatar University, Qatar: Qatari-Korean Relations 1974-2024 ▶ Mahjoob Zweiri, Professor of Contemporary Politics and History of Middle East, Qatar University, Qatar: Periodisation of Gulf Region History: Defining its Contemporary Dimension ▶ Mohd Amin Ahmadi, Independent Researcher, Imam Sadiq University, Iran (Online): Analysis of the Position and Prospects of the Persian Gulf in Supplying Energy to the European Union in the Emerging International System	09:50 am - 12:30 pm Cultural Building - 1 st Floor Auditorium 2
Session 2 LATE 20th CENTURY TRANSFORMATIONS	Chair: Shigeru Akita, Professor, Osaka University, Japan ▶ Gareth Austin, Professor Emeritus, University of Cambridge, UK (Online): Structural Adjustment in Africa: Ghana and Kenya Compared, 1981–1990 ▶ Jun Fujisawa, Associate Professor, Kobe University, Japan: Avoiding the Debt: Global Energy Crises, Domestic Environmental Disasters, and Economic Deadlock in Czechoslovakia, 1978-89 ▶ Mark Metzler, Professor, University of Washington, USA (Online): Technological Revolution and the Emergence of a “Minute Division of Labor” in Asia ▶ David Painter, Professor Emeritus, Georgetown University, USA (Online): From the Iranian Revolution to the Gulf War: Oil and the Transformation of the Global Order in the 1980s ▶ Kazushi Minami, Associate Professor, the Osaka School of International Public Policy, Osaka University, Japan (Online): The Road to Wealth: The Rise of the Petrochemical Industry in China, 1978-1990 Order in the 1980s	09:50 am - 12:30 pm Cultural Building - 1 st Floor Room 003
Session 3 TECHNOLOGIES, PAST AND FUTURE	Chair: Hong Liu, Professor, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore ▶ Abhishek Awadhut Daithankar, Independent Researcher, Indian Institute of Technology, India: Reconfiguring Petro-Economies: The Gulf’s Strategic Shift Toward a Post-Oil Future ▶ Mohd Hannan Mia, Professor, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM), Malaysia: Inter-provincial Migration and Variations in Oil Market- Effect of Diversify Economy in Canada1978-89 ▶ Joshua Dao-Wei Sim, Senior Research Fellow, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore, Singapore (Online): An “air-conditioned nation?”: A Glocal Investigation of Singapore’s Household Heat Experiences Through Oral History and Physiological-Ethnography	09:50 am - 12:30 pm Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies - Ground Floor Room 10
Lunch Break		12:30 pm - 2:00 pm Academic Building - Ground Floor

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Keynote Address	Professor Shiro Momoki, Vietnam Japan University, Vietnam: Writing and Teaching of World History		2:00 pm - 2:30 pm Cultural Building - 1 st Floor Auditorium 2
Session 4 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY HISTORY CLASSES IN JAPAN	Chair: Nakamura Tsubasa, Associate Professor, Kyoto University of Education, Japan - Kohama Masako, Professor, Nihon University, Japan (Online): Why Is There Such a Large Gender Gap in Japanese Society? The Curse of the Modern Family Model and the Challenges of Gender History Education - Kawashima Keiichii, History Teacher, Doshisha Junior and High School, Japan (Online): How Can We Inquire and Learn from a Gender Perspective in Integrated History, a New Subject in Japanese High Schools? Achievements and Challenges of Gender History Learning in Integrated History - Isogai Masayuki, Teacher, Aichi Prefectural Okazaki High School, Japan: Why do Women's Liberation Movements Occur when People Gained Freedom in Modern Times? The Significance of Studying Gender History in Japanese High School History Education - Takuya Tokuhara, Teacher, Kanagawa Prefectural Yokohama International High School, Japan (Online): History Education in a 'Dangerous Intersection': A Dialogic Approach to Trauma and Care Commentators Ogawa Miki, Osaka Prefectural Toyonaka High School, Japan (Online) Kamei Hitomi, Doshisha Junior and High School, Japan (Online)		2:30 pm - 4:30 pm Cultural Building - 1 st Floor Auditorium 2
Session 5 PEDAGOGY IN HISTORY	Chair: Jane Ohlmeyer, Erasmus Smith Professor of Modern History, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland - Nakamura Tsubasa, Associate Professor, Kyoto University of Education, Japan: History Education to Improve the Training of Junior and Senior High School Teachers: Challenges and Practices in Japan - Sota Maruono, Teacher, Tokiwa University High School, Japan and Ikuko Sato, Lecturer, Japan Women's University, Japan (Online): Open Studies on the Ancient Mediterranean World History in Pre-Modern Global History: Utilizing the Dialogue Between Historical Studies and History Education		2:30 pm - 4:30 pm Cultural Building - 1 st Floor Room 003
Session 6 MERCHANT CAPITALISM	Chair: Fahad Bishara, Associate Professor, Doha Institute For Graduate Studies - Yusuke Yoshika, Graduate Student, University of Tokyo, Japan (Online): Production of Cowrie Shells and its Maritime Trade in the Maldive Islands during the Seventeenth and the Eighteenth Centuries - Ryuto Shimada, Associate Professor, Department of Oriental History, Faculty of Letters, The University of Tokyo, Japan: Maritime Trade in Horses by the Dutch East India Company during the Eighteenth Century: A Maritime Link between West Asia and Japan - Chisa Mizobuchi, Doctoral Candidate, Department of Asian History, Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology, the University of Tokyo, Japan (Online): Elephant in Global Business of the Dutch East India Company: Maritime Trade and Diplomacy in Mughal Bengal around 1700 - Rie Takagaki, Associate Professor, School of Economic Sciences, Niigata University, Japan: Spanish Empire and Indian Ocean: Reconnection of Empire from the Late Eighteenth to Nineteenth Century		2:30 pm - 4:30 pm Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies - Ground Floor Room 10

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Coffee Break

4:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Film Screening

"From that Small Island" Director's Cut Screening

Special Address: Consul David Moore, Embassy of Ireland to UAE, Kuwait and Qatar

Discussant

▶ Jane Ohlmeyer, Erasmus Smith Professor of Modern History, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Cultural Building - 1st Floor

Auditorium 2

Day 2: Sunday, 26 October 2025

Description	Speaker and Topic	Time & Venue
Keynote Address	Professor Vinita Damodaran, Director Center for World Environmental History, University of Sussex, UK: Decolonising the Natural History Collections of Empire	09:00 am - 09:30 am Cultural Building - 1 st Floor Auditorium 2
Session 7 HISTORY BEYOND AND OUTSIDE THE ARCHIVE: THE MEDIATED GULF AS METHOD	Chair: Sucheta Mahajan, Professor (Retd), Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India ▶ Dale Hudson, Associate Professor, NYU Abu Dhabi, UAE: History beyond and outside the Archive: The Mediated Gulf as Method ▶ Samhita Sunya, Associate Professor, University of Virginia, USA (Online): Changing Winds: Oman TV, Indian (Ocean) Films, and Media Piracy in the 1980s ▶ Firat Oruci, Associate Professor, Georgetown University in Qatar: Petrofilms and the Visual Logic of Extraction in the Gulf ▶ Bindu Menon, Associate Professor, Azim Premji University, India: Sonic Worlds of Migration: Letter Songs and Taped Letters across the Gulf	09:30 am - 12:00 pm Cultural Building - 1 st Floor Auditorium 2
Session 8 ENVIRONMENT AND EPIDEMIC	Chair: Vinita Damodaran, Professor of History, University of Sussex, UK ▶ Noreen Hamid, Independent Researcher, Jamia Millia Islamia University, India: Israel's Genocide in Gaza: Disrupting Political Ecology in the Gulf Region ▶ Subir Dey, Assistant Professor, Azim Premji University, India: Securing A Frontier: Climate and Colonial Interventions in 19th Century Kutch and Consequent Continuities ▶ Tomoko Morikawa, Associate Professor, The University of Tokyo, Japan: Pilgrims, 'Transfer of Corpses' and Quarantine in Late Nineteenth-Century Ottoman Iraq ▶ Masato Shizume, Professor, Graduate School of Economics, Waseda University, Japan (Online): Origins of Environmental Policy in Japan: Contributions of Ōkita Saburō and His Followers	09:30 am - 12:00 pm Cultural Building - 1 st Floor Room 003
Session 9 GEOPOLITICS IN THE ASIA-PACIFIC REGION	Chair: Shigeru Akita, Professor (Retd), Osaka University, Japan ▶ Yutaka Kanda, Professor, Graduate School of Modern Society and Culture, Niigata University, Japan: Setting the Stage for the APEC: the Nakasone Administration and the "Pacific Cooperation", 1982-87 ▶ Hideki Kan, Invited Professor, Institute of Laser Engineering, Osaka University, Japan (Online): Global Dimensions of Reaganomics and Japan-US Relations in the 1980s-Focusing on the Trade Imbalance and Monetary/Financial Issues ▶ Fumiharu Mieno, Professor, Kyoto University, Japan & Kazue Demachi, Associate Professor, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Japan (Online): Southeast Asia in 1980s-1990s—Capital Flow Trend and Development Strategy ▶ Robert J. McMahon, Emeritus Professor, Ohio State University, USA (Online): The United States and Southeast Asia: From the Cold War to a New Regional Order ▶ Yukimura Sakon, Associate Professor, Kyushu University, Japan: Kazuo Kitamura, a Governor of Niigata Prefecture, and the Geopolitics of Northeast Asia: Local Governance, International Relations, and Cold War Diplomacy	09:30 am - 12:00 pm Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies - Ground Floor Room 10

Day 2: Sunday, 26 October 2025

Lunch Break

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm
Academic Building - Ground Floor

Description	Speaker and Topic	Time & Venue
Keynote Address	Professor Aditya Mukherjee, (Retd) Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India: Politics of Nation in the Age of Globalisation	1:30 pm - 2:00 pm Cultural Building - 1 st Floor Auditorium 2
Session 10 EMPIRE AND NATION	Chair: Mridula Mukherjee, Professor, (Retd) Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India - Yehya Ghaleb, Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities, Qatar University, Qatar: Ottoman-British Competition for the Arab Community in Southeast Asia (1839-1924) - Rachna Yadav, Doctoral Candidate, Banaras Hindu University, India (Online): Beyond Westphalia: Re-imagining the Nation in India & Global South - Dhiraj Kumar Nite, Associate Professor, School of Liberal Studies, Ambedkar University, India: The Indian Diaspora and the Enchantments of Neo-Conservatism - Jyotishman Mudiari, Doctoral Candidate, Department of History, University of Chicago, USA: Divergent Reforms and the Remaking of Globalization: A Comparative Economic History of India and China - Patrick Manning, Professor, University of Pittsburgh, USA (Online): Arabic Asia: Politics since 1800	2:00 pm - 4:30 pm Cultural Building - 1 st Floor Auditorium 2
Session 11 COMMODITIES AND MARKETS	Chair: Hong Liu, Professor, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore - Mizuki Yamauchi, Doctoral Candidate, Osaka University, Japan (Online): The Distribution of Indian Tea to Qajar Iran in the late 19th Century: Sketch of the Change of the Transport Channel to Central Asia from Northwest India - Jon Wilson, Professor, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore: The Nationalisation of Rice, and the Making of Postwar Asia's National Economies - Masahiro Ikeda, Associate Professor, Okayama Shoka University, Japan: Politics of the Rice Export Controls: The Colonial Market Intervention and the Anti-Chinese Campaign in 1919 Southern Vietnam - Ahmed Ibrahim Abushouk, Professor, Department of Humanities, Qatar University, Qatar: The Anglo-Persian Oil Company and the Gulf Oil Concessions: Struggle for Power and Interests - Anubha Anushree, Associate Professor, Department of English, Rajdhani College, University of Delhi, India: The Kosi Shramdanis: The Corruption of Labor in India, 1950-1960	2:00 pm - 4:30 pm Cultural Building - 1 st Floor Room 003
Session 12 UNPACKING THE CHALLENGES OF JAPAN'S NEW HISTORY EDUCATION REFORM	Chair: Takuya Tokuhara, Kanagawa Prefectural Yokohama International High School, Japan (Online) - Masako Arai, Professor, Faculty of Political Science and Economics at Takushoku University, Japan: To What Extent have Students Become Able to Think of History as a Matter Close to Themselves? - Shigeki Yoshimine, Teacher, Sapporo Nihon University High School, Japan: Conceptual Differences between 'IB History' and 'Integrated History' Textbooks	2:00 pm - 4:30 pm Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies - Ground Floor Room 10

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Description	Speaker and Topic	Time & Venue
	▶ Takuya Tokuhara, Teacher, Kanagawa Prefectural Yokohama International High School, Japan (Online): The Ethics of 'Narration' in History Education: Examining the Intersection of the International Baccalaureate and Japanese History Education ▶ Yuko Yakage, Teacher, Kobe-University Secondary School, Japan (Online): Re-examining the Story of 'Us': Consideration of Multi-Layered Identities in Modern History Commentators Masaki Mukai, Doshisha University, Japan (Online) Nobuyuki Onishi, Chuo University, Japan (Online)	
Session 13 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MODERN AND CONTEMPORARY HISTORY CLASSES IN JAPAN: CURRENT STATUS AND EMERGING ISSUES	Online Session-Speakers Virtual Chair: Lúcio de Sousa, Associate Professor, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies, Japan ▶ Shiba Yasuto, Teacher, Chuo University, Yokohama Junior and Senior High School, Japan & Nakayama Takunori, Kanagawa Prefectural Shonan Senior High School, Japan: Introduction to the Panel ▶ Kanda Motoshige, Teacher, Kamakura Gakuen Junior and Senior High School, Japan: Implementation Challenges in Modern and Contemporary History Curriculum ▶ Saito Kentaro, Teacher, Kanagawa Prefectural Yokohama Oyo Senior High School, Japan: Dual Approach to Teaching Modern and Contemporary History Curriculum ▶ Ueno Shinji, Teacher, Kanagawa Prefectural Sagamihara Secondary School, Japan: Issues in Teaching and Implementation of Modern and Contemporary History: A Critical Review Commentator Kristine Dennehy, California State University, Fullerton, USA	2:00 pm - 4:30 pm Arab Center for Research and Policy Studies - 2nd Floor Room 50
Closing Remarks		4:30 pm - 5:15 pm Cultural Building - 1st Floor Auditorium 2
AAWH Board & Members Meeting		5:15 pm - 6:00 pm Cultural Building - 1st Floor Auditorium 2



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