



## ABOUT THE BDC

Established in 2008, the Brookings Doha Center (BDC) is an overseas center of the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C. As a hub for Brookings scholarship in the region, the BDC advances high-quality, independent research and policy analysis on the Middle East and North Africa.

In pursuing its mission, the BDC undertakes field-oriented research and programming that addresses and informs regional and international policy discussions, engaging key elements of governments, businesses, civil society, the media, and academia on four key areas:

- I. The international relations of the Middle East, emphasizing ties within the region as well as regional ties between the Middle East, the United States, and Asia
- II. Conflict and post-conflict transitions, including security, peace processes and reconstruction
- III. Economic and fiscal strategies of Middle Eastern states, including the geopolitics and economics of energy
- IV. Governance and institutional reform, including democratization and state-citizen relations

Open to a broad range of views, the BDC encourages a rich exchange of ideas between the Middle East and the global community.

Since its founding, the BDC has hosted leading scholars from a dozen different countries; put on a large number of events, including high-level roundtables, timely policy discussions, and the annual Brookings Doha Energy Forum; and published a series of influential Policy Briefings and Analysis Papers.

## EVENTS

The Brookings Doha Center provides a premier regional venue for high-level public events, forums, workshops, and private dialogues.

### SPECIALIZED WORKSHOPS AND ROUNDTABLES

Generate research programming and serve as an incubator of ideas. As a leading regional convenor, the BDC brings together policymakers and practitioners to engage in targeted discussions. Recent events include Syrian opposition workshops and roundtables on GCC-EU relations.

### DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

Brings policy discussions by high-level representatives to the BDC. Recent speakers include: Hina Rabbani Khar of Pakistan; Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation; General Sir David Richards, former Chief of Defense Staff of the British Armed Forces, and others.

### PUBLIC EVENTS

Contribute to the Center's roles of engaging the Qatari community, and informing and influencing regional policy debates. Events encompass a wide range of topics and perspectives, and are held regularly.



*H.E. Eng. Ali bin Ibrahim Al Naimi, Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources for the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, delivers the keynote presentation during the opening ceremony of the second annual Brookings Doha Energy Forum on April 1, 2013.*

## INITIATIVES

Brookings Doha Center initiatives inform the policy debate through strategic thinking on key challenges facing the region.

### BROOKINGS DOHA ENERGY PLATFORM

A unique partnership with the Brookings Energy Security Initiative. The Brookings Doha Energy Forum—the platform's signature event—has become a premier international stage for examining the relationship between the Middle East and emerging global powers within an energy context.

### SYRIA TRACK II DIALOGUE INITIATIVE

A research platform focused on issues of security, national reconciliation and dialogue among core Syrian communities and constituencies. The initiative aims to develop policy recommendations directed at regional and international actors for an inclusive political process in Syria.

### BDC-STANFORD UNIVERSITY PROJECT ON ARAB TRANSITIONS

A joint initiative with the Center on Democracy, Development, and Rule of Law at Stanford University, which aims to generate comprehensive analysis of the conditions affecting democratization and good governance during the period of Arab political transitions.



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## PUBLICATIONS

Brookings Doha Center publications are released in Arabic and English, building on the Center's efforts to be a truly bilingual think tank.

**ANALYSIS PAPERS** provide in-depth discussion of an ongoing, complex policy problem, and feature original field research conducted in the region.

**POLICY BRIEFINGS** provide discussions of immediate, time-sensitive issues while also providing policy recommendations.

**EVENT AND CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS** present themes, points of consensus, and policy recommendations gleaned during events and conferences to a wider audience.



## FELLOWSHIPS AND INTERNSHIPS

Fellowships advance and diversify the Brookings Doha Center's independent research and policy analysis, while internships promote local and international partnerships.

### VISITING FELLOWSHIP

Leading academics and practitioners from mid-to-senior ranks of governments, think tanks, universities, and media reside at the Center for 6-12 months, during which time they conduct research, contribute to events, author policy briefings and analysis papers, and engage with the media.

### BDC-QATAR UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP

Academics teach one or more semester-long seminars at Qatar University (QU), supervise the research of up to four QU students, conduct research, and author a publication.

### NONRESIDENT FELLOWSHIP

Accomplished scholars, analysts, or former government officials with relevant expertise that enhance the Center's research programming by authoring publications and contributing to events.

### INTERNSHIPS

The BDC regularly hosts interns from Stanford University as well as Georgetown University in Qatar, Qatar University, and other local academic institutions for semester-long and summer-long terms.



2013 Doha Forum session titled "Building New Democracies: Institutional Reform After the Arab Spring," which was developed and convened by the Brookings Doha Center. From left to right: moderator Salman Shaikh, former director of the Brookings Doha Center; Ambassador Nabil Fahmy, Dean of the Public Affairs College at the American University in Cairo; Dr. Rafik Abdessalam, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Tunisia; Dr. Bernardino Leon, EU Special Representative for the Southern Mediterranean; Nikolay Mladenov, former Foreign Minister of Bulgaria; Michael Posner, former Assistant U.S. Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor.

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