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Welcome to the first

# LSE MIDDLE EAST ALUMNI SYMPOSIUM

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# Welcome

## LSE and the Middle East

Thank you for joining us at the first LSE Middle East Alumni Symposium. This event is a new initiative taken by the School to build on its commitment to and links with the region. This forms part of the School's wider international strategy, which has at its core the building of deep and sustainable alliances and partnerships. With the LSE alumni community in the region constantly growing, this event is a wonderful opportunity to bring together senior LSE academics with graduates of the School and other interested actors. It provides a platform for the analysis of different perspectives on the economic, social, political and cultural role of the Middle East in today's world.

LSE's long engagement with the Middle East was further enhanced by the establishment of the Middle East Centre in 2010 to provide a central hub for the wide range of research on the region carried out around the School. The Middle East Centre was founded with generous support from the Aman Trust and the Emirates Foundation. The Centre builds on LSE's multidisciplinary expertise to promote innovative and policy-relevant research on the region. The Centre places special emphasis on collaboration with Middle East and North African universities. LSE is very grateful to The Abraaj Group for its kind support of this event.

## LSE UAE Alumni Association

LSE is well represented by the large community of alumni living and working in the Middle East. The largest official Country Group in the region can be found in the UAE. This Group acts as the regional hub and there are almost a thousand graduates based in Dubai and Abu Dhabi. The Group has recently been reinvigorated by a small group of active and enthusiastic individuals who have formed a committee to manage the association, run a busy programme of events and a brand new website ([lseuae.com](http://lseuae.com)) and set up a target to contribute meaningfully to the development of the ethos of LSE in region and to actively support the School.

## The Abraaj Group

The Abraaj Group was established by Arif Naqvi in 2002 and has emerged as a leading investor in growth markets with US\$ 7.5 billion in assets under management and returning c. US\$ 4.2 billion to investors. Employing over 300 people, the Group has 25 country offices spread across six regional hubs in Dubai, Istanbul, Mexico City, Mumbai, Nairobi and Singapore.

# Programme

14.30 - 16.00	<b>Registration</b>
16.00 - 16.15	<b>Welcome Address</b> Arif Naqvi, Founder and Group Chief Executive of The Abraaj Group
16.15 - 17.00	<b>Global Challenges and Middle Eastern Prospects</b> Craig Calhoun, Director of LSE
17.00 - 17.45	<b>The GCC in a Leaderless World</b> Danny Quah, Kuwait Professor of Economics and International Development
17.45 - 18.30	<b>The Regional Balance of Power after the Iraqi Elections</b> Toby Dodge, Professor of International Relations and Director of the Middle East Centre
18.30	<b>Cocktail Reception</b>

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# Speakers

**Arif Naqvi** is the Founder and Group Chief Executive of The Abraaj Group which he established in 2002. Mr Naqvi is the Founder Trustee and Chairman of the Aman Foundation, the largest private social sector enterprise in Pakistan. An LSE alumnus, Mr Naqvi serves as chair of the Advisory Board of the LSE Middle East Centre.

**Craig Calhoun** is Director of LSE. Before joining the School in September 2012, he was University Professor at New York University, Director of the Institute for Public Knowledge and President of the Social Science Research Council. Professor Calhoun is a world-renowned social scientist whose work connects sociology to culture, communication, politics, philosophy and economics.

**Danny Quah** is Professor of Economics and International Development and Director of the LSE Kuwait Programme. His research interests include economic growth and distribution, the global economy, the rise of the East, international relations and economics.

**Toby Dodge** is Director of the LSE Middle East Centre and Professor of International Relations at LSE. Professor Dodge's research concentrates on the evolution of the post colonial state in the international system. The main focus of this work is the state in the Middle East, specifically Iraq.

# Participants

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