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The Changing International Relations of the Gulf Region

This paper provides an analysis of the security situation in the Gulf region and particular the states of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). It argues that the region is about to face an era of strategic insecurity and that the regional security architecture that had been constructed by the British in the 20th century and then embellished by the United States will come to an end. Instead, the author forecasts a broader international involvement in the Gulf region, i.e. an inclusion of European and Asian powers as relevant external actors in terms of the security arrangements of the region.

Gulf Region, GCC, Security, Strategic Studies, International Relations, USA, Energy Security, Oil, Iran, Conflict

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Re-Islamisierungsprozesse in Südostasien

Since the 1980s, particularly Islam has been under suspicion in South East Asia to be the most dangerous religion to pluralism and multiculturalism. Domestic peace and the national integrity have been threatened mainly by three developments: Through the termination of pluralism and tolerance in favour of a strict Islamism in politics and ever-day life; through violent clashes between Muslims and believers of other religions; and through the connection of ethno-nationalism with Islam. In this paper, those problems are dealt with by way of example of small case studies of countries in which they are prominent.

Re-Islamization, South East Asia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines, Pluralism, Multiculturalism, Violent Conflicts, Ethno-Nationalism

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Der Politische Wandlungsprozess der Türkei – Vor und nach den Wahlen vom 22. Juli 2007

The success in the elections of 22th July 2007 and the presidential election in favour of Abdullah Gül have been considered as outstandingly important victories for the governing AKP. These developments have been milestones in the struggle between the Islamic-conservative and the Kemalist-Laicist forces for the future political domination in the country. This paper addresses the roots, attributes and possible consequences of today's confrontation as related to the political change before and after the elections of 22th July 2007.

Turkey, Elections, AKP, Political Islam, Kemalism, Power Struggle, Erdogan, Gül

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Zur gesellschaftlichen Stellung der Frau in den arabischen Golfstaaten

The situation of women in the Gulf region has changed in the past 10 to 15 years with respect to various aspects. In the past their activities were constrained to the household, but now – also as result of better education – women have tried to take part in public life. This article deals with the present-day social status of women in Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, and Oman. Within these states, Kuwait acts as a role model.

Women, Women's Policy, Gulf Region, Social Roles, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, UAE

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Religion und Identität: Junge Muslime in Deutschland und das ihnen vermittelte Europabild

This paper deals with a number of educational and socialising influences young Muslims in Germany are subjected to. It analyses the impact of those influences on their identity and relation to Europe. The author concludes that Muslim identity in Europe gains its stability partly through dissociation from the majority of society.

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