

PRESS RELEASE

## HBKU Press Unveils Book on Blockade at Doha Forum

*Event witnesses also participation of QCRI on the topic of misinformation*

Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU) recently participated in the Doha Forum as a content partner, during which HBKU Press unveiled *The Gulf Crisis: The View from Qatar*, a book featuring 16 Education City-based scholars and experts who offer insider accounts of how the blockade has influenced Qatar's economy, society and diplomatic relations.

The book was launched during a panel discussion on the last day of the forum on December 16. Dr. Rory Miller, professor of government at Georgetown University in Qatar, moderated the discussion with four of the book's contributors: Dr. Gerd Nonneman, professor of international relations & Gulf studies, Georgetown University in Qatar; Dr. Tareq Al-Ansari, assistant professor, College of Science and Engineering, HBKU; Dr. Jocelyn Sage Mitchell, assistant professor in residence, Northwestern University in Qatar; and Dr. Mohamed Evren Tok, assistant professor and assistant dean for innovation and community advancement at the College of Islamic Studies, HBKU.

Bachar Chebaro, Executive Director of HBKU Press, said: "*The Gulf Crisis: The View from Qatar* offers an opportunity for to highlight the expertise of leading academics at HBKU and Qatar Foundation. We thank Doha Forum for providing HBKU Press with an invaluable platform to unveil the book to an audience of key local and international figures, which encouraged dialogue on the topic of the blockade."

Meanwhile, Dr. Ahmed Elmagarmid, executive director at the Qatar Computing Research Institute (QCRI), delivered a presentation on the topic *Fact or Falsehood? The Consequences of Misinformation*, where he highlighted how new technologies and social media enable the viral spread of questionable facts.

Doha Forum is a global platform for dialogue, bringing together leaders in policy to build innovative and action-driven networks. This year, the forum was held under the theme *Shaping Policy in an Interconnected World*.

HBKU is committed to nurturing and advocating thought-provoking debate and discussions. Through its five colleges and three research institutes, the University serves as a unique hub for transformational research, studies, and thought leadership.

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Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU), a member of Qatar Foundation for Education, Science, and Community Development (QF), was founded in 2010 as a research-intensive university that acts as a catalyst for transformative change in Qatar and the region while having global impact. Located in Education City, HBKU is committed to building and cultivating human capacity through an enriching academic experience, innovative ecosystem, and unique partnerships. HBKU delivers multidisciplinary undergraduate and graduate programs through its colleges, and provides opportunities for research and scholarship through its institutes and centers. For more information about HBKU, visit [www.hbku.edu.qa](http://www.hbku.edu.qa).