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The Dubai School of Government (DSG) is a research and teaching institution focusing on public policy in the Arab world. Established in 2005 under the patronage of HH Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Vice President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates and Ruler of Dubai, in cooperation with the Harvard Kennedy School, DSG aims to promote good governance through enhancing the region's capacity for effective public policy.

Toward this goal, the Dubai School of Government also collaborates with regional and global institutions in delivering its research and training programs. In addition, the School organizes policy forums and international conferences to facilitate the exchange of ideas and promote critical debate on public policy in the Arab world.

The School is committed to the creation of knowledge, the dissemination of best practice and the training of policy makers in the Arab world. To achieve this mission, the School is developing strong capabilities to support research and teaching programs, including

- applied research in public policy and management;
- master's degrees in public policy and public administration;
- executive education for senior officials and executives; and,
- knowledge forums for scholars and policy makers.

Research at DSG

Research comprises the core of the Dubai School of Government's mission to create knowledge, disseminate best practice and train policy makers in the Arab world. In this regard, the Dubai School of Government strives to meet a dual challenge of academic rigor and policy relevance with the research that it conducts, both as an institution and in cooperation with its regional and international partners.

The School's faculty, researchers and non-resident scholars are the foundation for undertaking research. They have a diverse range of research interests, covering such issues as public administration and governance, gender, economic development, international relations, community development, and operations management.

The Dubai Initiative

The Dubai Initiative was created to bridge the expertise and resources of the Harvard Kennedy School with the Dubai School of Government and enable the exchange of students, scholars, knowledge and resources between the two institutions in the areas of governance, political science, economics, energy, security, gender and foreign relations in the Middle East.

The Initiative implements programs that respond to the evolving needs of the DSG and are aligned with the research interests of the various departments and centers of the Harvard Kennedy School as well as other schools and departments of Harvard University. Program activities include funding, coordinating and facilitating fellowships, joint fellowships with the DSG, internships, faculty and graduate research grants, working papers, multi-year research initiatives, conferences, symposia, public lectures, policy workshops, faculty workshops, case studies and customized executive education programs delivered at the Dubai School of Government. For more information on the Dubai Initiative (www.dubaiinitiative.org).

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Fatma Abdulla (Nonresident Research Fellow): healthcare, education

Mhamed Biygautane (Research Associate): public management, governance, knowledge management

Nicolas Depetris Chauvin (Assistant Professor): international finance, development, macroeconomics, resource rich economies

Ethan Chorin (Nonresident Research Fellow): political economy, economics, comparative politics of the Gulf states, Libya

Tarek Coury (Assistant Professor): monetary policy, international macroeconomics, finance

Susan Crotty (Assistant Professor): culture, negotiation, teams

May Al-Dabbagh (Research Fellow): gender, social and cross-cultural psychology, organizational behavior, Saudi Arabia, GCC

Paul Dyer (Fellow): youth, labor, demographics, development, political economy

Samar Farah (Research Associate): education, development, knowledge management

Ghalia Gargani (Research Associate): gender, development, gender and citizenship

Okan Geray (Nonresident Research Fellow): e-government, ICT and development, e-commerce, information systems

Yasar Jarrar (Nonresident Research Fellow; Lecturer): strategy, performance management, public sector reform

Theodore Karasik (Adjunct Lecturer): international relations, security and terrorism, petroleum geology, Arabian Peninsula, Russia, Central Asia and Caucasus

Rami Khouri (Nonresident Senior Fellow): political and social reform, Arab-Israeli conflict, comparative politics of the Middle East

Asim Ijaz Khwaja (Nonresident Research Fellow): economic development, corporate finance, education, political economy

Jim Krane (Nonresident Fellow): Dubai, energy, Middle East politics, Iraq

Noora Lori (Visiting Scholar): migration, nationalism

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A leading authority on the economies of the Arab world, he received his Ph.D. in economics from Harvard University with specialization in development economics and economic history. His current research interests include the dynamics of labor markets, the political economy of policy reform, and development policies in oil-exporting countries.

Dr. Yousef's research and policy experience includes working as an economist at the Middle East Department of the International Monetary Fund, as Visiting Professor in the Middle East and North Africa Region of the World Bank, and as Senior Advisor for the Millennium Project at the United Nations. At present, he is a Senior Fellow in the Wolfensohn Center for Development at the Brookings Institution and the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government.

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Dr. Fatma Abdulla is the Managing Director of Global Consulting Associates, a strategic advisory firm focused on the wellness, healthcare and higher education industries. She holds a Ph.D. in Higher Education from the University of Arizona, an M.Sc. in Nursing Administration and Public Health from California State University, and a B.Sc. in Nursing from Mt. Saint Mary's College.

Prior to starting Global Consulting Associates, Dr. Abdulla was Chief Strategy Officer for Dubai Healthcare City (DHCC). Dr. Abdulla was also the Dean of Health Sciences, Communication Technology and Education at the Higher Colleges of Technology where she developed the largest health sciences campus in the UAE. In the United States, Dr. Abdulla was Program Director at the County of Los Angeles Public Health Programs and Services. She has also held numerous positions in prominent US hospitals and academic institutions.

Dr. Abdulla is the recipient of numerous awards and academic honors such as the Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Award for Academic Excellence, the Sheikh Rashid Bin Saeed Al Maktoum Award for Academic Achievement, the County of Los Angeles Public Health Programs and Services Award for Outstanding Performance, the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Award for Contribution to Nursing, as well as numerous awards from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

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Mhamed Biygautane is a Research Associate in the Arab Public Management Program at the Dubai School of Government. Mr. Biygautane has completed a Master of Public Policy and Management (Distinction) from the Graduate School of Business and Economics at Monash University, Melbourne Australia. Earlier, he was awarded a master's in Jerusalem Studies (Honors) from Kings College in the United Kingdom. His bachelor's degree is from Kent State University, Ohio, USA, where he majored in International Relations with a focus on International Economics.

Mr. Biygautane's work experience includes an internship with the Australian Trade Commission (Austrade), Government of Victoria, where his main duties included drafting policy proposals and making recommendations to Austrade's CEO and playing a leading role in a research project aimed at increasing Austrade's role in the government's new innovation agenda. He also served as a research assistant at several of the institutions where he studied.

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Nicolas Depetris Chauvin is Assistant Professor of Public Policy at Dubai School of Government and a Research Fellow at the Oxford Centre for the Analysis of Resource Rich Economies in the Department of Economics at the University of Oxford. Previously, he worked as a Policy Specialist in the Office of Development Studies at the United Nations Development Programme and as a Consultant at the World Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank and the Ministry of Economics of Argentina, among others.

His current research focuses on understanding some of the economics challenges of the development world, with a particular emphasis on resource rich economies. During his doctorate studies at Princeton University, he did research on the debt relief initiatives for

the highly indebted poor countries. Before Princeton, Dr. Depetris Chauvin did his undergraduate studies in Economics at the Universidad de Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he also obtained a master's degree in Economics from Universidad Torcuato Di Tella.

Dr. Depetris Chauvin has published articles in journals such as the Journal of the European Economic Association, as well as policy papers for the United Nations Development Programme and the Inter-American Development Bank. He has taught courses on macroeconomics, international finance and trade, statistics and econometrics, and public policy in the United States, France, and Argentina.

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Dr. Ethan Chorin is currently Senior Manager for Government Relations at the global port operator DP World. Chorin served from 2004-2008 as a U.S. Foreign Service Officer, posted to Libya and the United Arab Emirates. During the 2008 U.S. presidential campaign, Chorin was a member of the Obama campaign's Middle East Policy Group. His research focus at DSG is the welfare effects of transportation infrastructure investment in the Middle East and Africa: He is the author of *Articulating a "Dubai Model" of Development: The Case of Djibouti*.

Chorin holds a Ph.D. in Resource Economics from the University of California at Berkeley, with a thesis on Port Competition in the Red Sea. He also holds an M.A. in International Policy Studies from Stanford, and an undergraduate degree in Near Eastern Languages and Literatures from Yale. A two-time Fulbright recipient (Yemen, Jordan), he speaks Arabic, Farsi and French. Chorin is the author of *Translating Libya: The Libyan Short Story* (Saqi Press, 2008). His translations and Op-Eds have appeared in *Words Without Borders*, the *Financial Times*, and *L'Orient Le Jour*.

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Tarek Coury is Assistant Professor of Public Policy at the Dubai School of Government and Research Associate at the Dubai Initiative. Dr. Coury's current research is on the political economy and macroeconomics of the Gulf States. In addition to macroeconomic aspects of regional integration, Dr. Coury is interested in the growth impact of sovereign wealth funds and natural resources revenue, and the development of financial markets in the region. Dr. Coury's other research interests are in macroeconomic theory, decision theory and game

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His current research concerns monetary policy, demand management policy in resource-rich economies, and the role of international institutions in helping developing countries achieve these objectives. Dr. Coury has recently published his research in the *Journal of International Economics* and *Games and Economic Behavior*.

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Prior to her appointment as Assistant Professor at DSG, Dr. Crotty was a Visiting Assistant Professor at Purdue University's Krannert School of Management. She received her Ph.D. from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University, and completed her undergraduate studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Crotty's research focuses on culture in a variety of micro-organizational contexts and negotiations. Specifically, she has extensively examined multicultural teams in terms of creativity and how hierarchy affects the teamwork process. In addition, she is involved in ongoing work examining whether models developed in Western samples surrounding negotiation and teamwork apply in Middle Eastern settings. Dr. Crotty also has other research interests in negotiation and decision-making that apply more generally outside the cross-cultural realm. Her research has been published in journals including *The International Journal of Conflict Management*.

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Paul Dyer's research interests include demographics, labor policy, public service provision and the political economy of reform in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. Mr. Dyer received a master's in Arab Studies with a concentration in Economics and Development from Georgetown University, where he was the Sheikh Sultan bin Mohamed Al Qassemi Scholar. Prior to joining the Dubai School of Government, he worked with the World Bank for four years as a consultant in the Office of the Chief Economist, MENA Region.

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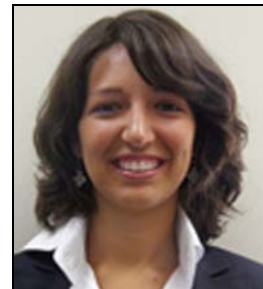
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Theodore Karasik is currently the Director of Research and Development at the Institute for Near East and Gulf Military Analysis (INEGMA) in Dubai, UAE and Beirut, Lebanon. Dr. Karasik was a Senior Political Scientist in the International Policy and Security Group at RAND Corporation. During 2002-2003, he served as Director of Research for the RAND Center for Middle East Public Policy. He has worked on Arabian Peninsula issues for 18 years on security and terrorism questions. In addition to his work on the Middle East, specifically the Gulf littoral, Dr. Karasik is also an expert on Russia, Central Asia, and the Caucasus as well as transnational terrorist groups and criminals.

Dr. Karasik has a background in basic geology and petroleum geology directly related to his previous work on the Caspian and Persian Gulf regions. Dr. Karasik served as a Subject

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Jim Krane is a longtime journalist and the author of *City of Gold: Dubai and the Dream of Capitalism*, which he authored during his time as Visiting Fellow at the Dubai School of Government in 2008-2009. He reported from the Middle East and beyond as the Associated Press' Dubai-based Gulf correspondent from 2005-2007. In Dubai, he covered the economic boom and developments that have transformed the Emirate into one of the world's most dynamic and globalized cities. He traveled and reported extensively in the GCC states, as well as Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan. Prior to moving to Dubai, Jim spent more than a year in Iraq, covering the war and related events for AP. Previously, Jim was an AP Business writer in New York, covering technology news. Jim also reported for US newspapers including The Star-Ledger (New Jersey); The News-Tribune (New Jersey); The Laredo Morning Times (Texas); APBNews.com, a now defunct criminal justice news service; and Newhouse Newspapers online operations. He is the winner of several journalism awards, including the 2003 AP Managing Editors Deadline Reporting Award, received for coverage of Saddam Hussein's capture in Iraq.

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A native Austrian, Professor Mayer-Schönberger founded Ikarus Software in 1986, a company focusing on data security, and developed Virus Utilities, which became the best-selling Austrian software product. He was voted Top-5 Software Entrepreneur in Austria in 1991 and Person-of-the-Year for the State of Salzburg in 2000. He chairs the Rueschlikon Conference on Information Policy, is the cofounder of the SubTech conference series, and served on the ABA/AALS National Conference of Lawyers and Scientists. He holds a number of law degrees, including one from Harvard and an M.S. (Econ) from the London School of Economics.

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Racha Mourtada has an M.A. in Communication Policy Studies (with distinction) from City University, London, having earlier completed her Bachelor of Engineering in Biomedical Engineering from Boston University. Ms. Mourtada has worked as a Researcher in the Information and Communication Technology Division (ICTD) of ESCWA in Beirut, Lebanon. During her time at ESCWA, she developed Web sites and training materials for the "Smart Community Project" in Syria and Yemen, which aims to enhance employability through access to ICT; helped to launch the "Knowledge networks through ICT access points for disadvantaged communities" global project; and, contributed to the research and writing of ICTD reports and publications, including *Guidelines for ICT Strategy Formulation and Implementation* and *ICT Finance, Venture Capital and Entrepreneurship*.

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Prior to joining the Dubai School of Government as a Visiting Scholar, Nur Ata Nurcan was the CEBR post-doctoral fellow in economics at Lincoln College, University of Oxford. While at Oxford, Nur also worked as a senior economist at the Centre for Economics and Business Research (cebr). At Lincoln, she taught tutorials in microeconomics, macroeconomics and finance. Nur received her M.A. degree in economics from Bilkent University, Turkey. She holds a Master of Economic Analysis degree and a Ph.D. in Economics, both from Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain. Previously, she worked as a research fellow at the Finance and Consumption Programme of the European University Institute in Florence, Italy.

Nur's current research focuses on behavioral economics and the economics of consumer credit. In particular, she works on the implications of self-control problems for the consumer borrowing and repayment behavior. A revised version of Nur's master's thesis at Bilkent University, which examined the existence of competitive equilibrium under financial constraints and increasing returns, has been published in the *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control* (joint with Dr. Erdem Basci).

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In addition to teaching Middle Eastern history and entrepreneurship as a Lecturer at Dubai Men's College, Mr. Al-Qassemi co-hosts *Business Tonight*, a weekly show on Dubai Eye radio providing analysis and debate of business headlines from the region and around the world. He is a frequent commentator on political, social and economic issues whose columns appear regularly in *The National* and *MoneyWorks*. His columns have also appeared in such international publications as *The Financial Times* (UK), *The Independent* (UK), *The Daily Star* (Lebanon), *The Huffington Post* (US) and others.

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In December 2010, Lubna Qassim was appointed Director of the newly-established Department of Economic Legislation in the UAE Ministry of Economy. There, Ms. Qassim advises on UAE legal and public sector reform, as well as economic legislation. She has also headed the Legal and Regulatory Affairs Department, and is former Executive Director at the Dubai Economic Council. She has worked on comprehensive legislative reforms and advised both the local and federal UAE government on legislation such as the Foreign Investment Law, Companies Law, Labor Law and Competition Law. She has also advocated on legal policies and legislation related to entrepreneurship. Earlier, she worked for the world's most prestigious law firm, Clifford Chance, in the corporate and commercial department of both their Dubai and London offices. At present, Ms. Qassim sits on the Global Economic Symposium Fellows Committee of the Kiel University of the World Economy.

She has extensive experience in advising on UAE, GCC and English law. She has particular experience in commercial law, corporate legal structures, employment law, arbitration and local litigation. She is also the first UAE national to have worked at the House of Lords, Parliament of the UK. She has a comprehensive legal experience of 10 years.

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Currently, Dr. Rached works as a consultant mainly in the area of training/capacity building in public financial management and financial modeling, and supports the work plan of the Lebanese Economic Association, of which he is the Vice President.

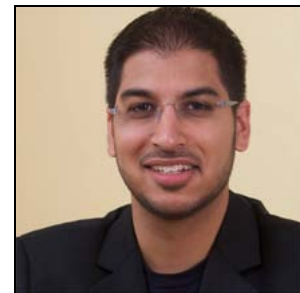
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Born and raised in Canada, Taufiq received an A.B. from Princeton University’s Woodrow Wilson School for International Affairs, and an M.P.P. from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. He most recently was with McKinsey & Company’s Middle East Office, where he worked on strategy and transformation projects in the public, private and social sectors. Previously, he has worked at the Aga Khan Foundation (based in Geneva) for its rural development program in the Middle East and South Asia, the United Nations political office in Lebanon, and the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs. He has also served as a volunteer facilitator for Soliya, a non-profit organization dedicated to inter-cultural dialogue.

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Behzad completed his M.A. in Social Anthropology from York University in Toronto, having earlier completed his undergraduate studies from the same university. He has been the recipient of several scholarships, including the Ontario International Education Opportunity Scholarship, The Dr. David Chu Scholarship in Asia Pacific Studies, and the University of Toronto C.B. Macpherson Graduate Admission Award, to mention a few.

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Andrea G. Wright is a graduate student in the joint doctoral program in Anthropology and History at the University of Michigan, and a Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Research Fellow. She received her B.A. with high honors from the University of Michigan, and her M.A. in Social Science from the University of Chicago. In addition, Ms. Wright has completed intensive language study of Urdu at the American Institute of Indian Studies in Lucknow, India, and of Arabic at the Center for Maghrib Studies in Tunis. At the University of Michigan, she worked as a graduate student instructor in both Anthropology and History. She has also taught at a local community college, tutored in Chicago public schools, and worked as an art educator.

Andrea's Fulbright-Hays research focuses on Indian Muslim migration to the countries of the Gulf Cooperative Council and the effect of this migration on the Muslim communities in India. The objective of her research is to contribute to the understanding of how massive flows of people are transforming regional affiliations and the political geography between India and the Middle East. In order to study this, she will be conducting archival and ethnographic research. Andrea is professionally proficient in Urdu, boasts of working proficiency in Hindi and French and limited proficiency in Arabic.

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His research is interdisciplinary and comparative in nature, and focuses broadly on the dimensions, antecedents, and consequences of public governance and development. He is currently collaborating with Harvard's Ash Institute for Democratic Governance and Innovation at Harvard University in writing a series of case-studies on innovations in networked governance, administrative reform and institutional development in the Arab world. He is also a member of cross-national research teams studying "trust and decision behavior" and the "convergence-divergence of governance practices" in GCC countries, Europe and the U.S. Some of his work has appeared in international academic and professional conferences and publications. Dr. Al-Yahya received his Ph.D. from the University of Connecticut's Department of Political Science with emphasis in Public Administration and Comparative Politics. He has also earned certificates in Political and Social Research from the University of Michigan and practical experience in international development policy at the United Nations.

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Mr. Dargin was also a researcher at the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies, where he studied Middle Eastern gas issues and pioneered the first major substantive work on the transnational gas trade in the form of the Dolphin Project. He is the author of "Emerging State Centralism in the Russian Energy Sector: Precedents from the Gulf?" featured in the forthcoming *Russian and CIS Relations with the Gulf Region* (Gulf Research Centre, 2008). Knowledgeable in oil and gas issues, he is a frequent presenter on the lecture circuit in matters relating to oil and energy. Mr. Dargin is also a member of the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators.

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