



TITLE: “ Neoliberalism: Questions of Freedom and Cultural Negotiation in The Arab Gulf States ”
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Neoliberalism trend is the latest phases of liberalism. A liberalism that was adopted by the major industrialized countries and international organizations such as the IMF, the International Bank for Reconstruction and development, and the World Trade Organizations began its effects and features more apparent. Since The United States - in a unipolar system - has adopted this trend, other states such as European Union - who believed in social liberalism – felt they had no room in the acceptance nor inevitable, therefore they took the risk to modify their own economic ideas to comply with this trend. On other hand, Arab Gulf Countries are facing myriad challenges when the new trend collides with the Arab societal ideology. This paper discusses how Arab societal ideologies have fundamentally shaped understandings of liberalism and its substantive goals and absolute values. The analysis sets out the major determinants of attitudes toward the world’s political and socio-cultural shifts, which have created noticeable resistance against freedom and liberal pluralism in the GC especially with the absence of civil society organizations

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