

Under the Patronage of His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan Bin Mohammad Al Qassimi, Supreme Council Member, Ruler of Sharjah, Founder and President of AUS

American Government Conference -- US Policy from Presidential Elections to Shifting Paradigms in the Middle East
(Sunday, October 9, 2011)

Sheikh Sultan Bin Mohammad Al Qassimi Center for Gulf Studies
(Al Darah)

Conference Organizers

American University of Sharjah, College of Arts and Sciences and the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs

Program

10:00 AM	Opening by His Highness Sheikh Dr. Sultan Bin Mohammad Al Qassimi, Supreme Council Member, Ruler of Sharjah, Founder and President of the American University of Sharjah
10:15 – 11:45 AM	<p>Panel I: Assessing President Obama (Chair: Dr. Peter Heath, AUS Chancellor)</p> <p>Dr. James Thurber, Distinguished Professor and Director, Center for Congressional and Presidential Studies and Department of Government, American University, Washington DC, "What is Wrong with Congress and What to Do About It"</p> <p>Dr. Gilles Andreani, Former Director of the Policy Planning Department in the French Foreign Ministry Associate Professor at University of Paris II, "Obama, Europe, and the Middle East"</p>
11:45 AM	Coffee Break
12:00 – 1:30 PM	<p>Panel II: Assessing President Obama (Chair: Dr. James Sater, Associate Professor of International Studies, American University of Sharjah)</p> <p>Dr. Stephen Wayne, Professor of Government at Georgetown University, "The Obama Presidency: Promise, Performance, and Electoral Implications"</p> <p>Dr. Matthew Bonham, Professor of Political Science and International Relations, Syracuse University, "Obama and the Muslim World"</p>
1:30-2:45 PM	Luncheon Address by H.E. Justin Siberell, United States General Consul to the United Arab

2:45 – 4:15 PM

Panel III: GCC Perspectives on the US (Chair: Dr. Karen Young, Assistant Professor of International Studies, American University of Sharjah)

Dr. Abdulkhaleq Abdulla, Professor of Political Science, UAE University, "**The US and Shifting Paradigm: An Arab Perspective**"

Dr. Shafeeq Ghabra, Professor of Political Science at Kuwait University, "**The Arab Spring: Context and Possibilities**"

4:15 PM

Coffee Break

4:45 – 6:15

PM Panel IV: Foreign Policy Implications for the Gulf/Middle East (Chair: Dr. Richard Gassan, Associate Professor of History, American University of Sharjah)

Dr. Burdett Loomis, Professor of Political Science, University of Kansas "**The Center Cannot Hold: American Politics in a Partisan, Polarized Era**"

Professor Claudia Hartley Thurber, Esq., Consultant in Occupational Safety and Health Policy, Former Counsel for Health Standards, Occupational and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, "**Assessing President Obama's Regulatory Agenda**"

8:00 PM

Closing Dinner Address by Dr. Gilles Kepel, Director of Doctoral Studies on the Arab/Muslim World, Institute of Political Studies, Paris (Venue – TBC)