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## Biography

Steven Wright is an Associate Professor of International Relations and an Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Research in the College Humanities and Social Sciences at Hamad Bin Khalifa University in Qatar. He previously served as an Associate Dean in the College of Arts and Sciences, in addition to the Head of the Department of International Affairs at Qatar University. His areas of research focus on international relations and the political economy of the Arab Gulf states, energy geopolitics, in addition to U.S. foreign policy towards the Gulf region. He has held research fellowships at the London School of Economics (LSE), Exeter University and also at the University of Durham. He received his undergraduate degree in Social and Political Science from the University of London, and his graduate degrees in International Relations from the University of Durham.

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## Research Interests

International relations and political economy of the Arab Gulf states; energy geopolitics; U.S. foreign policy towards the Gulf region

## Experience

### Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Research

College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Hamad Bin Khalifa University (Qatar).

2017-Present

- **Associate Professor of International Relations**

College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Hamad Bin Khalifa University (Qatar).

2017-Present

- **Associate Professor of International Relations and Gulf Studies**

College of Arts and Sciences, Qatar University (Qatar).

2013-2017

- **Associate Dean for Planning and Quality Assurance**

College of Arts and Sciences, Qatar University (Qatar).

2012-2016

- **Head of Department**

Department of International Affairs, College of Arts and Sciences, Qatar University (Qatar).

2011-2012

- **Acting Head of Department**

Department of International Affairs, College of Arts and Sciences, Qatar University (Qatar).

2010-2011

- **Honorary Research Fellow**

Institute for Arab and Islamic Studies, Exeter University (United Kingdom).

2010-13

- **Research Fellow**

(LSE) London School of Economics and Political Science (United Kingdom).

2010

- **Assistant Professor of International Affairs**

College of Arts and Sciences, Qatar University (Qatar).

2007-2013

- **Sir William Luce Research Fellow**

Institute for Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, University of Durham (United Kingdom).

2006

- **Teaching Assistant**

Institute for Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, University of Durham (United Kingdom).

2005-2006

- **Teaching Assistant**

School of Geography, Politics and Sociology, University of Newcastle (United Kingdom).

2005-2006

- **College Tutor and Warden**

Hatfield College, University of Durham (United Kingdom).

2003-2005

## **Education**

### **PhD in International Relations**

University of Durham (United Kingdom)

2001-2006

- **MA in International Studies**

University of Durham (United Kingdom)

2000-2001

- **BA (Hons.) in Sociology with Political Science**

University of London, Royal Holloway College (United Kingdom)

1997-2000

## **Selected Publications**

- **Steven Wright. Qatar: Energy, Diplomacy and Political Power. Routledge, London. (Under Contract - Forthcoming)**

2019

- **Wright, S. (2018). Qatar: The Context of a Hydrocarbon-Funded Social Contract. In Public Brainpower (pp. 247-259). Palgrave Macmillan, Cham.**

2018

- **Wright, S. (2017). Qatar's LNG: Impact of the Changing East-Asian Market. Middle East Policy, 24(1), 154-165.**

2017

- **Wright, S. (2016). Un «petit État» accède à la scène internationale: la trajectoire du Qatar. Critique internationale, (2), 73-88.**

2016

- **Wright, S. (2017). Iran's Relations with Bahrain. In Security and Bilateral Issues between Iran and its Arab Neighbours(pp. 61-80). Springer International Publishing.**

2016

- **Piet, R., & Wright, S. (2016). The Dynamics of Energy Geopolitics in the Gulf and Qatar's Foreign Relations with East Asia. In Energy Relations and Policy Making in Asia (pp. 161-179). Springer Singapore.**

2016

- **Krane, J. and Wright, S. "Qatar 'Rises Above' Its Region: Geopolitics and the Rejection of the GCC Gas Market." No. 35. LSE Kuwait Programme, London, UK.**

2014

**Baskan, B and Wright, S. "Seeds of Change: Comparing State-Religion Relations in Qatar and Saudi Arabia" Arab Studies Quarterly, Vol. 33, No. 2.**

2011

- **Wright, S., Held, D., & Ulrichsen, K. (2011). Foreign policies with international reach: The case of Qatar. The transformation of the Gulf. London: Routledge.**

2011

- **Wright, S.**

Qatar: The Context of a Hydrocarbon-funded Social Contract" in Overland, I. Public Brainpower: Civil Society and Natural Resource Management. Palgrave Macmillan, New York

2018

- **Wright, S. (2011). Foreign policy in the GCC states. International politics of the Persian Gulf, 72-93.**

2011

- **Wright, S. "Qatar" in Davidson, Christopher M. (Ed.) Power and Politics in the Persian Gulf Monarchies. C. Hurst & Co., London, UK.**

2010

- **Wright, S. "Qatar's Foreign Policy: Geopolitics and Strategic Pillars" in Czulda, R. and Gorak-Sosnowska, K., (Eds.) The State of Qatar: Economy - Politics - Culture. Ibidem Publishing House, Lodz, Poland.**

2009

- **Wright, S. Fixing the Kingdom: Political Evolution and Socio-Economic Challenges in Bahrain. Vol. 3. CIRS Occasional Paper Series, Georgetown University SFSQ, Doha, Qatar.**

2008

- **Wright, S. M. (2007). The United States and Persian Gulf security: The foundations of the war on terror (Vol. 12). Garnet & Ithaca Press.**

2007

- **Wright S. and Ehteshami, A. Eds. Reform in the Middle East Oil Monarchies, Ithaca Press, Reading, UK.**

2007

- **Ehteshami, A., & Wright, S. (2007). Political change in the Arab oil monarchies: from liberalization to enfranchisement. International Affairs, 83(5), 913-932.**

2007

- **Wright, S. "US Foreign Policy and the Changed Definition of Gulf Security" in Ehteshami, A. and Wright S., Reform in the Middle East Oil Monarchies, Ithaca Press, Reading, UK.**

2007

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**Wright, S. (2006). Generational change and elite-driven reforms in the kingdom of Bahrain.**

2006

## **HONORS AND AWARDS:**

- (2016 - Current) Founding Book Series Co-Editor, Palgrave Macmillan: The Contemporary Gulf.
  - (2011) Elected a Fellow of the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland (FRAS).
  - (2010 - 2012) Assistant Editor, Journal of Arabian Studies (Routledge)
  - (2010) Qatar University Teaching Excellence Award.
  - (2005) Honorary Life Membership of Hatfield College M.C.R., University of Durham, Hatfield College.
  - (2003) Barry Northrop Scholars Prize (Scholarship in Arabic and Islamic Studies), University of Durham, Hatfield College.
  - (2003 - 2005) Managing Editor, Durham Middle East Papers (University of Durham)
  - (2002) Barry Northrop Scholars Prize (Scholarship in Arabic and Islamic Studies), University of Durham, Hatfield College.
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