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Directors of Regional Studies Center (formerly Turkish Studies Center) from 1985 to 2025

Prof. Dr. Tevfik Sultan Abdulrahman Al-Yuzbeki
1985-1986



Prof. Dr. Ibrahim Khalil Ahmad Al-Allaf
1986-1988





Prof. Dr. Ahmad Abdullah Al-Hassou
1988-1992

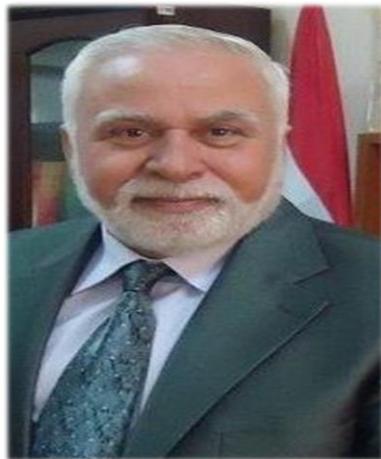


Prof. Dr. Awni Abdul Rahman Mustafa Al-Sabawi
1992-1995





Prof. Dr. Ibrahim Khalil Ahmad Al-Allaf
1995-2004



Prof. Dr. Ghanem Mohammad Mahmood Al-Haffo
2004-2006





Prof. Dr. Ibrahim Khalil Ahmad Al-Allaf
2006-2012



Prof. Dr. Qasim Mohsen Al-Habiti
2013-2018





Prof. Dr. Luqman Omar Mahmood
2018-2022



Assist. Prof. Dr. Nawfal Qasim Ali
2022-2024





Prof. Dr. Mithaq Khairallah Jalloud
2024-2025



Assist. Prof. Dr. Tareq Mohammad Tayeb Dhahir
2025-





Foreword by the Center Director

Regional Studies Center at the University of Mosul stands as a scientific and intellectual pillar dedicated to deepening the understanding of regional dynamics through rigorous, knowledge-based analysis. Its mission is grounded in objectivity and depth, moving beyond the reproduction of prevailing narratives or preconceived assumptions. Since its establishment, the Center has sought to provide an open academic space for critical reflection on regional issues and the political, economic, security, and cultural transformations shaping them, while examining the interconnected factors that define Iraq's role within its regional and international environment.

The Center's work is guided by the conviction that regional phenomena can only be understood through a multidisciplinary approach that draws on political science, economics, sociology, history, and international relations. This integrated perspective aims to generate precise knowledge capable of interpreting reality and offering both intellectual and policy-oriented alternatives. Building on this foundation, the Center strives to cultivate an Iraqi research tradition dedicated to exploring regional security, development, shifts in power structures, and the interplay of identity and interest within the regional system. In doing so, it reinforces the role of academic scholarship in fostering strategic awareness and shaping future visions.

The Center also seeks to act as a bridge between the university and decision-makers by producing studies grounded in rigorous scientific analysis. It aims to promote a culture of dialogue, understanding, and sustainable peacebuilding—both within Iraq and with its regional neighbors. Knowledge, in this context, is not an end in itself but a means of guiding political and societal action toward balance and stability.

This manual represents an important step in documenting and clarifying the Center's identity, programs, and research and administrative processes. It reflects the Center's commitment to



the values of critical inquiry, intellectual openness, and academic responsibility in addressing regional and global issues. It also affirms a vision that regards thought as the primary gateway to peacebuilding, and scientific awareness as the foundation for shaping a future in which geography and politics intersect through understanding, integration, and mutual respect.

Dr. Tareq Mohammad Tayeb Dhahir Al-Qassar

Vision

To be a leading national and regional research center that advances strategic understanding, supports decision-makers, and contributes to regional stability through high-quality knowledge and analysis.

Vision

Mission

Objectives

Mission

The Center generates knowledge and analyzes regional and international transformations through rigorous, multidisciplinary research. It seeks to promote dialogue, support peacebuilding, and enhance mutual understanding among the peoples and states of the region, in close cooperation with local, regional, and international academic partners.

Objectives

1. Conduct in-depth studies in political science, international relations, and contemporary regional issues.
2. Organize conferences, symposia, and workshops that encourage scientific dialogue and a culture of research.
3. Publish strategic reports and analyses that inform public opinion and support decision-making.



4. Build collaborative networks with local, regional, and international research centers to exchange expertise and knowledge.
5. Support the academic environment at the University of Mosul by providing high-quality studies and scientific resources.
6. Encourage and empower young researchers through specialized training and capacity-building programs.

Introduction

Regional Studies Center at the University of Mosul was established on August 24, 1985 under the name Turkish Studies Center. Its scope expanded in the early 1990s to include, in addition to research on relations with Iraq's northern neighbor Turkey, the newly independent Islamic republics of Central Asia that emerged from the former Soviet Union. On September 17, 2003, it was renamed Regional Studies Center, and its focus broadened to cover neighboring countries of Iraq as well as selected Middle Eastern states.

The Center is a research institution concerned with producing strategic studies on Iraq, its neighbors, and several Middle Eastern countries, aiming to develop relations with them in political, economic, social, and cultural fields. The Center consists of a council that includes the Director of the Center, department heads, and specialized faculty members. Its academic departments are:

1. Department of Political and Strategic Studies.
2. Department of Historical and Cultural Studies
3. Department of Economic and Social Studies
4. Department of Public Policies
5. The Center publishes a peer-reviewed academic journal titled "Regional Studies Journal"; it has an official website on the University of Mosul's electronic portal

<https://uomosul.edu.iq/regionalstudiescenter>

Since its establishment, the Center has published numerous books started in 2004, then, launched a specialized series titled "Regional Affairs series"



Organizational Structure of Regional Studies Center

- 1. Center Council**
- 2. Assist. Prof. Dr. Tareq Mohammad Tayeb Dhahir**
Director of the Center Council
- 3. Prof. Dr. Luqman O. Mahmood Alnuaimy**
Head of the Dept. of Political Studies
- 4. Assist. Prof. Dr. Fares Turky Mahmood**
Head of the Dept. of Economic and Social Studies
- 5. Prof. Dr. Mithaq Khairallah Jalloud**
Head of the Dept. of Historical and Cultural Studies
- 6. Assist. Prof. Dr. Batoul Halil Jubair**
Head of the Dept. of Public Policies

Center's Scientific Departments

- 1. Department of Political and Strategic Studies**

The department was established under University Order No. 9/81/4400, dated 25 June 1995.

The core functions of the Department of Political and Strategic Studies focus on producing research, studies, and books related to political and strategic affairs of Iraq and its neighboring regional countries. The department addresses topics concerning Iraq's key political and strategic issues, its relations with neighboring states, and the major transformations and developments occurring in the region and their implications for Iraq and the broader Middle East. It also provides insights and recommendations to decision-makers to assist them in adopting policies that help distance Iraq from regional conflicts and tensions that may negatively affect it, while safeguarding and protecting Iraq's national interests.



Researchers at the Center employ various methods to accomplish the department's academic mission, such as organizing study circles, workshops, and scientific seminars, or participating in them within or outside the university.

Head of Department Prof. Dr. Luqman Omar Mahmood

Members:

1. Prof. Dr. Imad Ibrahim Khalil
2. Assist. Prof. Waleed Mahmood Ahmad
3. Assist. Lecturer Fawzi Mohammad Saleh

2. Department of Economic and Social Studies

It was established under University Order No. 9/81/4400 dated 25 June 1995.

The department focuses on preparing and producing research, studies, and scientific books concerned with the economic and social realities of Iraq and neighboring regional countries. It also examines the economic relations between Iraq and the surrounding states, as well as the interrelationships among the regional neighboring countries themselves.

Through its research output, the department sheds light on the economic development of the region's countries and their economic relations in terms of economic size, trade, commercial exchange, exports, imports, and all matters relevant to the economic field. This is achieved through research, studies, and publications, in addition to panel discussions, workshops, scientific seminars, and participation in events inside and outside the university.

Head of Department: Dr. Fares Turky Mahmood

Members:

1. Assist. Lecturer Harith Rashid Hamdoon
2. Assist. Lecturer Abdulgafour Waadallah Abdulgafour
3. Assist. Lecturer Ahmad Ghazi Taher



3. The Department of Historical and Cultural Studies

It was established under University Order No. 9/81/4400 dated 25 June 1995.

This department is dedicated to producing research, studies, books, and scholarly works, as well as organizing academic workshops, seminars, and panel discussions inside and outside the university. It addresses historical and cultural aspects related to the history of Iraq and the neighboring regional countries.

The department also focuses on studying the historical, political, cultural, and social relations among the region's countries and exploring their historical roots. It seeks to identify errors, analyze causes of weaknesses or tensions—if present—within these relationships, and provide new analyses and perspectives that address obstacles, overcome challenges, and contribute to building stable, positive relations that serve the interests of all regional states.

Head of Department: Prof. Dr. Mithaq Khairallah Jalloud

Members:

1. Prof. Dr. Mohammad Abdulrahman Younis
2. Dr. Muthanna Yaseen Salih
3. Assist. Lecturer Hammoud Mohammad Thanoon

4. Department of Public Policies

It was established under University Order No. 5/5/7806 dated 7 April 2014.

The department aims to prepare research, studies, and books related to public policy, and to support decision-makers with specialized studies addressing public issues that concern both society and policymakers. These efforts provide ideas and perspectives aimed at offering solutions through specialized public policy research.



The department also seeks to strengthen engagement with public institutions relevant to its field, provide consultation on political affairs and public policy for decision-makers, and enhance the role of universities and research centers in serving the state and society. All activities align with the directives of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research.

Head of Department: Assist. Prof. Dr. Batool Halil Jubair

Members:

1. Assist. Prof. Dr. Abdulrazzaq Khalaf Mohammad
2. Assist. Lecturer Zainab Abdul-ilah Abdelkarim
3. Assist. Lecturer Ula Mumtaz Ismail
4. Assist. Lecturer Munjid Mohammad Fawzi

Organizational Structure and Functions of Regional Studies Center

1. The Center's Council
2. Director of the Center
3. Heads of Departments
4. Scientific and Administrative Units within the Center

Functions of the Center's Council

1. Approving the Center's general policy in scientific and administrative fields and following up on its implementation.
2. Approving the Center's annual scientific plan and monitoring its execution in accordance with the Center's specialization and the instructions of the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, and submitting recommendations to the University Presidency for approval.
3. Proposing research and studies that serve society, utilizing the results of studies, transferring them to practical application, and following up on their implementation.
4. Proposing instructions aimed at developing the Center.
5. Discussing progress in implementing the work plan and taking appropriate measures.



6. Approving the processing of promotion files for researchers from the teaching staff working at the Center, in accordance with promotion regulations issued by the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research.

7. Recommending the establishment of scientific relations with relevant institutions inside and outside Iraq, according to regulations and after obtaining the University Presidency's approval.

8. Recommending the establishment, cancellation, or merging of scientific formations and administrative divisions and preparing their annual staffing in line with the development of the Center's work, after obtaining the University Presidency's approval.

9. Contracting and scientific cooperation with other institutions and individuals inside Iraq to diagnose and study specific scientific or societal problems and find solutions, according to regulations and after obtaining the University Presidency's approval.

10. The Council has the right to delegate some of its powers to the Director of the Center.

Scientific Functions of the Center

- a. Developing scientific plans, programs, studies, and specialized research in accordance with the Center's scope and the general research policies approved by the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research.
- b. Conducting theoretical, applied, and field studies and research required by development plans, working to advance them, submitting related proposals, utilizing research outcomes, and providing researchers with needed resources.
- c. Providing databases within the Center's specialization through a library that contains books, periodicals, and references.
- d. Publishing scientific research and disseminating it to relevant institutions and cooperating with them in applying its findings.



- e. Issuing publications, periodicals, books, and scientific bulletins.
- f. Contributing to deepening scientific awareness by delivering lectures and organizing conferences, seminars, academic meetings, workshops, and training courses at the national, Arab, and international levels.
- g. Exchanging expertise with scholars and researchers inside and outside Iraq in line with the Center's plans and scientific objectives.
- h. Establishing and expanding scientific cooperation with national, Arab, and international academic institutions relevant to the Center's goals and specialization.

Functions of the Center Director

- a. Managing the scientific, financial, and administrative affairs of the Center.
- b. Representing the Center or appointing a representative to act on its behalf in activities required by the Center's work inside and outside Iraq.
- c. Implementing decisions of the Center's Council.
- d. Recommending the selection of staff members.
- e. Approving the publication of completed research.
- f. Preparing the Center's annual budget, staffing plan, and final accounts.
- g. Granting incentive rewards to staff according to authorized powers.
- h. Approving the participation of staff in various activities inside Iraq.
- i. Nominating staff for postgraduate studies inside and outside Iraq.
- j. Proposing the establishment, merging, or cancellation of Center formations.
- k. Recommending approval of study leave requests.



1. Approving the purchase of the Center's scientific and administrative needs, including books and journals, according to regulations.

Authority of the Center Director

1. Supervising work performance within the Center and monitoring staff activities.
2. Assigning tasks among employees to ensure smooth workflow.
3. Approving annual leave not exceeding two weeks and confirming medical leave.
4. Recommending approval of annual and medical leave exceeding two weeks.
5. Recommending disciplinary action against underperforming staff.
6. Proposing letters of appreciation and recognition for outstanding staff.
7. Recommending salary increases and promotions to higher grades.
8. Recommending the transfer or secondment of Center staff according to applicable regulations.
9. Representing the Center in scientific and technical conferences and seminars relevant to its specialization.
10. Distributing responsibilities among staff in ways that enhance work performance and development.
11. Recommending staff delegation inside and outside Iraq.
12. Recommending various allowances for all Center staff.
13. Evaluating staff performance and submitting it to the University Presidency.
14. Receiving, sending, and signing the Center's official correspondence.
15. Recommending delegating the Director's duties to the Deputy during periods of leave or official travel.

Functions of Academic Staff at the Center



According to Article (19) of the Scientific Research Centers Regulation No. (1) of 1995 and Instruction No. (148) of 2002, academic staff at the Center shall perform the following tasks:

1. Conducting assigned research and scientific studies—individually or as part of a team—according to departmental and Center Council research plans.
2. Teaching and supervising undergraduate and postgraduate students and participating in thesis/dissertation defense committees.
3. Providing scientific consultations to relevant government sectors through established cooperation mechanisms between ministries, universities, and non-ministerial institutions.
4. Participating in conferences, seminars, and academic activities inside and outside the university.
5. Contributing to the development of administrative and technical staff through continuing education programs.
6. Authoring and translating academic books, publishing research and studies within their scientific specialization, and utilizing their outcomes in support of development goals.
7. Disseminating scientific and research activities through various media to enhance scientific and cultural awareness.
8. Carrying out scientific and administrative duties relevant to the Center's work.
9. Fulfilling tasks assigned by the Center Director.
10. Organizing and holding workshops, seminars, and conferences within the Center's specialization.
11. Conducting scientific visits and participating in research teams within their academic specialization.

Work Procedures for Academic Staff at the Center

First: The workload (in working hours) of a research academic staff member in the research center shall be equivalent to the workload of a faculty member of the same academic rank or administrative position.



Second: A special form shall be prepared for each research project, including the importance of the research and the time required to complete it. Based on this, the weekly research hours allocated for each study are determined, provided that they are not less than six (6) hours and do not exceed twelve (12) hours per week, in special cases approved by the Center's Board of Directors.

Third: The academic researcher in the center shall submit no fewer than three (3) and no more than four (4) research studies annually, depending on their significance. The researcher shall receive compensation for additional hours exceeding the assigned workload, equivalent to the compensation for extra teaching hours in the college and according to the academic rank, provided that the additional hours do not exceed forty (40) hours per week.

Scientific Affairs Division

The Scientific Affairs Division is part of the administrative organizational structure of Regional Studies Center. It was established pursuant to University Order No. 9/8/16661 on 5/12/2017. The division is responsible for following up and documenting all scientific affairs of the Center's academic staff, including research accomplishments, conferences, symposiums, workshops, and cultural and scientific seminars.

Duties of the Scientific Affairs Division:

1. Follow-up and documentation of the scientific activities of academic staff inside and outside the center.
2. Preparing the annual statistical reports related to the activities of academic staff in the scientific departments.
3. Preparing quarterly reports on the activities of scientific departments every three months.
4. Following up and documenting completed, published, and planned research outputs.



5. Preparing minutes of the Scientific Committee meetings in the center.
6. Preparing academic promotion forms for academic staff.
7. Preparing forms for discussion seminars.
8. Preparing research accomplishment forms.
9. Coordinating the preparation of academic activities (seminars, workshops, symposiums, and conferences) in cooperation with the scientific departments.
10. Maintaining communication with the Scientific Affairs Department at the University Presidency and providing them with planned and completed activities.
11. Coordinating with the Scholarships and Cultural Relations Department at the University Presidency.
12. Coordinating with the Quality Assurance and University Performance Department at the University Presidency.

Units of the Scientific Affairs Division

* Studies and Planning Unit

Tasks: Communicating with the Studies and Planning Department at the University Presidency, responding to their official correspondence, preparing statistics related to completed and published studies and research, implementing scientific activities requested by the department, and following up on activities related to sustainable development.

* Media and Government Communication Unit

Tasks: Providing the University's Media and Government Communication Department with the center's scientific activities, publishing the center's activities on its website and social media pages, and managing all media-related tasks for the center.

*University Quality Assurance and Performance Unit



Tasks: Communicating with the University Quality Assurance and Performance Department at the University Presidency regarding the annual evaluation of center staff; preparing the annual evaluation form and ensuring its timely completion; entering the annual evaluation data for faculty and staff into the University Performance Evaluation System; and monitoring the implementation of institutional accreditation standards at the center.

***Scientific Output Marketing Unit**

Tasks: Monitoring and documenting research that serves the job market and submitting it to the Scientific Affairs Department using a specific form for use by relevant entities and institutions; and uploading published scientific research to the Applied Research Platform of the Scientific Affairs Department at the University Presidency.

***Women's Affairs Unit**

Tasks: Overseeing scientific activities related to women's affairs and issues, and coordinating its activities with the Women's Affairs Unit at the University Presidency.

***Human Rights Unit**

Tasks: Overseeing scientific activities related to human rights, and coordinating its activities with the Human Rights Division at the University Presidency.

*** Library Unit**

Tasks: Documenting, classifying, and registering books and publications to facilitate access for researchers; providing library services to researchers, faculty members, and undergraduate and graduate students; assisting and guiding researchers in obtaining resources for their research or studies.

Administrative Affairs Division

The Administrative Affairs Division is part of Regional Studies Center's administrative organizational structure. It was established by University Order No. 9/8/16661 dated December 5, 2017, and undertakes the following tasks:



- ❖ Monitoring the administrative affairs of the Center's staff.
- ❖ Organizing the Center's administrative affairs.
- ❖ Monitoring employee attendance and tracking departure times.
- ❖ Monitoring the Center's incoming and outgoing mail.
- ❖ Registering, documenting, and archiving books received by and issued from the Center.
- ❖ Monitoring promotions and allowances for Center staff based on merit.
- ❖ Preparing human resources statistics for the Center's staff.

The Administrative Affairs Division Consists of:

*** Director's Office Unit**

Tasks: Implementing the Director's directives by printing official correspondence and sending it to the University Presidency, disseminating the Director's directives to faculty and staff, receiving incoming official correspondence from the University Presidency, registering and documenting outgoing official correspondence to the University Presidency, its colleges, and research centers, distributing it according to its respective files, electronically archiving it, and maintaining official and personal employee files.

*** Personnel and Human Resources Unit**

Tasks: Monitoring promotions and annual bonuses for Center staff, preparing and continuously updating the relevant lists, preparing, processing, and registering annual and sick leave requests, preparing human resources and personnel statistics, and updating the Center's human resources system data.

*** Accounts Unit**

Tasks: Managing the financial affairs of Center staff, including preparing and monitoring employee payrolls, as well as monitoring the disbursement of promotions, annual bonuses, rewards, travel allowances, and all other matters related to the Center's finances.

*** *Warehouse Unit**



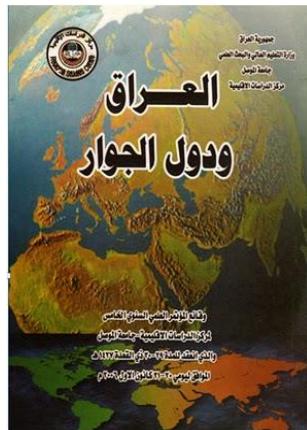
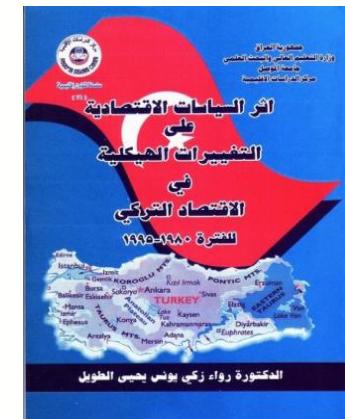
Tasks: Registering the center's furniture and entering it into the warehouse, keeping purchase and warehouse entry slips in special records and discarding old ones, conducting the annual inventory of the center's furniture, as well as preparing forms related to the center's needs for furniture, equipment and office supplies, and following up on furniture request forms at the university presidency until they are completed and finalized.

Center publications

Regional Studies Center publishes numerous books by researchers both within and outside the center, as well as its peer-reviewed journal, *Regional Studies Journal*. The center also recently published its Strategic Report, which includes a collection of political, legal, historical, and economic studies by researchers from both within and outside the center. In addition to books and the journal, the center publishes a quarterly newsletter entitled *Regional Vision*, which features articles related to Iraq and its neighboring countries.

First: Books





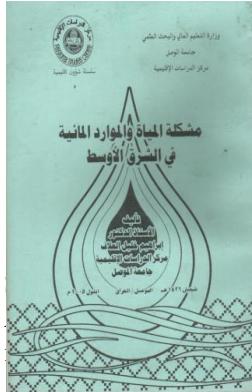
Since its establishment in 1985, the Center has published numerous books, including:

1. Iraqi-Turkish Relations (1986)
2. Turkey's Position on the Iraqi-Iranian War (1987)
3. Contemporary Turkey (1988)
4. Turkey's Water Policy and Its Implications for Arab Water Security (1989)
5. Turkey up to 1991
6. Turkey: The Anxious Ally (1992)
7. Water Resources of the Tigris-Euphrates Basin States (1993)
8. The Central Asian Republics and the Caucasus: Historical Roots and Regional Relations (1993)
9. Arab-Turkish Relations (1995)
10. The Kurdish Issue in Turkey and Its Impact on Neighboring States (1995)
11. Islam and Secularism in Contemporary Turkey (1996)
12. Turkey's Foreign Trade (1997)
13. Turkish-Zionist Relations and Their Implications for Arab National Security / 1998.
14. Turkey's Foreign Policy Towards the Arab World / 1998.

15. Arab-Turkish Relations in the Face of the 21st Century / 2000.
16. The Turkish Economy and Relations with Iraq – Indicators and Trends / 2000.
17. Privatization of the Iraqi Economy / 2004.
18. Iraq and Neighboring Countries / 2007.



Second - Regional Affairs Series



1. The Water Problem and its Consequences in the Middle East / Dr. Mohammad Al-Haffo / 2004.

2. The Map of Islamic Trends in Contemporary Turkey, Prof. Dr. Ibrahim Khalil Al-Allaf / 2005.

3. Turkish National Security in the Middle East, translated and annotated by Prof. Dr. Khalil Ali Murad / 2005.



4. Pages from the History of Regional Blocs in the Middle East: Iraq as a Model, 1946–1959, Prof. Dr. Ghanim Mohammad Al-Haffo / 2005.
5. The Problem of Water and Water Resources in the Middle East, Prof. Dr. Ibrahim Khalil Al-Allaf / 2005.
6. The United States of America and the Iranian Nuclear Program, Mohammad Salem Ahmed Al-Kawwaz / 2006.
7. Iraq and the United States of America: Studies in History, Politics, Oil, and Education, Prof. Dr. Ibrahim Khalil Al-Allaf / 2006.
8. Faces and Political Issues in the Modern History of Iraq, Prof. Dr. Ghanim Mohammad Al-Haffo / 2006.
9. Trends in the Development of Iraqi–Turkish Trade Relations, Dr. Nawfal Qasim Ali Al-Shahwan / 2006.
10. Nuclear Capabilities in the Middle East, Prof. Dr. Ibrahim Khalil Al-Allaf / 2006.
11. The Arabian Gulf: Studies in History, Politics, and Education, Prof. Dr. Ibrahim Khalil Al-Allaf / 2007.
12. The Ottoman Empire, translated by Prof. Dr. Ghanim Mohammad Al-Haffo / 2007.
13. The Experience of the Justice and Development Party in Turkey, Dr. Nawal Abdul-Jabbar Sultan Al-Tai / 2007.
14. Trends in Economic Growth and Technological Progress Regionally and Internationally, Dr. Nawfal Qasim Ali Al-Shahwan / 2007.
15. Gulf–Turkish Relations, 1973–1990, Mithaq Khairallah Jalloud / 2008.
16. The Impact of Economic Policies on Structural Changes in the Turkish Economy, Dr. Rawa Zaki Younis Al-Tawil / 2008.
17. The Impact of the Darfur Problem on Sudan's Foreign Policy, Prof. Dr. Salahuddin Abdulrahman Al-Doma / 2008.
18. We and Turkey, Prof. Dr. Ibrahim Khalil Al-Allaf / 2009.
19. Reform and change in Iraq and Neighboring States, edited by Dr. Hanna Azzu Behnan / 2009.



20. The UAE–Iran Dispute over the Three Islands: Greater Tunb, Lesser Tunb, and Abu Musa, Abdulrazzaq Khalaf Mohammad Al-Tai / 2009.
21. The Western Sahara Issue, Prof. Dr. Mohammad Ali Dahesh / 2008.
22. Turkey in Contemporary U.S. Strategy, 1991–2007, Dr. Luqman Omar Mahmood Al-Nuaimi / 2009.
23. The Water Crisis and Arab Water Security, Dr. Rawa Zaki Younis Al-Tawil / 2009.
24. Contemporary Maghreb, Prof. Dr. Mohammad Ali Dahesh / 2009.
25. Iran and the Projects to Supply Qatar and Kuwait with Karun River Water, Dr. Rayan Thannon Mahmood Al-Abbasi / 2009.
26. The Arab and Regional Political System: Change and Continuity, edited by Prof. Dr. Ibrahim Khalil Al-Allaf / 2009.
27. Political Decision-Making in Iraq and Neighboring States, edited by Dr. Rayan Thannon Mahmood Al-Abbasi / 2009.
28. The Commodity Structure of Turkey’s Trade with the European Union and Its Impact on Economic Growth, 1980–2004, Hashim Mohammad Saeed Al-Zibari / 2010.
29. E-Government in the Arab World: Its Importance and Key Applications, Dr. Thakir Mohiuddin Al-Iraqi / 2010.
30. Religious Education in Contemporary Turkey, Dr. Saad Abdulaziz Muslat Al-Jubouri / 2010.
31. Turkish Policy Toward the Arabian Gulf Since 1991 and Its Future Prospects, Dr. Batool Halil Jubair / 2010.
32. The Future of Iraq’s Relations with Neighboring States, Dr. Nawfal Qasim Ali Al-Shahwan / 2011.
33. Iraq and the Gulf Arab States: A Study of the Present and Future of Iraq–Gulf Relations, Dr. Mohammad Abdulrahman Younis Al-Ubaidi et al. / 2011.



34. Iraq and Its Regional Environment in a Changing World, a collective volume edited by Dr. Mohammad Abdulrahman Younis Al-Ubaidi / 2011.

35. The Water Problem in Iraq: Causes and Solutions, Dr. Qais Al-Ubaidi / 2011.

36. Studies in the Contemporary History of the Caucasus, Dr. Mohammad Abdulrahman Younis Al-Ubaidi and Wathiq Mohammad Barak Al-Saadoun / 2011.

37. The Arab-Israeli Conflict in U.S. Foreign Policy, 1973–1979, Dr. Mohammad Jamaluddin Al-Alawi / 2012.

38. Palestine: Studies and Articles in History and Heritage, Dr. Saad Saeed Al-Diwaji / 2012.

39. Turkey's Regional Relations under the Justice and Development Party Government, Dr. Luqman Omar Mahmood / 2012.

40. Studies in the Contemporary History of Sudan, Dr. Thakir Mohiuddin Al-Iraqi / 2012.

41. Iraq, the United States, and Neighboring States: Realities and Transformations, Dr. Fawaz Mowaffaq Thannon / 2012.

42. On the Eve of the Occupation, March–April 2003: Selected Documentary Texts, Dr. Ghanim Mohammad Al-Haffo.

43. Arab Reform Movements: Leadership and Trajectory, Dr. Sanaa Abdullah Al-Tai / 2012.

44. Political Decision-Making in the Arabian Gulf States, Mithaq Khairallah and Wathiq Mohammad Barak / 2013.

45. The Water Crisis in the Tigris-Euphrates Basin, Dr. Qais Hamadi Al-Ubaidi / 2013.

46. Iraq After 2003: State, Society, Economy, Law, and Foreign Relations, conference proceedings / 2021.

Books Published by Researchers of the Center After 2017

1. Foundations of Economic Development, Dr. Nawfal Qasim Ali / 2018.
2. The Impossible State, Dr. Fares Turki Mahmood / 2018.



3. The Justice and Development Party in Turkey, Dr. Sanaa Abdullah Al-Tai / 2018.
4. The Legal Framework for the Utilization of International Rivers, Dr. Ziad Abdulwahab Al-Nuaimi / 2018.
5. European History, Dr. Abdulrazzaq Khalaf Mohammad / 2018.
6. Turkey and Its Regional Relations, Dr. Hamed Mohammad Tahah / 2018.
7. Jordan–U.S. Relations, Dr. Fawaz Mowaffaq Thannon / 2019.
8. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Asst. Prof. Mithaq Khairallah Jalloud / 2019.
9. Turkey's Multidimensional Partnerships: A Study of Turkey's International Relations After the Cold War, 1991–2018, Prof. Dr. Luqman Omar Al-Nuaimi / 2020.
10. Sultan Abdulhamid II and the Islamic Pan-Ottoman Project, 1876–1909, Prof. Dr. Mohammad Abdulrahman Al-Ubaidi / 2021.
11. Turkish–Israeli Relations, 1980–2010, Asst. Prof. Amira Ismail Al-Ubaidi / 2021.
12. Turkey and Its Regional Environment, Asst. Prof. Amira Ismail Al-Ubaidi / 2021.
13. Stem Cells Between Religion and Legislation, Lecturer Zainab Abdul-Ilah Abdul-Karim / 2022.
14. Iran and the Arab Mashreq Issues, 1949–1979, Prof. Dr. Mohammad Abdulrahman Al-Ubaidi / 2023.
15. Iraq's Economic Development After Stabilization: Nineveh as an Analytical Case, Asst. Prof. Nawfal Qasim Al-Shahwan / 2023.
16. Syrian–Turkish Relations, 1923–1939, Asst. Prof. Amira Ismail Mohammad Al-Ubaidi / 2023.
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Their Implications for International Security in the 21st
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Third: Regional Studies Journal

The Center publishes a peer-reviewed quarterly scientific journal titled Regional Studies Journal, which focuses on Iraq's relations with its neighboring countries—both near and distant—covering political, legal, economic, strategic, historical, cultural, and social issues. A total of 66 issues have been published to date.



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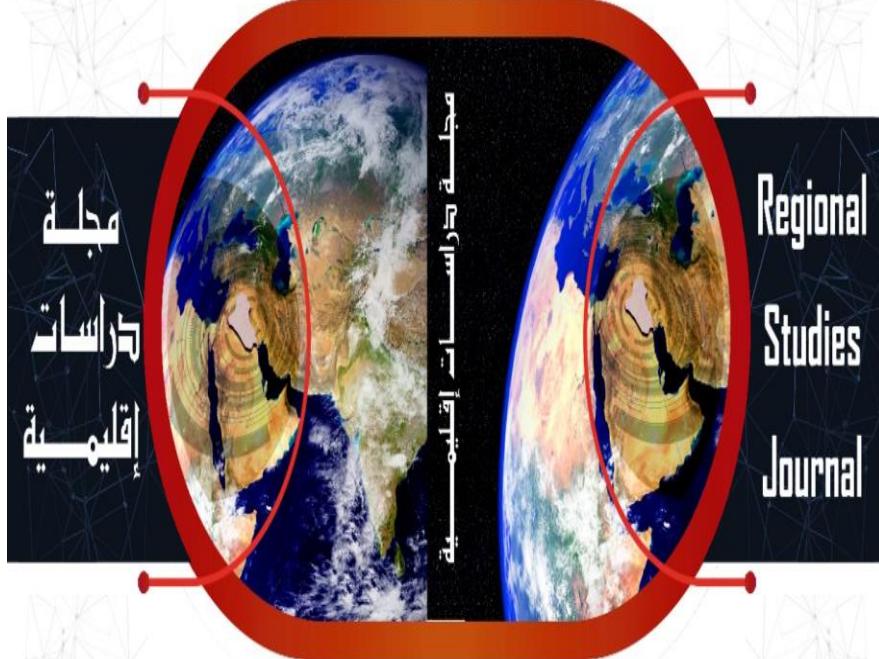


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Fourth: Bulletins

In addition, the Center has issued numerous periodic bulletins concerned with monitoring and analyzing developments in Iraq and neighboring regional countries. These include: Regional Follow-ups, Strategic Analyses, Regional Papers, The Regional Monitor, Regional Translations, and most recently, the Regional Vision bulletin.

Fifth: The Strategic Report

Arab, regional, and international research and intellectual



centers have long been committed to presenting their annual and future strategic outlooks at the end of each year. These outlooks assess past and present events, as well as anticipated developments within their local, regional, and international environments. They are presented through rigorous analytical writings across political, economic, social, legal, and historical dimensions, taking into account the ongoing transformations driven by accelerating political and economic dynamics and



their impact on internal conditions in their respective geographic spheres.

Within this context, Regional Studies Center at the University of Mosul has issued a series of annual strategic reports since 2010, addressing political, economic, social, and cultural affairs in Iraq and neighboring countries.

Center Activities



The Center undertakes various activities, including organizing scientific conferences and symposiums. Each year, it holds either a scientific conference or a symposium, in addition to workshops, discussion panels, and other academic events. To date, the Center has organized 9 scientific conferences, 63 symposiums, over 36 scientific workshops, and dozens of discussion sessions.

First: Scientific Conferences

The Center has organized nine scientific conferences as follows:

1. The First Scientific Conference on Arab-Turkish Relations, 1989.



2. The Second Scientific Conference on Arab-Turkish Relations, 1991.
3. The Third Scientific Conference on Arab-Turkish Relations, 1995.
4. The Fourth Scientific Conference on Arab-Turkish Relations in Facing the 21st Century, 2000.
5. The Fifth Scientific Conference titled Iraq and Neighboring Countries, 20–21 December 2006.
6. The Sixth Scientific Conference on the Future of Iraq's Relations with Neighboring States, 27–28 May 2009.
7. The Seventh Scientific Conference titled Iraq, the United States, and Neighboring Countries: Reality and Transformations, 16 February 2011.
8. The Eighth Scientific Conference titled Political and Economic Transformations in the Arab States and Their Regional and International Implications: Realities and Prospects, 27–28 March 2013.
9. The Ninth Scientific Conference titled Iraq after 2003: State, Society, Economy, Law, Foreign Relations—Challenges and Opportunities, 27–28 June 2021.

Second: Scientific Symposia

The Center organizes annual scientific symposiums and has held 33 symposiums so far, as follows:

The center holds annual scientific seminars, and (33) seminars have been held to date, including:

1. Water and Dams and Their Impact on Arab-Turkish Relations (1988).
2. Turkey's Position on the Iran-Iraq War (1989).
3. Changes in Eastern Europe After the Collapse of the Soviet Union (1990).
4. Perestroika: Its Interactions and Impact (1990).
5. Turkey's Foreign Policy Regarding the Current Situation in the Arabian Gulf (1991).
6. The Turkish Elections (October 20, 1991).



7. The Islamic Republics of Central Asia: Historical Roots and Regional Relations (1992).
8. The Waters of the Tigris and Euphrates Basin and Arab-Turkish Relations (1993).
9. Islam and Secularism in Turkey (April 22, 1995).
10. Structural Adjustment Policies and Economic Development in Turkey (October 1995)
11. Iraqi-Turkish Relations (June 1996).
12. Turkey's Foreign Trade (1997).
13. The Issue the Kurdish Situation in Turkey, 1998.
14. Turkey's Policy Towards the Arab World, 1998.
15. Turkish-Israeli Relations and Their Impact on Arab National Security (in cooperation with the House of Wisdom – Baghdad), October 1998.
16. Arab-Turkish Relations, 1999.
17. The Turkish Economy and Relations with Iraq: Indicators and Trends, 1999.
18. Turkey and Regional Changes, 2000.
19. Turkey's Foreign Policy Towards the Arab World, 2001.
20. Political Decision-Making Circles in Turkey and Their Impact on Relations with the Arabs, April 30, 2002.
21. Ways to Activate Foreign Trade Between Iraq and Turkey, September 28, 2002.
22. Turkey's Policy Towards Non-Arab Neighboring Countries, 2003.
23. Privatization of the Iraqi Economy: Problems, Reality, and Future, May 15, 2004.
24. The Correct Approach to Drafting the Iraqi Constitution, May 29, 2005.
25. Iraq's Economic Relations with Neighboring Countries
26. The Future of Regional Blocs in the Middle East and Their Potential Development, March 28, 2007.
27. Political Decision-Making in Iraq and Neighboring Countries, May 15, 2005.



28. Reform and change in Iraq and Neighboring Countries, March 12, 2008
29. .The Arab and Regional Political System: Change and Continuity, November 26, 2008.
30. Good Governance and Sustainable Development in Iraq and Neighboring Countries, February 25, 2009
31. Iraq and Its Regional Environment in a Changing World, May 5, 2010.
32. A joint seminar with researchers from the Republic of Turkey entitled: "Iraqi-Turkish Relations: From Shared History to Sustainable Cooperation," held on June 29, 2011, at the Scientific and Literary Forum Hall, University of Mosul.
33. Symposium on Arab Change Movements: Leadership and Path, held on February 15, 2012.
34. Symposium on "The Arab Region in Light of Regional and International Changes," held in February 2019.
35. Joint symposium with the Department of Economics at the College of Administration and Economics, entitled "Improving the Economic Situation in Nineveh Governorate and Areas of International Support: Constraints and Opportunities," held on April 21, 2019.
36. Online scientific symposium on "The October 2019 Events in Iraq: Dimensions and Perceptions," held on December 4, 2019.
37. Joint online scientific symposium entitled "The Coronavirus and its Impact on International Relations: A Study of its Political, Economic, and Social Dimensions," held on May 16, 2020.
38. The joint international scientific e-seminar entitled "The Regional and International Consequences of the Coronavirus Pandemic and its Political, Economic, and Social Dimensions," June 15, 2020.



39. The virtual international scientific symposium entitled “The Spread of Illiteracy in the World and Ways to Address It,” September 8, 2020.
40. The international scientific e-seminar entitled “The United Nations in the Face of Contemporary Regional and International Challenges,” October 24, 2020.
41. The joint scientific e-seminar entitled “Internal Crises in Iraq: Between Challenges and Opportunities,” October 27, 2020.
42. The virtual international scientific symposium entitled “Violence Against Women and Protection Mechanisms,” November 25, 2020.
43. The joint scientific symposium entitled “Financing the Fiscal Deficit in Iraq’s 2021 Budget: An Economic and Legal Perspective,” January 10, 2020. 2021.
44. The International Scientific Webinar entitled “The Role of Education in Building and Developing Societies,” January 31, 2021.
45. The International Scientific Webinar entitled “The Constant and the Variable in the American Strategy towards the Middle East Region,” February 14, 2021.
46. The International Scientific Webinar entitled “Women’s Rights: Reality and Aspirations,” March 8, 2021.
47. The Eleventh Joint International Scientific Webinar entitled “The Regional Water Reality: Iraq and Turkey as a Model,” March 22, 2021.
48. The Twelfth International Scientific Webinar entitled “Asylum and the Protection of Human Rights: A Study in International Legislation,” June 22, 2021.
49. The International Scientific Webinar entitled “The Geo-Economic Conflict and the Future of the Arab Region,” November 3, 2021.



50. The online scientific seminar entitled “The American Withdrawal from Afghanistan and its Impact on the Middle East,” November 28, 2021.
51. The joint virtual scientific seminar entitled “The Political Future of Iraq After the Early Elections,” December 25, 2021.
52. The online scientific seminar entitled “Iraqi Diplomacy and its Impact on Iraq’s Foreign Relations under the Government of Mustafa Al-Kadhimi,” January 26, 2022.
53. The online scientific seminar entitled “Efforts to Empower Women in Iraq: Between Available Opportunities and Imposed Restrictions,” March 8, 2022.
54. The virtual scientific seminar entitled “Security Culture and its Role in Promoting Peace and Community Security,” April 11, 2022.
55. The scientific symposium entitled “The Russian-Ukrainian War and its Regional and International Repercussions,” held on December 22, 2022.
56. The scientific symposium entitled “Women and Society.
57. The scientific symposium entitled “The US-China Rivalry and its Repercussions on the Middle East Region,” April 30, 2024.
58. The scientific symposium entitled “The Reality and Future of Iraq’s Relations with Neighboring Arab States,” November 3, 2024. The scientific symposium entitled “Public Culture and its Role in Raising Awareness,” December 30, 2024.
59. The scientific symposium entitled “Syria After the Assad Regime: Challenges and Outcomes,” January 20, 2025.
60. The scientific symposium entitled “Iraq and the Path to International Development: Political, Economic, and Strategic Importance,” February 26, 2025.



61. The scientific symposium entitled “The Middle East After the Al-Aqsa Flood: Repercussions and Outcomes,” April 20, 2025.
62. The scientific symposium (63) entitled “Reactivating the Trigger Mechanism Against Iran and its Regional and International Repercussions,” October 5, 2025.

Third: Scientific Research

The center's faculty members conduct scientific research within the center's areas of specialization. The center's administration develops an annual research plan for proposed projects to be completed by researchers during the academic year. The center produces more than fifty scientific papers annually in its areas of specialization: political, economic, historical, legal, social, and international relations fields. Research is also included in the conference and seminar program, both within and outside the center. The center's strategic research focuses on Iraq and examines its relations with neighboring countries, both near and far. Its interest in neighboring countries such as Iran, Turkey, and the Arab states stems from the central point that events and developments in each of these countries affect, in one way or another, the others.

Fourth: Scientific Workshops

The center organizes and holds scientific workshops throughout the academic year. These workshops cover topics that fall within the center's interests and the field of sustainable development. During these workshops, the center hosts some professors and researchers from outside the center to participate in these workshops.

Fifth: Discussion Panels

The center holds discussion panels weekly throughout the academic year. These panels cover topics that fall within the center's interests and the field of sustainable development. During these panels, the center hosts some professors and researchers from outside the center to participate in these discussion panels.

Fifth: Other Activities

In addition to the above activities, professors and researchers at the Center participate in conferences and seminars held at the University of Mosul and other Iraqi universities, as well as those held



outside Iraq. Professors at the Center also contribute by delivering lectures at the University of Mosul and other Iraqi universities, in addition to supervising postgraduate students and examining master's and doctoral theses and dissertations at the University of Mosul and elsewhere.

Sixth: The Center's Future Focus

The Center aspires to expand its focus to include the study of all phenomena and challenges facing Iraq and its regional and international environment. This includes conducting studies on contemporary Islamic trends in Iraq and neighboring countries, modern economic trends, globalization and its positive and negative effects, and the issue of interfaith and intercultural dialogue, as well as political, economic, social, and cultural problems.

The Center considers the following in the coming phase:

1. To provide the Center with specialized staff whenever opportunities and resources allow.
2. Strengthening and maintaining the center's internet network and developing its website.
2. This website is accessible through the University Presidency website at the following link:
<https://uomosul.edu.iq/regionalstudiescenter/>
3. Engaging with civil society organizations that align with its specialization.
4. Collaborating with similar centers (both within and outside Iraq), exchanging studies and research, contributing to various activities, and disseminating information that promotes understanding of the commonalities between Iraq and neighboring countries, particularly in the political, strategic, economic, social, and cultural spheres.
5. Exploring opportunities to benefit from the experiences of research centers in neighboring countries, Arab countries, and some Middle Eastern and Western countries.



Seventh: The center's activities in Tyre



Professor Ibrahim Khalil Al-Allaf, former director of the center, presents a certificate of appreciation to Professor Abi Saeed Al-Diwaji, former president of the University of Mosul



A group photo of the Center's members



(seminar)



A scene from the Center's 31st Scientific Symposium



A scene from the joint symposium held by the Center with researchers from the Republic of Türkiye on June 29, 2011













