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# THE CHANGING GCC

**Jasim Husain**, former member of the Bahrain National Assembly, in conversation with **Dr Kylie Moore-Gilbert**, University of Melbourne

The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) is undergoing a profound socio-political and socio-economic transformation.

Plunging oil prices led to economic reforms focussed on enhancing revenues, reducing subsidies and cutting costs, notably without enhanced political representation. At the same time, some GCC members are using their sovereign wealth to influence politics elsewhere in the world.

Internationally, member states such as Saudi Arabia and the UAE welcomed the election of Donald Trump to the US Presidency following a difficult relationship with President Obama. But Trump's election only compounded this sense of change within the GCC, leading to the emerging GCC quarrel with Qatar.

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