



**Russian International Affairs Council and the Middle East Directions Programme at
the European University Institute (EUI)**

(Zoom Webinar)

“A gradual approach towards a new security system in the Persian Gulf”

June 28, 2021

Moscow time is applied to the draft program.

The meeting starts at 15:00 Moscow time

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15:00-15:20 Welcoming Remarks

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15:20-16:20 Security System in the Persian Gulf and Current Dynamics

Moderator: Ruslan MAMEDOV, MENA Program Manager, Russian International Affairs Council (RIAC)

Speakers:

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Discussion points:

1. Causes for previous failures to build a regional security
2. Ways to facilitate talks in post-JCPOA era
3. Changes and role of Russian policy in the Persian Gul
4. Biden administration policies and its influence on Saudi-Iranian talks
4. Impacts of Iran’s presidential elections on regional talks

16:20-16:30 Closing remarks