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## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

### Thursday, March 27, 2008

WELCOME  
3:00–3:15 p.m.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS  
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SESSION I  
4:30–6:15 p.m.  
*The Gulf States*

### Friday, March 28, 2008

SESSION II  
8:45–10:30 a.m.  
*The Arab-Israeli Conflict*

SESSION III  
10:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.  
*Democracy and Reform*

WEBCAST KEYNOTE ADDRESS  
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SESSION IV  
2:45–4:30 p.m.  
*Islamic Parties and Groups*

SESSION V  
4:45–6:30 p.m.  
*Challenges Facing U.S. Policy  
and Public Diplomacy*

CONCLUDING REMARKS  
6:30–7:30 p.m.

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