The Center for Gulf Studies at the American University of Kuwait and The Arabana Project present a panel discussion entitled:

**SUBBIYA: Building Kuwait’s Second City**

**Part I: The Social and Cultural Implications**

The Kuwait Municipality is currently developing a comprehensive master plan for the northern sub-region of Kuwait (Subbiya), which includes the new deep-water port on Bubiyan Island, the causeway from Kuwait City, the proposed “Silk City,” residential neighborhoods, and resort and cultural facilities. This constitutes the largest single national project Kuwait has ever undertaken that will forever transform the country’s identity as a city-state.

This event is the first of three panel discussions to be co-hosted by the AUK Center for Gulf Studies and The Arabana Project that will address the various impacts and implications of Subbiya’s development. The aim is to increase public awareness of, discussion on, and participation in the current planning process, and to critically analyze the various issues that are at stake on the human, environmental, and strategic levels.

This first panel brings together experts in the fields of architecture, archaeology, social geography, and tourism to examine the social and cultural dimensions of the Subbiya development plan. What are the public and private interests involved in the development of this historic area, and do competing interests exist (e.g., cultural tourism vs. resort tourism)? How will members of the general public (both nationals and expatriates) respond to the idea of moving to this area in the near future, and what kind of city and living environment do they want to see created?

**COMING SOON:**

**Part II: Environmental Implications**
January 2012
Details TBA

**Part III: Economic and Strategic Implications**
February 2012
Details TBA

**DATE:** Tuesday 20th December 2011

**TIME:** 6:00 pm

**VENUE:** University Auditorium, Liberal Arts Building

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