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**"Saudi-Iranian Relation and its impact  
on the ARAB EAST after 2003,  
(Iraq as a Sample) "**

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## Abstract

A study or a research in the academic field must start with the significance of the Topic that invites researchers and scholars to investigate facts. The significance of the topic lies in the Research Paper entitled (Saudi-Iranian relations and its impact on the Arab region since 2003, Iraq as a model). The study reviews stages of relations between Saudi Arabia and the Islamic Republic Iran after 2003, which is a sufficient period to draw conclusions of their relations. The reason for identifying important events in the Gulf region is not only that it has affected Saudi Arabia and Iran, but has also exceeded them to the regional and global levels. These events had a significant impact on Saudi-Iranian relations. The occupation of Iraq led to a change in the regional powers and removed Iraq therefrom. The relations between Saudi Arabia and Iran have undergone many different stages because of the overlap among the factors influencing these relations, whether internal or external. Being influenced by the environmental circumstances surrounding the interaction between the two countries, the relations moved among the stages of conflict, competition and cooperation. The relations between the two countries were characterized by the manifestation of conflict after the Islamic revolution in Iran. Some internal, regional and international factors have affected the convergence or divergence of relations between the two countries, according to the interests of both of them, as well as international interests that have led to intensifying and increasing the state of competition and conflict between them. However, this has not led them to direct conflict or to engage war because they are aware of the consequences of war and its results not only for their countries but for the region as a whole. The two

countries have an effect in the world policy on in the twentieth century. And the effect still exists under the world dominant of America after the end of the cold war. And it is more enforced in the emergence of the multi-dominance of the world. And that's why the Arabian Gulf area became a center for attracting the world powers to extend their dominance to control the whole world. Therefore, the great countries try to get closer to the two countries, and that enhanced the political and economic influence and gave them a leading role on the regional and global level.

And therefore, the relations between the two counties have a great significance on the world relations and in the modern history.

Saudi Arabia and Iran are considered of the most important countries in the Arab Gulf and the Islamic world. They have a special characteristic that make them different from the other countries. And that is why the relation between the two countries are very nervous and special.