

# 10th HIP Lecture



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**Modi Turns West: India and the Persian Gulf**

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Through strategic, political and economic engagements, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been enhancing the Indo-Gulf relations and making the Persian Gulf a key component in India's growth story. Moving away from the traditional transactional approach, India is forging closer strategic partnership with key Gulf countries, especially Saudi Arabia and the UAE. While not prepared to interfere in the internal and intra-regional tensions and differences he is trying to maximize India's gains through his economy-development centric approach. At the same time, the third party interference would pose severe challenge to India's ability to manage its relations with Iran and its Arab neighbours.

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