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wip - Study Mission

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QATAR

Middle Eastern Studies

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About the **wip** - Study Mission

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Our **WiP - Study missions** are part of an **innovative training format** devised to offer to university students the opportunity to come face-to-face with today's most pressing **challenges in international relations**.

They are based on a **hands-on approach to learning**, in which students become the protagonists in the dialogue with **key interlocutors** in institutions, diplomacy, global business and civil society.

Participation in a **WiP - Study Mission** project means:



Internship opportunities

The eastwest European Institute provides the 5 best students participating in the WiP- Study Missions with the opportunity to present an application for an internship in one of the following partners Companies and Associations:



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Why Qatar?

The Gulf state of Qatar has reached a significant global profile in the recent years. Once one of the poorest Gulf States, Qatar is now one of the richest countries in the region and the world's largest exporter of liquefied natural gas (LNG).

In June 2017, Qatar offered what is known as the Qatar diplomatic crisis: Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt boycotted trade with Qatar by imposing a “land, sea, and air blockade” which significantly affected the movement of goods within the Middle East. In addition, several other countries withdrew their diplomatic relations.

The embargo, that is still in place today, came after Qatar would not agree with the other nations' requests, among which cutting all ties with Iran, with whom Qatar shared the world's largest LNG field, and stop all trade not permitted by US sanctions.

In January 2019, as a strategic response to the embargo, Qatar pulled out of OPEC, reinforcing the country's autonomy from its Persian Gulf neighbors, and in particular Saudi Arabia.



Target of the **wip** - study mission

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The goal of the Study Mission is to allow participants to open their minds and leave the pre-existing narrative behind. In particular, this project will help students to understand the importance of **diplomatic relations** between countries and how they are directly linked to **their economic ties**.

Participants will elaborate analysis on controversial topics: **economic crisis and sanctions, terrorism, financial crisis**.

The stay in Qatar will also be a unique opportunity to interact with Qatar's ruling class. By the end of the program, participants will have gained a deeper understanding of the motivations and consequences of the embargo imposed on Qatar.

We will try to understand how Qatar's political tie with Iran has determined the **blockade** imposed by Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Egypt in 2017 as well as the rationale behind the **decision to leave OPEC**.

Participants will also have the opportunity to discover the importance and the full impact of Qatar's **cultural and sports diplomacy**, discovering why a small country such as Qatar can be so valuable both in the Gulf region and at the international level.



Our partners



Embassy of Italy – Doha

The current Ambassador is Pasquale Salzano



Associazione Diplomatici, an NGO with special consultative status in the United Nations Economic and Social Council, which has trained more than 30,000 students coming from more than 100 countries, since 2000



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperations – MAECI

The current Minister is Enzo Moavero Milanesi

Farnesina
Ministero degli Affari Esteri
e della Cooperazione Internazionale



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs – MOFA

The current Minister is Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani



At a Glance

QATAR, DOHA

30 November -7 December, 2019

Duration: 7 days

Course elements: pre-departure, in-class course + study mission

Participants: max n° 35

Language: Italian/English



Program

The structure of the Study Program is divided into three parts:

- A webinar course held by experts, specialized in Qatar and Middle East history, organized in 4 lessons between November 4 and 22, with special focus on the recent history of Qatar (the isolation of the State, the embargo, its relations with Saudi Arabia and Iran, the withdrawal from OPEC).
- In Doha, 7 days of meetings with Qatari public/private-sector representatives, diplomats, experts, professors, opinion makers.
- Simulation of Diplomatic negotiations on “The diplomatic isolation of Qatar: seeking ways out”. Participants will represent the states of Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Egypt, Turkey, Iran, Italy, EU, USA and Russia.
- Site-visits to historically important Qatari locations, both from a religious-cultural standpoint, and from a social-political point of view.



Itinerary plan

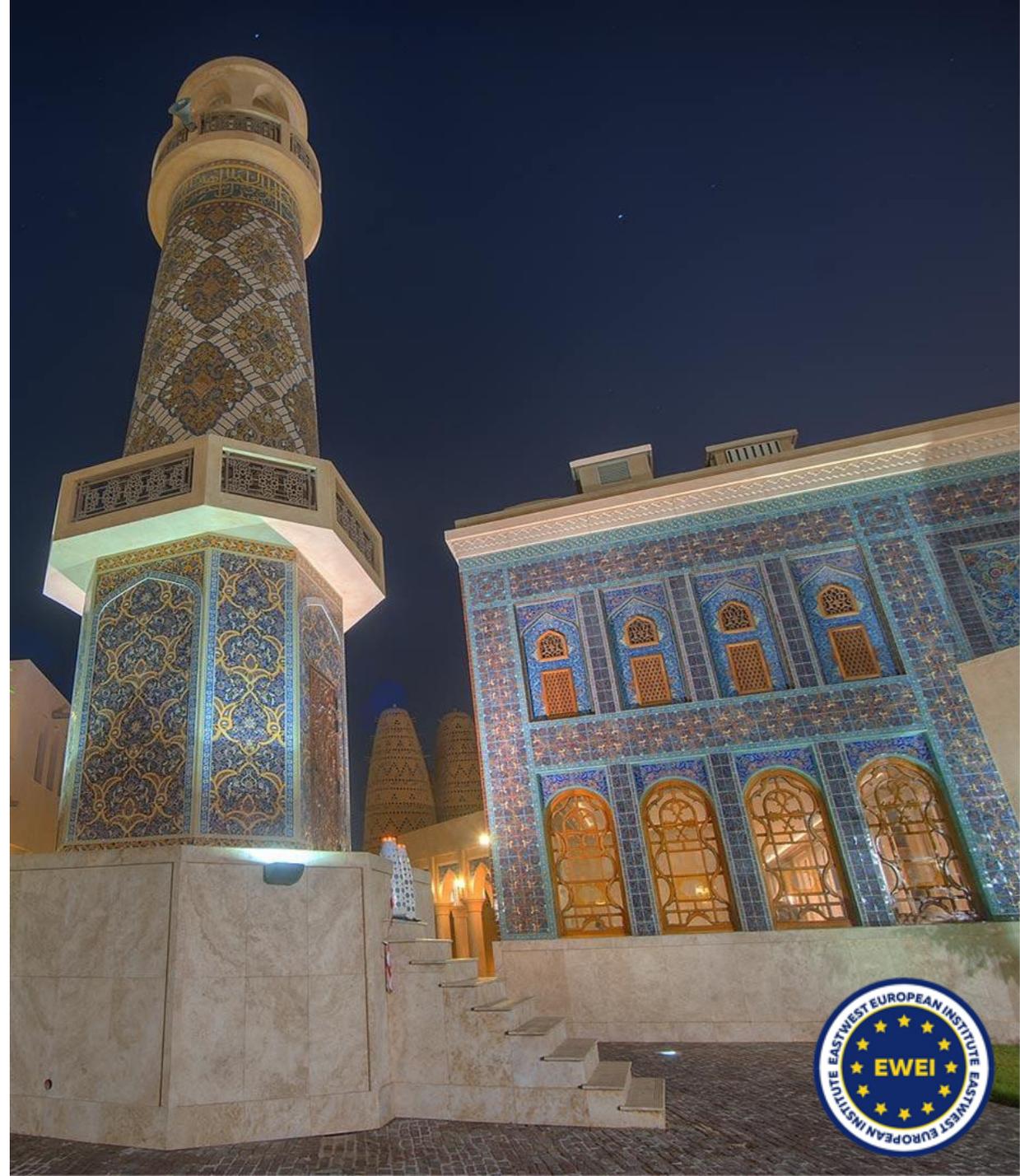
Saturday November 30, 2019

Arrival in Doha

15.00 - hotel check-in

19.00 - Welcome meeting with Stefania Paradisi,
WiP Doha Project Manager

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Itinerary plan

Sunday 1 December, 2019

Morning:

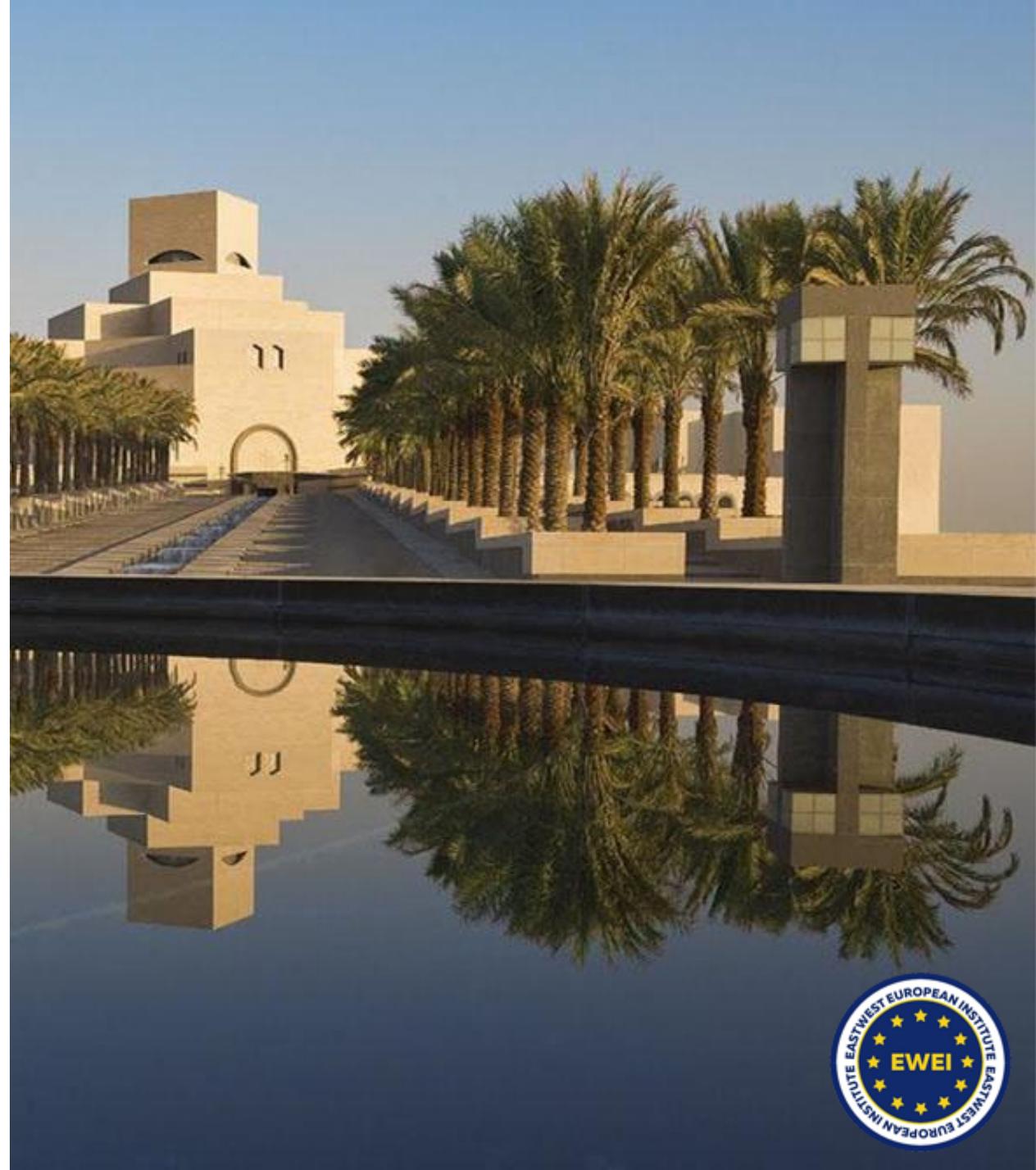
11.00 - 13.00 Visit at the Museum of Islamic Art. The Museum represents Islamic art from three continents over 1,400 years and contains one of the biggest collections of his genre.

Location: Doha Corniche

Afternoon:

14.00 - Simulation of Diplomatic negotiations on
“The diplomatic isolation of Qatar: seeking ways out”

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Itinerary plan

Monday December 2, 2019

Morning

9.00 - 9.15 Introductory remarks on the WiP Program and official meetings by the Chairman of eastwest European Institute, Giuseppe Scognamiglio

9.15 - 10.30 Meeting with H.E. Ambassador Pasquale Salzano

10.30-11.30 Meeting with Dr. Palma Libotte, Director of the Italian Chamber of Commerce in Doha

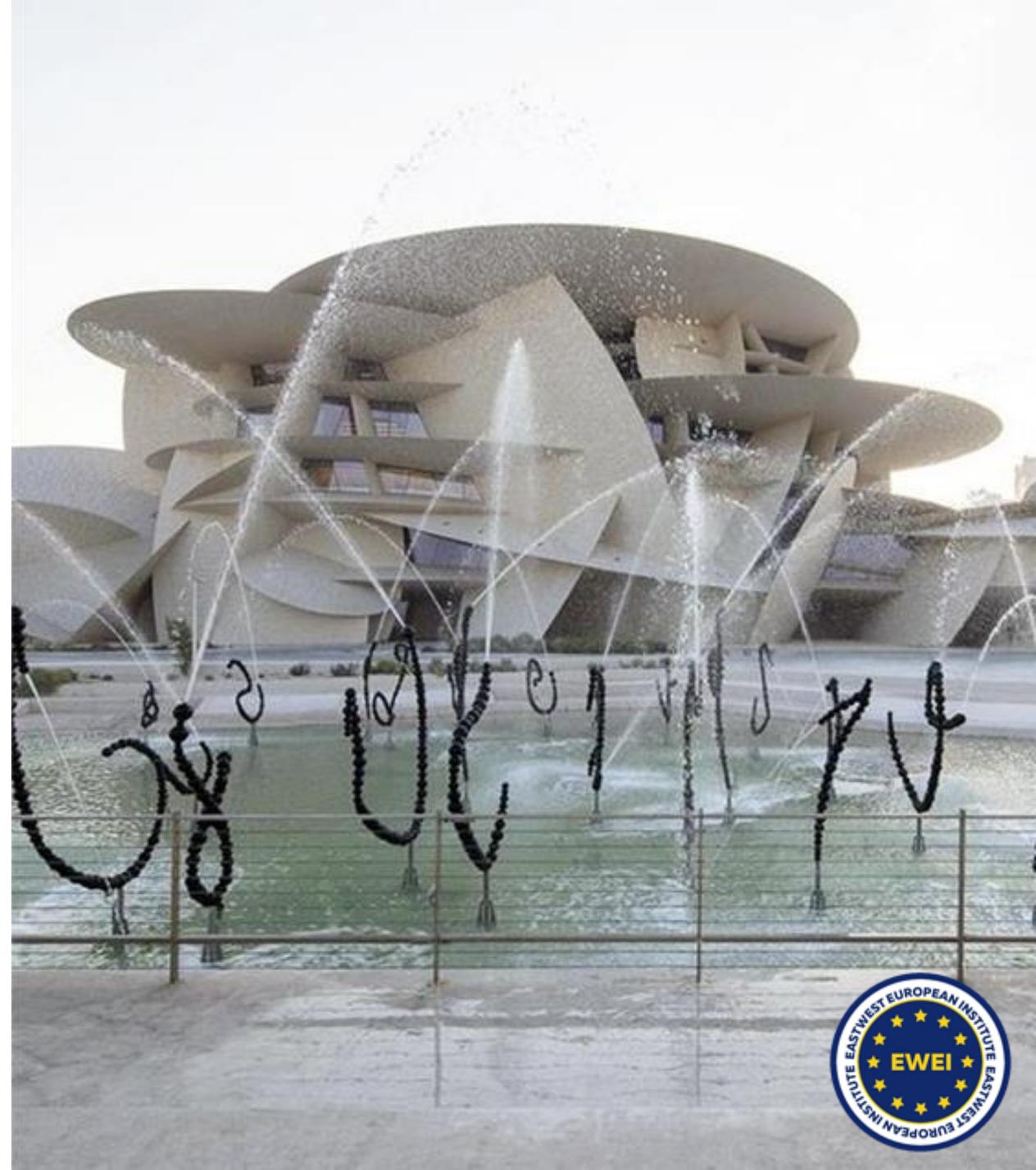
Location: Italian Embassy in Doha

Afternoon:

14.00 - 16.00 Qatar 2020 World Cup: visit of the tournament venues and meeting with the organizing committee

Location: various

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Itinerary plan

Tuesday December 3, 2019

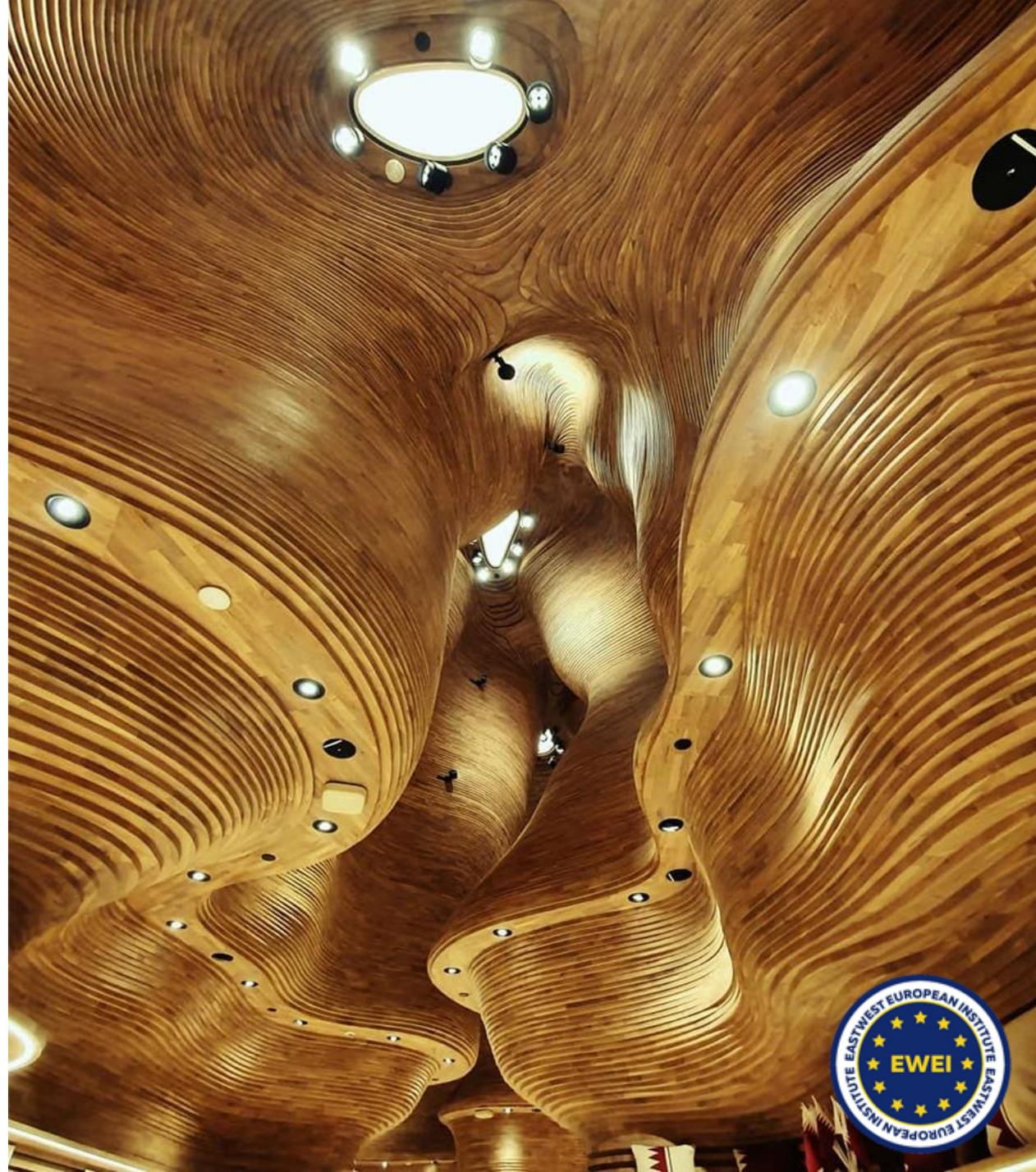
Morning:

- 9.00 – 10.00 Meeting with H.E Dr. Abdelaziz Al Horr, Director of the Diplomatic Institute of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs
- 10.00 - 11.30 Meeting with H.E. Mr. Tariq Ali Al Ansari, Director of the Department of International Cooperation of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs
Location: Qatar Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Afternoon:

- 14.30 - 15.45 Guided visit of Al Jazeera television studios
Location: Al Jazeera Media Corporation

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Itinerary plan

Wednesday December 4, 2019

Morning:

10.00 – 11.30 Meeting with H. E. Mr. Mohamad Bin Abdullah Al Sulaiti,
Vice speaker of the Shura Advisory Council
Location: Shura Advisory Council

12.30 – 13.30 Meeting with Al Sulawiti Law Firm

Afternoon:

14.00 - 15.00 Visit of the Doha Metro station “Katara” - Red Line

15.30 - 17.00 Meeting with Eng. Andrea Stramacci,
Head of the Gulf Branch of Italiana Costruzioni
Location: Italiana Costruzioni Building Site

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Itinerary plan

Thursday December 5, 2019

Morning:

9.00 – 12.00 Visit of Qatar Foundation, Qatar Science and Technology Park (QSTP) and National Library
Location: Qatar Foundation

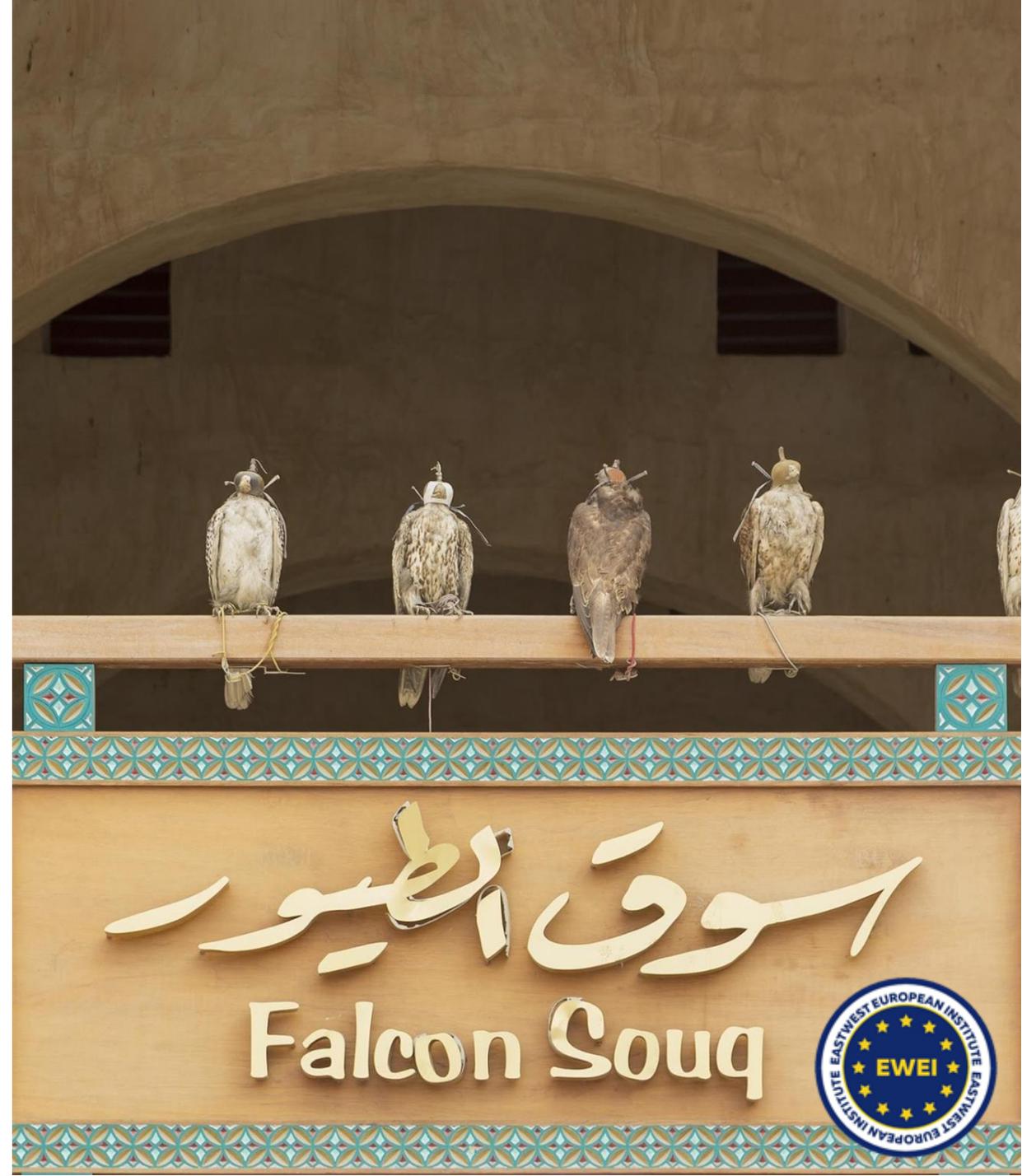
Afternoon:

13.00 - 14.30 Meeting with Dr. Tariq Youssef, Director of Brookings

14.30 - 16.00 Meeting with Diego di Paola,
Senior Manager Interior Design, Msheireb Properties

16.00 - 17.00 Guided tour of the Msheireb Museums complex
Location: Msheireb Museums complex

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Itinerary plan

Friday December 6, 2019

Free day

Suggested visits to:

Katara Cultural Village

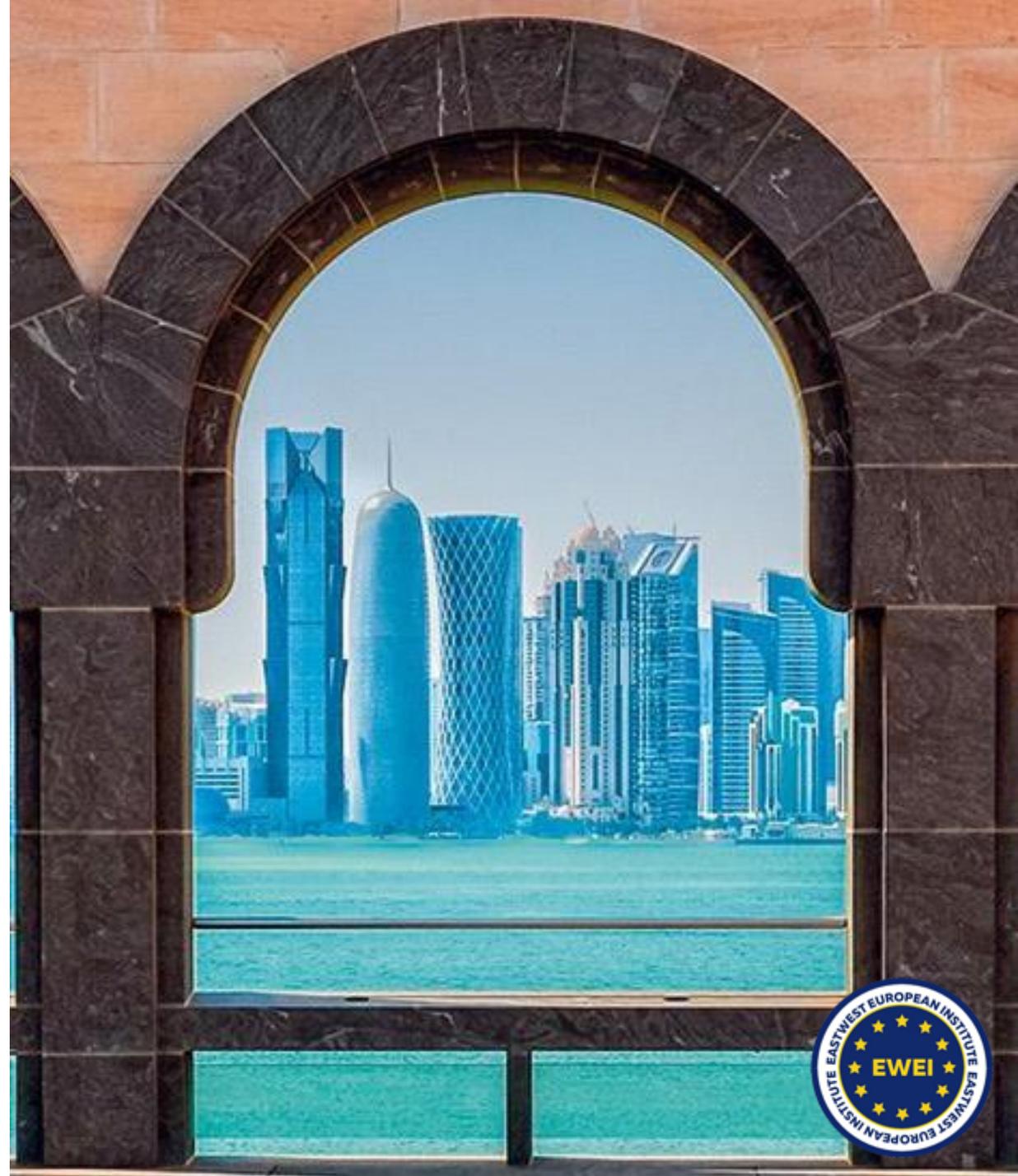
Dunes of Khor al Adaid

Sheik Faisal Bin Qassim Al Thani Museum

Dukhan

The Pearl Monument

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Useful Information

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Documents:

Italian citizens will need a valid **Passport** with **residual validity of at least six months** upon arrival in the country

2

Currency Exchange:

Qatar Rial: **1€ = 4,11 QR**

3

What is included in the participation fee?

- Preparatory course
- Hotel stay
- Breakfast
- All meetings and activities listed in the itinerary
- Certification of participation

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What is not included in the participation fee?

- Round-trip airfare to/from Doha
- Lunches and dinners
- City tours & Museum fees
- Airport-hotel transfers and short city transfer



Scholarship Credits

The goal of **eastwest European Institute** is to involve students, selected on merit, providing them with specialized training, finalized to a career in diplomacy, international affairs, advocacy and international business.



EWEI scholarship credits will be awarded on the basis of the following criteria:

- ✓ Previous participation to an EWEI or Associazione Diplomatici course;
- ✓ University grade point average of 27/30 or equivalent;
- ✓ Interview on general knowledge of International relations;
- ✓ English language at C1 level;
- ✓ Single – income family.

It will not be asked any documents to prove the indicated criteria, but we will count on the responsible statements of the candidates.

The Institute will eventually ask for certificates only randomly.





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