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2022 Gulf Research Meeting

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University of Cambridge

Workshop No. 9

Challenges in the COVID Environment: Lessons for Higher Education Reform in the Gulf

Workshop Schedule

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Friday, 15 July 2022

9:00-9:15	Introduction
9:15-9:45	Suha Bilquis: Strategies for digital pedagogy post COVID-19 pandemic in Gulf countries Discussant: Kay Gallagher
9:45-10:15	Kay Gallagher: Zooming towards international accreditation for Gulf-based teacher education during the pandemic: The affordances and constraints of a virtual site visit Discussant: Suha Bilquis
10:15-10:45	Bahtiar Mohamad: The role of internal crisis communication on faculty members implementation of blended learning practices in the Gulf Discussant: Umara Noreen
10:45-11:15	Coffee break

11:15-11:45	Umara Noreen: Higher education in the COVID-19 environment: ICT-based perspective for GCC Countries Discussant: Bahtiar Mohamad
11:45-12:15	Muhammad Rehan Shaukat: Pandemic upsurge: Insights from higher education reforms in Gulf Region Discussant: Ridwan Raji
12:15-12:45	Mariam Orkodashvili: Pandemic challenges of higher education: Reconsidering core values Discussant: Samina Fazli
12:45-14:30	Lunch break (lunch is served at 13.00 in King's College; please make sure to be there on time as it will be roughly a 15-20 minute walk to the College)
14:30-15:00	Samina Fazli: An analysis of higher education reform in the Gulf during COVID Discussant: Mariam Orkodashvili
15:00-15:30	Anisur Rahman: COVID 19 and higher education in the GCC Countries: Challenges, opportunities and way forward Discussant: Wan Norhayate Wan Daud
15:30-16:00	Wan Norhayate Wan Daud: Application of risk management on COVID-19 by universities in Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Discussant: Anisur Rahman
16:00-16:30	Coffee break
16:30-17:00	Ziaur Rahman Syed: Recent paradigm shift to online learning – A challenge and an opportunity to work on a comprehensive quality management system Discussant: Radha Krishan Sharma
17:00-17:30	Radha Krishan Sharma: Post pandemic quality of higher education: 'NFCFFE Model' for higher education quality improvement and assurance Discussant: Ziaur Rahman Syed
17:30-18:00	Open forum/summary

**GRM 2022 CLOSING DINNER
JULY 15TH, 19:00 (BST) AT KING'S COLLEGE**

Saturday, 16 July 2022

9:00-9:15	Introduction
9:15-9:45	Khuram Shahzad: COVID-19 and the new normal: Re-imagining the future of higher education Discussant: Mary Precy Aguilar Lego
9:45-10:15	Mary Precy Aguilar Lego: Transforming online teaching of a first-year business course in the UAE: An autoethnographic reflection of managing teaching and learning amidst the pandemic Discussant: Khuram Shahzad
10:15-10:45	Vishal Jain: Job-related stress and its impact on professional and personal life during the coronavirus pandemic: A case of higher education institutions in Oman Discussant: Abdul Mughal
10:45-11:15	Coffee break
11:15-11:45	Abdul Mughal: The Fourth Industrial Revolution and higher education in Saudi Arabia: The move from indigenous institutions & overseas scholarships to the international branch campuses in comparative perspective Discussant: Vishal Jain
11:45-12:15	Annamarie Lawrence: Skills for a more competitive Bahrain Discussant: Mohit Kukreti
12:15-12:45	Mohit Kukreti: An empirical analysis of Oman's public and private HEIs student's Behavioural Intention (BI) in using e-learning during COVID-19 Discussant: Boumedyen Shannaq
12:45-14:30	Lunch break (lunch is served at 13.00 at Corpus Christi)
14:30-15:00	Boumedyen Shannaq: University of Buraimi in Oman: Pandemic lessons & initiatives for education reform and system development Discussant: Annamarie Lawrence
15:00-15:30	Rabab Almuqahwi: Potential reforms in the GCC higher education post COVID-19 Discussant: Mohit Kukreti
15:30-16:00	Open forum/summary
16:00-16:30	Coffee break

16:30-17:45 Publication plans/edited book preparations

17:45-18:00 Group photo session/home sweet home

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