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It gives me immense pleasure to congratulate the members of the Humanities and Social Sciences Research Center (HSSRC) for their great contributions to the scholarly output of our University in these very important research areas. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Dr. Soumaya Abdellatif for the great effort she put into issuing the first edition of the Newsletter to celebrate the impressive achievements of the HSSRC in its first year of founding.

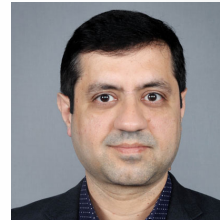
These must be exciting times for our faculty members, graduate students, alumni, and collaborators immersed in research work in the areas of Humanities and Social Sciences as our HSSRC fosters breadth of this academic community with some of the brightest scholars, regionally and internationally, in the various research areas of social sciences and humanities including, but not limited to, Sociology, Social work, Psychology and Education.

The Newsletter provides the reader with an idea about the scholarly activities the HSSRC is engaged in, including the research publications it had as its output for the academic year 2021-2022. It also gives an insight about the positive impact Ajman University strives to achieve through its multifaceted, multidisciplinary six research centers.

I extend my thanks to the editors, the HSSRC team, external collaborators as well as all members who one way or another made this Newsletter happen, and I wish the HSSRC all the success in the years to come.

DEAN OF RESEARCH AND GRADUATE STUDIES

PROF. KAMRAN ARSHAD



"The aim of Ajman University Research Centers is to establish concentrations of researchers and resources, to develop key research areas of national and international importance that acts as a linkage to other regional/international centers and to align research outputs and efforts of Ajman University faculty members in focused directions. The purpose of Humanities and Social Sciences research centre is to bring together faculty members who are interested and having significant expertise in social research, establishing and nurturing research collaborations with international universities/institutes in the area of humanities and social sciences and creating an impact to the society."

HEAD OF HSSRC



PROF. SHAHER MOMANI

The Humanities and Social Sciences Research Center (HSSRC) aims to organize major research projects and study important societal issues within the Emirati society and other cultural groups globally. Moreover, it strengthens research culture in humanities and social sciences that are related to community studies such as case studies and field studies in UAE society and that will contribute to educational and language studies. It may give researchers the ability to reach other professionals in government, non-profit organizations, shareholders, and the public to make research contributions to these fields easily accessible to address regional and global concerns today.



HSSRC OVERVIEW

The launching of HSSRC proves the particular Ajman University's dedication to the humanities and social sciences. Through the Deanship of Research and Graduate Studies, and now through the Research Center, AU has never ceased to promote research and to provide all the structural conditions to reinforce the capacity building of the researchers.

The Center focuses efforts and concerns towards research on current issues at the local, regional and international levels, in a manner that is both rooted in reality and keen on the future. The Center's research groups run from one to two years or more and researchers seek to amass scientific accumulation through research activities, writing and publication.

The research at the Center also relies on networking and collaboration with counterparts from high-ranked universities in the world as well as on multidisciplinary studies as currently required by complex societies to probe their transformations in depth and to focus on future foresight.

HSSRC is expected to have a significant social impact on the local society. To achieve this objective, HSSRC is focusing on partnerships with local institutions in two major perspectives which are applied research and training.

The main areas of HSSRC are sociology, sociology of the family, demography of Arab countries, psychology, social work, anthropology of contemporary societies, Education, Law, institutions and Society. Through these areas, the research groups seek answers to problematic and crucial questions such as the challenges of globalization, the problems of violence and crimes, family disintegration, immigration, the crisis of the value system, the impact of Information and Communications Technology on social dynamics and on the society at large, etc.

Such problematics are at the cutting edge of research, but they can also and above all prove necessary in other, more concrete areas. Indeed, Human Sciences, and in particular Social Sciences, have the vocation of examining the interactions between individuals and their societies. As a result, social and anthropological knowledge allows, for example a brand to better understand the needs of their customers through applied anthropology in UX/UI design, a town hall to build and promote new infrastructures that meet the demands of its citizens through sociological data, a law firm to be more sensitive to local rights, a hospital can offer ancillary medical services and respect/promote traditional medicine in the area, a development project to be more effective by taking into account the know-how of local inhabitants, or museums, educational and cultural institutions to offer relevant activities adapted to their public while expanding the latter.

Given the enormity of the difficulties and issues now confronting contemporary societies, the demand for social and human sciences is greater than ever. Moreover, these sciences carry big bets, foremost of which is the formation of a generation of intellectual immunity and critical skills.

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More published articles are available through this link:

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AWARDS

Prof. Alaa Al-Rawashdeh, member of HSSRC, won the award of the "Rashid bin Humaid Prize for Culture and Science" in the field of social studies for his Article: " The Danger of Electronic Games on the Society of the UAE: reality and solutions. A forward-looking vision".



ACADEMIC PROMOTION

Dr Soumaya Abdellatif, Deputy Head of HSSRC, was promoted to Associate Professor in 2022.



SCHOLARS EXCHANGE

Dr Soumaya Abdellatif has been invited as a visiting researcher in La Sapienza University in Rome from from 10 to 19 June 2022. She has given a seminar in which she presented her research on Syrian refugees in Tunisia to the PhD candidates of the Doctoral School of Demography of Sapienza and to the researchers of the UNESCO Chair in Migrations, Population and Development of Sapienza.



SCHOLARS EXCHANGE

Research visit of Dr Zahia Ouadah Bedidi from University Paris Cité from 21 to 28 June 2022..
AU had signed a Collaborative Research Agreement with University Paris Cité in Fall 2021.



HSSRC ACTIVITIES

(Training, Workshops, Webinars and Conferences Participations)

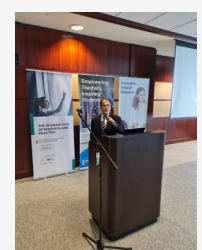
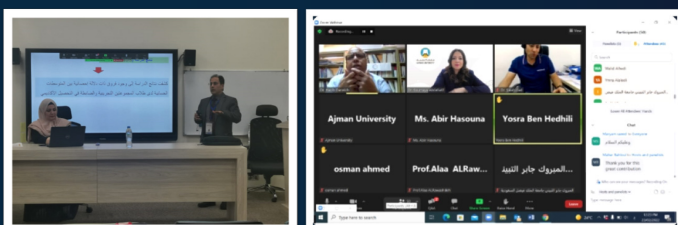
HSSRC Webinars' Series:

- Qualitative research methods and their importance in contemporary society. Dr. Habib Darwish, King Faisal University. KSA, 23 February 2022.
- Role of procurement in enhancing companies' social impact. Dr. Osama Meqdadi, Audencia Business School, France, 24 February 2022
- Death Discourse in Emergencies of Covid-19: Patterns and Stakes. Dr. Youness Loukili, University Mohamed V, Morocco. 14 March 2022.
- Statistical stress Index in the Kingdom of Bahrain, a scale development, validation and measurement." A webinar presented by the Chairperson of Bahrain Statistical Society on 30 September 2022

Other Activities:

- Future Foresight. A workshop presented by Dr. Najeh ALSalehi at Expo 2020 Dubai, from 3-9 December, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
- Preparation and statistical reports' writing. A workshop presented by Dr. Najeh ALSalihi, for Khalifa Hospital employees, from 23-25 November, Ajman, UAE

- The Culture of Future Foresight", A workshop presented by Dr. Najeh ALSalihi to employees of the Dubai Police General Command on Thursday, June 16, 2022, Dubai, UAE
- Verbal bullying. A workshop presented by Dr. Najeh ALSalihi at Al Shola Private Schools January 24, 2022, Ajman, UAE.
- Participation of Dr Soumaya Abdellatif to the Launching of the Project REDEMAR (Interdisciplinary Network for the study of Demography and Family Changes in Arab World) January 2022, Paris, France.
- Participation of Dr. Najeh ALSalhi, Research Associate at Ajman University to the Third TFCR International Conference on Business Management, Language, Social Science and Humanities Research in Istanbul, Turkey, from 6-7 August.
- Participation of Dr. Mohd. Elmagzoub Eltahir to the 8th International Conference on Information Management (ICIM2022). University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK, 27 - 29 March, 2022.



PARTNERSHIPS

AU had signed a Collaborative Research Agreement with University Paris Cité in fall 2021. Ongoing collaboration projects are active, such as Scholars exchange and common research projects like REDEMAR, a project awarded by the French National Agency for Research.



COLLABORATIONS

- Université Paris Cité, France.
- La Sapienza University, Italy
- Griffith University, Australia.
- Princess Sumaya University for Technology (PSUT), Jordan.
- Al-Balqa' Applied University, Jordan

UPCOMING EVENTS

International Conference on Education, Innovation & Creativity (ICEIC): Advanced Education for a Brighter Future. 7-9, February 2023.

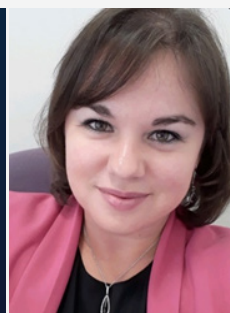
The Conference will be held through the Humanities and Social Sciences Research Center (HSSRC) at Ajman University in the United Arab Emirates (UAE).



Scholars' Exchange: Dr. Nagaletchimee Annamalai from the School of Distance Education, Universiti Sains Malaysia, will be joining HSSRC in Spring 2023



Dr. Tatiana karabckuk, Associate Professor at United Emirates University will give a talk about Research Productivity of higher education institutions in Arab Gulf countries. (January, 2023).



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