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The Gulf Comparative Education Society

Conference Schedule

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Towards Sustainable Education: Global Goals and Local Contexts

November 1– 3, 2023

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Pre-Conference Workshops – October 31, 2023		
Time	**Event**	**Location**
10:00 – 1:00pm	**Pre-Conference Workshop 1: Navigating the Publication Landscape: Getting Research Published in Journals** **Dr. tavis d. jules**, Professor of Cultural and Educational Policy Studies and Higher Education, Loyola University Chicago	Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al Qasimi Foundation for Policy Research, Training Room
2:00 – 5:00pm	**Pre-Conference Workshop 2: Designing Mixed Methods Research** **Dr. Seungah S. Lee**, Visiting Senior Lecturer of Social Research and Public Policy, NYU Abu Dhabi	

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[1] Unless otherwise specified, all panels will be presented in the English language.

Day 1 – November 1, 2023[2]		
Global Intersections: Setting the Scene for Sustainable Reform		
Time	**Event**	**Location**
8:00 – 9:00am	*Registration Opens*	Hallway
9:00 – 9:25am	***Welcome and Announcements*** **Khalaf Al'Abri,** Sultan Qaboos University **Natasha Ridge,** Al Qasimi Foundation for Policy Research	Ballroom 1
9:30 – 10:25am	**Keynote 1: Geopolitical Shifts and the Sustainability of Education in the Gulf: A Region in Flux[3]** *Moderator:* Dr. Rui da Silva**,** Center for African Studies, University of Porto **Prof. Mario Novelli**, Professor of Political Economy of Education, Centre for International Education, University of Sussex	Ballroom 1
10:30 – 11:25am	**(Highlighted) Panel 1: Tertiary Trajectories: A Bird's-Eye View of the Impact of the 'American University' Model in the Middle East** *Moderator:* Dr. Tiffany Lachelle Smith, Al Qasimi Foundation for Policy Research **Dr. David Schmidt**, President of the American University of Ras Al Khaimah **Prof. Bruce Ferguson**, President of the American University of Iraq, Sulaimani **Dr. Jason Ketter**, Executive Vice President and Provost at the American University of Iraq, Baghdad **H.E. Meghan Gregonis,** Consul General of the United States of America in Dubai	Ballroom 1
11:25 – 11:45am	*Coffee Break*	Hallway
11:45 – 12:45pm	**Panel 2: Teacher-Parent Relationships for Sustainable Inclusive Education** *Moderator*: Nadera Alborno, School of Education, American University in Dubai **Elodie Cottin**, American University in Dubai **Reem Jaber**, American University in Dubai **Krystel Azzam**, American University in Dubai	Ballroom 1

[2] With the exception of pre-conference speakers, keynote speakers, and highlighted panelists, professional designations have not been specified for presenters.
[3] Translation from English to Arabic will be provided for this keynote speech.

12:45 – 1:45pm	*Lunch Break*	Hotel Dining Area
1:45 – 2:55pm	**Panel 3**: Greening' Tertiary Education: Sustainable Leadership, Collaboration Mechanisms, and Educational Hubs in the Gulf *Moderator:* Janaan Farhat, Al Qasimi Foundation for Policy Research Green Emissaries: The Dual Sustainability Embeddedness and Climate Change Leadership of Branch University Campuses in the Arab Gulf States **Seungah S. Lee**, NYU Abu Dhabi Green Sufaraa, the University as a Community Hub for Environmental Education **Dana Downey** & **Esraa Bani**, NYU Abu Dhabi A Study Identifying the Potential Regional Education Hub in the GCC for a Sustainable Tomorrow **Ankasha Arif**, University of West London (RAK Campus, UAE) The Dynamics of Collaboration and Competition in the Regionalization of Higher Education in the Arab States of the Gulf **Hayfa Jafar**, American University of Iraq, Sulaimani Sustainability as it Features in Educational Research in the Arab region: A Systematic Review **Waheed Hammad**, Sultan Qaboos University	Ballroom 1
	Panel 4: Normalizing Disability: The Inclusion of Students with Disabilities in Classrooms *Moderator:* Sarah Benson, University of Birmingham Inclusion of Students with Disabilities as an Important Factor of Sustainability in Higher Education **Petra Stemmer**, Kuratorium Deutsche Altershilfe/University of Cologne Developing Key National Indicators of Inclusive Education for Students with Disabilities in Oman **Mahmoud Mohamed Emam Amer**, Sultan Qaboos University The Effect of Delayed Responding on Learning in Autism Disorder **Nusaibah Al Ameri, Kyongje Sung,** & **Claudine Habak**, Emirates College for Advanced Education	Ballroom 3

	Evaluating Teachers' Attitudes towards the Inclusion of Students with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in the United Arab Emirates **Michelle Kelly,** Emirates College for Advanced Education, **Khawla Barley,** Special Olympics-UAE Promoting Inclusive Classroom Learning Experiences: Utilizing Generative Artificial Intelligence ChatGPT to Enhance Differentiated Lessons for Students with Specific Learning Disabilities **Farah El Zein**, Emirates College for Advanced Education	
3:00 - 4:10pm	**Panel 5: Thinking Critically about Education: Regional and International Contexts** *Moderator:* Seungah S. Lee, NYU Abu Dhabi Towards Sustainable Education: Decolonizing Curricula in the UAE through Inclusive and Emancipatory Practices **Hasan Johnson**, NYU Abu Dhabi Critical Thinking Acquisition in the Gulf: Lessons Learned from the Iraqi-Kurdish Context **Munirah Eskander** & **Hayfa Jafar**, American University of Iraq, Sulaimani (AUIS) Gulf Region International Student Perspectives on American Gun Violence and Campus Shootings **Justin Adam Gelzhiser**, Harvard University/Prince Mohammad Bin Fahd University (Saudi Arabia) Education in Emergencies in Arab countries: From Humanitarian Perspective to Sustainable Solutions **Naima Al-Husban**, Arab Open University, **Abdeljalil Akkari**, Geneva University Organisational Conditions Contributing to Teacher Turnover in Private Schools of United Arab Emirates **Ambreen Mohammad,** Middlesex University Dubai	Ballroom 1
	Panel 6: Beyond Schooling: Vocational Education, Training Programs, and Sustainable Improvement of Universities (Arabic Panel) *Moderator*: Khalaf Al'Abri, Sultan Qaboos University Entrepreneurship Strategy in Universities and its Impact on Achieving the Quality of Higher Education in the Sultanate of Oman: An Analytical Study **Yousra Mohammed AlMughairi**, Sultan Qaboos University Empowering Educators: Enhancing Sustainable Education through Teacher Training in the Gulf Region **Yahia Mohammad Ali Alramamneh**, Emirates College for Advanced Education	Ballroom 3

	Challenges Facing Innovation Management in Omani Higher Education Institutions from Students' Point of View **Marhouna Hamed Salim Al Maqbali,** Sultan Qaboos University Managing the Diversity of Human Resources: A Perspective for Sustainable Improvement in Higher Education Institutions **Abdul Rahman Abdullah Awadh Kufan,** Sultan Qaboos University	
4:10 – 4:30pm	*Coffee Break*	Hallway
4:30 – 5:40pm	**Panel 7: Electrifying Education: Utilizing Artificial Intelligence to Promote Sustainable Learning** *Moderator:* **Farah El Zein**, Emirates College for Advanced Education Artificial Intelligence as a Tool for Accelerating Progress towards the Achievement of SDG 4 Quality Education **Alsaeed Saad Alshamy**, Sultan Qaboos University How Can Artificial Intelligence and Personalized Education Help Develop Sustainable Competencies? **Sosil Somokian**, Box Hill College Kuwait The Impact of ChatGPT on Higher Education **Juan Dempere**, Higher Colleges of Technology Evaluating Teachers' Strategies for Classroom Technology Implementation in Sharjah, UAE **Heba Nuseibah** & **Lawrence Meda**, Sharjah Education Academy	Ballroom 1
	Panel 8: E-Learning and Digital Economy: Leveraging Technology to Achieve Sustainable Education (Arabic Panel) *Moderator:* Ali Ibrahim, United Arab Emirates University Artificial Intelligence and its Role in Reforming University Education in Order to Achieve the Goals of Sustainable Development **Mashael Al-Saiari**, University of Technology and Applied Sciences Principal Leadership and its Relationship to Teachers' Commitment to Change towards E-Learning in Governmental schools in the Sultanate of Oman **Muna Khamis Rashid Al-Alawi,** Sultan Qaboos University The Digital Economy in the Education Sector and its Role in Achieving Sustainable Development **Salman Sloum khamis Alhinai**, Sultan Qaboos University	Ballroom 3

	The Sustainability of School E-learning in the Sultanate of Oman According to the TBL framework TBL **Bushra Mohammed Sinan Al Ghaithi**, Sultan Qaboos University	
5:40 – 5:45pm	***Closing Remarks*** **Tiffany Smith,** Al Qasimi Foundation for Policy Research	Ballroom 1 Ballroom 3
5:45 – 6:00pm	***Group Photo***	Reception

Time	Event	Location
Day 2 – November 2, 2023 *Institutional Influences: Shaping Sustainable Education Systems*		
8:00 - 9:00am	***Registration Opens***	Hallway
9:00 - 9:15am	***Welcome and Announcements*** **Jessica Maluch**, Al Qasimi Foundation for Policy Research	Ballroom 1
9:15 - 10:15am	<u>**Keynote 2**</u>**: Education Philanthropy Trends in the Gulf: A Case of Multilateralism, Policy Transfer, and South-South Flows[4]** *Moderator:* Mr. Vehbi Tandogan, Al Qasimi Foundation for Policy Research **Dr. Rui da Silva,** Researcher and President of Center for African Studies, University of Porto	Ballroom 1
10:15 – 10:35am	***Coffee Break***	Hallway
10:35 - 11:45am	**(Highlighted)** <u>**Panel 9**</u>**: Sustainable Practices in Building Inclusive Academic Communities: Insights from NYU Abu Dhabi's 'Journey to Belonging'** *Moderator*: Ms. Janaan Farhat, Al Qasimi Foundation for Policy Research **Ms. Fatiah Touray,** Executive Director, Office of Inclusion and Equity, NYU Abu Dhabi **Ms. Sarah AlZaabi,** Assistant Director, Office of Inclusion and Equity, NYU Abu Dhabi **Mr. Hasan Johnson,** Head of Training and Education for Inclusion and Equity, Office of Inclusion and Equity, NYU Abu Dhabi	Ballroom 1

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11:45 - 12:45pm	**Panel 10: Policies, Practices and Impact: Education for Sustainable Development in Qatar** *Moderator*: Evren Tok, Hamad bin Khalifa University The Development of the Education System in Qatar: Assessing the Intended and Unintended Impacts of Privatisation Policy Shifts **Hira Amin** and **Logan Cochrane**, Hamad bin Khalifa University Qatar National Vision 2030: Envisioning Sustainable Development for the Nation through Education **Tasneem Amatullah**, Emirates College for Advanced Education Sustainable Development Education Ecosystems: Putting Research into Action **Duygu Server** and **Evren Tok**, Hamad bin Khalifa University Applying Values-Based Education for Sustainability: Moving from Theory to Lesson Plans **Alina Zaman** and **Logan Cochrane**, Hamad bin Khalifa University	Ballroom 1
12:45 – 2:00pm	*Lunch Break*	Hotel Dining Area
2:00 – 3:10pm	**Panel 11: Sustainable Systems: The Pursuit of Improved Educational Quality, Efficiency, and Change** *Moderator:* Hayfa Jafar, American University of Iraq, Sulaimani School Efficiency in Kingdom of Saudi Arabia: An Analysis using PISA 2018 Dataiency **Asma Alnuwaysir**, Taibah Unversity Developing a Model Integrating Leading Change for Sustainability in Kuwaiti Schools: A Delphi Study **Ayeshah Ahmed Alazmi,** Kuwait University The Impact of Total Quality Management on Development Sustainable Higher Education in Iraq **Jaafar Naser Abdulridha**, Kerbala University- College of Law Planning for Sustainability: How the 'Forum for Open Research in MENA' is Supporting the Region's Tertiary Education and Research Communities **Emily Choynowski**, Knowledge E	Ballroom 1

	Leveraging Gender Equity through Integrating Sustainable Development Goals Education in the GCC **Tasneem Amatullah** & **Martina Dickson,** Emirates College for Advanced Education	
	Panel 12: Comparison, Competition, and Sustainability: International, Regional, and Local Experiences in Education *Moderator:* Tiffany Lachelle Smith, Al Qasimi Foundation for Policy Research Building a Diverse Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Booklist for Children **Rhoda Myra Garces-Bacsal**, **Najla Mohamed AlOwais**, **Noora Anwahi**, & **Mariam Al Jaberi**, United Arab Emirates University Innovative Pedagogies for Sustainability **Mark Baildon** & **Emma Pearson**, United Arab Emirates University The Relevance of Science Education - Second (ROSES), An International Comparative Research Project **Magnus Oskarsson**, Mid Sweden University Sustainability of International Joint Universities: Implications from the German and Japanese experiences in Egypt and Turkey as they Relate to Oman **Takao Kamibeppu**, Fukuyama City University Does E-governance Rhyme with Good Governance? The Case of Higher Education's E-Readiness for Blockchain **Mounia Drissi**, Mohammed Bin Rashid School of Government	Ballroom 3
3:15 - 4:25pm	**Panel 13: Transformative Education: Critical Teaching, Policymaking, and Research Practices** *Moderator:* Matthew Laubengayer, Al Qasimi Foundation for Policy Research Critical Analysis of KHDA and ADEK School Evaluation Data **Emily Winchip,** Zayed University Challenges in Implementing Student-Centered Learning in Schools in the United Arab Emirates **Mary Vayaliparampil**, American University in Dubai Supporting Schools, Educators, Students, and Families in a Transition to a Four Day Week **Ted Purinton**, Sharjah Education Academy, **Ahmed Shaban**, Sharjah Private Education Authority Educational Policy Making in the United Arab Emirates: Borrowing and Learning **Ali Ibrahim** & **Fatema AlAttar**, United Arab Emirates University	Ballroom 1

	Transforming Education through Expatriate Critically Contemplative Teaching in the UAE **Shytance Wren**, University of Maryland, College Park	
	Panel 14: From Students to Employees (or Dropouts): Institutional Factors Influencing Employability in the UAE *Moderator:* Saqr Al Malki, Al Qasimi Foundation for Policy Research Effect of Flexible Work Options on Job Performance: An Empirical Study on Academic Expatriates in UAE **Rosemol Pappachan**, BITS Pilani Dubai Three Perceptions of Public Good in the Arab Gulf **Dana Downey** & **Esraa Bani**, NYU Abu Dhabi Career Preparedness and Higher Education: Examining Youth's Expectations and Perspectives Towards Employment in the UAE **Seungah S. Lee**, NYU Abu Dhabi, **Janaan Farhat**, Al Qasimi Foundation for Policy Research Exploring University Dropouts in the United Arab Emirates **Sumaia A. Al Kohlani,** United Arab Emirates University How do International Students Experience Finnish Teacher Education? **Kai Markus Talvio** & **Lawrence Meda**, Sharjah Education Academy	Ballroom 3
4:25 – 4:45	***Coffee Break***	Hallway
4:45 – 5:55pm	**Panel 15: Cognition, Connection, and Wellbeing: Examining Child, Adolescent, and Adult Growth and Development** *Moderator:* Emily Winchip, Zayed University The Impact of Music on Learning and Wellbeing **Nahla Alsyedwaheed**, Emirates College for Advanced Education Metacognition and Adolescents' Performance **Yusra Salem Saleh Alsaedi,** Emirates College for Advanced Education Perceptual Learning and Perceptual Enhancement: Research Basics and Examples **Helen Abadzi**, University of Texas at Arlington, **Ray Langsten**, American University in **Cairo**, **Fatma Abdel Khalek**, American University in Cairo Sustaining Fathers' Wellbeing through Shared Parent-Child Reading **Kay Gallagher** & **Sumaya Saqr,** Emirates College for Advanced Education	Ballroom 1

	Panel 16: Ethics, Emotion, and Diversity in Education: A Gulf-Centered Perspective (Arabic Panel) *Moderator:* Khalaf Al'Abri, Sultan Qaboos University Achievement Motivation, Locus of Control, and its Relationship to Some Variables Among Students with Disabilities at Sultan Qaboos University **Dr. Maha Al-Ani,** Sultan Qaboos University Recent Developments and Different Perspectives on Social and Emotional Competency Classifications (A Comparative Study) **Ali Said Al-Matari**, A'Sharqiyah University Promoting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Education: Successes and Challenges in the Gulf Region **Mohammed Al Sharija**, Gulf Arab States Educational Research Centre	Ballroom 3
5:55 – 6:00pm	***Closing Remarks*** **Vehbi Tandogan,** Al Qasimi Foundation for Policy Research	Ballroom 1 Ballroom 3

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9:00 - 9:05am	**Opening Remarks** **Janaan Farhat,** Al Qasimi Foundation for Policy Research	Ballroom 1 Ballroom 3
9:05 - 10:15am	**Panel 17: Centering Student Experiences: The Influence of Interest, Attitude, and Environment on Educational Outcomes** *Moderator:* Shytance Wren, University of Maryland, College Park Exploring Factors Affecting Student Interest and Attitudes Towards Science Education **Noor Alhaj Ibrahem**, Mid Sweden University Supporting the Adolescent Brain for Emotion Regulation **Alaa Al Ameri,** Emirates College for Advanced Education, Zayed University English as a Language of Inclusion in Higher Education: Narratives from Native Arabic Speakers in the United Arab Emirates **Sabahet Bruncaj,** United Arab Emirates University	Ballroom 1
	Panel 18: Centering Teachers' Experiences: An Overview of Teacher Training and Development Opportunities for Sustainability *Moderator*: Jackie Koba, Al Qasimi Foundation for Policy Research A Case Study on Start Times in a Secondary School in Dubai: Possibilities for Implementation and School Leadership **Yang Yang**, University of Birmingham Dubai Sustainable Professional Development: What Do Teachers Learn When Belonging to a Learning Community within the UAE? **Adriana Ramona Saraoru**, University of Cambridge The Role of Students as Teachers in an Effort to Create Education Equity for a Sustainable Future **Dala Farouki Kakos**, American University in Dubai	Ballroom 3

Day 3 – November 3, 2023

Local Allies: Empowering Lifelong Learners and Educators

10:20 – 11:30am	**Panel 19**: **Leveraging Language: Centering Inclusion in Arabic and English Teaching Processes** *Moderator:* Vehbi Tandogan, Al Qasimi Foundation for Policy Research Action Research: A Vehicle for Professional Development for Language Teachers **Sarah Benson**, University of Birmingham The Need for Cultural and Linguistic Diversity in OER **Isaac Tabor,** Knowledge E An Arabic Translated Bloom's Taxonomy List **Ziad Eljishi**, Bahrain Teachers College, **Salman Yusuf Zayed,** Bahrain Teachers College	Ballroom 1
	Panel 20: Prioritizing Teachers: Pedagogical Practices and Professional Development Opportunities (Arabic Panel) *Moderator:* Sumayya Al Shehhi, Al Qasimi Foundation for Policy Research Modern and Innovative Mechanisms for the Development of Education (China and the United Arab Emirates, a case study) **Zainab Waheed Dahham**, American University in the Emirate The Effectiveness of a Training Program in Education for Global Citizenship for Teachers in the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries **Maimouna Hamed Amur Al Hinai**, Ministry of Education / Eastern University The Development of Pedagogical Content Knowledge Among New Female Science Teachers in the Sultanate of Oman: A Grounded Theory **Safiya Rashid Nasser Alhajri,** Sultan Qaboos University Training Needs and Training Obstacles from the Perspective of the Trainers of the Office of Practical Education in College of Basic Education in the State of Kuwait **Esraa Almejmad**, Public Authority for Applied Education and Training, Kuwait	Ballroom 3
11:35 - 12:35pm	**Panel 21: Revisiting the SDGs: Equitable and Innovative Education in the GCC** *Moderator:* Mohamed Al Hosani, United Arab Emirates University Lifelong Learning and Alternative Practices in Gulf State Education: Opportunities and Challenges **Kamal Tasiu Abdullahi**, Istanbul University The Influence of Learning Environment to Students' Non-Cognitive Outcomes: Looking through the PISA Lens **Othman Abu Khurma,** Emirates College for Advanced Education	Ballroom 1

	Greenwashing in Education: Superficial Solutions or Substantive Change? **Abdelkrim Bittar**, Meknes School of Art Collaborative Learning for Exceptional Care: The Impact of Interprofessional Education **Sathvik B. Sridhar,** RAK Medical and Health Sciences University	
12:35 – 12:45pm	***Closing Remarks*** **Khalaf Al'Abri,** Sultan Qaboos University	Ballroom 1 Ballroom 3