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A WORD FROM THE ACADEMIC VICE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the Royal University for Women Community Service Report for the academic year 2019/2020. At the Royal University for Women we aim to guide our students to not only become independent, empowered life-long learners, but also instill and nurture within them the sense of community responsibility and contribution towards society. This report will act as a snapshot and summary of the efforts within the Royal University for Women during the academic year.

Through our university life, students are immersed in a warm environment of an educational community dedicated to the pursuit and production of knowledge. The promotion of citizenship is of utmost importance to us and is at the core of our vision as a university. This ethos is embedded within courses offered at Royal University for Women an embodiment of this is the community service class offered at the Centre for General Studies. Moreover, college specific activities, compiled within this publication, are at the heart of implementing the vision of the Royal University for Women in developing our students to be of well-rounded character and ensure that they are capable of making an impact within the local and international community.

The world this year has had to face a global health pandemic that tapped into the sense of volunteering within our students. This was seen physically with our students volunteering within the front lines of the pandemic and also in their determination to continue community work despite the added hurdles and challenges of doing so considering the situation.



DR MONA SURI
ACADEMIC VICE PRESIDENT



COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL SCIENCES



INTELAAQ YOUTH EMPOWERMENT FORUM (SUPPORTED BY TAMKEEN)

Intelaaq student consultancy program connects students with corporations for 12 weeks long project and puts them into groups where students are teamed up with other students from different universities and majors. The program advocates the bridging of the educational institution with the corporate and professional environment and makes sure the nature of the group dynamics enables experiential learning through collaborations with individuals from different educational and professional backgrounds.

The Forum focused on celebrating the graduates of the Consultancy program and to bring some tips from experts on the following topics: (1) Panel discussion on “How to be Competitive in my chosen field?” (2) Panel discussion on “How Do I know what I want to do in my life?” (3) How to start my own Business? and (4) How do I know what I want?



RUW FACULTY & STUDENTS, INJAZ BAHRAIN COORDINATORS AND INDUSTRY PRACTITIONERS AS VOLUNTEERS

The Innovation Camp (ICamp) is an exciting one-day workshop that will challenge students to find an innovative solutions to a real business challenge using creativity, thinking outside of the box, and teamwork. Students will experience leadership, critical thinking, presentation skills and learn about business start-ups in a fun way.

Students were divided into teams that compete against each other through a set of educational activities and recreational games. Students were given a business challenge to which they proposed a solution within a very limited time, given access to tools, information, and resources. Students had an opportunity to foster their understanding of the world of work and the spirit of entrepreneurship through the principle of learning by doing. Students developed their interpersonal as well as problem-solving skills and learn to work under tight deadlines. The workshop is delivered by trained corporate volunteers from the private sector both academics and practitioners.

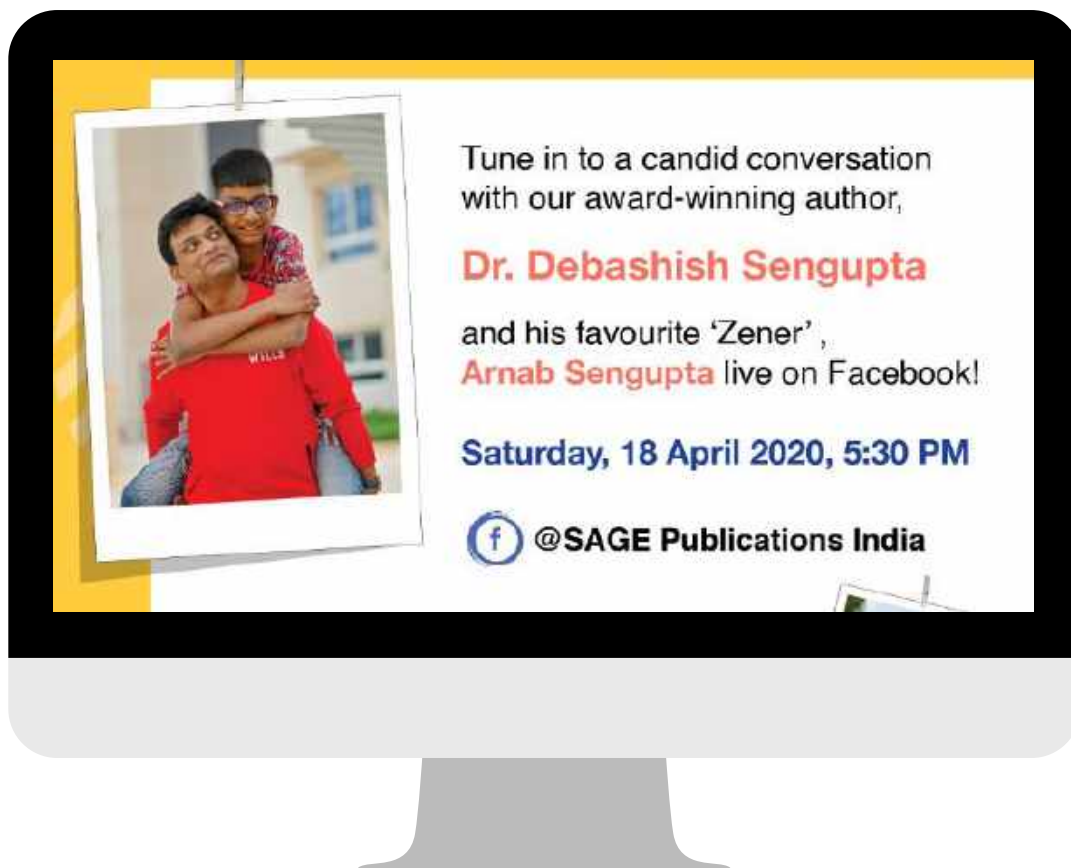
INJAZ BAHRAIN COMPANY PROGRAM- QUALIFYING STAGE

INJAZ Bahrain's mission to inspire and prepare the Bahraini youth. RUW students who are participating in the Company Program have showed hard work, efforts and dedication towards the program throughout the year 2019-2020. As part of the Company Program's qualifying stage, where the participating students compete against all the participating teams to get qualified to participate in the Young Entrepreneurs Competition. Independent Judges from the community were engaged to asses and evaluate the teams virtually on Tuesday 14th April 2020 and 8 out of 12 teams were selected. We are pleased to announce that team "KHOSH Solutions" representing RUW has been qualified to participate in the 2020 Young Entrepreneurs Competition. Congratulations and wishing the team best of luck in the next stage.



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INTERVIEW OF – DR. DEBASHISH SENGUPTA (CBFS) BY THE GRIDUP CHANNEL

This is an invited video interview by The GridUP Channel, published on You Tube and shared on all social media handles yesterday. The interview was about Dr. Debashish's research on Millennials. The link of the interview is the <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yR9C4HJ05Yg&feature=youtu.be>

ARTICLE 'BALANCING HOME AND WORK FROM HOME" BY DR. DEBASHISH SENGUPTA (CBFS)

The Covid crisis has suddenly forced millions of workers and companies to chose work from home. However many workers find it difficult to balance home and work from home, with distractions at home galore. Dr. Debashish Sengupta, Associate Professor in CBFS published an article on Sage publishing house blog on practical tips on how to balance home and work from home. The blog link is <http://blog.sagepub.in/2020/03/balancing-home-and-work-from-home.html>

FACEBOOK LIVE WITH DR. DEBASHISH SENGUPTA (CBFS) BY SAGE PUBLICATIONS INDIA

This was the inaugural Facebook Live session that publishing company SAGE recently started with authors including Dr. Debashish Sengupta, Associate Professor CBFS. The session was a candid talk with a zener – Gen Z member (incidentally his teenage son) on experiences during Covid19 crisis and how to stay hopeful. The link of the session - <https://www.facebook.com/SAGEPublicationsIndiaPvtLtd/videos/540708930191690/>

INTERVIEW OF – DR. DEBASHISH SENGUPTA (CBFS) BY HUMAN CAPITAL

This is an invited video interview by Human Capital – a prominent business media house. The video featuring Dr. Debashish Sengupta was released by Human Capital official site and posted on various social media sites including Linked In. The interview was part of their expert video series on strategies to manage workforce in the current Covid19 circumstances. https://www.linkedin.com/posts/human-capital-magazine_lockdownday13-togetherwecan-thebigreset-activity-6652840925376667649-rZVt

ARTICLE PUBLISHED – MAKING REMOTE WORKING WORK – DR. DEBASHISH SENGUPTA (CBFS)

The COVID19 crisis has created a lock down kind of situation, forcing many people to work remotely from their homes. Companies and their employees not used to the culture of remote working are in a kind of fix. How to make the remote working work? This article by Dr. Debashish Sengupta, Associate Professor, CBFS, offers practical tips to companies how to make remote working work.

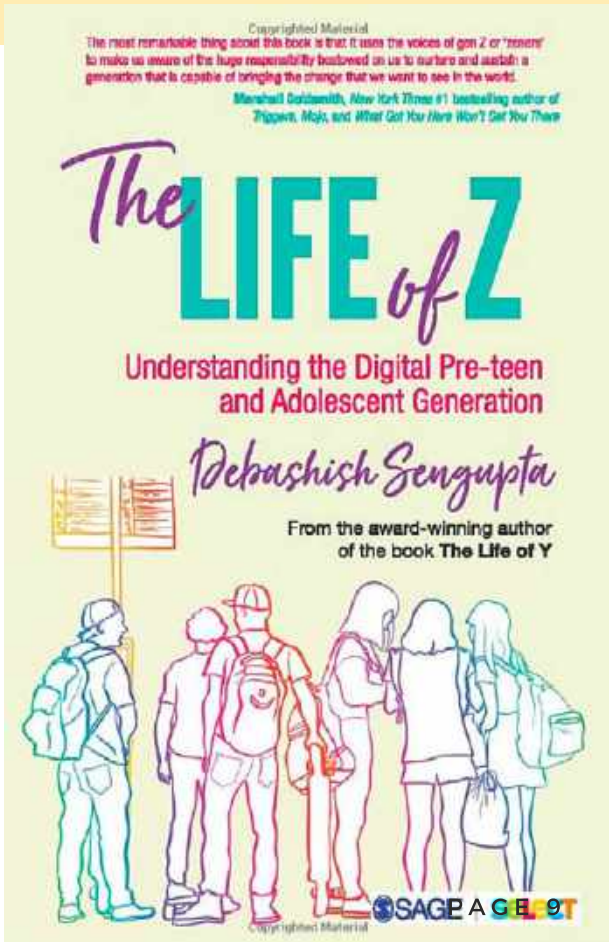
ARTICLE PUBLISHED – ‘THE Z CODE’ – DR. DEBASHISH SENGUPTA (CBFS)

The article discusses about the unique attitudes and behaviours of Generation Z, the fact they represent a potential goldmine consumer base and sharing valuable business tips to companies and startups how to tap into this consumer base responsibly. The article is an extension of my recent book – ‘The Life of Z – Understanding Digital Preteen and Adolescent Generation (SAGE, 2020).



Making Remote Working Work

Dr. Debashish Sengupta



TRADE QUEST COMPETITION

College of Business and Financial Sciences participated in Tradequest program 2020 organised by Bahrain Bourse. It is a competition held at national level where majority of the universities from Bahrain participated. CBFS's best finance and IB students were selected to participate in this program where, The Royal University for Women team won the 3rd place in 2019/2020 Trade Quest competition and were awarded a cash prize of BD 2000. This achievement is a translation of the team's hard work and efforts, alongside a reflection of the successful mentoring received and the support witnessed from the College of Business and Financial Sciences of Royal University for Women, which provided and developed the best ways of education in the field of business and finance. The RUW team's mentor, Dr Arpita Mehrotra, was a significant part of this learning journey, as she guided the team with her endless support, broadening their perspectives. She formulated the strategy to be one of the top teams in this competition, which included her trainings and guidance and intense research guidance for discussions to apply on Bahrain and New York Stock exchange.





WEBINAR ON “21ST CENTURY SKILLS IN FINANCIAL EDUCATION”

Royal University for Women (RUW) and Bahrain Association of Banks (BAB), held a webinar on “21st Century Skills in Financial Education” that highlighted the employment opportunities in the banking and financial services sector. The symposium addressed the skills required by various jobs in this sector, in line with its rapid developments due to the digital transformation, financial technology, Artificial intelligence, and others. The panelists in the webinar were Mr Ahmed Albalooshi, Chairman of the Digitalization and Cybersecurity Committee at "BAB", Dr Riyadh Al Saie, independent board member at ESKAN Bank and Ms Ruth Chanda Simuyemba, HR Head at Standard Chartered Bank. The webinar was Facilitated by Dr Vivien Exartier, Assistant Professor at CBFS.

Dr David Stewart, President, Royal University for Women said that "Royal University for Women is keen to provide quality education to its students and encourage them to pursue lifetime education, especially in light of the 4th Industrial Revolution where some jobs are expected to vanish entirely during the third decade of the second millennium, and to be replaced by artificial intelligence and robot. We must be aware and prepared for the huge shifts that the world would witness in the next two decades". For her part, Dr. Mona Suri, Academic Vice President from the Royal University for Women said that this symposium in cooperation with Bahrain Association of Banks comes as the strategy of the university's keenness to update its students with the latest developments in many fields, including the area of financial services which is distinguished by vitality and continuous diversity.

Dr. Waheed Al Qassim, CEO of the Bahrain Association of Banks, said that this symposium is considered the first integrated program organized by the association in collaboration with many universities and institutes in Bahrain to develop its curricula. He added that this program aims to expand its graduates' skills and knowledge to keep pace with the current and future financial services sector requirements in a way that guarantees strengthening the qualified and trained Bahraini cadres in various financial and banking institutions.

During the symposium, Chairman of the Digitalization and Cybersecurity Committee at "BAB", Mr. Ahmed Albalooshi, stressed that the financial services sector is transforming remarkably due to the revolutionary technology, especially with the entry of non-traditional vendors in the industry such as technology and communications companies in addition to financial technology companies "Fintech." He added that employment opportunities have expanded for graduates who are familiar with both financial and technical aspects. Dr Riyadh highlighted the importance of employability skills in financial education and Ms Ruth discussed the HR related issues in Fintech.



COLLEGE OF ART AND DESIGN

TEASER LAUNCHED FOR A FASHION SHOW TO BE HELD ON DEC 05, 2019, WITH MALAYSIAN EMBASSY

As a collaborative effort between RUW and Malaysian Embassy, a fashion show will be organized on December 05, 2019, at RUW. For the same a teaser was launched on September 16, 2019, the day of Malaysian National Day at the Diplomat Radisson Hotel. Students along with the team of Instructors, Dr. Mona, Dr. Shweta, Dr. Nessreen, Dr. Nidhi and Ms. Noora worked on the teaser. The event was attended by Dr. David, Dr. Mona, Dr. Shweta and Dr. Vivien from RUW and Diplomats and other guests as invited by the embassy.

NATIONAL CHARTER DAY

CAD cooperated with community as a Part of Royal University for Women participation in the National Charter Celebration Exhibition held at The Ministry of Education Hall on 14th of February, 2020.

ARCHITECTURAL CONSERVATION OF OLD MANAMA

Students from Architecture programme, participated in this project and were asked to visit the heritage sites to document the conservation process and suggest other methods to save the heritage buildings. Students attended a workshop at the National Museum, regarding the heritage survey and its documentation. They worked on three heritage buildings (Bahrain Hotel, Bin Radhi House and Khalaf House). The project was under the patronage of Her Excellency-Shaikha Mai Al Khalifa- Bahrain Authority for Culture & Antiquities.





SCIENTIFIC FORUM OF BAHRAINI WOMAN IN POLYTECHNIC (BAHRAINI WOMAN AND FUTURE SCIENCE)

Attendees from RUW: Dr. Sherif Khashaba (HOD Architecture), a few architecture students, Dr. Madina (Dean of College of Engineering), a few students of college of Engineering and Dr. Humam Al Agha (Director of CGS). The event titled ‘Scientific Forum of Bahraini woman’ was organised under the patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al-Khalifa, Wife of His Majesty the King and Supreme Council for Women (SCW) President, at Polytechnic Bahrain, held on 29th and 30th October 2019. The event focused on the recent achievements of Bahraini women, the developments in science and the role of Bahraini woman in the developments. The forum brought up several women achievers and showcased their achievements.

HEAD START PROGRAM- INJAZ

Students from the class of professional practice, participated in the short training for a Head Start Program, though, Injaz, the training focused on enhancing the students professional practice skills and help the students to learn how to be well prepared for the market and the different methods to find their dream job. The session was conducted by Eng. Mohammad Faqihi (GPIC) on Nov 24, 2019 and then Dec 01, 2019. This training helped the students to finish the final project and search for a real job after looking for the market’s needs. Through the training students were asked to select one of the companies in the market and suggest a developing plan for each firm.

SYNTHESIS FASHION SHOW

In conjunction with the 45th anniversary of Malaysia-Bahrain Diplomatic Relations and under the patronage of HE Ambassador Agus Salim Yusof, President of Bahrain Authority for Culture and Antiquities (BACA), the Embassy of Malaysia and the Royal University for Women held Synthesis Fashion Show, on Thursday, Dec 5th, 2019, at 7.00 pm at the Bahrain Conference Centre, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Manama. The event was organized by the Fashion design team of Dr. Shweta Kinra, Dr. Nessreen Elmelegy, Dr. Nidhi Goyal and Ms. Noora Albinfalah. Designs on the stage showcased a synthesis of the traditional wear of the two countries. Each collection was an appreciation of beauty, handicraft and accessories from Malaysia and Bahrain. From pure traditional wear, to trendy casual wear and evening wear, the show presented the creative extravaganza of the students and alumnae of Bachelor of Arts in Fashion Design. The show was attended by dignitaries' diplomats, guests, students and academics.



EXHIBITION DISPLAY- “ART BEFORE DEMOLITION – BANK HOUSE IN MANAMA

CAD students from graphic design course of prof Hazem Taha Hussain made a visit to traditional building- The bank house in Manama, it was a building where first Standard Chartered bank was opened in Bahrain (since the 1950s functioned as residency for managers of standard bank in Bahrain), the “standard bank” as an international brand, Bahrain as a host country, people that witnessed stories of people from different nationalities that had lived, worked, or visited the house, etc. Many artist all over Bahrain were involved in this project and so did Dr. Hazem was involved as an artist. He took this concept to his students in GRD 375 and did an exhibition display, the was concept based on creating work of art that will be demolished or renovated without massive intervention in the architectural or interior of the house. It was a great experience by the students, and the exhibition was named as Art before demolition.



Certificate of Participation

This Certificate is Awarded to
Royal University for Women

For Participating in Red Carpet Online Fashion
Week 2020, Organized by Medpoint Design.

Noora Bint Khalifa Al Khalifa
CEO Medpoint Design

Nada Alshomali
Managing Director for Women and Fashion Event

Participation in Virtual Fashion Show, organized by MedPoint and The Nine Training Centre

MedPoint Design and Events Management hosted the first of its kind Global Women's Virtual Fashion Forum & Show, from 12th to 19th July 2020. The Fashion Design, RUW, participated with the exquisite collection showcasing the clothing rich in traditional techniques, inspired by the global trends. The line showcased contemporary silhouettes with various styles from Jalabiya, tunics, asymmetrical tops to evening gown. These were developed in subtle hues and crafted in fabrics rich in traditional techniques like embroidery and batik; honouring the traditions. The whole collection embraces the sobriety, lightness, and elegance and are meant for modern lives. The collections was created under the able supervision of the Fashion Design team at RUW, under the leadership of Dr. Mona Suri- Academic Vice President, Dr. Shweta Kinra – Dean, College of Art and Design, and team of Dr. Nessreen Elmelegy- HoD, Design, Dr. Nidhi Goyal and Ms. Noora Albinfalalah.



ONLINE DISCUSSION FORUM ORGANIZED BY FASHION DESIGN, CAD, 12TH JULY 2020

Bahrain has been a prospective hub for fashion design business. With the onset of COVID-19 pandemic, the fashion industry globally, changed drastically. The fashion industry has been negatively impacted by the coronavirus outbreak on every imaginable level; production has ceased, shopping centres have closed, demand has plummeted. Within this context, Fashion Design, College of Art and Design, Royal University for Women, organized an Online interactive discussion forum and the theme was Bahrain Fashion Industry- Current and Future. The interactive session was aired on online platform on Google Meet, on 12th July, '20.

The discussion forum comprised of fashion designers (including alumnae) and industry experts, including, (a) Ms. Nada Alawi, Founder & Creative Director, ANNADA", a luxury lifestyle brand (b) Mr. Matty B, Founder and Owner, Matty B Models (c) Ms. Rawan Maki, PhD researcher in Design for Sustainability & fashion designer, Rawan Maki, label (d) Ms. Haya AlFadhel (alumna), Creative director, Naseem AlAndalos & Founder, Nesma Studio (e) Ms. Areej Alshaikh (alumna), Fashion Designer, Areej Alshaikh label. The event was attended by Dr. Mona Suri, AVP, instructors from CAD and other colleges, students and other prospective students.



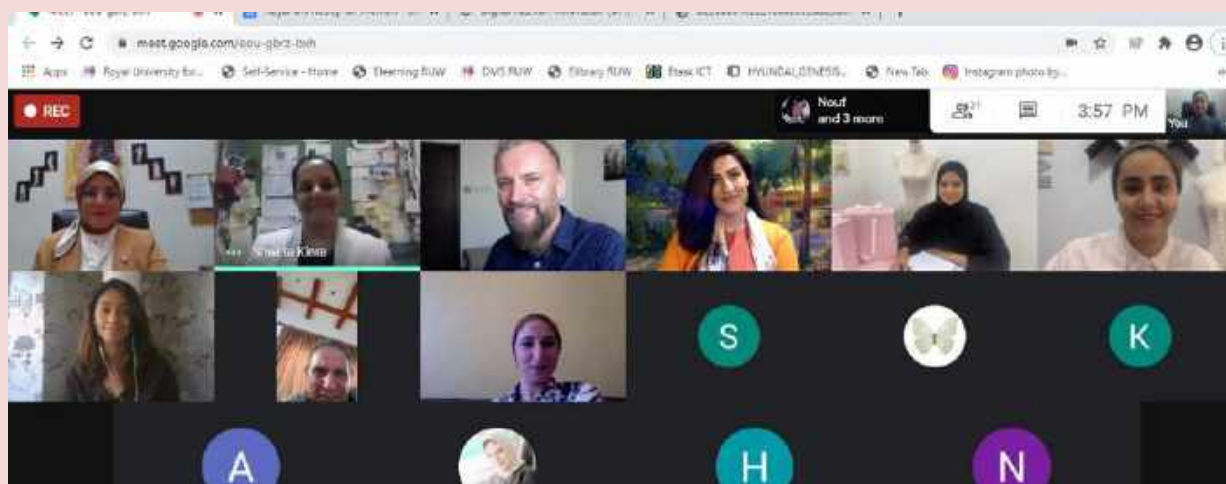
The poster is for an online discussion forum titled "Bahrain Fashion Industry- Current and Future DISCUSSION". It is organized by the Fashion Design College of Art & Design at the Royal University for Women. The event is scheduled for July 12th, 2020, at 2:30 pm Bahrain. The poster features five speakers with their photos and names: Nada Alawi (Founder & Creative Director, ANNADA), Matty B (Founder and Owner, Matty B Models), Rawan Maki (PhD researcher in Design for Sustainability, Fashion Designer, Rawan Maki, label), Haya AlFadhel (Creative Director, Naseem AlAndalos, Founder, Nesma Studio), and Areej Alshaikh (Fashion Designer, Areej Alshaikh label). The poster also lists coordinators: Dr. Shweta Kinnu, Dr. Nestreen Elmehery, Dr. Nidhi Goyal & Ms. Noora Albinfalah. A QR code is provided for joining the event via a Google Meet link.

Event Details:
Date: July 12th, 2020
Time: 2:30 pm Bahrain

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Nada Alawi, Founder & Creative Director, ANNADA", a luxury lifestyle brand
Matty B, Founder and Owner, Matty B Models
Rawan Maki, PhD researcher in Design for Sustainability, Fashion Designer, Rawan Maki, label
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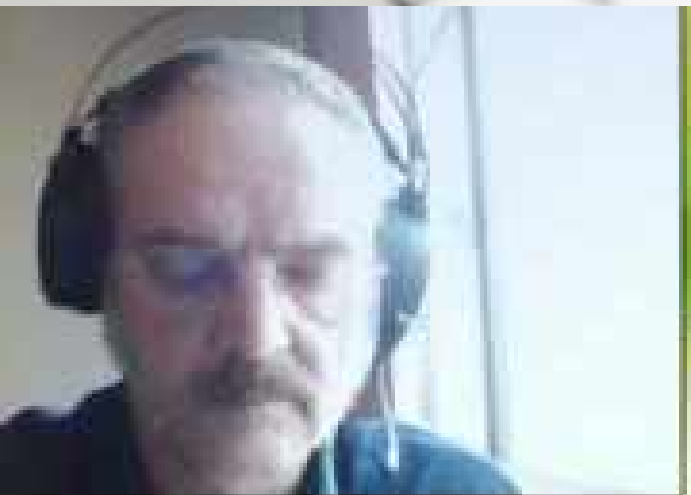
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Join by link:
<https://meet.google.com/eou-gbrz-bch>
or
Scan the QR code to join



PARTICIPATION IN THE WEEKLY WEBINAR, ORGANISED BY RUW

Dr. Shweta Kinra and Dr. Nidhi Goyal, participated in the weekly webinar, being organised as a marketing activity, on 16th July, '20. Other panel members presented were, Dr. Pasquale, Dr Mathias and hosted by Dr Vivien. An interactive session on fashion illustration was conducted, where various techniques and tools used were shown. Demonstration of free hand sketching and rendering was conducted. Dr Shweta highlighted various majors of College of Art and Design and the career opportunities.





COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING



LINKAGE DEVELOPMENT WITH INDUSTRY

TWVU-CE programme students take courses that combine the theoretical aspects of engineering with practical application through both classroom and hands-on laboratory work. With a variety of technical electives and learning abroad, students will have an opportunity to explore all aspects of civil engineering. The mission of WVU-CE programme is to prepare our students for successful professional careers by providing high-quality education through the scholarship of teaching, research and service. In order to achieve this mission, WVU and RUW have started developing relationships with the industry through the activities mentioned below. From the third week of semester 2, however, and due to the pandemic outbreak circumstances, the usual industry-linked activities could not take place and alternatives, such as attendance to webinars and workshops, have instead been implemented in consultation with, and approval of, Dr.Hema Siriwardane

COLLABORATION WITH BAHRAIN SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS (BSE)

In April 2019, the BSE and College of Engineering at RUW signed an MoU to establish a cooperative relationship that includes mutual assistance in the areas of education, consultancy, research and other related areas. The general scope of this collaboration is for the BSE to provide opportunities to CoE staff and students to participate in and attend activities and programmes, such as training, research, conference organisation, and development of staff and students members.

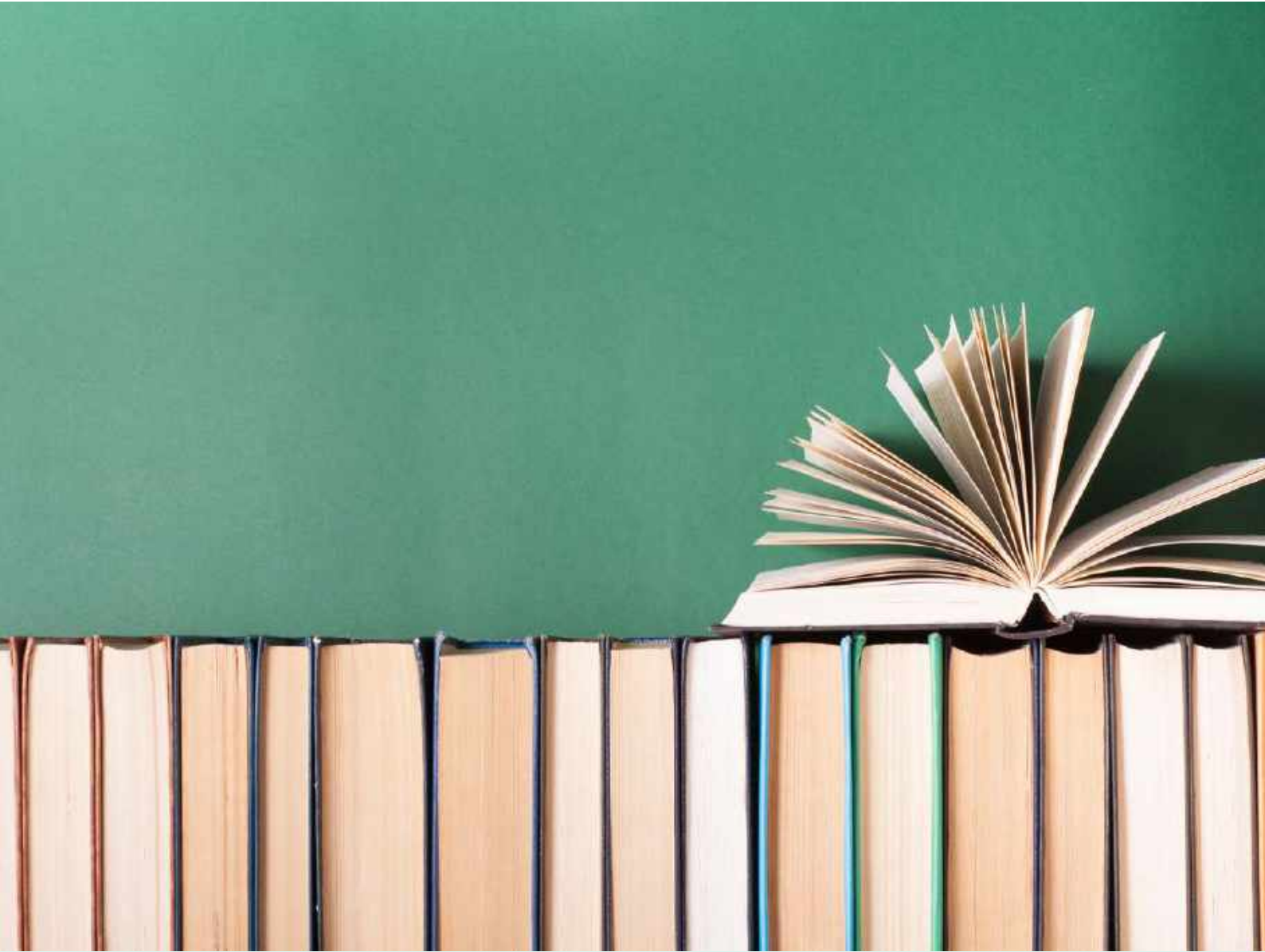
In November 2019, a meeting was held at the BSE facility between the CE dean Dr. Madina, the faculty member Dr. Majed and the director of training at BSE to discuss ways of activating this cooperation by involving WVU-Bahrain students and encouraging them to be active members of BSE. The students were given the opportunity to apply for a BSE student membership that will allow them to participate in the organisation of activities organised by BSE such as conferences, seminars, workshops and attend professional engineering-oriented trainings to prepare them for their future career. In November 2019, BSE organised their Annual Engineering Day and WVU Students participated in the organisation of the event.





SERVICE ON GOVERNMENT INDUSTRY OR COMMUNITY BOARDS/COMMITTEES

- In AY November 2019, the dean of engineering chaired a BQA panel for the NQF validation of two engineering programmes offered by UoB, the BSc in Electrical Engineering and the BSc in Electronic Engineering. The dean was responsible for the onsite validation exercise and the preparation of the validation report.
- On July 12th 2020, the dean represented RUW in a virtual discussion forum organized by the Supreme Council (SCW) for Women attended by Higher Education Institutions and other Government Organization such as HEC and BQA, to discuss the effectiveness of online teaching and the online work system and report on the strategy adopted by RUW for the upcoming academic year.
- On 23 August 2020, the dean participated as co-moderator in the AVU'2020 Virtual conference organized by the Association of Algerian Competences (ACA). The topic of the moderated session was: Face Recognition Technology: Applications, Market and Ethics.



CENTRE FOR GENERAL STUDIES

A WORD FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Centre for General Studies holds several college-wide activities per semester. These events involve the efforts of the faculty members within the college as well as support from various departments within Royal University for Women including the Office of Student Affairs, the Public Relations, the Administration and Facilities Management, as well as the colleges within the university that support and attend enthusiastically. Efforts this year include "Day of Giving", "World Clean-up Day" and "Clothing Drive".

The Centre for General Studies offers Community Service LAR 138 as an option for students at the Royal University for Women across all colleges. The course explores how to create social change and impact through social service, evaluating community needs, what it means to be a good leader, and methods of advocacy.

Through service-learning, the students collaborate with a community service organization of interest, carry out community service work with them, and base a final project on addressing the needs of that particular organization. Furthermore, the course develops students' research and analytical skills regarding community development and sustainability.

DR HUMAM ELAGHA

**DIRECTOR –
CENTRE FOR GENERAL STUDIES**



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COMMUNITY."*

**- PART OF THE RUW MISSION
STATEMENT**



CGS HOLDS A "DAY OF GIVING" CHARITY EVENT

On Monday December 23rd, CGS held a Day of Giving charity event organized by students and instructors of the English for Academic Success program. The event consisted of two booths where the EAS students presented informative posters and collected donations for a food drive and toy drive.

The collected items were distributed to two local philanthropic organizations - Bahrain Food Bank and The Hope Institute of Bahrain.

CGS PARTICIPATES IN WORLD CLEANUP DAY 2019

As part of RUW's commitment to serve the community, the Centre of General Studies (CGS) at RUW participated in World Cleanup Day 2019 held on the 21st of September 2019 at Karbabad Beach in Bahrain. CGS faculty members and students participated in this service-based commitment





COMMUNITY SERVICE CLASS RUN CLOTHING DRIVE AND LAUNCH 'CS POP-UP BOUTIQUE

The Community Service Class at RUW organized a week long 'Winter Clothing Drive' as part of their efforts to build links with the local community. The week long efforts included raising awareness , designing posters, setting up the boxes and decorating the space for the pop-up shop.

Winter clothes were accepted via student made donation boxes throughout the week and concluded in the form of a 'pop-up' shop titled CS Boutique and featured over sixty items of winter clothing. Reflecting on the event student Arwa AlSharqi stated "During the process I learned that there are others less fortunate who need our help even in the simplest ways. Constructing something so simple, yet so helpful to others definitely made me gain consciousness .of the importance of giving".



STUDENTS PLANT IN RUW GREEN HOUSE TO START 'STUDENT GARDEN'

The Community Service Class students visited and contributed to the RUW Green House by bringing in plants of their own to start student garden. This was done in cooperation with Mr. Naif Obaid the administration manager as a plot of land was allocated for the class and the students were briefed on their duties in maintaining the growth of the garden by a gardening expert.





BAHRAINI SOUK COMMUNITY

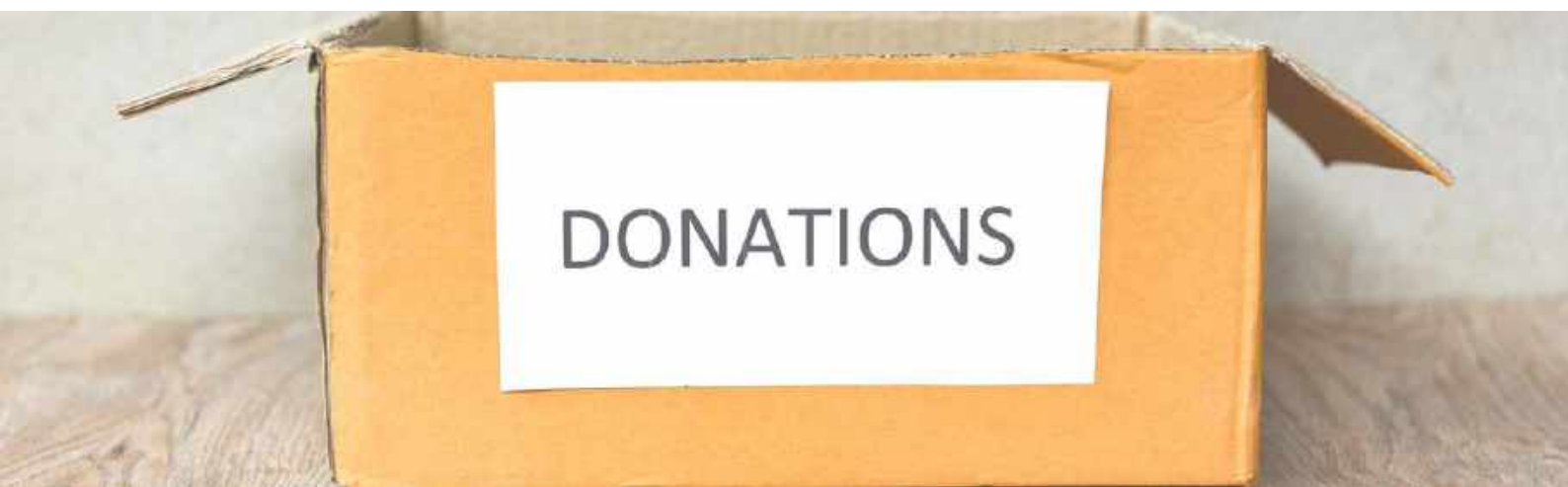
RUW Community Service students Noor Jassim and Fatima Naeem visited the Bahraini traditional souk and documented the daily tasks of a textile worker and seller as part of the qualitative research done for class. The findings were later presented in class and raised awareness on the traditional souk and its workings.

STUDENTS DONATE CLOTHING, BOOKS, AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

The students of the community service class donated items within the house as part of a 'clear-out' of items. This was voluntarily done by students during the suspension of traditional classes due to the pandemic. The students wrote reflective entries as part of the reflective journal detailing their experience.

STUDENT REFLECTIVE JOURNAL ENTRY

- This week i have decided to give all the books i have out for charity, so the other people could get benefits and advantages from them because , i'm done with them and i' m not going to read them again. This made me think of other people that maybe they want to read more books and get educated from them but they couldn't afford. This experience really made me think of others which is a very good thing.



STUDENTS DISTRIBUTE WATER BOTTLES TO WORKERS AS PART OF CS ACTIVITIES

A number of the community service students decided to complete the weekly task of helping the immediate community by distributing water bottles to those working outside as we entered the hotter months and the temperature was rising. The students reflected on this within their reflective assignment

STUDENT REFLECTIVE JOURNAL ENTRY

Week 5

This week, While I was driving my car, I saw a group of workers working under the hot sun, so I went to the closest supermarket and grabbed a bunch of snacks and liquids and gave it to them. As little as it sounds, but I really felt like the happiest person alive and the workers were happy and grateful for what I did.

As Scott Adams said “Remember there is no such thing as small act of kindness. Every act creates a ripple with no logical end”.

6th week:

In this week I had a great idea to do, I put a big table front my house and filled it with cold water bottles for the workers who work hard outside in this hot weather, and I fill the table twice a day. Actually, this is the most amazing thing I have ever done.





STUDENTS WRITE LETTERS VIA 'POST PALS' TO TERMINALLY ILL CHILDREN

With the shift to online classes and limited outside movement due to the COVID-19 pandemic the students thought of alternative ways to volunteer and make a difference. The above student wrote a reflective journal entry on her experience.

STUDENT REFLECTIVE JOURNAL ENTRY

During this week I decided to volunteer online using the "Post Pal" website, which provides a list of very sick children in the UK, to whom we can write a card, letter or email to. As I am volunteering online, I decided to write an email to a 11 – year old boy, Reuben W, as an attempt to keep him smiling during the course of his illness and hopefully, eventual recovery. Post Pals provides a background on each child on their website and I realized that I have common interests with Reuben, therefore I chose to write him something. Post Pals made me fill out a simple form along with the email I sent and they ensured that my email has been sent successfully. This simple email made me feel very happy when writing it because I knew that it would make a sick child smile. It warms my heart to know that I contributed to make the slightest difference in a child's day by making it better. I also learned that there are others less fortunate than us who need our help and motivation even in the simplest ways. One email could



STUDENTS VOLUNTEER ONLINE IN AID OF DISTRESS CALLERS

As the weekly volunteering tasks moved online a number of students of the Community Service Class volunteered via the “7 Cups” website. It is an online therapy portal where after training the students can be listeners to active real-life callers that need advice and help. The student entry below describes her experience.

STUDENT REFLECTIVE JOURNAL ENTRY

For this week, I volunteered online by joining the “7 cups” community. 7 cups is a website which provides online therapy and free support to people all around the world. The listeners are well-trained in active listening, as they also interact with people who seek their help and guidance via an anonymous and confidential chat. As I am volunteering on such a website, I decided to volunteer as a listener in which I had to make a listeners account and fill out a form about myself.

After filling in what was necessary, I created the account and was linked online to a person who needed help. The person (my patient), talked about the pandemic that is currently taking place and how much of a stress that is to him/her as he/she is currently quarantined. With us discussing everything that has been going on, I came to notice based on the way he/she talks is that he/she was very responsive and shared his/her actual feelings and thoughts about this topic, which made me realize how much of an impact this issue is having on my patient. After about an hour of talking, discussing and me finding ways to help calm my patient down, we ended the chat. This process has made me feel happy because I really enjoy listening to others and helping as well as consulting them to help solve their problems. I learned that this pandemic can actually stress people out, because for me, I never saw it as such a stressful thing, but I am relieved now that I was able to help an individual to get over this stress. During the process, I did not face any obstacles because everything was straightforward and clear, and their website is very user-friendly which made everything easier to do.



DISTRIBUTION OF MASKS

A Community Service student Amina AlBuainain distributed masks locally and internationally as part of the health precautions associated with the health pandemic. Here she reflects on her idea of distributing masks and the subsequent feeling of happiness.

STUDENT REFLECTIVE JOURNAL ENTRY

Week 2

Me and my uncle bought a bunch of healthy masks from Germany and sent it out to my Bahraini cousin who lives there without her asking for it.

She was happy that we did not forget her and helped her out in a place that she feels alone in.

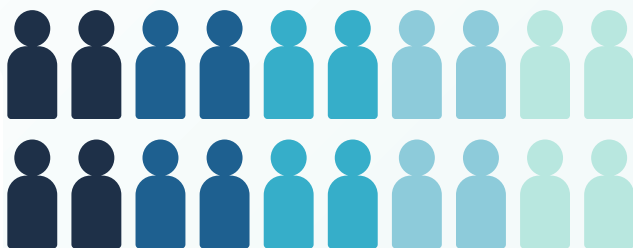
By doing that I really felt grateful for doing it and making her happy and I made sure that if she needs anything else, she can tell me.

STUDENTS VOLUNTEER IN COVID-19 FRONT LINES

On March 15th 2020 the National Task Force for Combating Corona virus (COVID-19) put out a call for volunteers to join and support the Kingdom's efforts to combat the pandemic. RUW students volunteered through the e-Volunteer platform with a selected number being called to volunteer. The opportunities ranged from administrative tasks to medical and logistical support.

College of Business and Financial Sciences student and Community Service student Noora Ali Rashed Alrowaiei was stationed at the Bahrain International Exhibition Center where she assisted in taking swabs in the drive-through setup. Reflecting on her contribution Noora said she felt a duty to sign up and stated that the country deserves my support and it is a rewarding way to give back to community at the time of need.

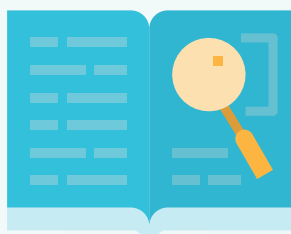




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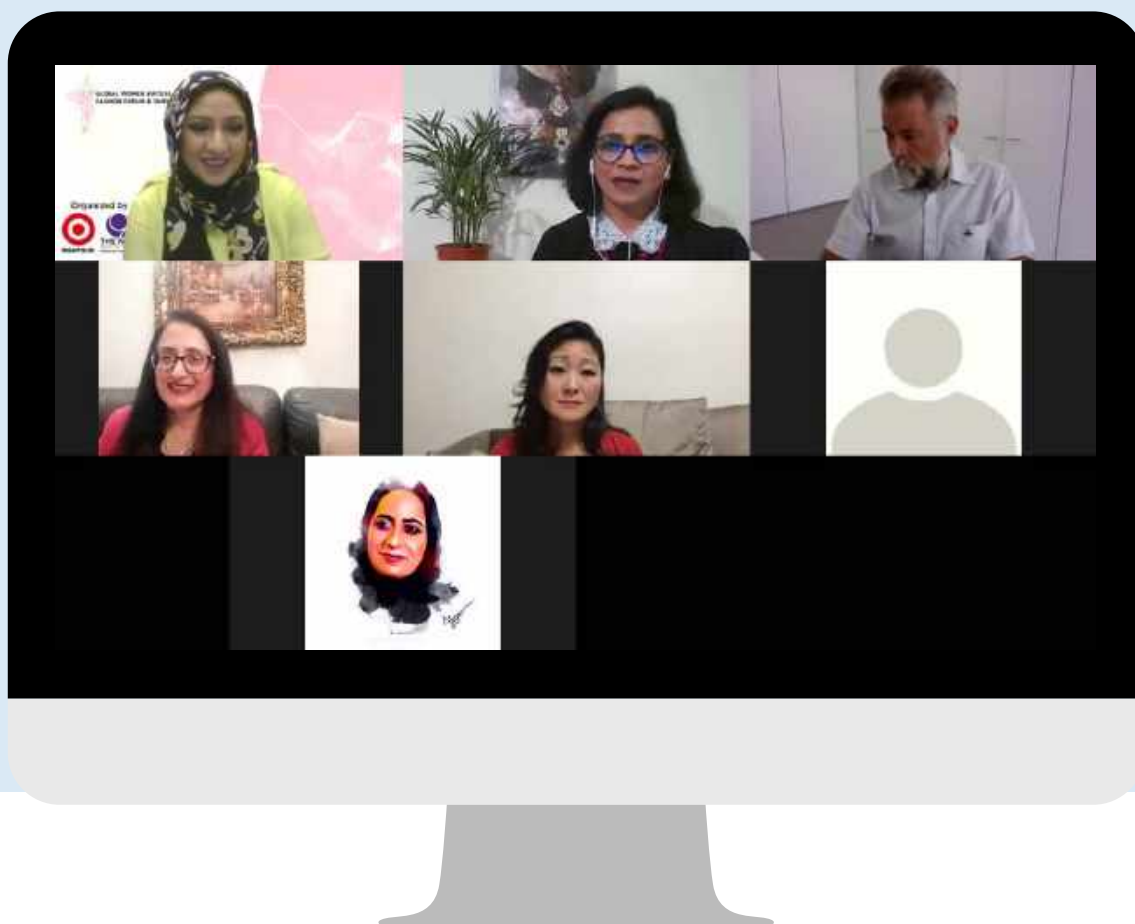


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WEBINARS

WEBINARS THAT RUW FACULTY MEMBERS PARTICIPATED AS GUEST SPEAKERS/ FACILITATORS



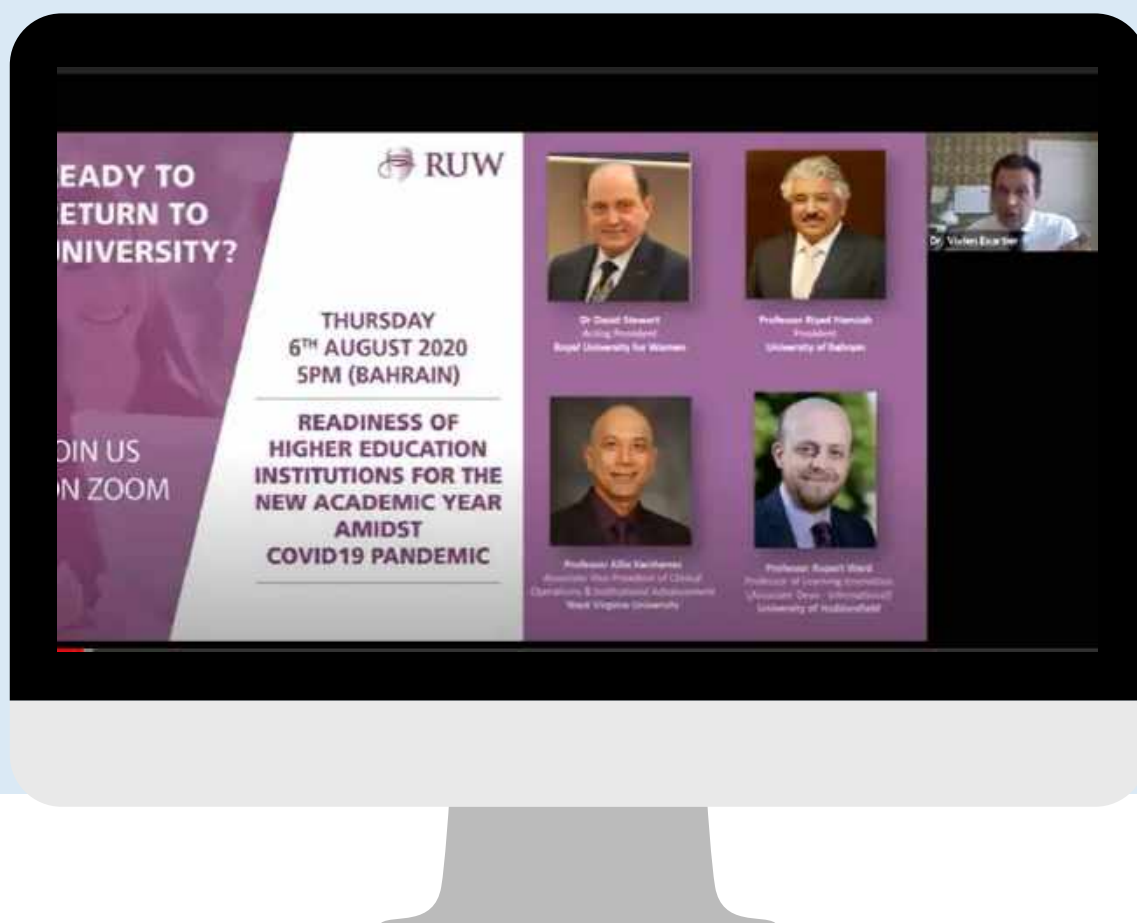
Name of Faculty	College	Topic of Webinar	Date	Organising entity
Dr David Stewart	President	Readiness of HEIs for the new academic year amidst COVID-19 pandemic	6-8.2020	Royal University for Women. Participants included Dr David Stewart, Professor Riyadh Hamzah President, University of Bahrain, Professor Allie Karshenas, Associate Vice President of Clinical Operations, West Virginia University and Professor Rupert Ward, Professor of Learning Innovation University of Huddersfield
Dr. Mona Suri	AVP	Academic Leadership in COVID 19 situation: challenges and opportunities	9.06.20	"Navigating Through COVID-19 to Ensure Quality Learning" elearnit Virtual Conference, Bahrain Polytechnic
Dr. Mona Suri	AVP	Academic Leadership in COVID 19 situation: challenges and opportunities	22.06.20	Innovative Academic Practice in the time of COVID 19, UoB
Dr. Mona Suri	AVP	Empowering Women to become entrepreneurs by making male members allies	14.07.20	Global Women Virtual Fashion Forum & Show, Medpoint Design
Dr. Madina Hamiane	CE	Participated in Forum "Effectiveness of the application of the virtual teaching and learning and remote work system"	12.07.20	Supreme Council for Women (SCW)
		Face Recognition Technology: Applications, Market and Ethics Moderated	23.08.20	Association of Algerian Competences (ACA) AVU'2020 Virtual Conference Summer 2020

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Dr. Abuelainin Mohammed Hussain	CAD	Presented e-Learning Content Development Workshop (Advanced PowerPoint Techniques)	2.07.20	Royal University for Women (Online Education Committee)
		Presented e-Learning Content Development Workshop (Screen Recording and Video Editing)	9.07.20	Royal University for Women (Online Education Committee)
		Presented e-Learning Content Development Workshop (H5P Interactive Video Content and HTML Editor)	16.07.20	Royal University for Women (Online Education Committee)
Dr. Raed Alnimer	CL	Contractual Liability/ Presented	16.5.20	Amman Arab University / Jordan
Dr. Raed Alnimer	CL	Civil Liability/ Presented	23.5.20	Jordanian Bar Association
Dr. Debashish Sengupta	CBFS	Engaging Millennial Employees at Workplace (Presented)	22.05.20	SAGE Publications India
Dr. Debashish Sengupta	CBFS	Managing Digital Addiction Among Gen Z – Preteens and Adolescents' (Presented)	26.06.20	SAGE Publications India
Dr. Debashish Sengupta	CBFS	'Digital Discipline: Managing	27.06.20	Hi-Tech

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Dr. Matthias Bode	CBFS	Weekly webinar with RUW/ for Highschool students	16.7.20	Education Zone
Dr. Nessreen Elmelegy	CAD	Organizer and moderator for Online Discussion Forum: Fashion Industry in Bahrain-Current and Future	12.07.20	Fashion Design, CAD, RUW
		Organised (Fashion show), Global Virtual Fashion Forum and show	17 th and 19 th .07.20	Global Women Virtual Fashion Forum & Show, Medpoint Design
Dr. Nidhi Goyal	CAD	Organised (Fashion show) , Global Virtual Fashion Forum and	12-17 July, 2020	Medpoint and The Nine Training Centre
		Presented in weekly webinar with RUW/ for High school students: Fashion Illustration	16 July, '20	Education Zone, RUW
		Moderator , Online Discussion Forum: Fashion Industry in Bahrain-Current and Future	12 July, 2020	Fashion Design, RUW
		Navigating Through COVID-19 to Ensure Quality Learning virtual conference Presented titled , 'Adapting' to Remote Teaching-Learning Amid COVID 19 in Bahrain, 9th June	9th- 11th June 2020	Bahrain Polytechnic
		Presented in the RUW research forum, presented titled 'Applications of Innovative & Smart Fabrics in the Middle East'	30 th June 2020	RUW Research Forum (online)
Dr. Nehal El Naggar	CBFS	Guest Speaker- Measuring the Employability Gap	30.06.20	Bahrain Statistical Society (BSS)

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Dr. Dina Howeidy	CAD	The Unexpected "Begin" Effects of Coronavirus on Interior Design Education Virtual Forum	01.07.20	Al Ahlia University
Dr Vivien Exartier	CBFS	Facilitator for CBFS Webinar on "21 st Century Skills in Financial Education"	22-07-20	Royal University for Women
Dr. Shweta Kinra	CAD	Facilitator/ Participated in Online Discussion Forum: Fashion Industry in Bahrain- Current and Future Organised (Fashion show), Global Virtual Fashion Forum and show	12.07.20	Fashion Design, RUW
		Presented in weekly webinar with RUW/ for High school students	16.7.20	Education Zone
Dr. Humam Elagha	CGS	Participated in Online Webinar Session on Innovative Learning Through Crisis	25.04.20	Pearson Professional
		Participated in Virtual Conference on Digital Transformation in The Middle East	15.08.20	Pearson Professional