

Welcome Note from the Academic Vice President



Dr. Mona Suri
Academic Vice President

Dear RUW Students and Staff,
By the time you read this message, you are well settled into Semester I and meeting many returning friends as well as new friends. For our new friends, take advantage of the many services accessible at RUW to help you achieve your full potential and remember we are here to support you every step of the way. Our goal is to nurture future generations to become citizens who are socially responsible and well equipped for the future.
Students and their Instructors are faced with many challenges to create a productive and an enjoyable teaching and learning experience and graduate real Women Leaders of tomorrow. We face the challenges together through work hard and a warm, personal and caring environment while keeping our teacher-to-student ratio low. Technical advances are driving employability and students need to effectively utilise new and latest technology and follow up the latest development in the IT sector. RUW use the latest technologies and blended classroom teaching methods which positively contributes to the learning experience.
RUW has planned many exciting events this AY to engage both staff and students. Bespoke workshops are planned for faculty to enhance Peer Observation and strengthen students' analytical skills. RUW offers many events to maintain students on the road to graduation and professional success, such as tutoring and workshops on improving research and foreign languages. The recently opened Centre for Italian Language and Culture is a first in Bahrain. The Library and Office of Student Life are here to help, whether you are an online or on-site student. Preparations are underway for the various educational trips where a range of exciting destinations are offered, including London, West Virginia and many more.
The biennial RUW Conference on Women and Society will be held from 31 March to 02 April with the Theme: "Women and the Fourth Industrial Revolution". Both Students and staff are encouraged to participate in the Conference. This is an excellent platform for students to showcase their research projects, acknowledge the benefits of research, nurturing talent, which is crucial for the development of the society. In preparation for the Conference, students can attend the RUW Research Forum, where faculty present their ongoing and completed research.
During the year, students can join the Question and Answer sessions providing an opportunity for us to learn more about you, your plans for your future, and to answer your questions. Concluding this month, the final examinations are just a few weeks away, stay focused in your pursuit of academic achievement and remember Students are our true treasure, and a worthy of the investment and at RUW you will get the personal attention and world learning experiences, preparing you for a lifetime of success.
With Best Wishes
Dr. Mona Suri

RUW Mission
To offer our students a rewarding and challenging multi-cultural learning environment that cultivates strong, well-rounded personalities, encourages leadership, and builds character, social consciousness and community. To realize our commitment to teaching, learning, research and service through the activities of all members of the University community.

RUW Vision
"The Royal University for Women will become the regional leader in academic excellence for women. Programmes and practices that meet international standards will prepare our graduates to become leaders who are engaged members of their society demonstrating initiative & life-long habits of learning and individual development. The RUW graduate will be creative, confident and forward thinking."

Academic Programmes Offered at RUW

- Academic Programmes Offered at RUW
- College of Art and Design
- Edexcel Foundation Diploma in Art & Design
 - Bachelor of Arts in Fashion Design
 - Bachelor of Arts in Graphic Design
 - Bachelor of Arts in Interior Design
 - Bachelor in Architectural Design
 - Master of Design Management
 - Master of Fine Arts in Drawing and Painting
- College of Business and Financial Sciences
- Bachelor of Business in Banking & Finance
 - Bachelor of Business in Human Resource Management
 - Bachelor of Business in International Business
 - Bachelor of Business in Marketing
- College of Law
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Under the Patronage of Her Royal Highness Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim Al Khalifa
RUW organises 3rd Conference on Women and Society:
Women and 4th Industrial Revolution



Under the Patronage of Her Royal Highness of Princess Sabeeka Bint Ibrahim Al-Khalifa, Wife of His Majesty the King of Bahrain and the President of the Supreme Council for Women, RUW will organise the 3rd Conference on Women and Society: Women and the 4th Industrial Revolution, in the Kingdom of Bahrain from 31st March till 2nd April 2020 in Gulf Convention Centre.

The worldwide growing speed towards a more digitised society and economy is predicting that we are at the beginning of a technological revolution that will fundamentally change the way we live and work. The changes brought by the 4th Industrial Revolution will bring changes in power, knowledge, and shifts in wealth. It will create enormous challenges and opportunities. New jobs will be created, new sectors, new products, new services, and new markets. By developing digital platforms, workers will be able to work from home using their working time as they wish offering their work to different countries. This flexibility in work should be accompanied by the growing need for education, training and development of new skills and competences to meet the challenges of the new world of work. Also, this era of digitisation will strengthen the great inequality that exists today in a world where many states and regions have not yet passed through the second and/or the third industrial revolution. In this regard, it is crucial to analyse the problems arising from the 4th Industrial Revolution as well as emerging opportunities, especially regarding the existing gender inequality; because, these developments will surely have a strong impact on the global population, especially on women who represent 52% of the population. Technology has brought countless opportunities across the world in terms of progress in every possible field but is also responsible for more job destructions than globalization itself.

The 4th industrial revolution has deeply transformed our society including the role played by women with interesting variations. Women are actively participating in higher education and undertaking scientific research, leading to Womens advancement globally and in the Kingdom of Bahrain. The Conference aims to highlight how the accelerating pace of technological change affects what roles women can play in the economy, politics, and society. The Conference will also explore the ways to enhance the culture of STEM education in women so that these young women can use technology and entrepreneurship to create economic opportunities. The goal is to discover and share methods countries might deploy for women to lead rather than follow this revolution. Further the contributions made by Bahraini women leading to women advancement will also be explored.

RUW is the first private Higher Education Council accredited, ASEC accredited international university in the Kingdom of Bahrain that is dedicated solely to educating women. This is the third biennial event that RUW will hold following the successful 2016 and 2018 Conferences on Women and Society, attended by more than 300 delegates from over 15 countries where more than 100 research papers were presented. Student poster presentations are a highlight of the event and serve to stimulate a research culture among the region's youth.

Royal University for Women Welcomes Bayan Garden Schools and Al Bassam Private schools from KSA



As part of Royal University for Women (RUW) Strategy in becoming the regional leader in academic excellence for women, RUW welcomed to its campus two International Schools from Kingdom of Saudi Arabia: Bayan Garden Schools and Al Bassam Private Schools, from KSA's Eastern Province. The two schools came upon invitation from RUW to provide Grade 11 and 12 students the opportunity to discover the multi-cultural learning environment and the facilities provided which exceed educational needs for local and international students. Dr. David Stewart, Acting President of Royal University for Women, welcomed the schools alongside Dr. Mona Suri, Academic Vice President of RUW, each briefed the high school students on why RUW is the best choice for their academic excellence. They emphasized the variety of opportunities provided for international students and the remarkable achievements RUW has achieved, such as: recognition in GCC countries, and ASIC Accreditation from United Kingdom. The visiting students were briefed about the colleges and degrees offered at RUW through short presentations delivered from college representatives. RUW Alumnae and current students provided workshops on how RUW is enriching their learning experience and life after academia. A tour around the campus was given for the visiting students to discover the facilities provided in RUW. For example, the Residence which offers an excellent and healthy housing program designed to meet the diverse developmental and educational needs of students living within the university community. Additionally, the visiting students participated in the RUW's Sport Centre activities and fitness classes.

AVP attends Women transforming Leadership course in University of Oxford



Dr. Mona Suri Academic Vice President attended the 5 day "Women Transforming Leadership Programme" at Said Business School, University of Oxford. The programme was attended by 56 participants, from 22 countries and representing 15 sectors including Higher education, medicine, Diplomacy, Finance and Entrepreneurship. The programme is specifically designed for women leaders from across the world with the purpose to support them in transforming their leadership in their context. The Executive Education programmes offered by the Said Business School, University of Oxford are ranked 1st in UK by Financial Times for 5 consecutive years. The 5-day intensive programme covered range of important areas in women leadership including Styles of leadership, Peer Coaching, latest research in Women leadership, Sustainable leadership etc. The participants had creative conversations about their skills and style preference and choice from different leadership approaches that could be chosen from. All the sessions lead to creating a strategy for self with a blueprint for future for effective leadership. Most importantly it created a strong network of the women leaders from the class of 2019 and previous cohorts.



Alumnae talk:
Experience at Royal University for Women and Industry



RUW alumnae, Ms. Hessa Jamal Almutawa was invited as a guest speaker to share her experience with the foundation year students. Ms. Hessa shared about the elements which influenced her distinguished final project. Her final project was also shared visually with the students. Finally, Ms. Hessa shared her current experience as a freelancer in interior design. It was a meaningful opportunity for foundation students to hear Ms. Hessa share her experience. Her presentation emphasized the importance of being motivated and self-confident, and the impact such characteristics have on pursuing a successful career.

Visit to Historical Riffa Fortress in East Riffa Area



An educational site visit to the Historical Riffa Fortress in East Riffa was organized to introduce students to the significant traditional systems of building construction and traditional materials used in fortress construction. They clearly grasped the traditional construction methods and material applications. Students learnt extensively from the traditional architecture, technique in the usage of the building materials and system.

Head Start Program



A workshop was conducted for DES 411 students, to continue the Head Start Program workshops. It was aimed to give students a comprehensive training experience and prepare them for upcoming employment opportunities. The session was conducted by Eng. Mohammad Faqih (GPIC) and Audited by Tamkeen. Students enjoyed the session and found it to be a valuable learning experience. Dr. Dina Howeidly closed the session with group of questions to assess their understanding.

Research Forum Presentation by Dr Henna Abdul Razzaq



Dr Henna Abdul Razzaq presented the project titled "Coexistence of Ruins: Exploring Iraq's Mesopotamian past through Contemporary Art" as part of the research forum. The presentation covered important issues, drawing inspiration of modern arts from the heritage of Mesopotamia land and ruins.

CEO of Hala Group Services as guest lecturer

Dr. Pieter Spaarwater, CEO of Hala Group Services, a company specialized in transportation and logistics, discussed business strategy and cross-cultural management for students from the "International Business" course taught by Dr. Vivien Exartier and from "Cross Cultural Management" delivered by Dr. Robert Bogdan. Students learned about the real case study of a growing company in Saudi, its diversification and the experience of a South African executive in KSA. The initiative was in line with CBFs mission to constantly provide students exposure to industry. Dr. Spaarwater was thrilled by the exercise and enjoyed the interaction with RUW students.

University of Huddersfield Delegation Visit



A delegation led by Dr. Mostafa Alghaldi, Manager Research and Enterprise visited RUW following an October RUW visit to Huddersfield. The delegation including the Head of the Business School, the CEO of 3 M Innovation Center and a fellow from the School of Computing and Engineering met with CBFs, CE and faculty members involved with entrepreneurship and the Center for Women Economic Empowerment. There were some fruitful discussions and the Huddersfield team was very impressed with RUW facilities.

HR Professional addresses CBFS students

Ms. Ece Ceteci Unsal, a talented dedicated practitioner with experience in a wide range of organizations visited RUW and addressed the students of three different Human Resources courses: "Training and Development" taught by Dr. Debashish Gupta, "Managing Human Resources" by Dr. Bogdane Robert, "Coaching and Mentoring" by Dr. Nehal Elhaggar. Ms. Ece engaged the students in various exercises, it was an interesting and eye-opening experience about the HR profession in general and how it will benefit them in the future.

Fulbright Specialist Visits RUW for Law Clinic

Fulbright specialist Lawyer Stephen Yusem visited College of Law from 25th November to 5th December. Mr. Yusem is an American Lawyer and Arbitrator with more than 40 year of experience in Legal Practice. He has participated to the course delivery of International Business Law and International Commercial Arbitration through guest lectures and run a trial simulation under US Jurisdiction under the event : Law Clinic on American Case Law where Law students were acting as Lawyers, Jury members and Judges and had to submit written legal statement and plead oral arguments.

Dr. Pasquale Borea Publishes New book

Dr. Pasquale Borea, Dean of the College of Law, published a book on "The Gulf Cooperation Council: Institution, Laws, Policies and External Relations" published by Lexis Nexis as part of their MENA Collection.

Dean of the College of Law visits Pittsburgh Law School



Dr. Pasquale Borea, Dean of the College of Law, visited the Pittsburgh Law School and the Center for International Legal Education of the University of Pittsburgh. During the visit, meetings with the CILE Director, Prof. Brand and the Dean of Law, Dr. Wintermuth, aimed at strengthening the cooperation between the Pittsburgh Law School and the RUW's College of Law.

CGS Faculty Members Attend The 8th Bahrain ELT Professionals Conference



Faculty members from the Centre for General Studies (CGS) led by Dr Humam Elagha, Director CGS, attended the "8th Bahrain ELT Professionals Conference: Learner Engagement." The conference was held on Saturday, November 02 at the Bahrain Conference Center in the Crowne Plaza Hotel. This year's conference was the biggest in ELTPN history; with 3 plenaries, 24 breakout sessions, 24 speakers, and 6 exhibitors.

Psychology Club organizes the Art based therapy workshop



Dr. Sahana Mitra, mentor of Psychology Club, organized the club's first activity. Certified Art Therapist, Ms. Aishwarya Maddhuri, who is a member of British Association of Art Therapists, was invited for the workshop. With an aim of the Psychology Club to add towards mental and emotional wellness of the students, the art therapist included guided meditation which was completed using the instrumental music. Followed by painting or creating things based on students' interests where different art materials such as acrylic paints, watercolors, crayons and clay were dispersed to students. As a result, the students came up with different creations and patterns and felt more relaxed, energized and motivated.

Google Offers Mahart Program to RUW Students



Injaz Bahrain offered IT Skills in Arabic Maharat program sponsored by Google to RUW orientation students. The one-day workshop offered students a flexible and customized training course to develop essential components of digital marketing. During the program, students learned about enhancing their technical skills, identifying tools to help them grow their business, preparing themselves for their desired career path in the future and promoting their business globally.