

## GCES 2018 Symposium Program

*Public, Private, and Philanthropy:  
Exploring the Impact of New Actors on Education in the GCC*

**Day One: Saturday, April 7, 2018**

8:30-13:30	<b>Registration Open</b> <i>Workshop Participants:</i> Please go directly to the Al Qasimi Foundation Training Room (RAK Gas Building, 3rd Floor). <i>All Other Participants:</i> Please register in the lobby of the Hilton Garden Inn.	Al Qasimi Foundation Training Room  Hilton Garden Inn - Main Lobby
9:15-10:45	<b>Workshop: Using International Assessments to Achieve Your Education Goals (Part 1)</b> <b>Ben Durbin</b> , National Foundation for Education Research (NFER) <b>Juliet Sizmur</b> , National Foundation for Education Research (NFER)	Al Qasimi Foundation Training Room
10:45-11:00	<b>Break</b>	Coffee Break Area
11:00-12:30	<b>Workshop: Using International Assessments to Achieve Your Education Goals (Part 2)</b> <b>Ben Durbin</b> , National Foundation for Education Research (NFER) <b>Juliet Sizmur</b> , National Foundation for Education Research (NFER)	Al Qasimi Foundation Training Room
12:30-13:30	<b>Lunch</b>	Hilton Garden Inn - Main Restaurant
13:30-13:45	<b>Welcome to Ras Al Khaimah</b> <b>Natasha Ridge</b> , Al Qasimi Foundation	Hilton Garden Inn - Main Hall (Khuzam)
13:45-14:00	<b>Introduction to GCES</b> <b>Abdullah Alajmi</b> , GCES President; Arab Open University – Kuwait	Hilton Garden Inn - Main Hall (Khuzam)

<p>14:00-15:00</p>	<p><b>Keynote 1: Globalization and Changing Spatialities: Emergent Policy Fields and New Policy Actors in Education</b>  <b>Chair:</b> Abdullah Alajmi</p> <p><b>Bob Lingard</b>, School of Education, The University of Queensland, Australia</p>	<p>Hilton Garden Inn - Main Hall (Khuzam)</p>
<p>15:00-16:15</p>	<p><b>Featured Panel 1: Growth Beyond the Numbers: Higher Education in the GCC</b>  <b>Chair:</b> Soohyun Jeon</p> <p><b>Hayfa Jafar</b>, University of Toronto  <i>Higher Education in the GCC: The Realities and Challenges of Regionalization</i></p> <p><b>Marvin Erfurth</b>, University of Münster  <i>Education Hubs in the GCC Region - Exploring Interplays of Local Visions and Global Influences for Higher Education Policy and Economic Geographies</i></p> <p><b>Woohyang Sim</b>, Waseda University  <i>What is Higher Education for? A Comparative Study Between the United Arab Emirates and Other Gulf Countries</i></p> <p><b>Aisha Salim Ali Al Harthi</b>, Sultan Qaboos University  <b>Fatma Al Hajri</b>, Ministry of Higher Education, Oman  <i>Private Higher Education in Oman: Vivid Opportunities but Vague Impact?</i></p>	<p>Hilton Garden Inn - Main Hall (Khuzam)</p>

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**Day Two: Sunday, April 8, 2018**

8:15-8:45	<b>Registration Open</b>	Hilton Garden Inn - Main Lobby
8:45-9:00	<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>	Hilton Garden Inn - Main Hall (Khuzam)
9:00-10:00	<b>Keynote 2: "Policy Patrons:" Private Philanthropic Foundations as Political Entrepreneurs in U.S. Public Education</b> <b>Chair:</b> Antoni Verger <b>Megan Tompkins-Stange</b> , University of Michigan	Hilton Garden Inn - Main Hall (Khuzam)
10:00-10:15	<b>Break</b>	Coffee Break Area
10:15-11:15	<b>Featured Panel 2: Informing Education Policy and Transforming Systems through Evidence</b> <b>Chair:</b> Bob Lingard <b>Helen Abadzi</b> , University of Texas at Arlington <i>How to Encourage Education Ministries to Adopt Effective Research-Based Policies? An Example for Arabic</i> <b>Luke Naismith</b> , Knowledge and Human Development Authority <b>Nada Salha</b> , Knowledge and Human Development Authority <i>Student Wellbeing in Dubai</i> <b>Amal Mousa</b> , Knowledge and Human Development Authority <b>Kaltham Kenaïd</b> , Knowledge and Human Development Authority <i>Action Research to Improve Arabic in Dubai Private Schools</i>	Hilton Garden Inn - Main Hall (Khuzam)

<p>11:15-12:30</p>	<p><b>Breakout Session 1.1: Education Research in Arabic (Arabic Session)</b>  <b>Chair:</b> Khalaf Al'Abri</p> <p><b>Ali Al Matari</b>, Ministry of Education, Oman  معوقات تطبيق المعلمين لبرنامج انتل للتعليم في العملية التعليمية بسلطنة عمان  <i>Obstacles to Teachers' Implementation of Intel's Education Program in the Sultanate of Oman</i></p> <p><b>Azzam Mohamed</b>, Sultan Qaboos University  جامعة الشركات: مدخل لتطوير الشراكة بين الجامعة والمجتمع (رؤية مقترحة)  <i>Corporate University: An Approach to Developing Partnerships Between Universities and Societies (A Proposed Vision)</i></p> <p><b>Ibrahim Al Ateeqi</b>, Sultan Qaboos University  دور البنك الدولي في تطوير السياسة التعليمية وتحسين جودة التعلم بدول مجلس التعاون الخليجي  <i>The Role of the World Bank in Developing Educational Policy and Improving the Quality of Learning in the GCC Countries</i></p>	<p>Hilton Garden Inn - Breakout Room 1</p>
<p>11:15-12:30</p>	<p><b>Breakout Session 1.2: Motivation, Attainment, and Alternative Approaches to Learning</b>  <b>Chair:</b> Max Eckert</p> <p><b>Nour Al Okla</b>, Al Ghurair University  <i>Learner Motivation: The Dynamic and Diverse Construct</i></p> <p><b>Linda Bradley</b>, University of Gothenburg  <b>Lorna Bartram</b>, Chalmers University of Technology  <b>Khaled Al-Sabbagh</b>, Chalmers University of Technology  <i>Mobile Learning with Arabic Speakers in Sweden</i></p> <p><b>Baha Makhoul</b>, Hebrew University of Jerusalem  <i>Predicting Reading Comprehension Difficulties Amongst Arab Children from Kindergarten to Fourth Grade</i></p> <p><b>Sosil Somokian</b>, Box Hill College Kuwait  <i>Projects That Work</i></p> <p><b>Katherine Hall</b>, Khalifa University  <i>Educating on Cultural Concerns via Public Service Announcements</i></p>	<p>Hilton Garden Inn - Breakout Room 2</p>

11:15-12:30	<p><b>Breakout Session 1.3: Who Benefits? Evaluating the Emergence of Private Actors in Education</b>  <b>Chair:</b> Elizabeth Bruce</p> <p><b>Emily Winchip</b>, University of Nottingham  <i>The Interaction of Education and Business for Teachers in For-Profit Schools</i></p> <p><b>Karim Colin Easterbrook</b>, Private School in Oman  <i>Private Education: Public Harm? A Review of the Current Educational System in Oman and Proposals for the Future</i></p> <p><b>Ziad Shaker ElJishi</b>, Effat University  <b>Heba Shehata</b>, Effat University  <i>A Case Study on Student Preferences for Public, Private, or Community College Education at a Private University in Saudi Arabia</i></p> <p><b>Moneer Moukaddem</b>, University of Nottingham  <i>It's Useless They're Emirati: Exploring Teacher Perceptions of Emirati Student Attainment in UAE Private Schools</i></p>	Hilton Garden Inn – Breakout Room 3
12:30-13:30	<b>Lunch</b>	Hilton Garden Inn - Main Restaurant
13:30-14:30	<p><b>Keynote 3: Public-Private Partnerships in Education: Critical Reflections from a Global Governance Perspective</b>  <b>Chair:</b> Natasha Ridge</p> <p><b>Antoni Verger</b>, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona</p>	Hilton Garden Inn - Main Hall (Khuzam)
14:30-14:45	<b>Break</b>	Coffee Break Area

14:45-15:45	<p><b>Featured Panel 3: Philanthropy in Education in the GCC and Beyond: Challenges and Prospects</b>  <b>Chair:</b> Marvin Erfurth</p> <p><b>Catherine Hill</b>, American University in Dubai  <b>Nadera Al Borno</b>, American University in Dubai  <i>Philanthropy for Education: Challenges and Opportunities in the Middle East</i></p> <p><b>Khalaf Al'Abri</b>, Sultan Qaboos University  <b>Waheed Hammad</b>, Sultan Qaboos University  <i>The Impact of International Actors on the GCC's Education Systems: the Case of the UNESCO Involvement in the Education System in Oman</i></p> <p><b>Nina Abdul Razzak</b>, Education &amp; Training Quality Authority (BQA), Kingdom of Bahrain  <i>Giving Back: Alumni as Assets for Generating Philanthropic Support for Higher Education in Bahrain</i></p>	Hilton Garden Inn - Main Hall (Khuzam)
15:45-17:00	<p><b>Breakout Session 2.1: Globalization in Philanthropy and Human Resources</b>  <b>Chair:</b> David Dingus</p> <p><b>Obed Mfum-Mensah</b>, Messiah College  <i>Philanthropy and Education of Muslim Youth in Sub-Saharan Africa in the Contexts of the Millennium Development Goals and Sustainable Development Goals: A Case of Rural Ghana</i></p> <p><b>Zahid Ali</b>, Consultant  <i>Role of Philanthropy in Technical and Vocational Education as Investment for Future</i></p> <p><b>Fahdia Khalid</b>, University of Bath  <i>The Choreography of Talent Development in Higher Education</i></p> <p><b>Katariina Juusola</b>, The British University in Dubai  <i>Exploring CSR Initiatives of International Branch Campuses: A Stakeholder and Institutional Perspective</i></p>	Hilton Garden Inn - Breakout Room 1

<p>15:45-17:00</p>	<p><b>Breakout Session 2.2: Helping Teachers Teach: The Effects of Teacher Training and Professional Development</b>  <b>Chair:</b> Emily Winchip</p> <p><b>Afaf Bataineh</b>, Zayed University  <b>Kay Gallagher</b>, Zayed University  <i>An Exploratory Investigation into the Use of Translanguaging in Teacher Education</i></p> <p><b>Irene Therese Skuballa</b>, Open University of the Netherlands  <i>The Impact of Teacher Stress and Cultural Diversity on Teacher-Student Interactions in UAE Science Classrooms</i></p> <p><b>Max B. Eckert</b>, New York University Abu Dhabi  <i>It Takes Two (to Make a Thing Go Right): The Effects of Self-Efficacy and Motivation on German Teachers Teaching Refugees</i></p> <p><b>Nayer Chandella</b>, Lahore College for Women University  <i>When the Mirror Speaks: Sharing Learning through Dissemination</i></p>	<p>Hilton Garden Inn - Breakout Room 2</p>
<p>15:45-17:00</p>	<p><b>Breakout Session 2.3: Innovating Curricula and Enhancing Learning</b>  <b>Chair:</b> Catherine Hill</p> <p><b>Glenda El Gamal</b>, Khalifa University  <i>Teacher Perceptions of Curriculum Change in the Bilingual Reform Programs in Government Schools in the United Arab Emirates: An Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis</i></p> <p><b>Reem Thani</b>, British University in Dubai  <i>Infusing Entrepreneurship in Higher Education: A Content Analysis of Three Undergraduate Business Programmes in the UAE</i></p> <p><b>Solomon Arulraj David</b>, British University in Dubai  <i>Curriculum Innovation for Postgraduate Programmes: Perspectives of Postgraduate Learners in the UAE</i></p> <p><b>Naved Bakali</b>, Tabah Foundation  <b>Mariam Al Hashmi</b>, Zayed University  <i>Islamic Education in UAE Schools: Challenges and Opportunities</i></p>	<p>Hilton Garden Inn - Breakout Room 3</p>

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**Day Three: Monday, April 9, 2018**

9:00-9:30	<b>Welcome and Announcements</b>	Hilton Garden Inn - Main Hall (Khuzam)
9:30-10:45	<b>Featured Panel 4: The Internationalization of Education: Effects on Students, Educators, and Institutions</b> <b>Chair:</b> David Dingus <b>Alexandra Draxler</b> , NORRAG <i>New Education Landscapes: The Technology Trap</i> <b>Elizabeth Bruce</b> , Al Qasimi Foundation <i>Empowered but not Equal: Challenging the Traditional Gender Roles as Seen by University Students in Saudi Arabia Geographies</i> <b>Hayfa Jafar</b> , University of Toronto <b>Emma Sabzalieva</b> , University of Toronto <i>Internationalization as an Emerging Approach in Higher Education in Iraq and Tajikistan</i> <b>Mary Ellen Kelly</b> , University of Toronto <i>School Leaders Navigating the "Coercive Power of Best Practices" to Support Instructional Practice and Student Learning on the Ground</i>	Hilton Garden Inn - Main Hall (Khuzam)
10:45-11:00	<b>Break</b>	Coffee Break Area
11:20-12:20	<b>Special Panel 1: NORRAG Special Edition Arabic Report Launch</b> <b>Chair:</b> Soohyun Jeon <b>Alexandra Draxler</b> , NORRAG <b>Soohyun Jeon</b> , Al Qasimi Foundation <b>Rasha Mohsen</b> , Al Qasimi Foundation <i>Launch of the NORRAG Special Issue 01 in Arabic: The Right to Education Movements and Policies: Promises and Realities (Translated and sponsored by Al Qasimi Foundation)</i>	Hilton Garden Inn - Main Hall (Khuzam)



<p>11:20-12:20</p>	<p><b>Special Panel 2: Partnerships and Accountability for Sustainable Development Goal 4 in the Gulf States</b>  <b>Chair:</b> Faryal Khan  <b>Faryal Khan</b>, UNESCO  <b>Frode Mauring</b>, UNDP  <b>Natasha Ridge</b>, Al Qasimi Foundation  <b>Jebrin Aljebrin</b>, AGFUND  <b>Maricel Fernandez</b>, UNESCO  <i>Panelist Discussions</i></p>	<p>Hilton Garden Inn - Main Hall (Khuzam)</p>
<p>12:20-12:50</p>	<p><b>Concluding Remarks and Group Photo</b></p>	<p>Hilton Garden Inn - Main Hall (Khuzam)</p>
<p>12:50-13:50</p>	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>	<p>Hilton Garden Inn - Main Restaurant</p>