College of Arts & Social Sciences
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The Role of Social Sciences in Investigating Contemporary Social Phenomena:
Current Approaches and Future Vision
16 - 18 December 2012

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**Media, Information and Contemporary Social Phenomena**
Lecture Theatre 6, College of Arts
Chair: Dr. Anwar Al Rawas
Rapporteur: Dr. Iman Zahra

Speakers:
1. Prof. Moh’d Al Ameen Moosa
   “Image manifestations in the new media: philosophical and technical dimensions”
2. Dr. Salwa Al Said Ahmed
   “Using electronic education in enhancing the quality of academic education: the case of College of Arts and Social Sciences”

**Scientific Research and Production of Knowledge and Contemporary Social Phenomena**
Lecture Theatre 7, College of Arts
Chair: Dr. Nasir Al Jahwari
Rapporteur: Dr. Nabhan Al Harrasi

Speakers:
1. Prof. Noman Shaban Alwan
   “The current position of scientific research and its future: the case of the Islamic University”
2. Prof. Ma’raaj Hawari
   Dr. Ali Abullah Al AlAlwai
   “Measuring the attitudes of university instructors towards practising scientific research: a field and explorative study on the University of Ghardaya”

**Social Dimensions and Contemporary Social Phenomena**
Lecture Theatre 8, College of Arts
Chair: Dr. Mostafa Abu Sheba
Rapporteur: Dr. Moh’d Najahi

Speakers:
1. Dr. Yousuf Salim Al Hinai,
   Juhaina Al Sabahi
   Zahra Al Wahaibi
   “Investigating the social impact of social networking media on teenagers from 13 to 19 years old in Oman”
2. Prof. Kazim Kareedi Al Aadli
   Prof. Alahim Moh’d Ali
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Day 2: 17/12/2012

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3. Dr. Abdul Wahab Al Hayis
“Social interaction through the sites of social media and its social bearing on university students, a field study in the Sultan Qaboos University”

4. Dr. Laila Khalaf Al Sabaan
“Electronic messages in the light of sociolinguistics”

5. Dr. Tariq Moh’d Abdul Haye
“Modernizing imagist formulation of popular epics”

3. Sami Abbas Mansur
“Using E-portfolio as an alternative in evaluating students’ performance at the elementary stage”

4. Dr. Bakhta Abdelhay
Ms. Zohara Latifa Kaid Oman
“Constructing institutional identities in EFL classroom: Teachers’ gender and gendered speech styles”

5. Dr. Victoria Tuzlukova
Dr. Rahma Al Mahrooqi
“Communication skills in Omani higher education language programs: Is there a gap between job market requirements and Omani graduates’ competence?”

12:00 - 01:45 Lunch at Faculty Club

02:00 - 04:30 Second Session (College of Arts)

### Historical, Geographical and Demographic Dimensions and Contemporary Social Phenomena
Lecture Theatre 6, College of Arts
Chair: Dr. Salim Al Hatrushi
Rapporteur: Dr. Hisham Jawad

**Speakers**
1. Dr. Balqassim Al Mokhtar
“Modern changes in the social fabric of Muscat”

2. Dr. Nazeer Ramadhan
Prof. Ali Tigan ElMahi
“Land-use and pastoral economy in Dhofar, Oman”

3. Prof. Moosa Samha
Ameera Al Balushi
Thoraya Al Abri
“Some features of Omani youths at the outset of the 21st century”

4. Dr. M. H. IlIan
“Western university branch campuses and off-campus orientalism in the Gulf”

### Education and Contemporary Social Phenomena
Lecture Theatre 7, College of Arts
Chair: Dr. Masooma Al Balushi
Rapporteur: Dr. Hisham Jawad

**Speakers**
1. Dr. Naifa Eid Al Saleem
“Difficulties faced by the faculty in Sultan Qaboos University”

2. Dr. Zahra Al Rasbi
Badrya Al Mosharfi
“The role of school as an educational institution in promoting the culture of dialogue amongst students of Basic Education in the Sultanate of Oman”

3. Dr. Osama Saad Abu Saree’
Dr. Mahmood Moh’d Ibrahim
Dr. Hilal Zahir Al Nabhani
“The interests of students at Sultan Qaboos University: a specialization based comparative study”

### Culture Dimensions and Contemporary Social Phenomena
Lecture Theatre 8, College of Arts
Chair: Dr. Ahmad Yousof
Rapporteur: Dr. Moh’d Saqr

**Speakers**
1. Prof. Mary Terez Abdul Maseeh
“The exile of the homeland and the homeland of the exile: the overlapping of orientations and future horizons”

2. Dr. Ali Essa Abul Rahman
“The importance of dialogue between the Islamic civilization and the Western civilization: challenges and requirements”

3. Dr. Fwad Jiddo
“The effect international changes on societal transformation in the Arab World: identity and intellectual security”
Day 3: 18/12/2012

09:00 - 12:00  Concluding Session (Conference Hall)

Chair: Dr. Mohammed Al Belushi

Speakers

1. Dr. Majdi Moh’d Al Daghir
“The role of media in reinforcing values of tolerance and promoting the culture of dialogue with the Other: an analytical study of certain samples of Arabic daily newspapers”

2. Prof. Kamal Battush, Najma Alaloosh and Warda Mosebeh
“Social media and cultural globalization: a field study of certain youth institutions in Algeria”

3. Dr. Isaaf Hamad
“The concept of citizenship in the eyes of university youths: a field study in University of Damascus”

4. Dr. Dileep M. R & Shreesha M.
“Integration of information and communication technology (ICT) in education: a study on its influence in higher education in Oman”

5. Dr. Ayda Al Nabilwai, Dr. Sultan Al Hahsmi & Al Sayyda Dr. Maleeka Al Busaidy
“Social transformation and values of work in Omani society: a field study of a work environment”

Concluding Speech of the Conference
Professor Abdul Rahman Sofy Osman
Distribution of certificates to the participants

12:00 - 01:45 Lunch at the Faculty Club

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