



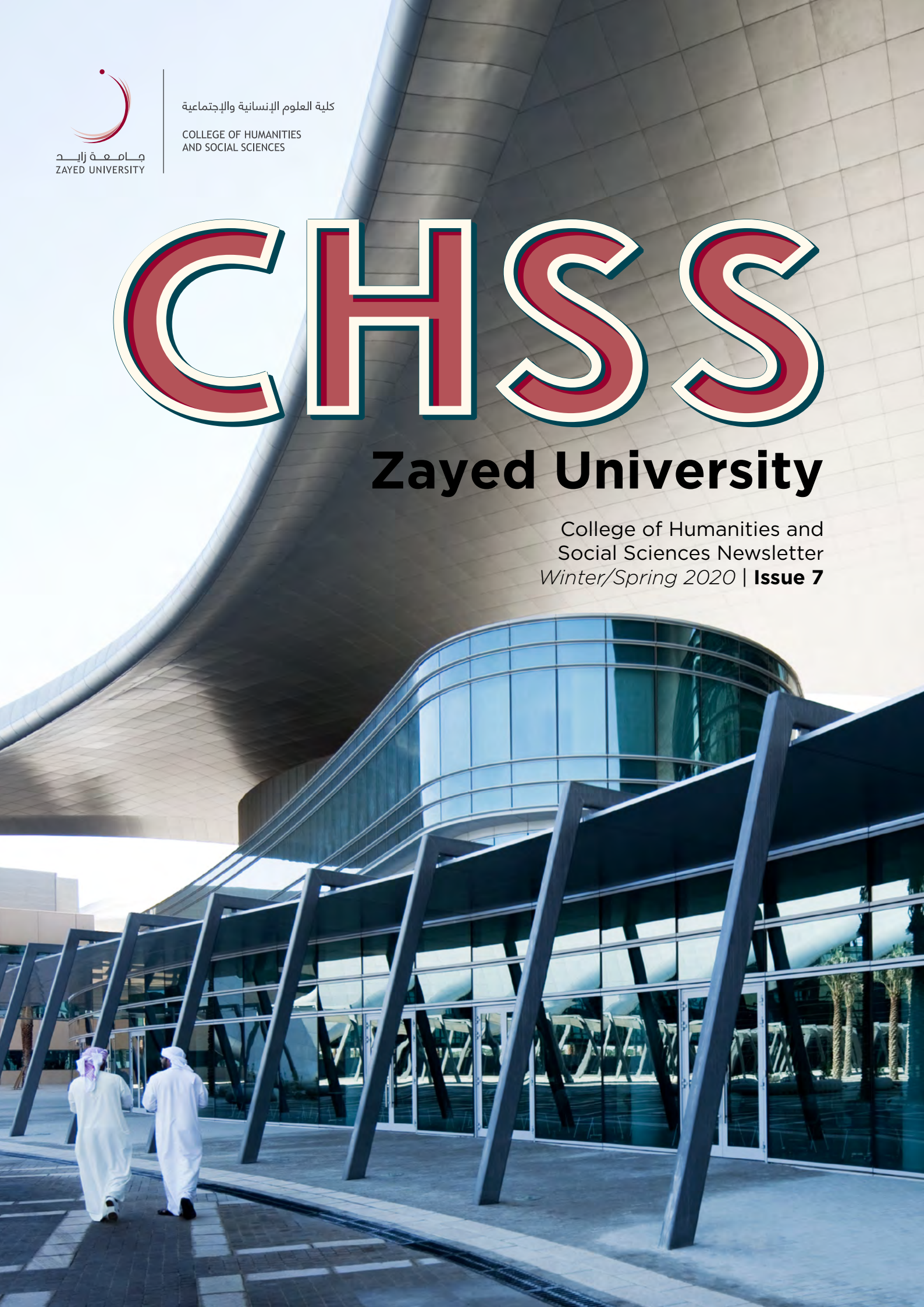
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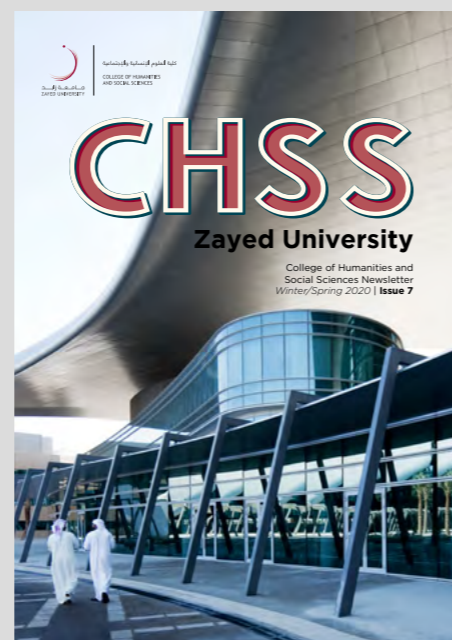


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Dean's Message

The following highlights are a testimonial to our success. On average, our college has produced around:

- Three book publications
- Ten academic journal articles publications
- Five field trips to Dubai and Abu Dhabi by faculty and students
- Seven International PD Conferences

We have also organized enriching events for members of the ZU community:

- Global Women Forum with Ivanka Trump in Dubai
- International symposium
- Departmental Social event

We made it through the semester, and we are now ready for final exams. The online platform for Distance Teaching has been tested and is ready to operate, and we are ready to welcome you back in the Summer and Fall 2020. Let's continue to transform the current challenges into opportunities for growth and learning, like we always do!

Finally, I'm sure you will join me in wishing good luck to all our graduating students, who made it through a trying final semester. Also, to all our exceptional CHSS graduates, who will continue to make us proud as they embark on their professional careers, I say well done.

Enjoy the newsletter and stay safe.

Dr. Fares Howari (Dean, CHSS)

Dear Reader,

Welcome to the CHSS newsletter for Spring 2020, where we reflect on our growth and achievements over the past semester. There is no doubt that the last few months have made us all appreciate the invaluable role of teamwork during times of crises and led us to realize the need to stand and work together for a better future.

We are presently witnessing and living an unprecedented situation, which, as a global community, we are all doing our very best to understand and overcome. In spite of the difficulties, I am humbled by the show of strength, resilience and compassion shown by each and every one of us. After a few weeks of initial stress and working our way through a new system of "online" teaching and engagement, we can now proudly enjoy a sense of settlement and achievement. Looking back over the past few weeks, we can undoubtedly see that we are becoming more and more in control of the situation. We can also pride ourselves over our newfound skills and successes having ventured outside our comfort zone. As we approach the end of the semester, we might stop and be grateful for having successfully, and at short notice, adapted to exceptional circumstances, whilst continuing to strive for excellence and the achievements of our goals.

Despite the challenges we faced, we continue to be productive and committed to our work while being aware of the changes in our environment.

Visit by HE Dr. Abdullatif Al Zayani, the General Secretary of Gulf Cooperation Council



CHSS invited and received HE Dr. Abdullatif Al Zayani, the General Secretary of Gulf Cooperation Council on 23 January 2020. The Secretary General of the Gulf Cooperation Council, Dr. Abdullatif Bin Rashid Al Zayani, visited Zayed University Dubai Campus, where he was received by HE Noura bint Mohammed Al Kaabi, UAE Minister of Culture and Knowledge Development, HE Dr. Bahgat Al Youssef, Acting Director of Zayed University and a number of members of the administrative and teaching bodies of the university.

The Secretary-General delivered a lecture to university students, entitled «The Gulf Cooperation Council - Ambitions and Achievements», during which he expressed his happiness to visit this distinguished scientific

edifice that is one of the evidence of the achievements of the sustainable development journey in the United Arab Emirates. He praised the support received by Zayed University from the UAE wise leadership.

Dr. Abdullatif Bin Rashid Al Zayani praised Zayed University for playing effective roles in serving development issues as a beacon of educational excellence in the region, as well as implementing good leadership directives, coordination and active cooperation in various fields. He commended the university for its role in promoting development efforts through its training and educational programs, to build individual and institutional capabilities, in order to achieve the noble goals and principles of the United Arab Emirates.

This comes in the context of the sub-specialization program in GCC and Middle Eastern Studies, which was created by Zayed University for its students in various colleges, where they get acquainted with the historical, political, economic and cultural aspects of the Middle East region in general and the Arabian Gulf in particular, as they study the development of the region and its diversity, in addition to exploring its future prospects.

This program builds on solid foundations of the humanities and social sciences, helping students make informed opinions, explain social and political issues in the region, and gain a better understanding of how to deal with their complex social and institutional reality that affects their daily lives. In his lecture, the Secretary-General talked about the journey of the GCC joint cooperation, stressing that the Gulf Cooperation Council was established as result of Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan - may God rest his soul, and his brothers the leaders of the GCC states insight. He pointed out that there are five strategic goals that we commit to in the Gulf Cooperation Council, the first of which is

ensuring safety and security in all aspects, whether against external threats or fighting crime. The second is to maintain economic growth and work to diversify sources of income. Third, and most importantly, human development, as citizens of the GCC States are the primary value of our economic growth, and they are a way to ensure a sustainable mechanism for achieving all goals set. Therefore, we must invest in educating future generations and creating innovative environments, all to ensure that our citizens create new opportunities, to become entrepreneurs, not job seekers. As for the fourth goal, it is related to strengthening the international standing of the GCC States between regional and international organizations, so that they have a role and help in achieving stability in the region. Last but not least, achieving regional flexibility to ensure that crises and disasters are dealt with and recovering as quickly as possible, and reshape a stable, healthy life after the crisis for our citizens.

The lecture was attended by faculty deans, a number of members of the administrative and teaching staff, and a group of students.



What is New at CHSS

NEWS FLASH: Master of Legal and Judicial Studies Accreditation Granted

The Commission for Academic Accreditation (CAA) has approved the accreditation of the Master of Legal and Judicial Studies program of the CHSS. This is in recognition of the program's compliance with the Standards for Licensure and Accreditation of the CAA. This Accreditation is valid until 28 April 2023.

Highlights: A big congratulation to the program's students, faculty and department of legal studies as a whole for their hard work in getting this done. We also thank the Dean and Associate Dean of CHSS, Dr Fares Howari and Dr Ahmed Salem for their leadership and support in getting this great achievement.



COLLEGE EVENTS

Hay Festival at ZU

Hay Festival, the prestigious international literature festival came to Abu Dhabi on February 28-25, and ZU was an educational partner. CHSS was in charge of this collaboration, which included:

- Session moderation: Dr Nezar Andary, literature and film scholar at CHSS, moderated a session with award-winning Iraqi author, Shahad al Rawi, at Manarat Saadiyat <https://www.hayfestival.com/p-16398-shahad-al-rawi-talks-to-nezar-andary.aspx>
- Student volunteers: An army of ZU student volunteers worked on-site during the festival, gaining work experience, meeting speakers and authors, and making ZU proud.
- On campus, Dr Shashi Tharoor, historian,

politician and diplomat, was our guest speaker to discuss the recent transformations undergone by the communities of the Western Indian Ocean. Its coasts have been a continuous source of raw materials to a variety of communities, and the economic gain that they produced in trade, made it feasible since early on to engage in long distance travelling and exchange. So how have modernity, oil capitalism and globalization transformed the human networks in the region over the last few decades? Dr Eric Staples, from CHSS, moderated this conversation between students, faculty, and staff at ZU and Dr Shashi Tharoor. Our students were curious about the forgotten histories of our communities, and also about where we are heading to as a region. It was everything great conversations are about: frank, open, funny and inspiring.



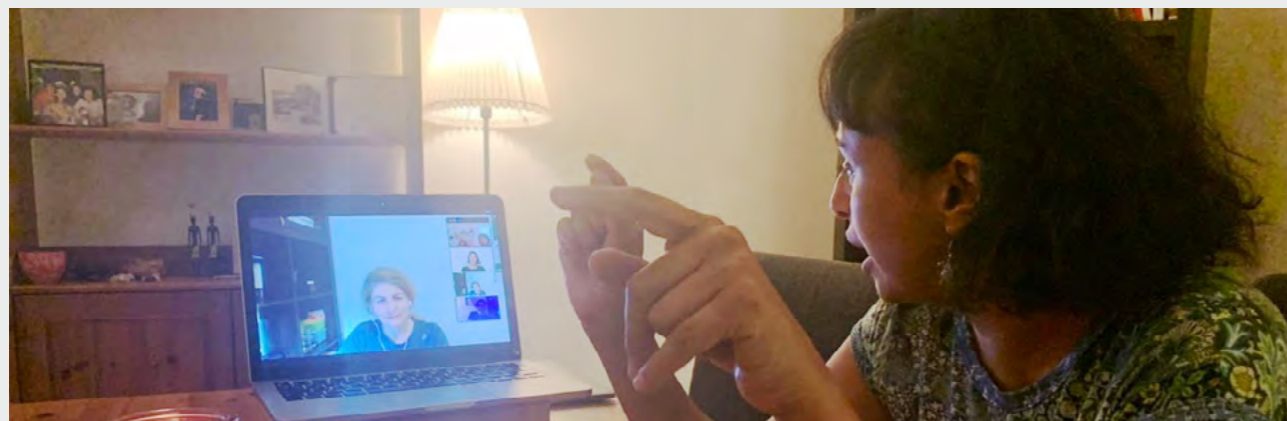
Online Film Screenings

The Department of Social Sciences organized two events. On April 2020 13, we held a Netflix Party with CinemaSpace - we watched the American Factory documentary and joined the Zoom discussion with speakers from the American Embassy in Abu Dhabi, and other fellow Abu Dhabians all watching from home. Watching it together allowed us to exchange ideas and impressions in ways that we all have missed since the lockdown began.

Then, on April 2020 ,20 we held an online screening of the new History of the Emirates Series and we were joined by the Head of

Documentary at Image Nation, Hana Makki, who produced the series, for a Zoom discussion. She was very open about sharing interesting stories about the production process of this amazing new series. The series retells the history of the country and is both greatly entertaining and very well made. Dr Eric Staples shared some of his related research insights with us, which was a privilege.

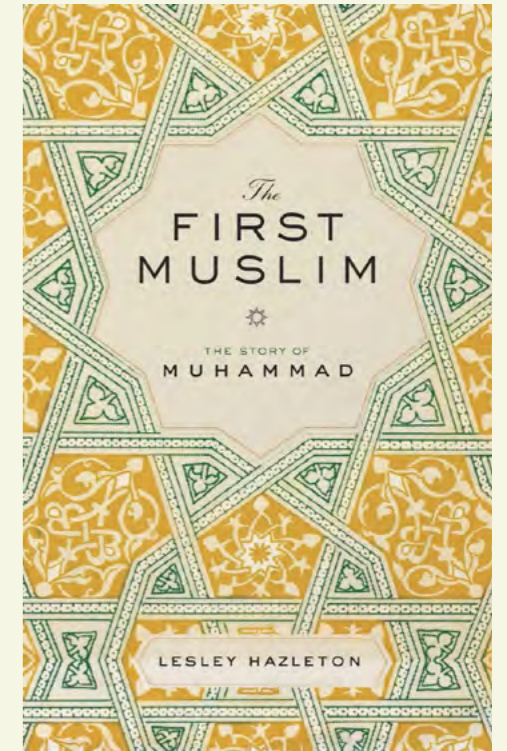
A number of our colleagues attended with their families. We all shared recipes of traditional Emirati dishes to be cooked at home.



Visit by Award-Winning writer Lesley Hazleton to CHSS Dubai

In collaboration with the Emirates Literature Foundation, CHSS in Dubai organized a lecture delivered by the award-winning writer Lesley Hazleton on 9 February 2020. The lecture was attended by a huge audience of students, faculty and wider community, including HE President of Zayed University. Lesley Hazleton discussed her most recent book "The First Muslim:

The Story of Muhammad" which focuses on the life of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) from his simple beginnings to his lasting significance as the Prophet of Islam. She shared insight into a complex human being using eyewitness sources, history, politics, religion and psychology to detail the moments of his life, his role as a divine messenger and his lasting legacy.



Visit by HE Young-wook Chun, Consul General of the Republic of South Korea

CHSS invited and received HE Young-wook Chun, Consul General of the Republic of South Korea, on 27 November 2019. He visited Dubai Campus and gave a lecture to CHSS students on Korea's history, culture, economy, and relations with the UAE. His conversation was of great benefit to students.



FACULTY EVENTS

3rd African Studies Association of Africa (ASAA)

Biennial International Conference on African and Africana Knowledges: Past Representations, Current Discourses, Future Communities

In a panel for Zayed University professors entitled “Arab-African Encounter: Civilizational and Knowledge Impacts,” Ahmed Salem presented a paper examining attempts of early Arab historians to explore and use Arabic sources to focus on aspects of East African history not usually studied in Western academia. He explained how old Arab and African historians used to place East Africa history in the context of Omani and Indian Ocean context well before the dominance of Western narratives of that history.



MAJS students visit to the Criminal Evidence Department.

The aim of these field visits was to:

- 1 Know the tasks and activities of the department and the developments that followed
- 2 Determine the department's procedures and mechanisms for operation, and the official methods of communication with its various sections.
- 3 Know the department sections, the nature of each section's work, and the way communication between the departments happens.

- 4 Understand aspects of co-operation between the department and members of the judiciary (judges - members of public prosecution - military judiciary).
- 5 Identify practical models and cases from the counterfeit and forgery section, methods of matching and realizing lines, the latest methods of forgery that have been discovered, and the mechanisms of its cooperation with other criminal justice agencies.



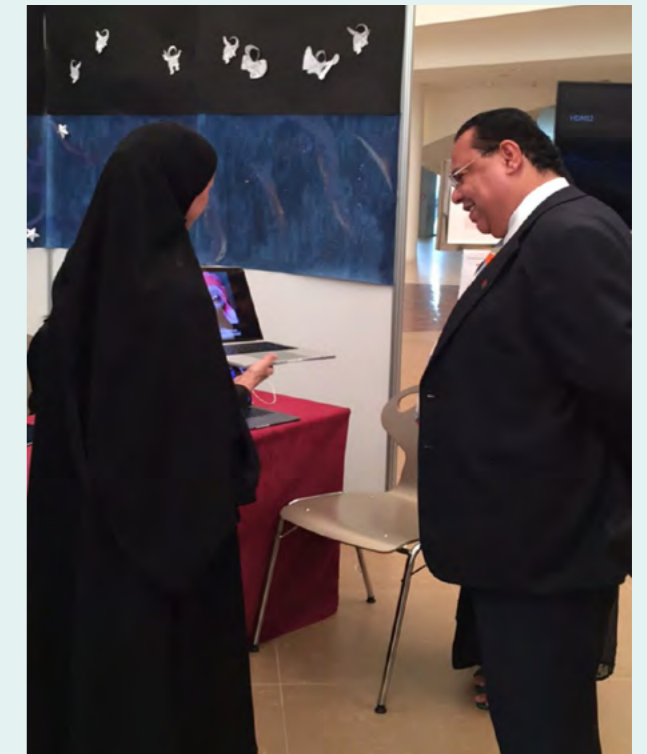
- 6 Know the work of the Section of Chemistry Research and Drug Detection and display educational models for drug types.

Artificial intelligence in the service of heritage and space

The Department of Islamic World Studies, in cooperation with the College of Natural and Health Sciences, hosted the event “artificial intelligence in the service of heritage and space.”

Students presented projects and innovations that contribute to implementing technology and artificial intelligence into education such as:

- Robots that guard artifacts in museums
- Watching Hekma House in 3D view
- Holograms
- Alien animation speaking in Emirati dialect



New Gulf Thalassocracies in the Western Indian Ocean

The paper seeks to evaluate the evolution and sustainability of Russia-Gulf interactions.

In contrast to conventional wisdom about the strategic intent behind Russia-Gulf relations as underlined by Russia's use of military force in Syria, its bases in the country, and its proposal for a new Gulf security architecture, the paper argues against the likelihood of Russia's emergence as a security guarantor.

Russia is both disinclined, unwilling and unable to perform this role.



Faculty Lecture Series

Dr. Melissa Kerr Chiovena delivered a talk about her research with ethnic Hazara civil society activists in Bamyan, Afghanistan.

She discussed the ways that distrust of and reliance on local, national, and international institutions can be viewed using a pollution and purity lens, drawing on ethnographic examples from her research.

Dr. Jonathan Fulton kindly moderated.

Many faculty members were in attendance and asked a number of excellent questions.

Global Women's Forum Dubai

Students from HSS 397 course attended this forum. They witnessed discussions and testimonies from leading female government, business and community representatives including: Kristalina Georgieva (managing director of IMF), Ivanka Trump (Daughter of US President Donald Trump), Brenda Berkman (pioneering fire fighter, US), the event is of an international importance, and it created a prime opportunity for zu students to explore first-hand the intersections of gender and leadership that is one of the topics of the class.



4th International Conference on Language, Linguistics, Literature and Translation: Exploring Cultural Intersections

By Magdalena Karolak

The aim of this paper was to understand how the concept of saving has been portrayed in the Emirati media in recent years and how media campaigns serve to raise awareness about the need to save energy, water and money for the future of UAE and the future wellbeing of individuals, whether Emirati or foreign residents.

The concept of sustainability in relation to a lifestyle is an important one in this country that has been associated with exuberance, luxury and over-spending. Emirati citizens and expatriates alike, according to surveys, lead consumerist lifestyles

characterized by above the limits spending on luxury products (Euromonitor, 2014) which, for some, lead to falling into permanent debts.

This research was based on qualitative discourse analysis of the national English language Emirati daily newspapers collected over the past decade. Frames, which are the cognitive structures that we use to make sense of the world around us (Bateson, 1972; Goffman, 1974), were extracted in the process. As a result, the methodology allowed the researcher to understand the context, and the meaning given to the concept of sustainable lifestyle that may be produced by the news structure and choice of words.

The 23rd Annual IRSPM Conference: "Renewing Public Management for Stewardship, Innovation, and Impact"



Dr Joshua Zaato presented a paper on public sector reforms in developing countries. The paper argued that governments in developing countries face several policy, managerial, financial and institutional challenges as they

strive to reform and restructure their public organizations or state owned enterprises(SOEs) in this era of austerity and neo-liberalism. These challenges are more pronounced in Africa because the developmental

state is only effective when it has bureaucratic organizations that are not only able to develop public policy but also implement such policies in an effective and efficient manner. Using the reform and restructuring of SOEs in Ghana as an example, the presentation proposed an alternative analytical and evaluative theoretical framework for the reform and restructuring of State Owned Enterprises (SOEs) in developing countries. The research argues and concludes that the time has come for 'home grown' approaches and theories that are suited and creatively-adapted to the needs and capacities of developing countries in the reform process.

11th International Conference on Business, Economics, Management and Marketing.

At this conference, a presentation was given on the following: The airport is considered one of the main elements in the civil aviation industry, especially concerning its relation to aircraft. The relation between airports and air carriers is inevitable, as no airport can exist without air carriers and vice versa. This relation is moderated legally through a lease and use of airport contract, which determines all the aspects and issues that might arise between the two parties. It clarifies the rights and obligations, as well as responsibilities, of both parties.

Sometimes, aircraft have accidents or incidents within the territory of the airport that effect air carrier operation rates, and this may incur losses for air carriers. This research paper, relying on a comparative method, intends to determine and

analyze airport liabilities towards the damages that may occur to aircraft, in the light of the lease and use contract in Emirati law, and comparative law, through replying the following questions:

1. What do we mean by the airport operator?
2. What is the legal form of the airport operator?
3. What are the kinds of damages aircraft may incur on the ground?
4. What is the legal nature of the liability of the airport operator towards the air carrier?
5. What are the elements of airport operator liability towards the air carrier?
6. What are the legal means to avoid airport operator liability towards the air carrier?



Report of the 1st Symposium in Abu Dhabi of the International Association of Energy Economists

On the occasion of the first-ever Abu Dhabi meeting of the renowned International Association of Energy Economists on 16 December 2016, Dr Li-Chen Sim proposed to the organization that a student-led post-Symposium Report would enhance local engagement in the event. Supervised by Dr Farkhod Aminjonov and

Dr Sim, four ZU students – Asma Abdulhakim Al Shamsi, Haya Fahed Almazrouei, Alya Mohamed Al Mazrouei, and Shamma Abdullah Al Shamsi – attended, produced, and submitted the report. It was published as part of the IAEE's quarterly newsletter, the link to which is provided here: <http://www.iaee.org/newsletter/issue/103>.

Symposium Report

By

Asma Abdulhakim Al Shamsi

Haya Fahed Almazrouei

Alya Mohamed Al Mazrouei

Shamma Abdullah Al Shamsi



Muslim Council of Elders Workshop on Tolerance, Peace and Coexistence

Dr. Hamdy was invited by the Counsel of Muslim Elders to participate in a workshop held in Casablanca, Morocco. His presentation focused on the UAE model of religious tolerance and peaceful coexistence. The most obvious example of religious tolerance in the UAE is the fact that it is home to over 196 nationalities, 40 churches, a Sikh temple, and two Hindu temples – substantially more centers of worship than any

other faiths in all the GCC countries combined. The UAE constitution indicates very clearly in article 32 that "freedom to exercise religious worship is guaranteed in accordance with established customs." In its efforts to ensure social harmony, the government has facilitated the establishment of worshipping places for various religions and sects and granted free land for the construction of these religious places of worship.

FACULTY PUBLICATION

Hamdy Hassan: published a book under the title of “The Impossible State in Africa (2020),” This book seeks to discover and analyze the contradictory paths that the African state has taken through its different historical stages. The central argument underlying our understanding of the nature of the state and its role in Africa is simple: that historically, Western interests in Africa have been constant and focused on access to cheap labor, control of the economy, markets, and raw materials. Therefore, the colonial state in Africa was formed to achieve these western goals. The colonial state was established to control the continent in accordance with the principle of unequal development in the international capitalist system, where it was integrated,



extracting the surplus produced by the Africans in favor of the colonial powers. After that, the political kingdom that Kwame Nkrumah called for and made Africa’s first coming in the international arena had a limited impact on this colonial structure of the state in the era of capitalist expansion.

However, the post-colonial process period reflected a clear contradiction in its development. It has revealed the extreme political fragility, and the extreme consistency in serving the interests of foreign capital, whether it be in the context of new colonialism or neoliberal globalization.

Hassanein Ali: 1. Published a Journal Article under the title of “The Rise and Fall of Islamic State: Current Challenges and Future Prospects (2020),” The article aims to answer two questions: does the military defeat of the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria in 2017 and 2018 and the death of its leader Al-Baghdadi mean the end of the organization and its Takfiri ideology? And what are the future prospects for IS after its military defeat and the death of its leader, Al-Baghdadi?

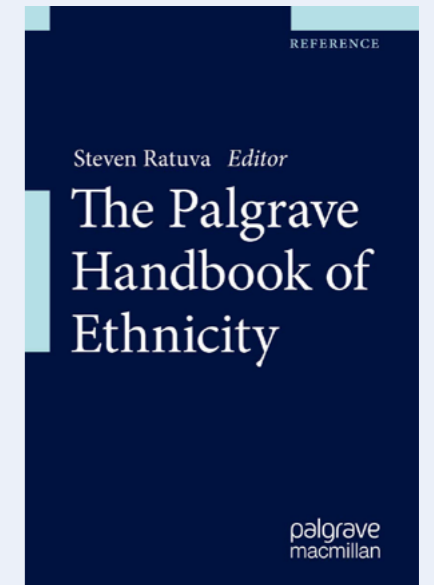
Hassanein Ali: 2. Published a Journal Article under the title of “.Post-Arab Spring: The Arab World between the Dilemma of the Nation-State and the Rise of Violent Non-State Actors (VNSAs) (2020),” The article discusses the types of VNSAs and the reasons behind the expansion of these actors and

the escalation of their roles in many Arab countries, particularly in the post-Arab Spring era.

Hassanein Ali: 3. Published a Book Chapter under the title of “The Halting Process of Democratization in the Arab World: Current Challenges and future prospects, in: Anders Jägerskog, Michael Schulz, and Ashok Swain, (eds), Routledge Handbook on Middle East Security.(2019),” The aim of this chapter is to account for the most significant political and democratic trends in the Arab world in the wake of the Arab Spring and to analyze the current challenges facing the process of democratization.

Hassanein Ali: 4. Published a Book Chapter under the title of “Post-Arab Spring: The Arab World Between the Dilemma of the Nation- State and the Rise of Identity Conflicts, In: Steven

Ratuva, (ed.), The Palgrave Handbook of Ethnicity(2019),” The purpose of this chapter is to analyze and interpret the dimensions of the relationship between the deep crisis of the nation-state and identity conflicts in the post-Arab spring era.



Noorah AlBlooshi and Alyaa Al Bedwawi: Published a Book under the title of “The Emirates is the global capital of tolerance and peaceful coexistence: An Analytical Study in the Light of Sharia (2020),” The issue of tolerance is one of the topics that greatly affects society, and we addressed this issue through the view of Sharia. The book includes four chapters that highlight the following topics:

1. Sheikh Zayed’s dream was achieved with the union of the Emirates.
2. The root principle of tolerance and co-existence, The Medina Document as the ideal model for peaceful co-existence.
3. Aspects of tolerance and coexistence in the Emirates.
4. The tools that enabled the Emirates to become the capital of tolerance.

Li-Chen Sim and Farkhod Aminjonov: Published a International current-affairs Magazine under the title of “Potholes and Bumps Along the Silk Road Economic Belt in Central Asia (2020),” Central Asia plays a key role in China’s Silk Road Economic Belt (SREB) initiative, a key part of the larger Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). This is thanks to the region’s abundant natural resources, proximity to the less developed inner regions of China, and position along the overland route toward European markets. Going beyond the conventional depiction of



Central Asian states as mere pawns in a game between great powers, authors of this article argue instead that the agency exercised by some

Central Asian states has and will pose challenges to the grand design of their more powerful neighbor’s initiatives.

Magdalena Karolak: 1. Published a Journal Article under the title of “The Propensity to Use FinTech: Input from Bankers in the Kingdom of Bahrain (2020).” The co-authored paper assessed why users are willing/hesitant to continue using FinTech services based on their perceived benefits and risks pertaining to the use of FinTech technology. Data was collected, using an adopted

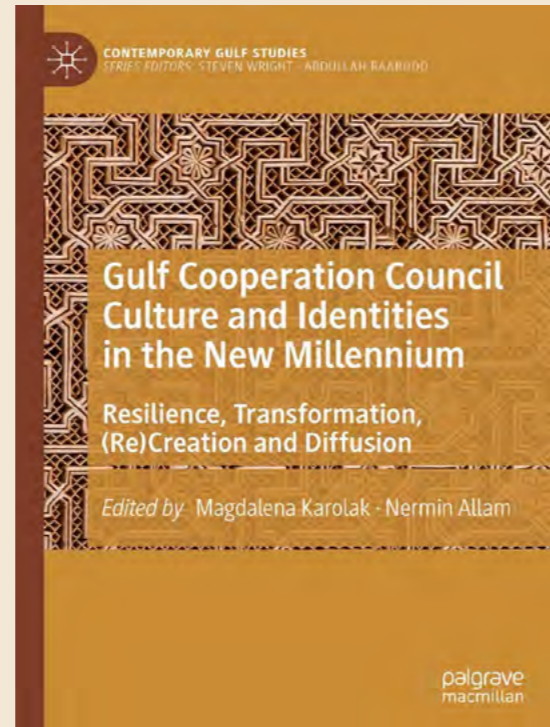
survey instrument, from bankers based in Bahrain, the financial and FinTech hub of the Middle East. Data analysis was applied to assess the reliability and validity of this study’s conceptual model along with its nine hypotheses with 374 valid responses subsequently was analysed using multiple regression via SPSS version 23. The empirical findings of

this study supported all the hypotheses, revealing that both perceived benefit and risks affect the intent to continue using FinTech. Perceived benefit has a stronger effect than the perceived risk, and convenience perceived most beneficial while financial risk perceived riskiest for using FinTech technology by the bankers of Bahrain.

Magdalena Karolak: 2. Published a Book Volume under the title of “Gulf Cooperation Council Culture and Identities in the New Millennium Resilience, Transformation, (Re)Creation and Diffusion (2020).” The co-edited book analyzes recent changes to the identities and cultures of the GCC countries. These important transformations have gone largely unnoticed due to the fast-paced changes in the region that affect all aspects of society. The volume unpacks these transformations by looking from a holistic perspective at the intersections of language, arts, education, political culture, city, regional alliances and transnational identities. It offers selected case studies based on original research carried out in the region. Two chapters by Dr. Magdalena are devoted to the development of the music industry in the region.

the image of the female political participation in Saudi Arabia (2020).” The co-authored paper analyzed the contrasting media portrayals of female political participation in the kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Through a thorough discourse analysis of Saudi, British, and American newspaper articles surrounding the 2015 municipal elections, we scrutinized how the portrayal of women as a subject group has shifted from one that required the constant approval of guardians in the public sphere to one that makes its own decisions and actively participates in politics. We analyzed what types of discourses and frames have supported this drastic shift in official Saudi media discourses. We then contrasted these findings

with the portrayal of Saudi female political participation in Western countries that claim to uphold human rights and gender equality, in contrast to Saudi Arabia. Finally, we contrasted our findings with the perceptions of 50 female Saudis regarding female agency and political participation in Saudi Arabia.



Magdalena Karolak: 3. Published a Journal Article under the title of “Saudi women as decision makers: analyzing

Prof. Iyad Jadalhaq: Published a Research Article under the title of “Where are Islamic Finance Indices Pointing Towards? Lessons from Experimental ‘Pockets’ of Islamic Financial Regulation on International Stock Markets (2020).”

This paper surveys the screening practices and regulatory arrangements that can be gleaned from the experience of Islamic financial indices on international stock markets. Such indices can be regarded as experiments in the demarcation of ‘pockets’ of Shar’ah compliant securities

exchange, in the context of non-Shar’ah compliant stock markets. They offer valuable regulatory precedent, with a view to the development of a transnational domain of Islamic financial transactions.

Design/Methodology/Approach: The paper leverages the experience of Islamic financial indices for charting the fault lines between the foundational principles of Islamic finance, and those of interest-based investment commonly accepted on international financial markets. It subsequently reviews

the most salient regulatory arrangements in place for discriminating between permissible and forbidden securities and modes of trading, as implemented on Islamic financial indices. These include selection criteria for index inclusion, and Shar’ah committees with ex ante and ex post supervisory duties. **Findings:** The paper makes a case for viewing Islamic finance indices on international capital markets as capacity-building experiments for the regulation of transnational Islamic financial flows.

Li-Chen Sim: Published a Article under the title of “Russian-Saudi Breakup May Not End in Divorce (2020).” The article considers the extent

to which the coronavirus caused the breakup of OPEC+ on 6 March 2020, and thereby led to the oil price crash.

It also discusses the possibility that the UAE and Oman may mediate in the conflict to facilitate the tabling of a new agreement to stabilize oil prices.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Emirates Environmental Group's Inter-College Speaking Competition



Dr. Tilde Rosmer and Dr. Gergana Alzeer took two current and one former Zayed University Student to the Emirates Environmental Group's Inter-College Speaking Competition. They participated in the category

related to food waste and made a 10 minute presentation on their garden project, Kulna. The three students, Almanar Abdelwahid Ali Mohamad Al Bastaki, Asma Khaled Hamdan Almajidi Albedwawi, and Fatma Alfalasi shared

their excellent ideas, photos and experiences as active members of the Kulna community. They also gained valuable lessons from the other participants and a strong motivation to continue with the project.

Field Trip to Sustainable City, Dubai

Dr. Tilde Rosmer took her Critical Thinking class to the Sustainable City in Dubai. This class is focused on sustainability and climate change. Through the tour and an information sessions, the students learnt a lot about the ideas, technicalities, opportunities

and challenges of the sustainable systems in their neighborhoods. They also got first-hand knowledge of and got to see sustainable homes and farm domes that are critical to the overall sustainability process in Dubai and the UAE.



Field Trip to Bollywood Park, Dubai

Dr. Indrakshi Tandon, Dr Marta Wiczorek and Dr Tilde Rosmer took three Popular Culture classes from Dubai campus to Bollywood Park in Dubai.

This trip is directly related to their Common Assessment on Bollywood films. It was a fun and engaging trip for all. The students and their faculty

simultaneously experienced and observed how Bollywood movies are made and how Bollywood is represented in the UAE.





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