

### Topics:

• Contemporary Economy and Globalization • Energy, Renewable Energy, and Energy Management • The Economic Impact on Social Development and Democracy • Interplay between economic development and climate agendas • Regional Development • National Economies Between Liberalization and Intervention • Education and Knowledge Management • Towards Modern Welfare Economics • Modern Tendencies in Economy and Management of Tourism • The Economics of Modern Enterprise • Planning or Predicting: Concepts and Models • Corporate Governance

### Speakers:

1. Prof. Sabri Boubaker- Dean of EM Normandie Business School, Dubai- “Investing in the Future: The Importance of Green Finance and ESG”.
2. Prof. Walid Saffar. Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong- “Mandatory ESG Disclosure and Debt Concentration”.
3. Prof. Salvatore Perdicizzi - University of Bologna (Italy)- “Greening the economy: how public-guaranteed loans influence firm-level resource allocation”.
4. Prof. Andri Ottesen- Australian University, Kuwait- “Why middle children will never become Entrepreneurs”.
5. Prof. Arman Eshraghi – University of Cardiff, UK- “Financial Technology and Behavior: An Emerging Research Paradigm”.
6. Dr. Jamal Al-Khasawneh- GUST, Kuwait- “Efficiency of Frequent Winners of FDIC’s Failed Banks: Auctions in the Post-2008 Crisis Era”.
7. Prof. Salma MEFTEH-WALI- ESSCA, France- “The predictive power of the environment in forecasting cryptocurrency return”.
8. Prof. Amine Lahiani- University of Orleans, France- “A Hybrid Deep Learning Model for Cryptocurrency Returns Forecasting: Comparison of the Performance of Financial Markets and Impact of External Variables.
9. Dr. Wajih Abbassi- GUST, Kuwait- “Financial Statements Readability and Firm’s Debt Choices”.
10. Prof. Mehtabul Azam- Oklahoma State University & IZA- “Fuel transition and time-saving: Evidence from longitudinal survey and multivalued treatment effects” [online].
11. Prof. M. Shabir – University of Bahrain, Bahrain – “The Role of Natural Resources, Economic Growth, and Capital Investments in Decarbonizing the Economy of GCC Countries”.
12. Prof. Fateh Belaid-KAPSARC, KSA- “The role of energy efficiency in shaping the energy transition”.
13. Prof. Mahmoud Khaled- Lebanese International University, Lebanon- “Parametric economic and environmental studies of cooling PV panels with air convection.
14. Mr. Rami Alhadhrami- Tax Partner at BDO, Kuwait- “The role of Tax in ESG”.
15. Dr. Sajid Mahmood- GUST, Kuwait- “Electrocatalytic Nitrate Reduction: Enhancing Efficiency with Pt-Modified Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> on Ni Foam”[online].
16. Dr. Esmaeil Ebadi- GUST, Kuwait- “Reinvestigating the Oil Dependency of the GCC Countries’ Stock Market: A Regime-Switching Cointegration Approach”.
18. Dr. Yousef M. Abdulrazzaq- GUST, Kuwait- “The Effect of Manufacturing Value Added on Economic Development: Empirical Evidence from GCC Economies”

Panel Discussion- “How to identify ideas for sustainability research: aliening ideas to SDGs”