

November 2022 Newsletter

News

QU's Social and Economic Survey Research Institute hosts Virtual Research Symposium on "Survey Research and Sports: FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022"

In concurrence with the countdown to the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, the Social and Economic Survey Research Institute (SESRI) at Qatar University (QU) organized the second virtual research symposium for the term Fall 2022 entitled "Survey Research and Sports: FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022", in the presence of QU President Dr. Hassan Al-Derham; Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies, Prof. Mariam Al-Maadeed; and Director of SESRI Prof. Kaltham Al-Ghanim, joined by a group of academics, researchers, and stakeholders.



Dr. Hassan Al-Derham praised the Institute's efforts saying, "The Social and Economic Survey Research Institute at Qatar University has conducted several studies to guide the public and the government, in line with the Qatar National Vision 2030, which sets out the long-term goals and national development strategies of the country. In addition, the work of SESRI serves Qatar University's research objectives by expanding partnerships with ministries and prominent institutions in Qatar and abroad."

Prof. Kaltham Al-Ghanim stated that in conjunction with the State of Qatar hosting the FIFA World Cup for the first time in the Middle East, SESRI had several lengthy research projects related to this important event, including: Survey of Perceptions and Attitudes towards the Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy (SC) and the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 for the consecutive years (2018 ,2019 ,2021 and 2022), Workers Welfare Survey for the (SC) for consecutive years (2018 ,2019 ,2021 and 2022), FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 Survey, Perceptions and Attitudes of Qatari Citizens and Expats (2022 and 2023).

The symposium included four main themes. The first theme was on the social impact of the World Cup, presented by Prof. Abdoulaye Diop, Manager of the Research Department at SESRI. This topic focused on the social impacts of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022, and the surveys conducted by SESRI on attitudes and perceptions of Qataris and expats in Qatar. The second theme was related to the socio-cultural impact of the World Cup, discussed by Dr. Abdellatif Sellami to present SESRI's recent studies on the socio-cultural impacts of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022. The third theme discussed mental health, Dr. Salma Khaled presented an overview of the mental health status of residents and nationals of Qatar leading up to the World Cup: Findings from the World Mental Health Qatar Survey.

Finally, the fourth theme was on SESRI's data collection methods for the 2022 World Cup. It included two presentations; the first on face-to-face interviewing (CAPI) presented by Mr. Assem Abdel Hameed, and the second presentation on Telephone Interviewing (CATI) presented by Mr. John Lee Holmes.

All efforts are intertwined towards contributing to making the global event exceptional by all standards.



Participation in the World Association for Public Opinion Research (WAPOR) Annual Conference

Researchers from The Social and Economic Survey Research Institute participated in the World Association for Public Opinion Research (WAPOR) annual conference in Dubai, United Arab Emirates during the period of 10-13 November 2022.



Prof. Abdoulaye Diop, manager of the research department presented a paper on FIFA and Volunteerism in Qatar entitled: Interest in Volunteering for the FIFA 2022 World Cup in Qatar: A nationally representative study of motivations (Abdoulaye Diop, Šemsia Jatić, John Lee Holmes, Kien Trung Le, Engi El-Maghraby, Maitha Al Naimi). In addition, Mrs. Rima Charbaji El-Kassem presented a paper on Teachers in Qatar using the Qatar Education Study 2021 entitled: Teachers' Involvement in Different Dimensions of Decision-Making in Schools in Qatar (Rima Charbaji El-Kassem and Elmogiera Elawad). Moreover, Dr. Noora Lari, Manager of policy department presented a paper titled: "Teleworking Adoption during the COVID-19 crisis in Qatar opportunities and Barriers". The paper evaluates respondents' perceptions and practices of telecommuting during the COVID-19 pandemic scenario as a case study, with the aim of explaining the determinants of work motivation and performance of WFH in the Qatar labor force, as means to assess respondent's preferences for telework adoption in a post-pandemic labor force. The paper proposed innovative policies and solutions at the national level that would promote working from home policies.

Completion of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™ Survey: Perceptions and Attitudes of Qatari Citizens and Residents (Pre-games)

This telephone survey was conducted prior to the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 games. The project's research team is led by Lead Principle Investigator (LPI) is Prof. Kaltham Al-Ghanim, Co-PI's are Prof. Abdoulaye Diop, Dr. Noora Lari, Dr. Kien Le Trung, Dr. Salma Khaled and Dr. Sana Abusin. SESRI will also be conducting a FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™ Survey: Perceptions and Attitudes of Qatari Citizens and Residents (Post-games) to gain insight on Qataris and residents attitudes and perceptions following the mega-sports event.



Achievements in Research

QNRF CWSP 22 Awarded SESRI Workshop

A research team from the Policy Department at SESRI under the direction of Prof. Arokiasamy Perianayagam has been awarded for the QNRF's Twenty Second Cycle of the Conference & Workshop Sponsorship Program (CWSP22) has been awarded for the "Workshop on Measurement and Methodologies for Assessment of Sustainability and Quality of Urban Life in Qatar". The aim of this workshop is to bring together researchers, subject experts, and urban policy stakeholders to provide a platform to deliberate and develop a conceptual framework and measures and metrics of Urban Quality of Life (UQoL) and human well-being relevant to evidence-based informed policy decisions in urban development planning in Qatar.



Recent Publications

Published Article Entitled "Health Impact of Indoor Air Pollution in the Gulf Region"

Dr. Sana Abusin, Research Associate in the Policy Department, and others, published an article entitled "The Health Impact of Indoor Air Pollution in the Gulf Region". The aim of this article was to create awareness about the most common sources of indoor air pollution in the GCC in improving health promotion and lifestyle changes, especially in relation to reproductive health, which is a major concern in the region. The indoor air quality has become a vitally important issue that requires government intervention and regulatory measures as well as increased in-depth research on potential health consequences.

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