

October 2022 Newsletter

Achievement in Research

Winning the Best Research Poster Award for Faculty and Post-doc at QU Annual Research Forum & Exhibition 2022

A research team from the Policy Department at SESRI under the direction of Dr. Noora Lari with three research team members Catalina Petcu, Fahad Al-Boinin, and Noor Al Emadi, has been awarded the best Research Poster Award for Faculty and Post-Doc category in the Social Sciences and Humanities.

The poster is entitled "Public Engagement with Emerging Media in Qatar." The aim of this research is to measure the adoption of emerging mobile media technologies and the widespread diffusion of new media platforms around the world, formulating innovative approaches to media content, especially through experiential media (EM) (e.g., augmented reality [AR] and virtual reality [VR]), which is essential in transforming user experiences. In the poster session, the presentation focused on the results and policy recommendations.



The team attended the poster awards ceremony on 3 October 2022, where they received the best poster award in Social Sciences and Humanities discipline for Faculty and Postdoc category. This research is funded by a grant from the Qatar National Research Fund (QNRF) (A member of Qatar Foundation) (Grant ID # QNRF - NPRP12S190165-0227-).

Workshops

SESRI's Lecture Series: Policy Analysis

SESRI's Policy Department has launched a series of lectures on Policy Analysis led by Prof. Arokiasamy Perianayagam, the Head of the Urbanization Development Desk. These lectures took place from 6 October 2022 until 3 November 2022. The topics are as follows:

1. Introduction to Public Policy, Goals, and the Analytical Process of Policy Formulation.
2. Methodological Considerations in Policy Analysis.
3. Evidence Synthesis, Formulation of Policy Conclusions, and Recommendations.
4. Challenges in Policy Analysis, Communication, and Practice.
5. Policy Monitoring, Evaluation, and Stakeholders Advocacy.

This series aims to increase the knowledge about policy analysis and how to formulate conclusions and recommendations, as well as how to monitor and evaluate policies and support stakeholders.

You are invited to attend online lectures, entitled: "Policy Analysis" Starting October 6 - November 3rd, 2022

delivered by Prof. Arokiasamy Perianayagam head of Urbanization Development Desk in Policy Department at SESRI, Every Thursday starting from 6th Oct. till 3rd Nov. 2022 at 10:00 am via Microsoft teams: shorturl.at/ekpS0

Day/Date	Topic	Time
Thursday 6 Oct. 2022	Introduction to Public Policy, Goals and Analytical Process of Policy Formulation	10 - 11 am
Thursday 13 Oct. 2022	Methodological Considerations in Policy Analysis	10 - 11 am
Thursday 20 Oct. 2022	Evidence Synthesis, Formulation of Policy conclusions and Recommendations	10 - 11 am
Thursday 27 Oct. 2022	Challenges in Policy Analysis, Communication and Practice	10 - 11 am
Thursday 3 Nov. 2022	Policy Monitoring, Evaluation and Stakeholders Advocacy	10 - 11 am

To attend the workshops, please click on this poster

*The Lectures will be conducted in English



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Recent Publications

Published Article entitled: Female Labor Force Participation: Implications for Labour Market Policies in Qatar

Dr. Noora Lari, Manager of the Policy Department, and co-authors have published in the journal of Cogent Social Sciences an article titled "Female Labor Force Participation: Implications for Labour Market Policy in Qatar." This article's aim was to examine the micro level factors affecting women's participation in Qatar's workforce, as the gender gap in employment is still wide and addressing this issue remains an essential item on the government's policy agenda.



The main results highlighted the societal obstacles that have adverse effects on female participation in the labor force, and particularly in the private sector. The results revealed several indicators that affect women's participation in the labor force, including education level, marital status, and age. The findings indicate the need for further improvement in family-work balance policies.

To view the article, kindly click on the DOI link: Lari, N., Awadalla, A., Al Ansari, M., Almagrabi, E. (2022). Determinants of Female Labor Force Participation: Implications for Policy in Qatar. Cogent Social Sciences, Vol. 8 No. 1. <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/23311886.2022.2130223>

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Survey Clinic

SESRI resumed the operation of its survey clinic every Wednesday 12:30 till 2:00. The survey clinic offers consultation services in the following areas:

- (1) Questionnaire design
- (2) Sampling and data collection
- (3) Data analysis using SPSS/STATA
- (4) Data reporting
- (5) Analysis plans
- (6) Presentation of results.



Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy's Workers Welfare Project

The research department at SESRI has finalized the executive report for the Supreme Committee for Delivery and Legacy's Workers Welfare wave four project.

Minimum Wage Law in Qatar: Survey of Blue-Collar Workers

The research department at SESRI has finalized the executive report for the Minimum Wage Law in Qatar: Survey of Blue-Collar Workers project.

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

SESRI completed its preparations to conduct the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022™ Perceptions and Attitudes of Qatari citizens and residents (Pre-games) survey prior to the mega sports event from 1 to 17 November 2022.



SESRI's Latest Research Results

DIFI Family Cohesion Project

SESRI completed the data collection for the DIFI Family Cohesion Project. The study sample consisted of 1017 Qatari nationals. In terms of gender, the proportions were almost equal, 49% male respondents and 51% female respondents. In general, the results indicate that most respondents have a strong feeling of cohesiveness within their families as shown in the table below

To what extent do you agree or disagree with each of the five statements?	Strongly Agree %	Somewhat Agree %	Somewhat Disagree %	Strongly Disagree %
Family members are dedicated to each other	84	14	1	1
I have a strong sense of belonging to our family	95	4		1
I would rather be a member of another family instead of being a member of my family	2	1	2	95
I relax within my family and feel happy with them	92	6	1	1
Most of my friends are also members of my family	39	31	15	15