

February 2022 Newsletter

Questionnaire Design & Development Session with GLS

In collaboration with Graduate Learning Support (GLS) at Qatar University, Dr. Abdoulaye Diop-Research Professor and Head of the Research Department at SESRI held an online session entitled Questionnaire Design & Development. The session was held in English on Monday, 14 February, 2022. Some of the highlighted topics in the session were: constructing questionnaires, question wording, question placement, question order effects, interviewer effects, and question sequencing.



Prof. Abdoulaye Diop

Writing Reports Session with GLS

In collaboration with Graduate Learning Support (GLS) at Qatar University, Dr. Ali Al-Kubaisi-Research Assistant Professor at SESRI- delivered a reports writing session in English and Arabic on Wednesday, 16 February, 2022 via WebEx. The workshop covered academic report writing styles with emphasis on the following main points: features of reports (in social sciences), aims of report writing, structure of reports, format of a report and steps followed in report writing.



Dr. Ali Al-Kubaisi

Basic Data Analysis Session with STATA Program for GLS:

In collaboration with GLS, Dr. Kien Trung Le, Research Associate Professor and Sampling Statistician at SESRI delivered a session in English entitled Basic Data Analysis with STATA Program on Wednesday, 23 February, 2022 via WebEx. The session aimed to introduce students to some basic analyses using STATA program.



Dr. Kien Trung Le

A Group of Researchers from SESRI Published a Scientific Article in the Journal of Family Business Management - Emerald Insight

Rima Charbaji El-Kassem, Dr. Noora Lari, Maitha Al Naimi, Maryam Fahad Al-Thani, Buthiana Al Khulaifi and Noor Khalid Al-Thani, researchers at SESRI published an article entitled "Impact of leadership gender stereotyping on managing familial conflict, matrimonial strategies, divorce decisions and marital satisfaction in Qatar" in the Journal of Family Business Management - Emerald Insight.



This study aims to investigate the direct and indirect effects of leadership styles and gender roles on managing familial conflict (MFC), as well as how such conflict resolution affects divorce decisions and overall marital satisfaction (SF) in Qatar. A 20 item questionnaire corresponding to 20 indicators for six latent variables was administered to 550 married couples in Qatar. The Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin measure of sampling adequacy and Bartlett's test of sphericity were calculated. The path analysis was measured using structural equation modeling.

The findings of the study suggest that matrimonial strategies adopted by spouses positively affected familial conflict resolution, and successful MFC both positively affected marital SF and reduced the inclination to seek a divorce. However, men were not found to be visionary leaders in familial relationships regarding conflict resolution.

Leadership gender stereotyping did not positively influence the perception of women's competency (WC). The WC did not positively affect the managing of familial conflict. This study provides strategic insights regarding how MFC in Qatar influences marital SF. Understanding the determinants of divorce decisions and marital SF provides further understanding of how married couples can sustain healthy relationships. This study empirically correlates three fields of family research: gender roles, conflict resolution and marital SF. It explains how divorce issues have escalated in Qatar and explores the influence on modern social life of sexism, patriarchal roots and Oriental androcentrism. Many factors must be considered when examining matrimonial strategies (MSs), especially if there is debate over the ideal number of children. Strategizing models can curtail conflict that might lead to divorce. For more details: <https://doi.org/10.1108/JFBM-10-2021-0116>

A Panel Discussion on Developing a Mobile Application that Helps Food Security Sustainability, Organized by SESRI

The Policy Department at the Social and Economic Survey Research Institute (SESRI) at Qatar University, represented by the Sustainable Development Office, held a panel discussion on the topic: Developing a mobile application that helps food security sustainability on 28 February 2022. The panel discussion aimed to familiarize the attendees with the mechanism of the mobile application and the sustainable solutions it provides in terms of sustainable food management.



The panel discussion aimed to understand the current food system and identify stakeholders, link all stakeholders in the sector, provide sustainable solutions that help sustain food security and reduce food waste in Qatar. It also aims to motivate sectors and the youth to innovate and create, encourage cooperation between public and private sectors, and volunteering organizations in this field, in addition to documenting sustainable solutions to benefit from food surplus.

The panel discussion was moderated by Dr. Mohamad Salem Abu Al Faraj, Associate Professor at the College of Law at Qatar University. Dr. Noora Lari, Director of Policy Department at SESRI, began with a welcoming speech, stressed the interest of the University and SESRI in national priority projects such as food security and the social, economic and environmental role that information technology achieves in management in general. Moreover, Dr. Lari praised the efforts made by public, private and voluntary bodies to achieve the goals of sustainable development, and stressed the importance of cooperation and coordination to derive policies that benefit the country's public interest. In the same framework, project manager Dr. Sanaa Abusin noted the importance of the role technology plays in solving various social and economic problems by facilitating access to beneficiaries and providing services at the global, regional and national levels. The project aims to develop and design a mobile application that can connect both food suppliers and consumers in a sustainable manner while taking into account the humanitarian, health and legal aspects.

Director of Social Media Solutions, Dr. Ahmed Taha, gave a detailed explanation of the mobile application, the stages the application goes through until it becomes a reality, and how to connect food suppliers with consumers through delivery companies specially prepared for this work. Likewise, Ms. Mona Al-Sulaiti, Executive Director of the Volunteering and Local Development Sector at the Qatar Red Crescent, stressed the importance of taking into account the humanitarian aspects by giving priority to voluntary work organizations that target the people and families in need. Ms. Al-Sulaiti also stressed the importance of observance of legal aspects and effective management so that the application does not cause the emergence of illegal markets.

Mr. Ali Al-Kaabi, owner of Global Farm, pointed out the importance of having processing industries to manage agricultural waste, especially after the significant increase in local and imported agricultural production. Mr. Al-Kaabi also gave a full explanation of the sustainable methods that he applies in his own farm. Engineer Jawaher Al-Sulaiti, Deputy Director of the Waste Treatment and Recycling Center in the municipality, praised the application as a supporter of the center's work, and stressed the municipality's cooperation in recycling quantities of wasted food in collaboration with the center and determining the quantities according to the daily capacity of the center.

Ms. Warda, Executive Director of Wa'hab charitable company, stressed the importance of distributing the surplus in a way that covers all different groups, especially workers who live far from the city of Doha, and the many families who suffer from high prices and need support. Ms. Warda also listed some sustainable solutions that can turn food waste into organic fertilizers, in which her company can provide support, training and advice.

Representatives from the governmental, private, and voluntary sector also participated in the discussion, with the presence of 17 people from various sectors. This type of discussion helps to address topics from multiple points of view and to come up with policies that take into account the points of view of different parties. It also helps to exchange experiences about sustainable methods applied by the authorities.

The panel participants concluded that sustainable food management contributes to providing high-quality food to those in need. Sustainable food management reduces respiratory, infectious and malnutrition-related diseases resulting from food waste and the release of harmful methane gas. From an environmental perspective, food waste can be converted into organic fertilizers that help food production and recycle it into bioenergy. This project will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by reducing the amount of food transported to landfills. Our proposed technology will also help reduce the negative effects of climate change. The arable land will be safe, manpower and resources cost will be reduced by decreasing the ecological food footprint.