

June 2022 Newsletter

SESRI's Participation in the Summer Research Training Program 2022

The Social and Economic Survey Research Institute (SESRI) at Qatar University (QU) participated in the summer research-training program for QU students in cooperation with the Qatar University Young Scientists Center during the months of May and June of this year, through the humanities and social sciences track. Dr. Elmogiera Fadlallah, section head of field operations at SESRI, gave theoretical and practical lectures on scientific research methods included methods of data collection and analysis. In addition to addressing the practical aspect of data collection through focus groups, personal interviews, and data analysis through statistical packages known to all students from different tracks, at the research complex (H10).



The summer work program contained research proposals by members of the faculty, joined by a number of male and female students. SESRI participated in a research project proposal entitled "Challenges of collecting field data during the Covid19- pandemic", where 20 participating students were divided into research groups. Students are expected to submit their research proposals on the topic before the end of July 2022 for evaluation and participation in the Annual Research Forum 2022-2023.



The project, supervised by Dr. Elmogiera, aims to answer several questions, including: What are the challenges faced by fieldwork during the pandemic? Could other methods of data collection be a substitute for personal interviews? The project also aims to provide some suggestions for current practices, hoping to provide reference and inspiration for future practice of data collection during similar health crises.



A Training Workshop in Cooperation Between SESRI and the Ministry of Social Development and Family "How to be creative in generating research ideas on substance use disorders in children and adolescents"

The Department of Family Affairs at the Ministry of Social Development and Family, and the Social and Economic Survey Research Institute at Qatar University organized a training workshop entitled: "How to be creative in developing research ideas on substance use disorders in children and adolescents."



Presented by Dr. Khaled Ahmed AbdulJabbar, a consultant psychiatrist and cognitive behavior therapist at the ministry, and Adjunct Assistant Professor at SESRI, over the course of three days in June, targeting research teams from different states in the same field.

The workshop was devoted to meeting the needs of members of research teams interested in topics related to addiction in children and adolescents in different centers to learn about diagnostic criteria for disorders related to various addictive substances, concepts related to addiction and its diagnosis, and available treatment and rehabilitation opportunities. This helps research teams to develop creative research ideas related to addiction and its complications for children and adolescents for benefiting society. The workshop also touched on mixed research methods, and research gaps deduced from previous studies, or those emanating from phenomena that necessitate its study. It also encourages the relevant working sectors to focus their efforts under the umbrella of integration, to unify efforts to combat the scourge of drugs, on the research, awareness and therapeutic level.

The workshop aims to shed light on the primary indicators of addiction among children and adolescents, through the accompanying behavioral symptoms, and to raise awareness of the right to maintain confidentiality of information and privacy for those undergoing treatment for addiction problems. In addition to strategies for building therapeutic relationships with patients for the success of the treatment and rehabilitation process. This also helped the members of the research teams acquire office interview skills, examine mental state, which is useful in qualitative and mixed research, and take advantage of the available measures to prove the diagnosis and the severity of the disorder. SESRI's research assistants had an active role in the workshop by introducing the Institute and its activities, in addition to sharing their research experiences in terms of clarifying the basic research steps and explaining the methods of selecting and drawing samples from society.

Publication of a Research Paper Entitled "Toward marriage sustainability: Impacts of delayed marriages in Qatar"

Dr. Noora Lari, Manager of the Policy Department at the institute has published an article titled "Toward Marriage Sustainability: Impacts of Delayed Marriages in Qatar." This study describes individual-level factors (e.g., education, occupation) and societal-level factors (e.g., culture, norms and traditions)



for marriages' postponement among Qataris; it also calls for social policy instruments to promote early marriage patterns. The data was collected through semi-structured interviews with male and female participants where core aspects of marriage timing were addressed. The data analysis indicates several determinants of marriage delay including financial cost of marriage, employment, living arrangements and childbearing. To tackle marriage delay, the paper suggests awareness programs through education, strategic institutional arrangements such as providing grants and allowances for newly married couple and finally, family-friendly solutions such as flexible working hours, and childcare support.

For more information regarding the research paper, click the following link:

Lari, Noora. (2022). Toward Marriage Sustainability: Impacts of Delayed Marriages in Qatar, Cogent Social Sciences, 8:1, 2083480, DOI:10.1080/23311886.2022.2083480