

Global Education Webinar: "21st Century Changes and Challenges In Learning and the Design of Pedagogy in Higher Education"

2nd September 2021 (Thursday)
10.00 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. (Malaysia time)

Co-convened by the Centre for Higher Education Research (CHER), Sunway University, and Oriental Hearts and Minds Study Institute (OHMSI)

Education is radically changing worldwide, especially in relation to the quantum speed changes in technology, standards and norms, historical definitions of terms and concepts, and culture and values overall. Such effects impact on all fields of knowledge and education, particularly in terms of pedagogical approaches to adult education.

This webinar will address these impacts and reflect on implications for teaching and learning in education today worldwide, and in Malaysia specifically.

Sunway University's Centre for Higher Education Research (CHER) jointly with OHMSI and the Sunway Group invite all to join and hear the views of the distinguished speakers below and join in the discussion following the presentations.



Dr. Azly Abd Rahman
International educator,
author, columnist, alumni of
Columbia University, New
York City

Keynote Speaker

The Interplay of Technology and Cognition for Liberal Learning

Dr. Azly Rahman is a global educator, columnist, author of nine books and over 400 articles on Malaysia, Global Affairs, Social Sciences, Philosophy, and Literature. He is, an alumni of the International and Transcultural Studies program at Columbia University, New York. He holds a doctorate in international education development and six Masters Degrees in the fields of Education, Communication, International Relations, Peace Studies, and the Humanities. He currently teaches Cultural Perspectives, Psychology, World History, Global Issues, and Sociology of the Future, in the US.

In this presentation, I draw on 35 years as an educator In the United States and Malaysia and discuss the design of educational institutions based on ideas of Singularity and Multiplicity, Chaos, Critical and Complexity theories. I will speak of how to see culture, technology, ecology, human dignity, and creativity harmonize in educational architecture. I focus on the importance of Global Cultural Competency and Futurism as new foundations of global education. At the heart of this worldview lies the Progressive-Existentialist philosophy of education centering around the Self in the New Society, Post-Pandemic. How will Malaysian education, too, prepare for these mega structural philosophical changes? We will explore this theme of inquiry.

Panel Speakers



**Professor Graeme
Wilkinson**

Professor Graeme Wilkinson is the Vice-Chancellor of Sunway University, Malaysia, a post he has held since 2012. Prior to that he worked in senior roles in three UK universities. His most recent book, "Managing Effect-ively in Academia", is a handbook of good practice for academic leaders and managers in higher education.



**Professor Dr. Mohd.
Tajuddin Mohd. Rasdi**

Professor Dr Mohamad Tajuddin Mohamad Rasdi, writes and speaks on architecture, politics, social issues, religious matters and education. Educated in USA and UK, he holds masters and PhD degrees in architecture. He has won four National Book awards and currently is a columnist for The Star and Sin Chiew Daily. Recently, he received a Kuala Lumpur and Selangor Chinese Assembly Hall (KLSCAH) for critical media writings and is Council Member of the Majlis Perundingan Keharmonian Rakyat.



**Datuk Dr. Johan
Ariffin Samad**

Datuk Dr Johan Ariffin Samad, formerly CEO of Sabah government think tank, Institute for Development Studies, has worked with several multinational corporations, been Deputy Director of Sabah State Foundation for education development and spearheaded Sabah's oil and gas development. He is a member of G25, adviser to several NGOs like MAJU, and works closely with civil societies. Dr Johan holds DBA (University of South Australia) and MBA (University of Hull).



**The Honorable Mr.
Baru Bian**

Baru Bian is a Member of Parliament for Selangau, Sarawak and of the Sarawak State Assembly for Ba' Kelalan. Started his legal career in Kuala Lumpur in 1986, Baru set up his own firm in 1992 to take up the mantle of defending the Native Customary Rights of the indigenous people of Sarawak against the unjust policies of the State government. . In 2018, he won the parliamentary seat of Selanga and was appointed Minister of Works, a post he held until February 2020.

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#	Programme	Time
1	Participants' Online Registration	9.45 a.m. – 9.55 a.m.
2	Welcoming and Introduction: Professor Glenda Crosling Head, Centre for Higher Education Research, Sunway University Moderator: Dr. KJ John Founder Director, OHMSI Sdn Bhd	10.00 a.m. - 10.05 a.m. 10.05 am – 10.10 am
3	Session 1: Keynote Speech The Interplay of Technology and Cognition for Liberal Learning Dr. Azly Abd Rahman International Education, Columbia University, New York, USA Q&A	10.10 a.m. - 10.25 a.m. 10.25 a.m. - 10.40 a.m.
4	Session 2: Panel Speakers Respondee 1: Professor Graeme Wilkinson Vice-Chancellor, Sunway University Respondee 2: Professor Dr. Mohd. Tajuddin Mohd. Rasdi Professor of Islamic Architecture, UCSI University Respondee 3: Datuk Dr. Johan Ariffin Samad Former CEO, Sabah Think Tank Respondee 4: The Honorable Mr. Baru Bian MP, Former Federal Minister of Works, Sarawak Q&A	10.40 a.m. - 10.50 a.m. 10.50 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. 11.00 a.m. - 11.10 a.m. 11.10 a.m. - 11.20 a.m. 11.20 a.m. - 11.40 a.m.
5	Conclusion: Professor Glenda Crosling Wrap-up: Professor Graeme Atherton Adjunct Professor, Centre for Higher Education Research, Sunway University	11.40 a.m. - 11.50 a.m. 11.50 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.

Closing date for registration is Monday, 30th August 2021.



Professor Glenda Crosling
Head, Centre for Higher Education
Research (CHER), Sunway University

Organiser Speakers

Dr. KJ John
Founder Director
OHMSI Sdn Bhd



Welcoming, Introduction, and Conclusion



Professor Glenda Crosling is Head of Centre for Higher Education Research (CHER) at Sunway University, Malaysia and previously, Dean of Academic Enhancement. Prior to this, she was Director of Education Quality and Innovation at Monash University Malaysia. She has international experience in higher education quality and enhancement at the levels of organisational structure and directions, curriculum, students, teachers and assessment. Glenda has been invited Expert Panel Chair and Member for the Malaysian Qualifications Agency, producing national educational guidelines and policies. As well as positions in universities in Australia and Malaysia, Glenda has been visiting academic at universities in Thailand, China, Singapore, and Hong Kong, conference adviser for Michigan State University, Dubai, and invited on quality panels in Oman. She has published numerous books, chapters, and journal articles on quality educational approaches and innovation, and regularly reviews articles for international journals.

Moderating Speech and Moderation



Dr. KJ John is Chairman of the Board of Directors, Oriental Hearts and Minds Study Institute (OHMSI) Sdn Bhd., a civil society organisation that promotes truth and integrity in Malaysian public life. He is also an avid blogger on public policy issues of concern. He was a Public Servant for 32 years of life and is an active Civil Society Activist since retirement.

Professor Graeme Atherton
Adjunct Professor, Centre for Higher Education
Research (CHER), Sunway University



Way Forward

Professor Graeme Atherton founded and leads both AccessHE and the National Education Opportunities Network (NEON) in the UK. He has extensive experience producing higher education policy reports in the international context. He holds visiting professorships at three different universities including Sunway University in Kuala Lumpur. He is an Adjunct Professor of the CHER at Sunway University. He has produced over 100 other publications and conference papers looking at higher education participation, research and policy. This body of work includes research undertaken in over 15 different countries and chapters in 4 different annual Going Global publications. He has undertaken international HE policy work in association with various organisations, including European Commission, British Council, British Academy, Pearson, UNESCO, and Asia-Europe Foundation. He is also a member of the board of the European Access Network and the OECD Higher Education Stakeholders Forum an ex-chair of the Global Access and Post-Secondary Education (GAPS) Network.



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**The seminar is free of charge (FOC) for all
participants.**

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<https://bit.ly/CHERWebinar2021>

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