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UNESCO CHAIR IN FUTURE STUDIES

PROGRESS REPORT 2023-2024

About The Unesco Chair

The UNESCO Chair in Futures Studies is a continuation of being formerly held at the Islamic University of Science Malaysia (USIM) in the past four years where the core narrative was the move from planting seeds of foresight to creating a forest of foresight, passing by nurturing young trees. The forest, focused on the Asia-Pacific region, is being initiated for the upcoming years. The current phase has been cultivating, vitalising, and growing the forest, to make it self-sustaining. This means nurturing, gardening, and ensuring all the trees are linked at the root level. With the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) being a larger university and the Chair being located at the Sejahtera Centre for Sustainability and Humanity (SC4SH), the forest can expand, strengthen, and grow in novel ways.

Unesco Chair And Why It Was Established?

UNESCO has a global chair system, to spread and integrate knowledge. My role as the Chair of Futures Studies is to move foresight from a strategy of planting seeds of change to growing these trees, to creating a forest of foresight. This is to help develop the foresight capabilities of individuals, organizations, and indeed, the planet. Futures literacy is the ability to read the future with greater effectiveness so that tomorrow's problems can be solved today; so that emergent opportunities can be used to enhance well-being. Prevention of disease, of calamities, of social problems, is crucial in this work. The notion is moving global, national and organizational policymaking based on anticipatory sciences instead of, as Ian Lowe argues, "organized superstition" – policymaking based on the whims of political leaders. We ask what is changing, what is the same, and what should change, and what should not. Thanks to the intervention of Riel Miller UNESCO has numerous chairs in the field, in Futures Studies, anticipatory systems, organizational futures, futures literacy, and more.

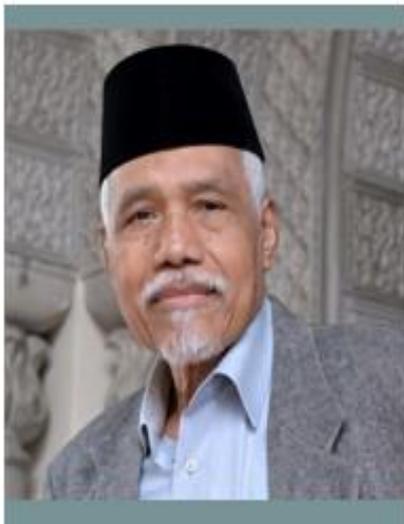
From Planting Seeds Of Foresight To Creating A Forest Of Foresight

As a node dedicated to increasing futures literacy of its stakeholders and learners, IIUM aims to promote an integrated system of research, teaching, and community-building. The dissemination of information and documentation in Futures Studies as well as on social and human sciences offers the opportunity to shed light on the particular link between the study of anticipatory systems and processes and Sustainability. It facilitates collaboration between high-level internationally recognised researchers and teaching staff of the University and other institutions of Malaysia, the Asia Pacific, and other

regions of the world. Specifically, the Chair continues to focus on the AsiaPacific Futures Network (APFN), develop and expand the field of Futures Studies through training in methods and tools, enhance sectoral links and prepare and publish case studies of foresight, and work closely with UNESCO programmes and activities as well as relevant Chairs.

OUR TEAM

Emeritus Datuk Dr Osman Bakar | Professor, Rector of IIUM



Professor Emeritus Datuk Dr Osman Bakar has been appointed the seventh rector of the International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM) for a two-year term, effective from Sept 23, 2024, to Sept 22, 2026. Prof. Osman is a prominent Islamic thinker renowned for his leadership and scholarship in Islamic Philosophy and Civilisation. His influence has earned him international recognition, including being named one of the 500 most influential Muslims in the world in 2009. Prof. Osman, who holds the Al-Ghazali Chair at the International Institute of Islamic Thought and Civilisation (ISTAC) at IIUM, earned his Bachelor and Master's degrees in Mathematics from the University of London, UK and a PhD in Islamic Philosophy from Temple University, USA.



Sohail Inayatullah | Professor Unesco Chair Holder

Political scientist and futurist scholar. He currently teaches at the Graduate Institute of Futures Studies College of Education, Tamkang University, New Taipei City, Taiwan. He is also an associate at Melbourne Business School, University of Melbourne, Australia as well as a researcher and instructor at Metafuture.org. Since 2016, he has been the UNESCO Chair holder, previously hosted by the Islamic University of Science Malaysia (USIM). He is a fellow of the World Futures Studies Federation, the World Academy of Art and Science, the International Advisory Council of the World Future Society, the Darwin Project, and the Lifeboat Foundation.



Ahmad Faris Ismail | Prof. Dr. Co-Chair Holder

Professor and the Deputy Rector (Academic and Internationalisation) at IIUM. He was the Deputy Rector (Research & Innovation) from July 2009 until June 2013 at the same university. He served as the Dean of Engineering from 1997 until 2009 and as the Co-Chairman of the Malaysian Council of Engineering Deans from 2007-2009. He obtained his B.Sc. in Chemical Engineering, in 1988, from the University of Houston, Texas, USA, and his Ph.D. in Engineering from Rice University, USA, in 1993. Prof. Ismail received the Federation of the Universities of the Islamic World's Tribute 'Personality Having Contributed to the Development of Islamic University Education' in 2008.



**Zainal Abidin Sanusi | Prof. Dr.
Director, Sejahtera Centre for Sustainability and Humanity**

Director of Sejahtera Centre for Sustainability and Humanity, IIUM. He is an Associate Professor at the Department of Political Science, Kulliyah of Islamic Revealed Knowledge and Human Science. Prior to this post, he served as Minister Council (Education) at Malaysian High Commission, London, and as Deputy Director, the Centre for Leadership Training at the Higher Education Leadership Academy of the Ministry of Education Malaysia. His area of academic specialization is governance and education for sustainable development. His current research interests are Sustainability Science, Education for Sustainable Development, and Public Policy Analysis.



**Maulana Akbar Shah | Assoc. Prof. Dr.
Coordinator for UNESCO Chair at IIUM, Malaysia**

Maulana Akbar Shah (U Tun Aung), a Myanmar national, has been an Associate Professor at IIUM since 2013. His diverse career includes working for UN agencies (1989-1998) and teaching at Jamia Darul Uloom in Rangoon (1998-2007). From 2001 to 2007, he served as Secretary General at Jamiatul Ulama al Islam, Myanmar. An accomplished academic, Dr. Maulana has authored 22 books and over 50 articles, earning IIUM's Golden Researcher Award in 2021. He represents IIIT for Myanmar, is CEO of International Intellectual College Myanmar, and currently coordinates the UNESCO Chair at IIUM, contributing significantly to international education and cultural exchange over the past three decades.

FOREWORD

Emeritus Datuk Dr Osman Bakar | Professor, Rector of IIUM



Universities can no longer ignore our indispensable position in driving collective consciousness to save humanity in the face of sustainable development challenges post-pandemic. Hosting the UNESCO Chair in Futures Studies at IIUM is a statement that we are committed to consolidating international cooperation and networking among higher educational institutions in the region to realise the Global Goals as well as reiterating futures literacy as a key area of competency for every institution to bring about sustainability and wellbeing.

Our species may have coped with COVID but we must not be complacent. Pivotal lessons from the pandemic are here to stay - that ethics and values such as equity, fairness, and justice must be embedded in our progression as humankind as rigorous as the pursuit of advancement in science and technology - if not more. To vitalise a future-proof education ecosystem, we must bring back its missing essence - that is a soul.

While sustainable development as a concept has been propagated over 35 years ago since the Brundtland Report, its spirit has existed in many local wisdoms since time immemorial. The indigenous perspective on sustainability in our region, namely the Sejahtera approach, calls for balance through the framework of preserving the five aspects of existence: life, intellect, lineage, wealth, and faith. This framework underscores the subliminal dimension to sustainability that is spirituality. Spirituality will enhance the comprehensiveness, connectedness, universality, inclusion, and transformative ambition that the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) mean to achieve.

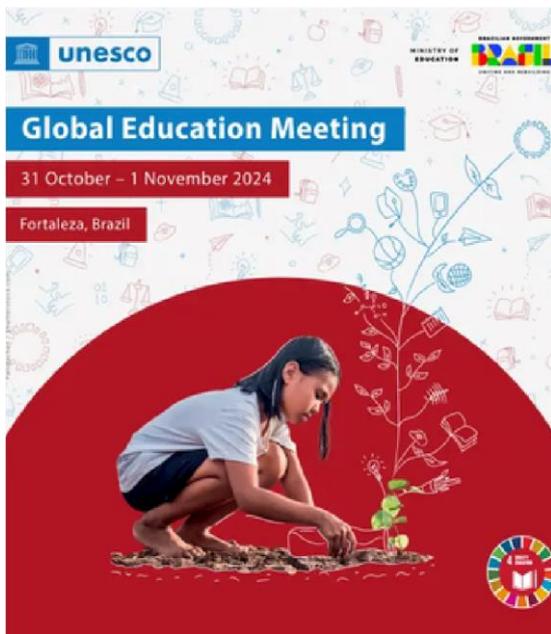
Fueled by the principle of becoming mercy to all the worlds, IIUM has embarked on the journey of envisioning its preferred future which involved our relevant stakeholders in the university and was incorporated in the strategic planning of every level of the institution. Towards becoming an Oasis of Knowledge by 2040, IIUM aspires to yield students who will be co-producers of knowledge, welcome more students hailing from all around the world who will return to their homelands as impactful agents of change, and create graduates that act as vicegerents and servants of God by contributing to the community in the real sense. As an institution, we hope that IIUM will also transform in the sense of having greater academic freedom and autonomy in the financial and political aspects which can be realised by being funded by the public through endowment, commanding and operating on their trust and confidence. With these dynamics, IIUM in the future will be like a tree with firm roots deep in the earth that grows tall reaching the sky and produces fruits all year round.

Celebrating the first year of the UNESCO Chair in Futures Studies at IIUM, we hope that our current and potential partners in the network will support and join in the movement to rethink and synergise to put spirituality at the heart of the global context of sustainability, not only in the religious sense but as an indigenous heritage and tradition that need to be treasured.

Unesco's educational plan for 2024

UNESCO's educational plan for 2024 focuses on accelerating progress toward Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG4), which aims to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all. Key initiatives include:

1. 2024 Global Education Meeting (GEM): Scheduled to be held in Brazil, this meeting will build on previous efforts to foster multilateral dialogue, emphasizing education as a social equalizer and a driver of sustainable development.



2. Stocktake of Transformative Actions in Education: In June 2024, global education leaders convened in Paris to review country progress toward SDG4 and showcase transformative actions undertaken since the 2022 Transforming Education Summit.

3. Global Education Monitoring Report 2024/5: This report will focus on leadership and education, providing insights into effective strategies for educational transformation.

4. UNESCO-UNEVOC Medium-Term Strategy 2024-2026: Aimed at elevating Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) for a just and sustainable future, this strategy outlines plans to enhance skills development and employment opportunities.

5. Education for Sustainable Development (ESD): UNESCO continues to promote ESD, emphasizing the integration of sustainability principles into education systems worldwide.

6. Global Education Data Release 2024: The UNESCO Institute for Statistics released new data covering country-level specifics and regional averages for selected SDG4 indicators, aiding in informed policy-making.

7. International Day of Education 2024: Celebrated with a focus on advancing learning for lasting peace, UNESCO and UNICEF emphasized the role of education in promoting a culture of peace and non-violence.

8. Futures of Education Report: UNESCO's report, "Reimagining our futures together: A new social contract for education," explores how education can shape the future of humanity and the planet.

9. Transforming Education Towards SDG4: A global survey report highlighting country actions to transform education, providing insights into progress and challenges.

10. Yemen Education Sector Plan 2024-2030: UNESCO supports Yemen in developing a comprehensive education sector plan, aiming to rebuild and enhance the country's education system.

These initiatives reflect UNESCO's commitment to transforming education systems globally, ensuring they are inclusive, equitable, and capable of addressing contemporary challenges.

Hosted in Bangkok for the third time, the 10th APFN conference intends to take a four-track approach catering for practitioners, academic researchers, government and corporate leaders simultaneously. The organizers of the conference intend also to increase the profile of the work futurists are doing especially

in the ASEAN region and beyond. This year the event collaborates with the famous Sasin School of Management as primary partner and venue sponsor.

Along with alternative futures, case studies of foresight in practice from government, the private sector, and the community arena will be highlighted.

Last but not least, the APFN is a peer-to-peer learning conference with extended space for networking and through interaction, genuine knowledge sharing. Moreover, we wish to enhance the futures literacy of newcomers to the field to allow them to make more informed policy and strategic decisions today for the future of tomorrow.

Introduction

By Sohail Inayatullah (Professor), Chair Holder

From a world of Zoom in technology but slow in daily life to a world of face-to-face requiring movement through multiple time zones is how I would describe the transition from 2021 to 2022. It is not just where we engage in Futures Studies that has changed but that the world has accelerated and so has the interest and use of the future. Futures Studies and futures literacy as General Anita Hazenburg, Director of the Centre for Strategy at INTERPOL has said, has gone from a function that is nice to have to a capability that every international organization must have.

Being part of this acceleration has been purposeful at IIUM and SC4SH. Our purpose is not just to focus on futures that are fascinating – new technologies and disruptions to the geo-political system – but futures that include the soul. This means moving from the gross domestic product (GDP) and a fascination with gadgets to a shift toward wellbeing, or a world of the quintuple bottom line: prosperity, purpose, people, and planet created through partnerships. They are bottom lines in that they can be measured – accountants and those that manage regulatory systems can thus be satisfied.

Projects that the UNESCO Chair attends to are those that can make a difference. There is no guarantee that research, workshops, and speeches do make a difference, but they need to have the possibility of changing the rules that govern institutions. We hope whether at WHO, FAO, UNESCAP, ADB, OECD, the Prince Mahidol Foundation, the Government of New Zealand, and many others we have worked with that we have been part of the social change process. We are thrilled that the UNESCO Chairs in Futures Literacy, Futures Studies, and Anticipation in the region are increasing. Numbers will create the possibility of greater impact – a coherent voice that can give attention to the long-term in the region. Next year, the regional organisation, the Asia-Pacific Futures Network (APFN) that serves to coordinate foresight activities in the region will hold its conference in Kuala Lumpur. Join us.

Who Is Professor Sohail Inayatullah

Professor Sohail Inayatullah holds an Honorary Doctor of Philosophy from Universiti Sains Malaysia (2011) and earned his Doctorate in Political Science from the University of Hawai'i (1990). He received a Master of Arts in Political Science with a focus on Alternative Futures, also from the University of Hawai'i (1981), and completed his undergraduate studies in Liberal Studies at the same institution (1979). He was the Valedictorian at the International School of Kuala Lumpur, receiving multiple awards for academic and athletic excellence (1975).

Professor Sohail Inayatullah is a Professor at Tamkang University in Taiwan, where he teaches courses on Futures Studies and serves as the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Futures Studies. He holds the UNESCO Chair in Futures Studies at USIM, Malaysia, and has been a Futurist-in-Residence for the Abu Dhabi government. His extensive experience includes roles as an Academic Supervisor at the University of Southern Queensland, Professorial Fellow in Brunei, and Adjunct Professor at multiple universities, with a focus on futures studies and policy analysis.

CURRENT POSITIONS

Professor Sohail Inayatullah, PhD, Doctor Honoris Causa, holds prominent positions as the UNESCO Chair at the Sejahtera Centre for Humanity and Technology in Kuala Lumpur and as a Professor in the Department of Education and Futures Design at Tamkang University, Taiwan. Additionally, he is an Associate at the Melbourne Business School and serves as a researcher and instructor at Metafuture.org and Metafutureschool.org in Brisbane, where he focuses on creating alternative futures and educating aspiring futurists. His work emphasizes the integration of foresight methodologies in various educational and professional contexts.

Professor Sohail Inayatullah's professional affiliations reflect a robust commitment to futures studies and peace initiatives over several decades. His involvement with organizations such as Transcend and the World Futures Studies Federation demonstrates his dedication to fostering global dialogue on peace and sustainable development. Notably, he has served on various councils and boards, including the Darwin Project and the Global Peace Trust, contributing his expertise to enhance foresight in diverse contexts. Inayatullah's long-standing engagement with international organizations underscores his influence in shaping future studies and peace-oriented strategies worldwide.

Speeches 2024

Chair, Editing the Future. Dubai Future Foundation. November 21

On November 21, 2024, the Dubai Future Foundation will host a session titled "Editing the Future: Who is In and What is Out?" This event aims to explore the ethical considerations and criteria involved in shaping future narratives through foresight methodologies. Notably, Professor Sohail Inayatullah will lead the discussion, contributing his extensive expertise in futures studies and strategic foresight.

Chair, Foresight Insights. Dubai Future Foundation. November 20

At the Dubai Future Foundation's "Foresight Insights" event, will be hold on November 20, 2024, experts gathered to explore emerging trends and strategies in foresight and futures studies. This initiative aims to facilitate discussions on anticipating and shaping future scenarios across various sectors, contributing to global discourse on resilience and innovation.

Guest speaker, Futures for Justice. United Justice. November 4 (online)

As a guest speaker at the "Futures for Justice" event will be organized by United Justice on November 4, I focused on the intersection of justice and future studies, exploring how foresight methodologies can enhance social justice efforts. The event aimed to address systemic injustices and envision transformative pathways for marginalized communities, aligning with United Justice's mission to amplify the voices of those who often go unheard. For more details, you can check the United Justice Coalition's website.

Guest speaker, CLA for Change. OECD. Paris. October 17

On October 17, 2024, Professor Sohail Inayatullah served as a guest speaker at the "CLA for Change" event organized by the OECD in Paris. His participation highlights the role of Causal Layered Analysis (CLA) in facilitating change and enhancing understanding of complex future scenarios. Inayatullah's expertise in futures studies offers valuable insights into policy development and strategic foresight within global governance frameworks.

Keynote Speaker, Where foresight dares. Italian Institute for the Future. Naples, September 26. Also, CLA Masterclass. September 11 (online)

Professor Sohail Inayatullah served as the keynote speaker at the Italian Institute for the Future in Naples on September 26, discussing the theme "Where foresight dares." Additionally, he conducted an online CLA Masterclass on September 11. These events highlighted Inayatullah's expertise in futures studies and his commitment to fostering foresight methodologies in various contexts.

Guest Speaker. The Futures of the UN. September 11. Metafutureschool. (online)

On September 11, 2024, Professor Sohail Inayatullah was a guest speaker at the online event "The Futures of the UN," hosted by Metafutureschool. He explored transformative strategies and foresight methodologies to enhance the United Nations' role in addressing global challenges. This engagement emphasized the importance of forward-thinking in international governance.

Keynote Speaker, Between Era: where monsters Roam and Angels fly. Lutheran National Principals Conference, Brisbane, July 29

On July 29, 2024, Professor Sohail Inayatullah served as the keynote speaker at the Lutheran National Principals Conference in Brisbane. His presentation, titled "Between Era: Where Monsters Roam and Angels Fly," addressed the transformative challenges facing education and leadership in contemporary society. The talk emphasized navigating complexities and uncertainties in an evolving educational landscape.

Keynote Speaker, Futures of Health, Mackay Hospital and Health Services, Mackay, June 4

On June 4, 2024, Professor Sohail Inayatullah delivered a keynote speech at the Mackay Hospital and Health Services conference, focusing on the "Futures of Health." He discussed innovative strategies for improving health systems and navigating the complexities of future healthcare challenges. The presentation aimed to inspire forward-thinking approaches in the health sector.

Keynote Speaker, Futures Thinking, The Inside Network, Melbourne, June 3

On June 3, 2024, Professor Sohail Inayatullah was a keynote speaker at The Inside Network event in Melbourne, where he addressed the theme of "Futures Thinking." He emphasized the significance of employing foresight methodologies to anticipate and navigate future challenges across various sectors. His insights aimed to inspire attendees to integrate strategic foresight into their organizational practices for better decision-making.

Keynote Speaker, Innovation in Queensland, 2004-2044, Business Innovation in Queensland Conference, Brisbane, May 30.

On May 30, 2024, Professor Sohail Inayatullah served as the keynote speaker at the Business Innovation in Queensland Conference in Brisbane, focusing on the theme "Innovation in Queensland, 2004-2044." His presentation explored the future of innovation in the region, discussing trends and strategies to foster sustainable economic growth and resilience. Inayatullah's insights aimed to inspire local businesses and policymakers to adapt to emerging challenges over the next two decades.

Keynote Speaker, Uses of the Future. Innovation Explorer, Sophia, Bulgaria, February 21 (online).

On February 21, 2024, Professor Sohail Inayatullah was the keynote speaker for the online event "Uses of the Future" hosted by Innovation Explorer in Sophia, Bulgaria. His presentation focused on how foresight methodologies can be applied to navigate uncertainties and enhance decisionmaking processes. Inayatullah aimed to inspire participants to leverage future studies in various contexts for strategic advantage and innovation.

Speaker, Conflict Transformation Futures and CLA. Atlantic Fellows. February 9 (online).

On February 9, 2024, Professor Sohail Inayatullah participated as a speaker in the online event "Conflict Transformation Futures and CLA," organized by the Atlantic Fellows. He discussed how Causal Layered Analysis (CLA) can be utilized to understand and transform conflicts, emphasizing the role of foresight in fostering peaceful resolutions. Inayatullah's insights aimed to equip participants with strategic tools for addressing complex social challenges.

Keynote Speaker, Futures, CLA, and macrohistory. VC-APAX Conference, April 22 (online).

On April 22, 2024, Professor Sohail Inayatullah was the keynote speaker at the VC-APAX Conference, delivering an online presentation on "Futures, CLA, and Macrohistory." He explored the interconnectedness of futures studies, Causal Layered Analysis (CLA), and macrohistorical perspectives, emphasizing their importance in understanding societal transformations. Inayatullah's insights aimed to provide participants with a comprehensive framework for analyzing and anticipating future developments.

Speeches 2023

Guest Speaker, Futures and Justice/decolonization, United Edge, December 7 (online) On December 7, 2023,

Professor Sohail Inayatullah served as a guest speaker at the online event "Futures and Justice/Decolonization," organized by United Edge. He discussed the intersections of futures studies and justice, focusing on the importance of decolonizing perspectives in envisioning equitable futures. Inayatullah aimed to inspire participants to incorporate justice-oriented frameworks in their foresight practices.

Speaker, The CLA of the Self, Dubai Futures Forum, Dubai, November 27

On November 27, 2023, Professor Sohail Inayatullah spoke at the Dubai Futures Forum, presenting on "The CLA of the Self." His discussion focused on how Causal Layered Analysis (CLA) can be applied to personal development and self-reflection. Inayatullah emphasized the importance of understanding one's own narratives and layers to better navigate future possibilities.

Speaker, Futures of Procurement, The Faculty, Melbourne, October 26

On October 26, 2023, Professor Sohail Inayatullah was a speaker at "Futures of Procurement," hosted by The Faculty in Melbourne. His presentation focused on the evolving landscape of procurement, emphasizing the integration of foresight methodologies to navigate future challenges. Inayatullah aimed to provide insights into innovative strategies for procurement professionals in an increasingly complex environment.

Keynote Speaker, The world in transition? PWC, Auckland, October 12

On October 12, 2023, Professor Sohail Inayatullah served as the keynote speaker at a PWC event in Auckland titled "The World in Transition?" He explored the implications of global transitions on various sectors and emphasized the need for adaptive strategies in response to changing dynamics. Inayatullah's insights aimed to equip participants with the foresight necessary to navigate future uncertainties effectively.

Keynote Speaker, The Future Never Arrives. APFN, Kuala Lumpur, September 19 and UNESCO Chair Dialogue Panel, September 19

On September 19, 2023, Professor Sohail Inayatullah was the keynote speaker at the APFN event in Kuala Lumpur, presenting on "The Future Never Arrives." He examined the complexities of future scenarios and the challenges of anticipating change. Additionally, he participated in the UNESCO Chair Dialogue Panel on the same day, where he engaged in discussions about the role of foresight in shaping educational policies for a rapidly changing world.

Keynote Speaker, The Futures of the World System, Ho Chi Minh Academy, September 15-2023 and Futures thinking workshop with the Asia Development Bank, Hanoi, September 16-2023

On September 15, 2023, Professor Sohail Inayatullah was the keynote speaker at the Ho Chi Minh Academy, discussing "The Futures of the World System." He addressed global interdependencies and emerging trends shaping the future. The following day, on September 16, he facilitated a Futures Thinking workshop with the Asian Development Bank in Hanoi, focusing on enhancing strategic foresight skills among participants to navigate future challenges effectively.

Guest Speaker, Ten Uses of the Future. UNESCAP Discovery Series, Bangkok, August 16-2023 (online)

On August 16, 2023, Professor Sohail Inayatullah was a guest speaker for the UNESCAP Discovery Series in Bangkok, presenting on "Ten Uses of the Future." He explored various ways futures studies can be applied to inform decision-making and strategic planning across different sectors. His insights aimed to equip participants with practical tools for utilizing foresight in addressing contemporary challenges and shaping effective policies.

Keynote Speaker and panellist AI and the futures of teaching, Australian Curriculum and Assessment Authority, Brisbane, August 3-2023

On August 3, 2023, Professor Sohail Inayatullah was both a keynote speaker and panellist at the Australian Curriculum and Assessment Authority event in Brisbane, focusing on "AI and the Futures of Teaching." He addressed the implications of artificial intelligence in education, discussing how it can transform teaching practices and learning outcomes. Inayatullah emphasized the need for educators to adapt and embrace these changes to enhance the educational experience for students.

Keynote Speaker, The uses of the Future, King Mohammed VI University and UNESCO, Rabat, July 14-2023 (online).

On July 14, 2023, Professor Sohail Inayatullah served as the keynote speaker for an online event titled "The Uses of the Future," organized by King Mohammed VI University and UNESCO in Rabat. He discussed how futures studies can be utilized to inform decisionmaking and strategic planning across various sectors. His presentation aimed to inspire participants to apply foresight methodologies in addressing contemporary challenges and shaping sustainable futures.

Speaker, Inner Futures, ICESCO, State of Foresight Studies, Rabat, May 26-2023

On May 26, 2023, Professor Sohail Inayatullah participated as a speaker at the ICESCO event in Rabat, focusing on "Inner Futures" within the context of the State of Foresight Studies. He addressed the importance of personal and collective foresight in shaping future narratives and strategies. His insights aimed to encourage participants to explore their inner capacities and aspirations for more effective engagement with future challenges.

Speaker, From Strategic Foresight to Transformative Futures, Centre for Future Design, Sharing Futures Conference, Linz, May 11-2023

On May 11, 2023, Professor Sohail Inayatullah spoke at the Sharing Futures Conference organized by the Centre for Future Design in Linz. His presentation, "From Strategic Foresight to Transformative Futures," focused on the transition from traditional foresight approaches to more transformative practices that can significantly impact societal development. Inayatullah's insights encouraged participants to explore innovative pathways for addressing complex challenges in various sectors.

Keynote Speaker and workshop director, Futures thinking, The Queensland Crime and Corruption Commission, Brisbane, April 19-2023

On April 19, 2023, Professor Sohail Inayatullah served as both the keynote speaker and workshop director for a session on "Futures Thinking" at The Queensland Crime and Corruption Commission in Brisbane. He focused on applying foresight methodologies to address challenges in crime prevention and corruption management. His workshop aimed to equip participants with practical tools and strategies for proactive decision-making in their respective fields.

Keynote Speaker, Educational disruptions, Queensland TAFE, Brisbane, March 14th

On March 14, 2023, Professor Sohail Inayatullah was the keynote speaker at Queensland TAFE in Brisbane, addressing "Educational Disruptions." He explored the significant changes impacting the education sector and the necessity for institutions to adapt to these challenges. His insights aimed to empower educators and administrators to embrace innovative strategies for future resilience in learning environments.

Guest Speaker, The Uses of the Future, Westminster University, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, February 23

On February 24, 2023, Professor Sohail Inayatullah was a guest speaker at Westminster University in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, discussing "The Uses of the Future." He focused on how futures studies can inform decision-making and strategic planning, emphasizing practical applications for various sectors. His insights aimed to inspire attendees to utilize foresight methodologies for better understanding and navigating future challenges.

Keynote Speaker, Disruptions in Education, PMSA, Brisbane, February 8-2023

On February 8, 2023, Professor Sohail Inayatullah was the keynote speaker at the PMSA event in Brisbane, focusing on "Disruptions in Education." He explored the transformative changes affecting educational systems and the need for adaptive strategies to address emerging challenges. His insights aimed to encourage educators and policymakers to embrace innovative approaches to navigate disruptions effectively.

Guest Speaker, University Futures, International Islamic Universities, February 8, 2023 (online platform)

On February 8, 2023, Professor Sohail Inayatullah was a guest speaker at the "University Futures" event hosted by International Islamic Universities on an online platform. He discussed the evolving landscape of higher education, emphasizing the importance of foresight and innovation in shaping future academic environments. His insights aimed to inspire participants to think critically about the challenges and opportunities facing universities globally.

ACTIVITIES ARE A CONCISE REPORT FOR 2023 AND 2024

The following activities are a concise report for 2023 and 2024 by Professor Professor Sohail Inayatullah, Chair Holder of the UNESCO Chair at the Sejahtera Centre for Humanity and Technology, Kuala Lumpur, IIUM, Malaysia. Professor Inayatullah engaged in various speaking engagements, workshops, and collaborative projects focusing on futures studies, strategic foresight, and educational innovations. His contributions aimed to enhance understanding and application of foresight methodologies across multiple sectors, promoting a transformative approach to global challenges.

Workshops/Mini-Courses 2024

Workshop Director, Policing futures. Victoria Police, Melbourne, December 5

On December 5, 2024, Professor Sohail Inayatullah will serve as the Workshop Director or "Policing Futures" with Victoria Police in Melbourne. This workshop focused on exploring future trends and challenges in law enforcement, equipping participants with strategic foresight tools to enhance their approach to community safety and effective policing practices.

Workshop Director, CLA, Futuribles, Paris, October 15

On October 15, 2024, Professor Professor Sohail Inayatullah served as the Workshop Director for "CLA" at Futuribles in Paris. This workshop focused on applying causal layered analysis (CLA) to understand complex future scenarios, providing participants with valuable insights and methodologies for strategic foresight and decisionmaking in various sectors.

Workshop Director, CLA, the Italian Institute for the Future, Naples September 25

On September 25, 2024, Professor Professor Sohail Inayatullah served as the Workshop Director for "CLA" at the Italian Institute for the Future in Naples. The workshop focused on applying causal layered analysis (CLA) to explore future scenarios and challenges, equipping participants with practical tools for strategic foresight and enhancing their ability to navigate complex issues in various domains.

Workshop Director, Futures thinking and Strategy Transformation, The Change Initiative, Bangkok, September 2-3

On September 2 and 3, 2024, Professor Professor Sohail Inayatullah served as the Workshop Director for "Futures Thinking and Strategy Transformation" at The Change Initiative in Bangkok. The workshop aimed to equip participants with innovative futures thinking methodologies and strategic transformation tools to address emerging challenges and foster sustainable development in their respective fields.

Workshop Director, CLA Masterclass, Studio Dojo, Singapore, August 30

On August 30, 2024, Professor Professor Sohail Inayatullah served as the Workshop Director for the "CLA Masterclass" at Studio Dojo in Singapore. This masterclass focused on the application of causal layered analysis (CLA) in strategic foresight, providing participants with advanced techniques to analyze complex issues and develop effective solutions for future challenges.

Workshop Director, Policing futures. Victoria Police, Melbourne, August 2

On August 2, 2024, Professor Professor Sohail Inayatullah served as the Workshop Director for "Policing Futures" with Victoria Police in Melbourne. This workshop focused on exploring future trends in law enforcement, equipping participants with innovative foresight methodologies to enhance their strategic planning and community engagement in policing practices.

Workshop Director, Auckland City Council, Auckland, July 8

On July 8, 2024, Professor Professor Sohail Inayatullah served as the Workshop Director for a session with Auckland City Council in Auckland. This workshop focused on futures thinking and strategic planning, aiming to equip local government officials with tools and methodologies to anticipate and address emerging urban challenges effectively.

Workshop Director, Speculative Futures, Auckland, July 10

On July 10, 2024, Professor Professor Sohail Inayatullah served as the Workshop Director for "Speculative Futures" in Auckland. This workshop focused on imaginative and forward-thinking strategies to explore potential future scenarios, encouraging participants to engage with speculative methods in order to address complex challenges and foster innovative solutions in their respective fields.

Workshop Director, Futures of Trust and Legitimacy in Global Policing. Dubai, March 1/2 -2024

On March 1 and 2, 2024, Professor Professor Sohail Inayatullah served as the Workshop Director for "Futures of Trust and Legitimacy in Global Policing" in Dubai. This workshop aimed to explore the evolving dynamics of trust and legitimacy within law enforcement, providing participants with foresight methodologies to navigate challenges and enhance community relations in global policing contexts.

Workshop Director, CLA in Policing. Victoria Police. Melbourne, February 7/8

On February 7 and 8, 2024, Professor Professor Sohail Inayatullah served as the Workshop Director for "CLA in Policing" with Victoria Police in Melbourne. This workshop focused on the application of causal layered analysis (CLA) to address complex issues in law enforcement, equipping participants with tools to enhance strategic thinking and develop effective solutions in policing practices.

Workshop Director, The Futures of Banking, Emirates NBD, February 28

On February 28, 2024, Professor Professor Sohail Inayatullah served as the Workshop Director for "The Futures of Banking" at Emirates NBD. This workshop focused on exploring emerging trends and challenges in the banking sector, equipping participants with foresight tools and strategies to navigate the future of finance effectively.

Workshops/Mini-Courses 2023

Workshop Director, Futures Thinking and Strategy Development, DFF, Dubai, November 13/14

On November 13 and 14, 2024, Professor Professor Sohail Inayatullah served as the Workshop Director for "Futures Thinking and Strategy Development" at the Dubai Future Foundation (DFF). The workshop aimed to equip participants with advanced futures thinking methodologies and strategic

development skills, focusing on innovative approaches to addressing emerging challenges in various sectors.

Workshop Director, Futures thinking and strategy development. CIMB and Melbourne Business School, October 25

On October 25, 2023, Professor Professor Sohail Inayatullah served as the Workshop Director for "Futures Thinking and Strategy Development" with CIMB and Melbourne Business School. The workshop focused on enhancing participants' understanding of futures thinking methodologies and their application in strategic planning, equipping them with tools to develop innovative strategies in the financial sector.

Workshop Director, CLA in Policing. Victoria Police. Melbourne, October 9/10 and 23/24

On October 9 and 10, and again on October 23 and 24, 2023, Professor Professor Sohail Inayatullah served as the Workshop Director for "CLA in Policing" with Victoria Police in Melbourne. The workshops aimed to enhance the understanding and application of causal layered analysis (CLA) in policing strategies, equipping law enforcement professionals with innovative tools to tackle contemporary challenges and improve community engagement.

Workshop Director, Futures thinking and Strategy Transformation, UNESCAP, Bangkok, September 26/27

On September 26 and 27, 2023, Professor Professor Sohail Inayatullah served as the Workshop Director for "Futures Thinking and Strategy Transformation" at UNESCAP in Bangkok. The workshop focused on integrating futures thinking into strategic planning processes, helping participants develop innovative approaches to address regional challenges and foster sustainable development in their respective sectors.

Workshop Director, Infrastructure and futures, Aboitiz, Manila, June 14 (online)

On June 14, 2023, Professor Professor Sohail Inayatullah acted as the Workshop Director for "Infrastructure and Futures," hosted by Aboitiz in Manila (online). The workshop focused on future trends in infrastructure development, providing participants with strategic insights and foresight methodologies to better plan for sustainable and resilient infrastructure projects.

Workshop Director, Finance Futures, Oracle and Santander, Madrid, June 6.

On June 6, 2023, Professor Professor Sohail Inayatullah served as the Workshop Director for "Finance Futures," hosted by Oracle and Santander in Madrid. The workshop focused on exploring future trends in finance and technology, providing participants with insights and tools to navigate the evolving landscape of the financial industry.

Workshop Director, Futures of Education, Presbyterian and Methodist Schools, Brisbane, March 31/April 1

On March 31 and April 1, 2023, Professor Professor Sohail Inayatullah served as the Workshop Director for a session on the "Futures of Education" at Presbyterian and Methodist Schools in Brisbane. The workshop aimed to explore innovative approaches to educational practices and policies, equipping educators with foresight tools to adapt to the changing landscape of education and enhance learning outcomes for students.

Workshop Director, Maranoa Shire Council, March 21, Roma, Queensland

On March 21, 2023, Professor Professor Sohail Inayatullah acted as the Workshop Director for a session at the Maranoa Shire Council in Roma, Queensland. The workshop focused on applying futures thinking

to local governance and community development, equipping participants with innovative tools and methodologies for addressing regional challenges and planning for sustainable futures.

Workshop Director, CLA applied to social problems, Executive Challenge Academy, March 14, Brisbane

On March 14, 2023, Professor Professor Sohail Inayatullah served as the Workshop Director for a session on "CLA Applied to Social Problems" at the Executive Challenge Academy in Brisbane. The workshop focused on utilizing causal layered analysis (CLA) to address complex social issues, providing participants with practical strategies for effective problem-solving and foresight integration in their work.

Workshop Director with Ivana Milojević, Futures thinking and inner change, Think Beyond, Christchurch, New Zealand, March 8/9

On March 8 and 9, 2023, Professor Professor Sohail Inayatullah co-directed a workshop with Ivana Milojević on "Futures Thinking and Inner Change" at Think Beyond in Christchurch, New Zealand. The workshop focused on the intersection of futures thinking and personal transformation, equipping participants with tools to apply foresight methodologies for inner development and societal impact.

Workshop Director with Dr. Susann Roth, CLA and national scenarios, Ministry of National Planning, Bappenas, Jakarta, Indonesia, March 3/4.

On March 3 and 4, 2023, Professor Professor Sohail Inayatullah co-directed a workshop with Dr. Susann Roth on "CLA and National Scenarios" at the Ministry of National Planning (Bappenas) in Jakarta, Indonesia. The workshop aimed to enhance participants' understanding of causal layered analysis (CLA) and its application in developing national scenarios for strategic planning.

Workshop Director, Futures thinking and law enforcement, Pearls in Policing at INTERPOL Singapore, February 27/28.

On February 27 and 28, 2023, Professor Professor Sohail Inayatullah served as the Workshop Director for "Futures Thinking and Law Enforcement" at INTERPOL Singapore. The workshop focused on integrating futures thinking into policing strategies, enhancing the ability of law enforcement agencies to anticipate and address emerging challenges.

Media Projects And Interviews

Abnormal Podcast, Sean Pilot De Chenecey. September 10.

(In the recent episode of the "Abnormal Podcast" featuring Sean Pillot de Chenecey, the discussion revolves around the complexities of modern societal issues and their implications for the future. The episode emphasizes understanding the shifts in cultural dynamics and consumer behavior as we navigate challenges such as technological advancements, climate change, and social justice movements. Pillot de Chenecey invites various experts to share insights on how we can better anticipate and shape these changes for a more equitable future.

Zukunftsforschung, Kurzinterview mit Professor Sohail Inayatullah, ProZukunft, 1, 2024, 28-29.

(In a brief interview with Professor Sohail Inayatullah for ProZukunft, he discusses the evolving landscape of future studies, emphasizing the importance of understanding past and present narratives to shape preferable futures. He highlights the role of critical thinking in addressing complex global issues like climate change, technological advancements, and social equity. Inayatullah advocates for an inclusive approach that incorporates diverse perspectives, aiming to transform anticipation into

actionable strategies for societal emancipation.) Soukaina El Magidi, AI Futures. Policy Centre for the New South.

<https://www.policycenter.ma/index.php/podcasts/ai-futures-how-artificialintelligence-shapes-our-future-predictions-foresight-studies>, 02 June 2023

(In the podcast episode titled (AI Futures) Soukaina El Magidi discusses how artificial intelligence is reshaping predictions in foresight studies, focusing on its role in enhancing accuracy and scenario-building. The conversation emphasizes the synergy between AI technologies and foresight practices, which aim to create informed narratives about potential futures rather than merely predicting outcomes. This exploration contributes to a deeper understanding of how AI can influence decisionmaking processes in various sectors.

Change your story: change your future: Narrative Futures in Action. (with Ivana Milojević). Forthcoming, 2025.

(In this forthcoming work, Ivana Milojević and the co-author discuss how reshaping personal and collective narratives can influence future outcomes. The book emphasizes the power of storytelling in creating transformative futures and encourages individuals to actively rewrite limiting narratives. It explores narrative strategies to foster positive, forward-looking change.)

The End of the Cow and Other Emerging Issues. (with Ivana Milojević). Metafuture.org Publications, 2022. (ISBN: 978-0-6453461-4-5)

(In *The End of the Cow and Other Emerging Issues*, Ivana Milojević and the coauthor examine critical future challenges related to sustainability, food security, and ethical consumption. The book delves into the implications of societal shifts away from traditional practices, such as livestock farming, and explores innovative solutions for a sustainable future. It encourages readers to rethink their relationships with food and the environment in the context of emerging global issues.)

From Anticipation to Emancipation: Toward a Stage Theory of the Uses of the Future. Tamkang University. February 2022.

This work proposes a stage theory that outlines the progression from anticipation to emancipation in how societies utilize future-oriented thinking. It emphasizes the importance of transforming anticipatory practices into tools for empowerment and social change. The theory aims to guide individuals and communities in effectively harnessing foresight to create more equitable and liberated futures. The paper by Professor Sohail Inayatullah proposes a stage theory illustrating the journey from anticipation to emancipation through future-oriented thinking. It emphasizes the need for societies to transition from merely predicting future outcomes to actively engaging in transformative practices that empower individuals and communities. The author discusses the implications of this shift for enhancing social equity and fostering proactive governance. For further details, you can access the full document

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Edited Books

Didactic Challenges IV: Futures Studies in Education. Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek and the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts. Osijek, Croatia, 2023 (Snježana dubovicki and Anica bilić).

(This work explores the evolving challenges in education through the lens of futures studies, focusing on how educators can adapt to rapidly changing environments. It emphasizes the need for innovative teaching approaches, technological integration, and fostering critical thinking in learners. The aim is to prepare education systems for future societal and technological shifts.)

“World Futures,” in Duraid Jalili, World Strategy, UK Department of Defense, 2024.

(This chapter examines global strategic trends and challenges, with a focus on how futures thinking can shape world policy and defense strategies. It explores potential geopolitical, technological, and environmental shifts that may impact global stability. The discussion aims to guide policymakers in anticipating and preparing for future threats and opportunities.)

"Futures Studies: From Perceived Injustice to the Transformational Present," in Roberto Poli, Handbook of Futures Studies, Edward Elgar, Cheltenham, UK, 2024.

(The chapter explores how futures studies can address perceived injustices by shifting focus from dissatisfaction with the present to envisioning transformative change. It highlights the potential of futures thinking to empower individuals and communities to create more just and equitable realities. The emphasis is on leveraging foresight to drive meaningful transformation in the present.)

"Backcasting: A Design Thinking Approach to Creating Transformative Futures," in Melodena Stephends, ed., Anticipatory Governance: Shaping a Responsible Future. Singapore: World Scientific Publishing, 2024.

(This chapter presents backcasting as a design thinking tool used to envision and create transformative futures by working backward from a desired outcome. It emphasizes the role of strategic foresight in addressing complex challenges and fostering innovation. The approach encourages proactive, long-term planning to achieve sustainable and responsible futures.)

"Futures of Education: Using Backcasting to Design Guardrails," in Melodena Stephens, ed., Anticipatory Governance: Shaping a Responsible Future. Singapore: World Scientific Publishing, 2024.

(This chapter introduces backcasting as a method for designing education systems that anticipate future challenges and needs. It highlights the importance of creating "guardrails" to ensure responsible and sustainable education policies. The focus is on proactive governance to guide educational reforms toward equitable and future-ready outcomes.)

“Education in our living rooms: Education futures through and beyond Covid-19,” in Imtiaz Ahmed, Imagining Post-Covid Education Futures. Dhaka, Centre for Genocide Studies, 2023.

(The chapter examines the shift to home-based learning during the COVID-19 pandemic, focusing on the challenges and opportunities this presents for future education. It explores how the pandemic accelerated the adoption of digital learning tools and reshaped educational practices. The discussion extends to envisioning post-pandemic educational futures that are more flexible and accessible.)

“Learning anytime, anywhere, with anyone,” in Didactic Challenges IV: Futures Studies in Education. Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek and the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts. Osijek, Croatia, 2023 (Snježana dubovicki and Anica bilić) (chapter with Ivana Milojevic).

(The chapter explores the theme of flexible learning environments and collaboration, emphasizing the integration of technology and diverse learning communities. It discusses the future prospects of education in fostering accessible and inclusive learning experiences across different contexts.)

“Education in Disruptive Times, ”in Innovative Education in an Era of Change. Eds. The Gulf Arab States Educational Research Centre. Manama, Bahrain, 2023,49-63. In English and Arabic.

(The chapter "Education in Disruptive Times," in *Innovative Education in an Era of Change* (2023), discusses how education systems in the Gulf Arab states must adapt to rapid technological and societal disruptions. It emphasizes innovative teaching methods and policy reforms to equip students with future-ready skills. The text is presented in both English and Arabic.)

Selected Reports

Forward Thinking AEMC, the Australia National Energy Markets Commission, May 2024 (Ivana Milojević)

In "Forward Thinking AEMC," Ivana Milojević discusses the strategic direction of the Australian National Energy Market Commission as it adapts to evolving energy demands and sustainability goals. Meanwhile, in "Drama to Dharma and the Holographic Buddha," Milojević explores the application of futures thinking in public policy for Thailand, emphasizing innovative approaches that incorporate cultural and ethical perspectives. Both reports highlight the importance of forward-thinking methodologies in navigating complex societal and environmental challenges.

Drama to Dharma and the Holographic Buddha: A Report on Futures Thinking for Public Policy in Thailand, Thailand institute for Justice, September 2023 (Ivana Milojević)

(Ivana Milojević’s report "Drama to Dharma and the Holographic Buddha" (September 2023) explores the application of futures thinking in shaping public policy in Thailand. It highlights a cultural shift from conflict-driven narratives ("drama") to more harmonious, ethical living ("dharma") and discusses the symbolic and technological role of the holographic Buddha in future societal transformation.)

Articles In Refereed Academic Journals

“Power and Medicine during the transitional era: Microvita as the bridge. Neohumanist Review 3. 2024

(In "Power and Medicine during the Transitional Era: Microvita as the Bridge," the author explores the concept of microvita as a transformative element in the fields of power and medicine. The piece discusses how understanding microvita can facilitate holistic healing and promote a more equitable healthcare system. Ultimately, it argues that integrating microvita into medical practices can bridge gaps between traditional and modern approaches, fostering a more compassionate and comprehensive healthcare paradigm during transitional times.)

The Five P Health Model – the emerging health paradigm. Neohumanist Review 3. 2024, 2022.

(In "The Five P Health Model – The Emerging Health Paradigm," the authors introduce a holistic framework focused on five key dimensions: physical, psychological, social, spiritual, and environmental health. This model emphasizes the interconnectedness of these aspects, advocating for a comprehensive approach to wellness that addresses individual and community needs. By integrating these dimensions, the Five P Health Model aims to redefine healthcare practices and promote a more balanced and sustainable approach to health in contemporary society.)

“Lessons learned during COVID-19: The experience of the Institute for Futures Studies in Health in Iran,” *Journal of Futures Studies* (In Press, 2024) (authored with Reza Dehnavi).

(In “Lessons Learned during COVID-19: The Experience of the Institute for Futures Studies in Health in Iran,” the authors discuss insights gained from the pandemic regarding health policy and planning. They highlight the importance of adaptability and foresight in addressing public health challenges, advocating for strengthened health systems and community resilience. The piece emphasizes the value of collaborative approaches and evidence-based strategies in preparing for future health crises.)

“The Futures Triangle: Origins and Iterations,” *World Futures Review*. Vol. 15 (2-4), 112-121.

(In “The Futures Triangle: Origins and Iterations,” the author delves into the conceptual framework of the Futures Triangle, which illustrates the interplay between the forces of the past, present, and future in shaping potential outcomes. The piece examines the origins of the model and its various applications across different fields, highlighting its utility in strategic foresight and planning. Ultimately, the article underscores the value of the Futures Triangle in helping individuals and organizations navigate complex future scenarios and make informed decisions.)

“Investigating the Futures Triangle with ChatGPT,” *World Futures Review*. Vol. 15 (24), 213-218, 2023.

(In “Investigating the Futures Triangle with ChatGPT,” the authors explore the application of AI, specifically ChatGPT, to enhance the understanding and utilization of the Futures Triangle framework in strategic foresight. The article discusses how AI can analyze trends and scenarios, providing insights into the dynamics of past, present, and future forces. By leveraging ChatGPT, the authors highlight the potential for more nuanced and informed decision-making in future planning processes.)

“Embodied CLA: The Role of Polyvagal Theory in Futures Methodology – a conversation with Professor Sohail Inayatullah and Debra Em Wilson. *Journal of Futures Studies*, In press, 2023. <https://jfsdigital.org/embodied-cla-the-role-ofpolyvagal-theory-in-futures-methodology-a-conversation-with-sohail-inayatullahand-debra-em-wilson/>

(In “Embodied CLA: The Role of Polyvagal Theory in Futures Methodology,” Professor Sohail Inayatullah and Debra Em Wilson discuss how polyvagal theory can inform and enhance the causal layered analysis (CLA) framework in futures studies. They explore the significance of understanding bodily responses and emotional states in shaping perceptions of future scenarios. The conversation emphasizes integrating somatic awareness into futures methodologies to foster deeper insights and more effective engagement with complex social challenges.)

“Walking Together: Gender Equality Futures 2042 in the Asia-Pacific Region, *Journal of Futures Studies*. Vol. 27, No. 2, December 2022: 56-60. <https://jfsdigital.org/2022-2/vol-27-no-2-december-2022/walking-together-genderequality-futures-2042-in-the-asia-pacific-region/>

(In “Walking Together: Gender Equality Futures 2042 in the Asia-Pacific Region,” the authors envision potential scenarios for achieving gender equality over the next two decades. They highlight the importance of collaborative efforts and inclusive policies to address systemic barriers and empower women across the region. The piece emphasizes a shared responsibility among governments, organizations, and communities to create sustainable pathways toward gender equity by 2042.)

Walking Together: Gender Equality Futures 2042 in the Asia-Pacific Region, February 2023, Over sixty gender specialists from the Asian Development Bank met to explore the futures of gender equality in the Asia-Pacific Region. Using emerging issues analysis, the futures wheel, scenarios, causal

layered analysis, and visioning, participants sought not just to understand the changing external world but to collectively brainstorm on long-term gender transformative strategies.

A Journey Through Indian Philosophy, Grand Theory And Macrohistory. Professor Sohail Inayatullah, Brill, 2002 - Philosophy - 366 pages

Professor Sohail Inayatullah takes us on a journey through Indian philosophy, grand theory and macrohistory. We understand and appreciate Indian theories of history, specifically cyclical and spiral theories of time. From other civilizations, we learn how seminal thinkers understood the stages and mechanisms of transformation. Ssu-Ma Chien, Ibn Khaldun, Giambattista Vico, George Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel, Oswald Spengler, Comte Pitirim Sorokin, and Michel Foucault are invited to a dialog on the nature of agency and structure, and the escape ways from the patterns of history. But the journey is centered on P.R. Sarkar, the controversial Indian philosopher, guru and activist. While Sarkar passed away in 1990, his work, his social movements, his vision of the future remains ever alive. Inayatullah brings us closer to the heart and head of this giant luminary. Through Understanding Sarkar, we gain insight into how knowledge can transform and liberate.

The Causal Layered Analysis (CLA) Reader: Theory and Case Studies of an Integrative and Transformative Methodology, Editor Professor Sohail Inayatullah, Publisher Tamkang University Press, 2004, ISBN 9579078858, 9789579078856, Length 576 pages,

This book is divided into five parts. Part I introduces the causal layered analysis methodology — its historical and conceptual context as well as research and workshop case studies. Part II presents essays (by Slaughter, Turnbull, Bussey, Graham and Canny, Kelly, and List) that compare CLA to other methods, as well as essays that use and locate layered analysis generally (Galtung, Shapiro, and Sardar); to some extent these predate CLA. The third part — and the largest section of the book — consists of case studies applying CLA in a wide range of areas, including, for example, genetic engineering, poverty, racism, globalisation, education, aviation, the global media, Japan, cities, and theories of intelligence (by Fricker, Milojević, Wildman, Gidley, Bussey, Kelly, Jones, May, Hill, White, Wright, Daffara, and Anthony). Part IV presents essays which constitute CLA as an evolving methodology (by de Simone, Ramos, and Russo). This section also includes a bibliographic narrative and a response to critics of CLA. The final part of the book includes charts, tables, and slides.

The Futures Triangle: Origins And Iterations

Professor Sohail Inayatullah, First published online October 16, 2023

This article presents a genealogy of the Futures Triangle. The method's evolution is explained. Problems, iteration and benefits are presented. The Futures Triangle is a simple method to map three competing factors: the pull of the future, the push of the present, and the weight of history. It can be used as a stand-alone futures method or in conjunction with other methods such as Emerging Issues Analysis, Causal Layered Analysis, or Scenarios.

Global Transformations And World Futures: Knowledge, Economy, And Society,

Professor Sohail Inayatullah, Tamkang University, Taiwan; University of the Sunshine Coast, Maroochydore, Australia, and Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia. (In "Global Transformations and World Futures: Knowledge, Economy, and Society," Professor Sohail Inayatullah explores the intricate interplay between knowledge systems, economic structures, and societal changes in shaping global futures. The work examines how transformations in technology, communication, and ideology influence economic practices and social dynamics. Inayatullah emphasizes the need for adaptive knowledge frameworks that can address emerging global challenges and foster sustainable development. He advocates for a multidisciplinary approach to futures studies, integrating insights from

various fields to create more resilient societies. Ultimately, the piece calls for collaborative efforts in envisioning and constructing inclusive and equitable futures amidst ongoing global transformations.)

Future Avoiders, Migrants And Natives

Professor Sohail Inayatullah, Journal of Futures Studies, Vol.9(2), pp.83-87, 2004 (In "Future Avoiders, Migrants and Natives,"

Professor Sohail Inayatullah examines the dynamics between different societal groups, focusing on the contrasting perspectives of future-oriented migrants and those he terms "future avoiders," often represented by natives resistant to change. The article discusses how migrants, driven by the pursuit of better opportunities, tend to embrace innovation and adaptability, while natives may cling to established norms and resist the uncertainties of the future. Inayatullah highlights the implications of these attitudes on societal development, integration, and cultural exchange. He encourages fostering dialogue between these groups to bridge divides and create inclusive futures. Ultimately, the piece advocates for a more holistic understanding of how future orientations shape societal dynamics and the importance of inclusive strategies in addressing global challenges.) Integrating Spirituality into Public Life with Evidence Based Policies. Prout Journal (September 2024), 33-37 (with Ivana Milojevic and Ora-orn Poocharoen).

Integrating Spirituality into Public Life with Evidence-Based Policies

authors Ivana Milojevic and Ora-orn Poocharoen advocate for the incorporation of spiritual values into public policy frameworks. The article argues that spirituality can enhance well-being and foster community cohesion, contributing positively to societal governance. It emphasizes the importance of evidence-based approaches to ensure that spiritual considerations are harmonized with pragmatic policy-making. The authors explore practical applications where spirituality can inform ethical decision-making in various sectors, including education and healthcare. Ultimately, the piece calls for a holistic perspective that recognizes the role of spirituality in creating more compassionate and effective public policies.)

Amazons of Food or Food for All, Compass. June, 2024. 20-29, Ivana Milojevic and Hafeez Zainal). (In "Amazons of Food or Food for All,"

The authors Ivana Milojevic and Hafeez Zainal explore the dichotomy between food production and equitable access to nutrition. The article advocates for sustainable agricultural practices that empower women, often the backbone of food systems. It critiques existing food distribution inequalities, emphasizing the need for policy reforms to ensure food security for all communities. The authors argue that a shift towards inclusive and sustainable practices can create resilient food systems. Ultimately, the piece calls for collaborative efforts to transform the global food landscape into one that prioritizes both environmental sustainability and social equity.)

Macrohistory, Peace and Futures: An Interview with Johan Galtung. Journal of Futures Studies. March 4, 2024. <https://jfsdigital.org/2024/03/01/macrohistory-peace-and-futures-an-interview-with-johangaltung/>. Reprinted from the original in Prout Journal (Vol. 4. No. 1, 1989), 16-20.

(The interview with Johan Galtung in "Macrohistory, Peace and Futures" delves into the connections between macrohistorical perspectives and peacebuilding. Galtung discusses the necessity of understanding historical patterns to inform future peace initiatives and emphasizes the role of structural violence in societal conflicts. He advocates for proactive approaches to peace that incorporate holistic and systemic thinking. The conversation reflects on the importance of interdisciplinary insights in shaping future strategies for enduring peace.)

Keynote Speeches, Conference Presentations, and Lectures

July 6, 2021 • Prof. Faris deliver a keynote speech on 'Development of Stable Nanofluids for Heat Transfer Enhancement Applications' at the International Conference on Recent Advances in Sustainable Energy Research organised by the University of Science Malaysia.

November 22, 2021 • Prof. Sohail was one of the panelists in a discussion at the Webinar on 'Imagining Post-COVID Education Futures'. It was organised by Centre for Genocide Studies, University of Dhaka (CGS, DU) and Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Bangladesh.

January 19, 2022 • Prof. Sohail presented on 'Emerging Change in the Asia-Pacific Region' and spoke in the panel discussion at a Webinar in conjunction with the Health Futures Strategic Dialogue organised by the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for the Western Pacific Region.

January 31, 2022 • Prof. Sohail delivered a keynote speech entitled 'Better Than A Crystal Ball – Health Futures in Transition' at the Inauguration of the Third Annual Healthcare Management

Conference organised by the Goa Institute of Management, India. It was covered on News Patrolling – GIM's annual Healthcare Management Conference reinforced that technology is revolutionising the Indian healthcare sector and is fast proving to be a gamechanger

January 31, 2022 • Prof. Faris delivered a presentation entitled 'Shaping the Futures Towards Sustainability' at the International Conference on Futures Thinking Towards Sustainable Development Goals (ICFTSDGs) organised by the Cagayan State University of the Philippines.

July 11-13, 2022 • Prof. Sohail delivered a keynote speech at the (K)new Leadership Convening of the Atlantic Fellows. With reference to an article entitled 'The Invisible Hand Or Inclusive Flow? The Futures Of The World System', the focus was on the futures of the world system, leading directors and board members through a visioning session to develop the vision of the Atlantic Fellows. The Fellows focused on programmes for health and social equity.

October 11, 2022 • Prof. Sohail delivered a speech entitled 'Educational Futures in Times of Disruption' as one of the speakers for Plenary Session 2, under the theme of 'Climate Justice at the Heart of Inclusive and Sustainable Cities' at the International Conference on Innovative Education in an Era of Change organized by World Human Rights Cities Forum Secretariat, Gwangju International Center, Gwangju, South Korea. Gwangju Metropolitan City. The forum was co-hosted by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and UNESCO.

November 13-14, 2023 • Futures Thinking and Strategy Transformation | Dubai Future Academy | Emirates Towers, 3D Office | Facilitator

November 27, 2023 • Dubai Futures Forum | Dubai Future Foundation | Museum of the Future | Speaker

October 26, 2023 • Futures of Procurement | The Faculty, Melbourne | Melbourne | Speaker

Foresight Projects and Workshops

October 12, 2023 • The World in Transition | PWC | Auckland | Keynote Speaker

September 18-19, 2023 • Asia Pacific Futures Network Conference | APFN | International Youth Centre, Kuala Lumpur | Keynote Speaker

September 15, 2023 • The Futures of the World System | Ho Chi Minh Academy | Ho Chi Minh Academy, Hanoi | Keynote Speaker

September 16, 2023 • Workshop on Futures Thinking | Asia Development Bank | Asia Development Bank, Hanoi | Keynote Speaker

August 16, 2023 • UNESCAP Discovery Series-Bangkok | UNESCAP | Bangkok (Online) | Guest Speaker

August 8, 2023 • Session on Acknowledging Inclusiveness: Approaches to Gender and Rural Communities at the Malaysian National Commission for UNESCO (MNCU) Network Dialogue 2023-Sustainable Development Goals: Safeguarding Future Generations | Malaysian National Commission for UNESCO (SKUM) | Cyberjaya, Selangor, Malaysia | Moderator

August 3, 2023 • AI and The Futures of Teaching | Australian Curriculum and Assessment Authority, Brisbane | Brisbane | Keynote Speaker and Panelist

July 14, 2023 • Conference on the Uses of the Future | King Mohammed VI University and UNESCO | Rabat (Online) | Keynote Speaker

May 11, 2023 • Sharing Futures Conference, Linz | Centre for The Future Design, Linz | Linz | Speaker

May 26-27, 2023 • The State of Foresight Studies in the World Conference | Islamic World Educational Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) | Rabat, Kingdom of Morocco | Keynote Speaker

May 26, 2023 • State of Foresight Studies, ICESCO | ICESCO | Rabat | Speaker

April 19, 2023 • Futures Thinking | The Queensland Crime and Corruption Commission, Brisbane | Brisbane | Keynote Speaker and Workshop Director

March 14, 2023 • Conference on Educational Disruptions | TAFE Queensland | Brisbane | Keynote Speaker

February 24, 2023 • Conference in Westminster University | Westminster University | Tashkent, Uzbekistan | Guest Speaker

February 8, 2023 • Seminar Disruptions in Education | PMSA | Brisbane | Keynote Speaker

February 8, 2023 • Conference on University Futures | IIUM | Brisbane | Guest Speaker

Publications

August 13, 2021 • Prof. Sohail wrote an article entitled ‘Creating a New Renaissance: Can Responses to Covid-19 Pivot us to a Transformed World?’ that is published in the Journal of Futures Studies.

October 13, 2021 • Prof. Sohail wrote an article entitled ‘The Pawn That Roars, Selfies And Amusement Parks, Or Localism And Soft Islam: The Futures Of Afghanistan’ that is published in the Journal of Futures Studies.

2021 • Prof. Sohail wrote an essay entitled ‘Can we pivot to a new renaissance?’ for Expo 2020, Dubai, United Arab Emirates which was published on the World Majlis Series Website.

January 2, 2022 • Prof. Sohail contributed to a news write-up entitled ‘Regional Goals Met: Greener, Fairer, Cleaner Asia vision achieved. What’s next?’ for the OneDayin2050 Project for Climate Change Activation organised by the OneDayin2050 Secretariat.

February 15, 2022 • Prof. Sohail wrote a monograph on ‘Anticipation to Emancipation: Toward a Stage Theory of the Uses of the Future’. The work moves toward a stage theory of the uses of the future.

It deepens the Six Pillars framework and accompanying tools (scenarios, causal layered analysis, visioning) by inquiring which methods and tools are appropriate for which national, institutional, organizational and personal contexts.

August 25, 2021 • Prof. Sohail was a speaker at a Webinar in conjunction with the Health Futures Forum: Shaping the Future of Health organised by the World Health Organization (WHO) Regional Office for the Western Pacific Region. The talk was on the ways in which past pandemics have catalyzed radical change and contributed to further entrench inequalities, “who’s not in the room” when decisions about the future of health, wellbeing, and health systems are made, and how in addition with other change drivers such as the push for wellbeing or urbanization, the COVID-19 pandemic could be a unique opportunity to shift towards more inclusive and more efficient health systems.

September 21, 2022 • An Interview with Prof. Sohail was later published as a piece with the title ‘The Future Becomes A Space for Reinvention’ in the Diplomacy&Commerce Magazine.

2023 • Sohail Inayatullah, Snježana dubovicki and Anica bilić, eds, Didactic Challenges IV: Futures Studies in Education. Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek and the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts. Osijek, Croatia.

2023 • “Education in our living rooms: Education futures through and beyond Covid-19,” in Imtiaz Ahmed, Imagining Post-Covid Education Futures. Dhaka, Centre for Genocide Studies.

2023 • “Learning anytime, anywhere, with anyone,” in Didactic Challenges IV: Futures Studies in Education. Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek and the Croatian Academy of Sciences and Arts. Osijek, Croatia (Snježana dubovicki and Anica bilić) (chapter with Ivana Milojevic).

2023 • “Education in Disruptive Times,” in Innovative Education in an Era of Change. Eds. The Gulf Arab States Educational Research Centre. Manama, Bahrain, 49-63. In English and Arabic.

2023 • “Embodied CLA: The Role of Polyvagal Theory in Futures Methodology – a conversation with Sohail Inayatullah and Debra Em Wilson.” Journal of Futures Studies, In press, . <https://jfsdigital.org/embodied-cla-the-role-of-polyvagal-theory-in-futures-methodology-a-conversation-with-sohail-inayatullah-and-debra-em-wilson/>

2023 • “The Futures Triangle: Origin and Iterations.” World Futures Review 2023. Vo. 0(0) 1-10

June 2, 2023 • AI futures: How Artificial Intelligence Shapes Our Future Predictions in Foresight Studies in Policy Center for the New South.

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January 23, 2023 • Deconstructing ChatGPT Part 1. Journal of Futures Studies. <https://jfsdigital.org/2023/01/23/deconstructing-chatgpt-part-1/>

January, 2024 • Pro Zukunft Buchmagazin für zukunftsweisende debatten. Page. 28. Prof Sohail was interviewed, and the interview was featured in the prestigious magazine. In the Zukunftforschung or Future Research Section the magazine shared Prof Sohail insights on Futurology. According to Prof. Sohail, futurology entails exploring alternative futures and empowering individuals and organizations to reconstruct their narratives. He focuses on enhancing agency, particularly in workshops addressing critical success factors like adapting to generative AI and transitioning to renewable energy. He emphasizes moving beyond worstcase scenarios, advocating for data-rich case studies to inform innovative strategies.

Celebration of World Futures Day

The following events were organised by SC4SH, IIUM in collaboration with the International Relations Division of the Ministry of Higher Education Malaysia (MOHE):

December 3, 2021 • A Webinar on Decolonising and Redesigning the Futures of Higher Education was co-organised with the University's Management Services Division (MSD). The event brought together leaders of several Malaysian universities to revisit the university ranking system and its relevance in the post-COVID era. The presentations focused on discussing and developing an alternative appraisal system for university performance called the Communiversities which is defined by five elements i.e. integrated knowledge / transdisciplinarity, community transformation and leadership, institutional collaboration, sustainable entrepreneurship, and responsible research and innovation. Prof. Sohail was one of the keynote speakers.

December 10, 2021 • A Short Story Writing Competition was co-organised with The Good Society, a youth-based non-governmental organisation. The event served as a platform that encourages children and young people across the country to share their unique perspectives and analyses on futures through storytelling. It fostered one's creative, imaginative, and critical thinking in creating a future that favors sustainability and well-being. Prizes worth over 7,000 MYR were awarded to the winners.

January 14, 2022 • Youth Futures Webinar was co-organised with The Good Society where promising young leaders presented their inspiring community transformation projects and exchanged best practices and visions around sustainability and well-being. With the theme 'Circle of Changemakers', the guest speakers who are experienced on the grassroots level discussed their ideas, obstacles, priorities, and prospects in their respective fields which were education, economy, environment, empowerment, and intellectualism.

June 18, 2022 • Regional Workshop on 'Futures and Foresight: Designing RCE for 2050' was organised as part of the effort to synthesize these two areas of competency in the event. It will bring together members of the RCEs who are representative of the regions to envision and articulate the futures of RCEs in 2050 through collective brainstorming, designing, and recommendations using the futures wheel.

October 27, 2022 • The Great Edu-Action Debate (GEAD) was organised as a platform for national experts and experienced figures to offer pertinent insights towards a better Malaysian education system. The focus was "actionable knowledge" - learning by doing to nurture good deeds and character.

December 2, 2022 • The 'Spirituality in Sustainability Symposium: Designing Sustainable Futures with A Soul' was organised with the aim to highlight the importance of balancing the aspect of humanity, spirituality, and sustainability in development amid the dominantly technocratic assumptions of the future. Global experts were invited to have dialogues that shift from secular to spiritual; industrial to sustainability; future to futures generations; WEIRD to WISE; nation-state to global governance; exclusive to deep ummah; city design based on power and capital to city design based on creating community and spirituality.

Futures Thinking and Strategy Transformation

Facilitator



Professor Sohail Inayatullah

UNESCO Chair in Futures Studies Professor, TAMKANG University
Researcher, Metafuture.org

Sohail Inayatullah, a political scientist and futurist, is the UNESCO Chair in Futures Studies at the Sejahtera Centre for Sustainability and Humanity, IIUM, Malaysia. He is also Professor at Tamkang University, Taiwan and Associate, Melbourne Business School, the University of Melbourne. He teaches from www.metafutureschool.org where his courses include Become a Futurist and Personal Futures: the CLA of the Self. He is listed in the top two percent of the world's scientists as measured by the highest impact of

citations.

His most recent books include CLA 3.0, and Asia 2038.

In the past year, he has worked with PWC, ANZ; OECD; FAO; INTERPOL; Mitsubishi Motors; the Government of New Zealand; the WHO; the Government of Egypt; the Government of Indonesia; The Asian Development Bank; Globe Telecom; ISESCO; the Philippines Senate; the Pacific Community; GASERC; and the Queensland Crime and Corruption Commission.

FEEL: A Disruptive Futures Program

“Dubai is at the forefront of shaping the world’s future. We are dedicated to offering the world a comprehensive blueprint for future design and readiness.”

Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

About the Program

Spanning four weeks, this global training program is aligned with Dubai’s strategy to enhance individuals’ readiness to prepare for and lead the future. The program aims to elevate the participants’ intellectual and experiential capacities. It includes keynote speeches by worldrenowned global and local visionaries and experts in a wide range of fields, experiences in forefront disruptive innovations, and visits to national tech labs and major innovative organizations.

Who are we looking for?

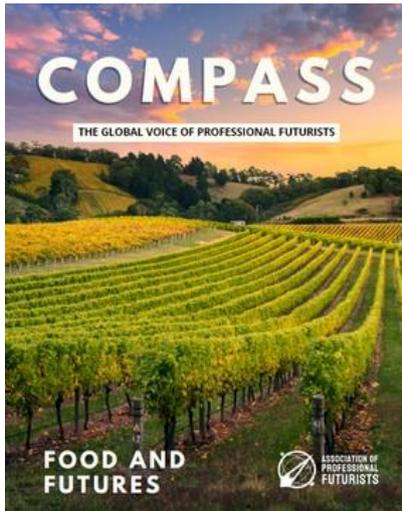
This program is tailored for the world’s movers and shakers: mid to top-level executives, entrepreneurs bursting with ideas, innovators at the forefront of change, thought leaders shaping the narrative, policymakers crafting our future, government officials driving progress, industry specialists with deep insights, angel investors ready to bet on the next big thing, and venture capitalists fueling groundbreaking ventures.

Program Objectives

This program develops the next generation of visionary leaders where participants will gain cutting edge insights in futures. Participants will be immersed in hands-on experiences with exclusive field trips to Dubai's innovation hubs and labs. Participants will get exposure to groundbreaking technologies where they will internalize and feel the impact of these advancements. thinking and foresight, leadership, longevity and critical thinking from world renowned experts.

The Amazons Of Food Or Food For All: Emerging Issues And Scenarios

By Sohail Inayatullah, Ivana Milojević and Hafeez Zainal JUNE 2024



Harnessing science, technology, and innovation (STI) is key to meeting the aspiration of efficient, inclusive, resilient, and sustainable, agrifood systems and leveraging emerging opportunities for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Advances in STI have left no aspect of life untouched, and agrifood systems are no exception.

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Mauri Ora Ki Mua : Visions Of Wellbeing For Aotearoa New Zealand

A report co-authored by Professor Sohail Inayatullah and

Dr Ivana Milojević JUNE 2021

These topics underpin a new approach to having conversations about our future and identifying narratives to underpin a period of rapid change. They support the approach taken by the first Wellbeing

Budget introduced in 2019 by the New Zealand Government which marked an important milestone in the Government's programme of change, by making Budget decisions based on what matters to New Zealanders rather than traditional economic indicators of success. The Wellbeing Budget broadens the definition of success to one that incorporates natural resources, people and communities as well as the health of the country's finances.

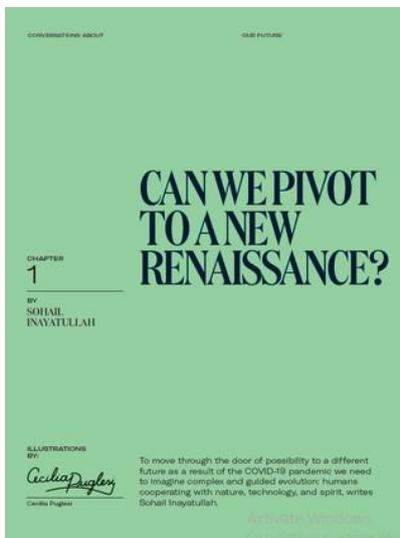
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Can We Pivot To A New Renaissance? By Sohail Inayatullah



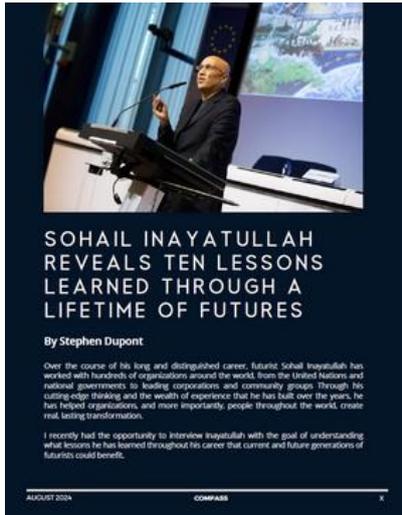
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Sohai Linayatullah Reveals Ten Lessons Learned Through A Lifetime Of Futures

By Stephen Dupont AUGUST 2024

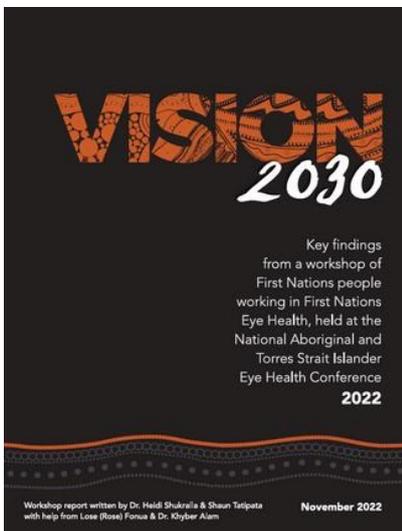


Inayatullah’s journey into foresight began at a young age, sparked by a love of science fiction that opened his mind to imagining different possibilities for our world. “When I was in the ninth grade, I had a teacher who offered to enhance our grade if we read one book a week,” said Inayatullah. “So, I started reading Isaac Asimov (The Foundation Series), Ray Bradbury (The Martian Chronicles), Yevgeny Zamyatin (We) and others. I think that was my entry point into futures thinking – imaging other worlds.”

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Vision 2030



workshop report written by Dr. Heidi Shukralla & Shaun Tatipata
November 2022 Acknowledgment of Country

We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the traditional owners of country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to both their land and seas.

We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

We pay respect to all generations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who participated in this workshop and in each way that this work will impact on their communities both now and into the future. We acknowledge the Larrakia people of Darwin, Northern Territory and thank them for welcoming us to their lands for this workshop.

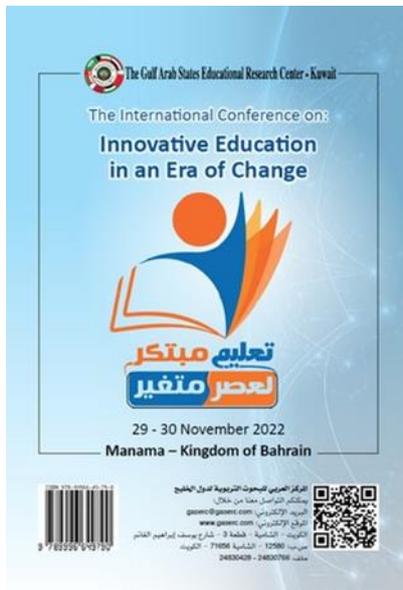
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The International Conference on: Innovative Education in an Era of Change

Manama – Kingdom Of Bahrain

29 - 30 November 2022



The conference title expresses the common feeling among many educators around the world that education needs to be rethought in innovative ways, in order to cope with the large and rapid changes that our world is undergoing, and to prepare our new generations for an uncertain future. Therefore, the conference poses a number of important questions about the future of education in light of contemporary global changes, and the need to restructure educational systems in response to the new digital technologies. This requires rethinking the curriculum design, learning content, and teachers' roles and competencies. Please continue to read this

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CONTRIBUTION OF CO-CHAIR PROF. FARIS ISMAIL, DEPUTY RECTOR, IIUM

EMPOWERING FUTURE INNOVATORS: STEM IT RIGHT! 2.0 CARNIVAL



The **STEM It Right! 2.0 (for Sustainable Engineering) Carnival** is a visionary initiative aimed at nurturing interest and understanding of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) among young learners. This state-level program, organized by the IIUM ICESCO Chair – STEM Capacity Building committee, underscores the importance of education in fostering innovation and sustainability. As a speaker, **Prof. Dr. Ahmad Faris Ismail** will lead the “**Ask Me Anything**” forum, offering his invaluable expertise to inspire the next generation of engineers and scientists.

Set to take place on **9 November 2024** at the **Main Auditorium, Kulliyah of Engineering, IIUM**, the forum is a core feature of the carnival. The one-hour session will be a platform for open dialogue, encouraging students to explore sustainable engineering concepts and practices. Prof. Faris Ismail, a prominent figure in engineering education, is poised to share his knowledge and experiences, ensuring participants leave with a greater appreciation for STEM's potential to address global challenges.

The carnival brings together **220 Form 2 students** from selected schools across Selangor, representing districts under the **Jabatan Pendidikan Negeri Selangor (JPN Selangor)**. These schools, including **SMK Gombak Setia, SMK Seri Gombak, SM Bandar Damansara 2, and SMK Taman Kosas**, have been chosen to reflect the diversity and talent within the state. By participating, students not only gain access to inspiring insights but also earn **PAJSK points**, a valuable state-level accreditation that motivates them to engage actively in the event.

The “**Ask Me Anything**” forum is designed to demystify STEM and present it as an accessible, dynamic field with immense possibilities for innovation and sustainability. Prof. Faris Ismail's focus on sustainable engineering resonates deeply with the carnival's objectives. His contributions will bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and real-world application, inspiring students to think critically and creatively about the role of engineering in building a sustainable future.

This initiative aligns with the broader mission of IIUM and the ICESCO Chair to promote quality education and capacity building. The carnival's interactive format ensures that students are not passive listeners but active participants in their learning journey. Through engaging activities, they will discover how STEM can be a powerful tool for addressing pressing issues such as climate change, resource management, and environmental conservation.

In conclusion, **STEM It Right! 2.0 Carnival** serves as a transformative platform for shaping future innovators and leaders in sustainable engineering. Prof. Dr. Ahmad Faris Ismail's participation as a speaker adds immense value, offering students the opportunity to learn from an esteemed expert in the field. By fostering curiosity, creativity, and a commitment to sustainability, the carnival not only enriches the participants' educational experience but also contributes to building a brighter, more sustainable future for all.

IIUM Kuantan Leadership Development Programme (IK-LEAD 2024)



The IIUM Kuantan Leadership Development Programme (IK-LEAD 2024), held on 26th August 2024 at the Senate Hall, aimed to enhance leadership skills among IIUM academic administrators. Among the distinguished speakers, Prof. Dr. Ahmad Faris Ismail, the Covering Rector of IIUM, played a key role in his session titled “Creating and Developing Effective Leadership.”

Prof. Faris Ismail’s presentation highlighted the foundational principles of leadership crucial for academic administrators. He stressed the importance of vision, integrity, and adaptability as core attributes for effective leadership. Drawing from his extensive experience, he shared strategies to foster teamwork, inspire innovation, and lead purposefully in the face of challenges.

A significant focus of his session was the balance between leadership responsibilities and personal growth. Prof. Faris emphasized self-reflection, continuous learning, and ethical decision-making as vital components of leadership excellence. His insights provided participants with actionable guidance to navigate the complexities of academic administration. He also addressed the unique challenges of leading within IIUM’s context, emphasizing the integration of Islamic values with global standards of excellence. Prof. Faris encouraged administrators to lead by example, aligning their decisions with IIUM’s mission while inspiring those under their guidance to achieve professional and personal growth. In conclusion, Prof. Dr. Ahmad Faris Ismail’s contribution to IK-LEAD 2024 was pivotal. His session empowered participants with practical leadership tools and reinforced the university’s commitment to nurturing leaders who embody integrity, innovation, and excellence.





SOPHIA UNESCO CHAIR MEETING

Prof. Dr. Ahmad Faris Ismail represented IIUM at the Sophia University UNESCO Chair inaugural meeting on 28–29 February 2024, where he delivered an impactful presentation on the transformative role of higher education. His address highlighted the critical importance of promoting sustainability, equity, and inclusivity through academic initiatives. Prof. Faris emphasized that collaboration among global institutions is essential to addressing pressing challenges like climate change and educational disparities. He advocated for universities to take an active role in fostering innovation and resilience, aligning their efforts with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Drawing from IIUM’s practices, Prof. Faris illustrated how cultural and ethical principles can be seamlessly integrated into modern education to enrich learning experiences and strengthen moral values. He discussed the university’s commitment to advancing education as a tool for societal transformation and its dedication to addressing local and global issues through interdisciplinary approaches. Prof. Faris also emphasized the importance of fostering intercultural dialogue to build mutual understanding and peace, reinforcing IIUM’s alignment with UNESCO’s overarching mission. The session highlighted his vision for universities as platforms for shared progress, inspiring both the attendees and the wider academic community. His insights into the role of higher education in bridging gaps and creating sustainable solutions resonated deeply with the audience. Prof. Faris’ engagement during the discussions further demonstrated his leadership and commitment to fostering meaningful global partnerships.

Through his presentation, Prof. Faris reaffirmed IIUM’s standing as a forward-thinking institution dedicated to educational excellence and social responsibility. His contributions at the Sophia University UNESCO Chair meeting underscored the critical role of higher education in shaping a more equitable and sustainable future. The event served as a platform to share ideas and forge stronger collaborative networks, leaving a lasting impression on all participants.



INTERNATIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION CONFERENCE 2024

The 3rd International Higher Education Conference (IHEC) returns this October with a vision to elevate sustainable excellence in higher education. Set against the backdrop of the prestigious Movenpick Hotel & Convention Centre near KLIA, Malaysia, this conference is a gathering of senior leadership, scholars, and researchers dedicated to shaping the future of higher education. The theme '*Elevating Sustainable Excellence in Higher Education*' reflects our shared commitment to advancing academic and research excellence, grounded in the Sustainable Development Goals. This conference unites leaders and researchers to explore new approaches that enhance our institutions while contributing meaningfully to the global community. Sustainable excellence is not only about individual success but about our collective responsibility to build a future where education serves as a force for good. Malaysia, alongside global universities, is making strides in sustainability research and innovation. While we have made progress in integrating SDG-focused programs, more can be achieved through global partnerships that keep universities at the forefront of innovation and social impact.

The 3rd International Higher Education Conference (IHEC) took place in October 2024 at the Movenpick Hotel & Convention Centre near KLIA, Malaysia. The conference, focusing on the theme "Elevating Sustainable Excellence in Higher Education," gathered senior leadership, scholars, and researchers from around the world to discuss advancements in academic and research excellence, with an emphasis on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Prof. Dr. Ahmad Faris, Deputy Rector for Academic and Internationalisation at the International Islamic University Malaysia, played a key role in the event, contributing to discussions on the importance of global partnerships in driving sustainability research and innovation. He shared insights on enhancing institutions while ensuring they have a meaningful contribution to the global community. The conference highlighted the progress Malaysia has made in integrating SDG-focused programs and emphasized the potential for further achievements through international collaboration. It underscored the need for higher education institutions to lead the way in sustainability, with education seen as a powerful force for positive social and environmental change. The event served as a significant platform for exploring strategies that promote sustainability in education and foster global partnerships.

THE NEXT PHASE OF THE UNESCO CHAIR IN FUTURES STUDIES

As we embark on the next phase of the UNESCO Chair in Futures Studies, it is time to reflect on the past eight years at IIUM and USIM. The intent was to grow foresight in the region from seeds to young trees to a foresight of forest. With some confidence, we can assert this has been the case. Whether its metrics are books published, articles in journals published, or chapters in books authored, or speeches, workshops, short courses conducted or more significantly, self-sustaining projects in the region that have gone from idea to germination, Futures thinking has taken hold.

For the years 2016 to the end of 2024. The metrics for this time period include six books were, four edited books, 14 chapters in books, 14 reports for Partner organizations, 34 refereed journal articles, 33 popular editorials/magazine pieces, 78 keynote addresses or guest lectures, and 145 workshops and short courses.

Partner organizations have included UNESCAP, UNDP, ADB, WHO, ICESCO, COMSATS, THINKCITY, INTERPOL, ATLANTIC INSTITUTE, PEARLS OF POLICING, DUBAI FUTURES FOUNDATION, UNITED EDGE, GULF ARAB STATES EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH CENTRE GOVERNMENTS OF BRUNEI, CAMBODIA, VIETNAM, PHILIPPINES, KAZAKHSTAN, SOUTH AFRICA, AUSTRALIA, SINGAPORE, SOUTH KOREA, MALAYSIA, ABU DHABI, as well as numerous corporations, non-governmental organizations (partial list at the end of the document). These have seeded other foresight initiatives throughout the region with foresight champions for example the Philippines Senate funding nearly a 100 foresight courses and workshops on university and educational futures or the Thai National Innovation Agency funding the Asia Pacific Futures Network or the South Korean government institutionalizing foresight in its parliament.

But what of the next four years. The UNESCO Chair at IIUM wishes to

1. Continue to grow the ASIA-PACIFIC FUTURES NETWORK with upcoming meetings in Taipei, Manila
2. Continue to work with partners such as UNESCAP, UNDP, ADB, PEARLS OF POLICING to organize futures workshops
3. Continue to support the Journal of Futures Studies to publish articles and essays that are regionally relevant
4. Continue to support the Pacific Community in its efforts to spread foresight throughout the oceanic region particularly with respect to indigenous worldviews and methods
5. Continue to link with other UNESCO chairs in the region (the Philippines, Uzbekistan, the United Arab Emirates, and Thailand, and support new chairs (in the PRC, in Pakistan, and in India, to begin with.
6. Seek to expand the reach of foresight to young people through UNICEF
7. Enhance research projects that link the UNESCO Chairs with partner organizations
8. Enhance the role of ICESCO to support methods and projects that are civilizationally based and values oriented – foresight with a soul
9. Work with global organizations to imagine spirituality as a SDG.
10. Author/Edit books on Futures Studies especially with a regional focus
11. Assist universities with the challenges they face (AI, Ageing, loss of government funds) so as to ensure the region can adapt to a changing world.

Partner Organizations

Geneva Rethinking Finance Collaborative (online); OECD, Paris; The Department of Cabinet, Government of Australia, Canberra; Speculative Design Futures, Auckland; Auckland Council, Auckland; Studio Dojo, Singapore; The Change Initiative, Bangkok; Italian Institute for the Future, Naples; Futuribles, Paris; Auckland City Council, Auckland; National Lutheran Principal Conference, Brisbane; Victoria Police Superintendents (Melbourne); Australia Energy Markets Commission, Sydney; Queensland Government (Innovation for Impact Conference), Brisbane; Mackay Hospital and Health Services, Mackay; Melbourne Water (online); Australia Institute of Police Management (Sydney); CSIR, Government of South Africa (online); Dubai Futures Academy, Dubai; Thailand Institute for Justice, Bangkok; United Justice (online); Dubai Futures Foundation, Dubai; Ho Chin Minh Academy, Hanoi; ADB, Manila; UNESCAP, Bangkok; The Faculty Procurement (online); Victoria Police Inspectors, Melbourne; the Australia Curriculum, Assessment and Certification Authority, Brisbane; King Mohammed VI University, Rabat (online); ICESCO, Rabat; UNESCO and DF6, Austria; PWC, Sydney; The Queensland Crime and Corruption Commission, Brisbane; The Philippines Senate (online); Pearls of Policing at INTERPOL, Singapore; Bappenas, Indonesian Ministry of National Planning, Jakarta; TAFE Queensland Brisbane; Maranoa Shire Council Roma; Western Downs Regional Council, Dalby; University of Westminster, Uzbekistan (online); Presbyterian and Methodist Schools Association, Brisbane; International Islamic Universities (online); The Gulf Arab States Educational Research Centre (Bahrain); Casa Firjan (online, Brazil); UNESCO the World Human Rights Cities Conference, South Korea (online); Asian Development Bank and Gender Equality (Manila); Think Beyond (New Zealand); Sport New Zealand; The Pacific Community (online); Indigenous Eye Care (Darwin); ANZ Bank (Brisbane); Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (online); Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, Croatia (online); Australia Prudential Regulation Authority (online); SWPS University in Poland (online); the Government of Mongolia with WHO (online); Goa Institute of Management, Goa (online); National Futures Assembly, the Parliament of South Korea (online); UNESCAP, Bangkok, Thailand (online); UNESCO-IESALC (online); UNESCO-Shanghai Open University (online); Carnegie Mellon and Tsinghua University (online); the Asia Pacific Futures Network (online); WHO (online); the Atlantic Fellows (Phuket, Thailand and online); Catholic Secondary Principals Association of Queensland (Twin Waters, Queensland); The Razak School of Government and the Malaysia Public Service (online); Optometry Australia (online); the Pacific Community – SPC (online); Globe Telecom (online); Traces. Dreams (online); the United Nations System Staff College (online); the Systems Change Alliance (online); the Local Government Professionals, Melbourne (online); Centre for Engaged Foresight and the Philippines Futures Thinking Society (online); The Equity Initiative, Bangkok (online); UNHCR (online); ISESCO in Tunisia (online); Portland State University (online); the Korea Development Institute (online); Islamic International University of Malaysia (online), Gerson Lehrman Group (online), Government of New Zealand (online); Department of Defence, Australia (through Melbourne Business School); Portland University (online); United Nations and the Government of Egypt (online); Philippines Futures Thinking Society (online); Walter and Eliza Hall Institute (online); Powerlink Queensland; Yoga Ecology Festival (online); the Government of Abu Dhabi, Department of Culture and Tourism (online); Brisbane Grammar School (online); the National Disability Practitioners (online); the Civil Service Institute, Office of the Prime Minister, Government of Brunei and Centre for Strategy and Policy Studies, Brunei; Office of the President, Republic of Argentina, Buenos Aires; Converge Capital Markets and Wfuturismo, Rio De Janeiro; Civil Service Institute and Centre for Strategic and Policy Studies, Government of Brunei; the Government of Kazakhstan, Nur Sultan; Brisbane Grammar School, Brisbane; National Agriculture Technology Institute, Buenos Aires; Brisbane Grammar School, Brisbane; Australia Federal Police and the National Commission on Crime Proceedings, Brisbane; the Pakistan Strategy Summit, Karachi; National Disability Services, Sydney; the Asia-Pacific Futures Network, Bangkok; National Economic Development Authority, the Government of the Philippines; Ministry of Education, the Government of Norway, Oslo; Government of Cambodia, Phnom Penh (Sponsored by the Asian Development Bank); Edmund Rice Education Australia, Sydney and Melbourne; The Ministry of Finance and National Planning Reform Commission (the Government of the People's Republic of China); the Institute for Futures Research, South Africa (via skype); the

Government of Armenia, Yerevan (Sponsored by the Asian Development Bank); FAST Yerevan, Armenia; the Ministry of Education, Government of Sri Lanka, Colombo (via skype, sponsored by the Asian Development Bank); Ngai Tahu from New Zealand; Livingstone Shire Council, Yeppoon; The Coroners Court of Victoria, Melbourne; Mind Australia, Melbourne; the Obidyar Fellows, Honolulu; the Asian Development Bank Knowledge Forum, Manila; Z-Punkt, Koln (skype), CommuniFY, Brisbane; Local Government Managers Association, Queensland, Twin Waters; Queensland Deaf Services, Brisbane; Sustainable Economic Growth for Regional Australia, Mackay; The Futures Institute, the Gold Coast; The Food and Agriculture Organization, Rome; Joint Research Centre, European Commission, Brussels; INTERPOL, Singapore; Beyond Storytelling, Hamburg; OIC and COMSATS, Kuala Lumpur; Australia Federal Police, Canberra; the South African Treasury and the University of Pretoria's Gordon Institute of Business Science; FAO, Bangkok; Prince Mahidol Foundation and the Rockefeller Foundation, Bangkok; the Global Leaders Forum, Seoul; Dadabhyo Institute of Higher Education, Karachi; Peryon People Management Association of Turkey, Istanbul; Swissaid, Geneva; UNESCO, Social and Human Services, Paris; United Nations Association of Australia, Perth; Universitair Centrum Sing-Ignatius Antwerpen, Antwerp; the Ministry of Education, Government of Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur; Hong Kong Police; Omidyar Fellows, Honolulu; Tablelands Regional Council, Queensland; Montessorri International College, the Sunshine Coast; Government of South Korea, National Employment Information Agency, Seoul; The Institute of Space Technologies, Islamabad, Pakistan; The Knowledge Park, Office of the Prime Minister, Government of Thailand, Bangkok; Adelaide City Council; Worldvision International, Geneva and London; Bond International, London; African Youth Futures Network, UNESCO, Paris; Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, South Africa; National Academy of Sciences and the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation, Government of Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur; Office of the Prime Minister, Government of Singapore, Singapore; Office of the President, Government of South Korea, Seoul; Office of the Prime Minister, Government of Canada; The European Commission, Brussels; Royal Automobile Club of Western Australia, Perth; Loreto Normanhurst, Sydney; Pearls of Policing (a consortium of Europol, the Dutch Police, the RCMP and the FBI), Hong Kong and Sydney; Australian Council for International Development, Canberra; the Ministry of Science, Research and Technology, the Government of Iran, Tehran; Victoria Government, Department of Health and Human Services; Jesuit Social Services, Melbourne; the Lowitja Institute, Melbourne; Centre for Investment Education, Melbourne; the City of Greater Geelong; Department of Fire and Emergency Services, Brisbane, and National Disability Services, Brisbane. Corporate presentations include: Colgate Palmolive, India (online); The Inside Network/CEO forum, Melbourne; Emirates Banking, Dubai; Innovation Explorer, Bulgaria (online); PWC, New Zealand; CIMB Melbourne Business School; Santander, Madrid; PWC, Sydney; Aboitiz, Manila (online); Gensler, England (online); ANZ, Brisbane; Mitsubishi Motors (online); LEGO (online); Raytheon, Edotco, Malaysia (online); PWC, Sydney; The Rutherford Business Group, Auckland; RHB, Kuala Lumpur; Berjaya, Kuala Lumpur; Birdway Management Consulting, Hong Kong; Futures Platform, Helsinki; Bank Pembangunan Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur; Asahi Beverages, Brisbane; Bluescope Steel, Sydney; Northern Queensland Airports, Cairns; Optometry Australia, Melbourne