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Call for Applications

Training Workshop:

Innovation in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education during the Corona Era

13 – 15 November

20 – 22 November

5 – 7 December

The Arab-German Young Academy of Sciences and Humanities (AGYA) in partnership with Palestine Polytechnic University (PPU) is organizing three training sessions under the heading '**Innovation in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education during the Corona Era**' which will take place **ONLINE**.



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Background and Goals

The recent outbreak of the novel coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19), which has caused major disruptions across all daily life activities, including academia, urged all of us to start exploring new ways and new tools to continue our academic activities especially those activities that are related to teaching and learning. The role of university instructors has moved far beyond preparing and giving lectures, and students are no longer dependent on the instructor to provide them with the information they need as they can easily find it by themselves. Most information can be gathered by students online rather than from handouts or even textbooks. The main goal of the lecturer now is to motivate students to strive for deep learning and to improve their transferable skills such as critical thinking and communication skills, in addition to offering them the opportunities to use digital tools to serve these goals. This role of educational meetings has appeared obviously in the days of university shut down due to the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. Students find themselves in urgent need to depend on themselves and use their skills to be able to cope with the required academic activities. At the same time, university instructors found themselves in a situation where they could offer limited help to their students as they lack the necessary training.

The main goal of this workshop is to equip participants with the skills needed for them to be successful teachers online. This will involve three main themes necessary for each of them. They are (1) theories of teaching and learning in higher education, (2) methods of teaching and learning in higher education and using digital tools, and (3) assessment in higher education using digital tools. These three themes will be tackled through hands-on training by using digital platforms and tools such as Moodle, Google Classroom, and Socrative as a tool for formative assessment.



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Trainers

Dr. Adnan Shehadeh

is the director of the Centre of Excellence in Teaching and Learning (CETL) at PPU. Dr. Shehadeh is an educator with more than 30 years of experience, holding a PhD in TESOL and Teacher Education from the Ohio State University, USA. For the last eight years, he has been working as the director of PPU's Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, where he is in charge of planning and implementing the university policies regarding teaching and learning methodologies.

Dr. Ghassan Shahin

has obtained his PhD in Computer Science (E-Learning) from the University of Malaya in 2012. He has more than 20 years of work experience in the private sector and academia in different countries. Currently, he is a Master Trainer for faculty development at the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning at PPU, in addition to his role as an Assistant Professor of E-Learning and Information Systems at the College of Administrative Sciences and Informatics at PPU.

Registration

Are you a faculty member working at an Arab or a German university? Are you facing challenges in online teaching and assessment? Would you like to discuss topics, methodologies, and theories related to online teaching, learning, and assessment with highly motivated colleagues from various fields and countries? Apply by **10 NOVEMBER 2020** using the following link: shorturl.at/fpwJX

