Faculty of Business

3rd International Skills Colloquium:
Employability, employment, training and skills in the global era

16-17 February 2017, Curtin University Malaysia, Miri campus, Sarawak

Programme Thursday 16 February

09:00 – 10:30
Official welcome and introduction: (Venue: LTBS 11)
Professor Julia Connell, University of Technology Sydney, Professor Jonathan Winterton, Curtin University Malaysia

10:30
morning coffee

11:00 – 12:30
A. Graduate employability (Venue: HN2-103)
1. An exploratory study on the employment and employability of doctoral graduates with a lens of adaptive capacity.
Wee Ming Ong and Subas Dhakal, Curtin University, Perth, Australia

2. Graduate Employability: Stakeholder responsibilities for the Fourth Industrial Revolution
Barbara Mumme, Curtin University, Perth, Australia

3. Employer perceptions of Malaysian graduates in the service sector
Jude Emelifeonwu, Curtin University, Malaysia
Noorziah Mohd Salleh, University of Malaysia, Sabah
Kwok Mow Chan, Curtin University, Malaysia

12:30
lunch

14:00 – 15:30
C. The 4th Industrial Revolution (Venue: HN2-103)
1. The 4th industrial revolution and its implications for VET processes
Vidmantas Tūtlys, Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania
Georg Spätli, Bremen University, Germany

2. The Complex Dynamics of Meeting Growing Digital Skills Demand: Is the Australian national vocational education and training system agile enough to respond to shifts in industry skills?
Victor Gekara, Alemayehu Molla, Darryn Snell, Stan Karanasios and Amanda Thomas, RMIT, Melbourne, Australia

12:30
lunch

14:00 – 15:30
D. Skills utilization and skills mismatch (Venue: HN2-110)
1. Training and development of rotational workers in the oil and gas industry: skills gaps and mismatches
Reimara Valk, Curtin University, Malaysia
Paul J Matalski, Roughrider Consulting Ltd, Canada
Sandra BT Hannon, Lloyds Register Energy Operations, Netherlands

2. Skills use in the UK: a review of the evidence
Peter Boxxall, Auckland University Business School, New Zealand
Jonathan Winterton, Curtin University, Malaysia
15:30  afternoon tea
16:00 – 17:30  Publishing group 1 Julia Connell  Publishing group 2 Jonathan Winterton
(Venue: HN2-108)  (Venue: HN2-105)
19:00  dinner at Imperial Hotel, Miri

Programme Friday 17 February

09:00 – 10:30  E. Changing worlds of work (Venue: HN2-103)
1. Assisting retrenched auto workers to identify transferable skills and job opportunities: lessons from an applied research study
   Darryn Snell and Victor Gekara, RMIT, Melbourne, Australia
2. Rubbish degrees in the age of job automation: the production of unemployment by the Australian education system
   Andrzej Gwizdalski, Curtin University, Perth, Australia
3. Designing of the second career of theatre actors
   Davia Bukantaite and Vidmantas Tultys, Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania

10:30  morning coffee
11:00 – 12:30  G. Transnational mobility (Venue: HN2-103)
1. Expatriate spouses: Adjustment, identity and opportunities for employment
   Heidi Collins, Swinburne University of Technology, Sarawak Campus
2. A tale of two visa programmes: Temporary migration and labour shortages in farm work
   Ian Campbell, Joo-Cheong Tham and Martina Boese, University of Melbourne, Australia

12:30 – 14:00  lunch
14:00 – 15:30  H. Transnational perspectives (Venue: HN2-110)
1. Graduate employability in a trans-national context: A cultural discourse analysis
   Jane Coffey, Ros Cameron and Farveh Farivar, Curtin University, Perth, Australia
2. Terrorism and security contexts in employee training in Asian organizations: exploring a conceptual model
   Samir Ranjan Chatterjee, Curtin University, Perth, Australia

15:30  afternoon tea
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(Venue: HN2-108)  (Venue: HN2-105)
1. Can team-based learning develop skills for child protective workers in the UK?  
Nicholas Clarke, Southampton University, United Kingdom  
Geoff Owen, Research in Practice, United Kingdom

2. Can the attributes of personal care workers inform employee retention strategies in the Western Australian aged care sector?  
Subas Dhakal, Curtin University, Perth, Australia

3. Project #NuKapav: A Mauritian service-learning case study  
Sarita Hardin-Ramanan, Loga D Balla  
Soupramanien and David DeLapeyre, Telfair Institute, Mauritius

12:30 lunch

14:00 – 15:30 Plenary Presentation (Venue: LTBS 11)  
Dr Abdul Rahman Deen, Director Workforce Development Unit, Chief Minister’s Office, Sarawak

15:30 afternoon tea

16:00 – 17:30 J. Skills in emerging markets (Venue: HN2-110)  
1. Learning and development in Reliance Industries India  
Reimara Valk, Curtin University, Malaysia  
Sunil Kumar Singh, Reliance Industries Limited, India

2. Rethinking employability skills deficits in rural hospitality (RHT) destinations research  
Samuel Adeyinka-Ojo, Curtin University, Malaysia

3. Work readiness challenges impacting Indian youth’s employability, and stakeholders’ roles in overcoming these challenges  
Verma Prikshat, Australian Institute of Business, Adelaide, Australia  
Sanjeev Kumar, Graphic Era University, Dehradun, India  
Alan Nankervis, Curtin University, Perth, Australia

K. Skill development in the service sector (Venue: HN2-110)  
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