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Rewind

Picture to right depicts 2019 Graduation Ceremony. The Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi 2020 Graduation was held virtually this year.



Webinar – Intensive French Evening Courses

28 September 2020

The webinar provided information on the schedule, fees, programme and learning objectives for the Intensive French Evening Courses.

Webinar – Master Teaching French as a Foreign Language

30 September 2020

An informative webinar that answered all questions related to the admission process, available scholarships and payment plans for the Master in Teaching French as a Foreign Language.

Professional Certificate in Archives and Records Management Graduation Ceremony

22 October 2020

Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi celebrated the third graduation ceremony of the Professional Certificate in Archives and Records Management, graduating 30 professionals.

Najah Virtual Expo

29 October 2020

Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi participated in the Najah Virtual Expo and presented its undergraduate and postgraduate programmes with scholarships and preferential rates.



CINEMANA - Online:

Sofia, by Meryem Benm'Barek

1 November 2020

A movie about Sofia, a girl in her twenties, in a battle to keep her newborn. The screening was followed by a Q&A. The movie was awarded best scenario and best actress at the "Arab Film Critics Awards" Festival. This event was organised in cooperation with NYUAD and the Arts Center at NYUAD, and was supported by the Palestinian Business Council.

Online Conference – Digital Sports Marketing

15 November 2020

A conference by Karim Fathi, Vice-President, Digital (Americas) at SPORTFIVE for a discussion on digital sports marketing.

Online Conference – Sorbonne Abu Dhabi – CEFAS Diwan: Hobyot: studying a language from South Arabia

18 November 2020

A conference by Ali Manoubi on the Hobyot language, considered by the UNESCO as a "seriously endangered language". This event was organised in cooperation with the CEFAS.

Graduation Ceremony

23 November 2020

Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi celebrated its eleventh graduation ceremony this year, graduating 203 bachelor and master degree students in a virtual ceremony. The ceremony was held under the patronage of HH Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the United Arab Emirates, and in the presence of HE Zaki Anwar Nusseibeh, Minister of State and Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi, and Professor Jean Chambaz, Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees and President of Sorbonne University.



Virtual UAE National Day Celebration

25 November 2020

Celebrations began with the national anthem of the UAE followed by a speech from Professor Silvia Serrano, Vice Chancellor of Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi. The virtual celebrations included a variety of activities including a traditional costume fashion show, Arabic poetry written and recited by a student, traditional words and questions about the UAE and a poem in Arabic about the UAE by Mr. Charbel Elias, Lecturer French as a Foreign Language at Sorbonne University.



Online Conference – Sorbonne Abu Dhabi – CEFAS Diwan: Emirati Dialects' Singular Features: The "Sharjah Museums Authority Recordings" as a Data Source

10 December 2020

A conference that focused on Professor David Wilmsen's work featuring a series of recorded folk stories about people who had resided in the old town of Sharjah during the pre-oil days and collected between 2008 and 2013 and housed at the Sharjah Museums Authority.



The graduation of the first cohort of officers of the Advanced Maritime Strategic Professional Certificate

17 December 2020

In the presence of HE Xavier Chatel, French Ambassador to the UAE, Professor Silvia Serrano, Vice Chancellor of Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi, Staff Brigadier Abdulla Faraj Masoud Almeherbi, Deputy Commander of the UAE Naval Forces and Captain Pierre Alzuyeta, Chief of Department in charge of International Relations, Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi celebrated the graduation of the first cohort of officers of the Advanced Maritime Strategic Professional Certificate.

New joiners



Maria Flor Mateo Romo
Spanish Language Lecturer
Applied Foreign Languages
Extension: 9709



Ali Alazeezi
Procurement Officer
Procurement & General Services
Extension: 9555



Sally Elmistikawi
Head of Department
Communication & Public Affairs
Extension: 9119



Lobna Eldessouki
Receptionist
Procurement & General Services
Extension: 9555



Afrah Mir
Administration Officer
Student Affairs
Extension: 9359



Rasha Al Zubaidi
Procurement Officer
Procurement & General Services
Extension: 9112



Glenn Van Kessel
English Language Lecturer
Applied Foreign Languages
Extension: 9133



Prof. Luc Grynbaum
Head of Department
Law, Economics & Management
Extension: 9290



Dimah Al-Masri
HR Generalist
Human Resources
Extension: 9460



Dr. Forget Chaterera Zambuko
History Post-DOC in Records Management and Archival Science
Extension: 9744



Dr. Victor Kanganga Kabata
History Post-DOC in Records Management and Archival Science
Extension: 9581



Husain Alfardan
Head of Department
Finance
Extension: 9400

Board of Trustees

H.E. Zaki Anwar Nusseibeh, Minister of State, is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Professor Jean Chambaz is the President of Sorbonne University and the Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Sorbonne Abu Dhabi is managed by Professor Silvia Serrano Vice Chancellor and two Deputy Vice Chancellors for Academic Affairs and Administrative Affairs.

H.E. Zaki Anwar Nusseibeh

Chairman of the Board of Trustees
Minister of State

Professor Jean Chambaz

Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees
President of Sorbonne University

H.E. Salama Ajlan Alameemi

Member of the Board of Trustees
Director General of the Authority of Social Contribution – Ma'an

H.E. Mohamed Mahmoud Al Khaja

Member of the Board of Trustees
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Director General of Executive Financial Affairs at the Department of Finance (DOF)

Professor Alain Tallon

Member of the Board of Trustees
Dean of the Humanities Faculty at Sorbonne University

H.E. François Delattre

Member of the Board of Trustees
Secretary General of the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs of the French Republic

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Member of the Board of Trustees
President & CEO Thales International

Mr. Stéphane Michel

Member of the Board of Trustees
President of Middle East/North Africa, Exploration & Production Division at Total

Face to face

Ahmed AlHammadi

President of the Sorbonne Abu Dhabi Alumni Council of Trustees and Compliance Counsel at Mubadala Investment Company

So tell us more about yourself?

I am a lifelong learner who suffers from chronic curiosity. I consider myself like a swiss army knife as I enjoy having unrelated skills and abilities that I use to advance myself and support others. This leads me to exploring diverse areas within my career, education and personal life.

How was your experience of Sorbonne?

It was a challenging time as I had to balance a demanding job and being able to absorb and tackle the course material. However, it was made easier and enjoyable because I got to meet great individuals and friends during my journey.

What made you decide to run for the Alumni Council of Trustees?

I am a strong believer that one must give back to the community. The Council is one of the key ways an Alumni of Sorbonne Abu Dhabi can give back to the University and their fellow Alumni.

What is your vision for the Alumni Council of Trustees?

To be a means of connection and support to the Alumni of Sorbonne Abu Dhabi and to constantly work on developing their interests. To be a network of and for Alumni where it forms partnerships and work with other Alumni bodies towards common goals.

How did it feel taking the president's responsibility during COVID-19?

The hardest part was not being able to have all of the amazing members of the Council in one room to meet in person and get to know each other. However, it is amazing how technology gave me the ability to undertake my role remotely working with an amazing group of people to deliver on our mandate and mobilize the Council even during this challenging year.

What quote do you live by?

"If you can see your path laid out in front of you step by step, you know it's not your path. Your own path you make with every step you take; that's why it's your path."

Tell us about one of your passions

To write a book one day; to discover different cultures and be able to teach and share the knowledge I acquire with others.

What is the most important lesson you learned in the last 3 years?

- Be authentic and at peace with yourself
- Never assume, ask
- Always take the first step

Do you have any message for the graduating class of 2020?

Congratulations on graduating! While you may think that this is the worst time ever to enter the job market, I urge you to recognize how uniquely positioned you are to be able to identify and take advantage of the opportunities presented as a result of how our world has changed due to the pandemic. Breath, observe and act.

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A minute with

A Minute with Ahmad Khzaie

Ahmad majored in law at Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi. He was given the “presidential shield holder” distinction award for his active participation in various activities on campus and has been in charge of several student clubs. He is fluent in Arabic, English, French and conversational Spanish. Ahmad currently serves as a Youth Ambassador for the United Nations’ global compact UAE local network, advocating the United Nation’s sustainable development goals, and raising commercial awareness amongst young people. He has recently been selected as a leader in Masdar’s Youth 4 Sustainability Future Leaders Programme to connect and work with lawmakers and professionals to promote international engagement in reaching a more sustainable future, through face to face and digital regional and global events. Ahmed is also an entrepreneur and is starting a project called LegalTech, so let’s learn more about that.

What inspired you to launch The LegalTech Review?

I have always heavily relied on pen and paper to get about and around my business; I always consider them to have a sense of majesty. Needless to say, the pandemic has changed the way we view and handle many things. During the summer of 2020, as I undertook several internships, I came to the realization that the crisis was not only a pandemic one. The legal industry has long been praised for being one for all times, keeping up with societal changes and fluctuations. Regardless of the accuracy of that praise, it is undeniable that the industry has notably struggled during the unprecedented shift to digitalization imposed by the pandemic. The formalities and proceedings that heavily relied on the physical presence of the concerned parties was no longer maintainable due the digital transformation imposed by the pandemic.

In turn, this deep attachment to the classic approach to matters was no longer working.

I think that the firms who will adapt to the quick advancement and digitalization of the industry, are the ones who will monopolize the market. In LegalTech, I’m aiming to make this digital transformation process easily accessible to everyone rather than being monopolized by couple of firms.

Hence, the emerging needs to integrate the modern approaches of the legal field will not be met if the right tools are not put in place. To avoid such a situation, countless hours of reading and research went alongside an array of webinars and connecting with experts in the field in order for me to realize that I have found my passion; it became evidently imperative to quickly adapt to the sudden change that has become the norm, and that will continue to grow. For that, I set out to create a legal review, however I wished for it to be an all-inclusive, unconventional review for students, professionals, and individuals in other sectors. The LegalTech Review is the unique fruit of the uncustomary developments seen throughout the past months.

Can you give us a brief about your project and its main objectives?

The LegalTech Review is a decentralized network and a multifunction platform that grasps the challenges facing the rising generations of jurists, weighs in the ever-changing, technologically-driven shifts of dynamic, and drafts out adaptations in the industry, to create new bridges and generate opportunities.

The main objective is to promote a more positive attitude towards the change It is understood that in today’s professional market, one must not solely rely on theoretical knowledge. Personal development, commercial awareness and hands-on learning are crucial nowadays. The goal is to

familiarize established entities and individuals with the tech-novelties related to the law field, and to play a role in the creation of new ones, while assisting startups with a smooth step up.

Who supported your project?

It is with utmost pride that I say that this project has been a completely personal one from start to end, to which I personally invested. After thoroughly developing the idea, it was only presented to certain individuals from whom I gained moral support. Valuable input was received from my brother Rashed regarding the overall management of the website, and to him I owe thanks. Being a capital market analyst and investor himself, his perspective has helped me greatly in finessing the financial aspect of the services offered by The LegalTech Review. In addition, I must pay gratitude to my high school English teacher, Mrs. Mahmoud’s guidance on my writing skills, which I benefit from to this day.

Upon publishing the website, it had been decided that, as a tech-related startup, it is only logical to have the website coded from scratch instead of being built by templates. To that end, a team of developers is being put in place.

How do you see LegalTech after 10 years from now taking in consideration that technology now is becoming more popular especially after the pandemic?

Upon having a clear vision of LegalTech Review, it was not long before I received an invitation from Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi’s Student Affairs’ department to join the YouthTech competition by StartAD NYU Abu Dhabi and the KHDA. This was a competition for startups developed by the youth, that also motivated me to change the structure of the project from a mere informative initiative to a startup that I am working to expand.

I aspire to create a leading platform for the integration, creation and usage of LegalTech, to stimulate personal and collective development, since there is a need for tech-savvy, legally oriented individuals. This means that The LegalTech Review is not only a journal, it is also a service provider that covers multiple functions on the theoretical, practical, and financial scopes as well.

How do you think you can drive a global change through this startup? I believe that for one to be able to drive global change, one must be able to drive a personal change. In that sense, I believe I have been successful. The world is a much smaller place today, thanks to the advancement of the internet; this will allow our platform and services to be accessible to no matter who, no matter where. On the other hand, this will allow the team to include calibers from all over the globe. The main objective is ensuring that professionals are able to fulfill their responsibilities to the highest standards and have access to various resources and regardless of the circumstances.

What are the challenges that you faced when you launched this website?

The entire process was completely new to me, and very different to what I had been used to doing. I believe the most difficult challenge was the fact that something had to be created from scratch, something that had to be original, inclusive, and not only desired, but also needed. It was a bit challenging for me to define what format is needed to meet the demands of the sudden changes in the market, but once this was sorted out, the other challenge was understanding multiple technical terms, and putting them into use while building the website. This also coincided with me assuming my internships during the summer.

Did anyone help in sponsoring your website?

The most valuable resources invested into the project were constructive criticism and advice from the numerous professionals, and family I connected with when researching the matter, my greatest mentors were the mistakes that I learned from. Even though my father had offered to finance the project as a whole, I wanted to make sure the project is my entire responsibility, and for this reason, my dedication and attachment to The LegalTech Review has increased.

I, alongside other peers, have taken on different initiatives that illustrate how the youth can pioneer; seeing the enthusiasm, dedication, and commitment of my peers and friends not only makes me happy for them and proud of their achievements, but it also motivates me to broaden my perspectives and enhance my skills.

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EXPLORE THE UAE

Discover Hatta

Kayaking in Hatta Dam

Do you want to escape city life? Do you want to do some sightseeing in the middle of a calming turquoise lake surrounded by mountains? Kayaking in Hatta Dam should definitely be at the top of your list as it will allow you to experience a refreshing ride across the lake while encountering a spectacular array of birds and fish that call the dam home.

Coronavirus has changed the way we travel. Due to the fears and restrictions involved with travel in the near term, domestic tourism remains the safest available option. It's time to discover interesting places around the UAE. In this edition, we will take you on a quick journey and help you to discover the beauty of the UAE's best camping sites!

Around the world



Outdoor adventures at the Hatta Wadi Hub

For an adrenaline rush, Hatta Wadi Hub, which was launched in 2018 offers a variety of outdoor activities tailored to thrill-seekers and adventurers. Enjoy a range of both paid and free activities including:

Mountain biking

Explore the wadi's and hills in Hatta. Rent a mountain bike and start your journey!

Archery or axe-throwing

Embrace your inner Robin Hood and give this activity a try!

Zorbing

Roll downhill inside a giant transparent ball!

Dual-ziplining

Zipline with a friend down a 350 metre zipline. Two lanes allow you to challenge your best friends and enjoy this thrilling experience together. There are 5 different difficulty levels to suit riders of all abilities.

Trailer Hotel in Hatta

Hatta is home to the region's first "trailer hotel", where you can camp with a group of friends or your family. The cozy lodges are located on different levels of the mountain which offer spectacular sightseeing opportunities and hill-top views. It's a perfect location to relax during the windy winter weather! All lodges are well appointed and equipped with a TV, large beds, internet and all the facilities that you would expect from a hotel.

Hatta Drop-In

Close to the Hatta Wadi Hub, another adventure awaits you. Pack in your swimwear and enjoy the thrill of the Hatta Drop-In, a "water jump park" with crazy slides and the exhilarating "drop-in donuts".



Go Zorbing in Hatta



Enjoy Emirati Cuisine

Tharid

A traditional Emirati dish made from pieces of bread in a vegetable or meat broth. You only have to dip the bread into the broth to enjoy the taste. Another version of this meal involves stacking the bread and the meat in several layers on your plate.

Around the world

Khameer bread

Khameer is a rounded bread with a golden top. It is usually served with dates for breakfast. The bread usually has some colour due to the use of saffron or turmeric during the cooking process.

Harees

A dish consisting of boiled, cracked, or coarsely-ground wheat mixed with meat and seasoned, which melts in your mouth owing to its soft and tender texture.

The Friends of Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi Association

The Friends of Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi Association was established under the patronage of H.H. Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi and Deputy Supreme Commander of the UAE Armed Forces. It is supported by the French Ambassador to the UAE.

The Association was founded in Spring 2007 as a result of a group collaboration between Emirati and French residents in the UAE who are keen to support the development of a prestigious and ambitious project; while bringing together renowned Emirati and French companies as strategic partners in the outreach and development of Sorbonne Abu

Dhabi. Members of the Association believe that education and culture are a crucial part in the economic development and the wellbeing of the community. The Association's primary role is to seek funds to support the university's scholarships and to facilitate the transition of graduates into the professional world.

The Association Executive Committee consists of:

President

Mrs. Fairouz Villain

Vice-Presidents

H.E. Saeed Al Hajiri, Abu Dhabi Investment Authority (ADIA)

Mr. Sultan Al Hajji, Alliance Française Abu Dhabi

General Secretary

Mrs. Asma Al Ghanem, Doctors without Borders

Committee Members

Dr. Usra Soffan, National Center for Documentation and Research

Mrs. Eudeline de Tinguy, Thinkers & Doers

Mrs. Raphaele Francois-Poncet, Baker & McKenzie/Habib Al Mulla

Mr. Hussain Al Jaziri, Ja'Alwan, Al Jaziri & Associates

Prof. Silvia Serrano, Vice Chancellor of Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi

Members of Honour

Prof. Jean Chambaz, President of Sorbonne University

H.E. Xavier Chatel, French Ambassador to the UAE

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Advising and Resources Section Highlights



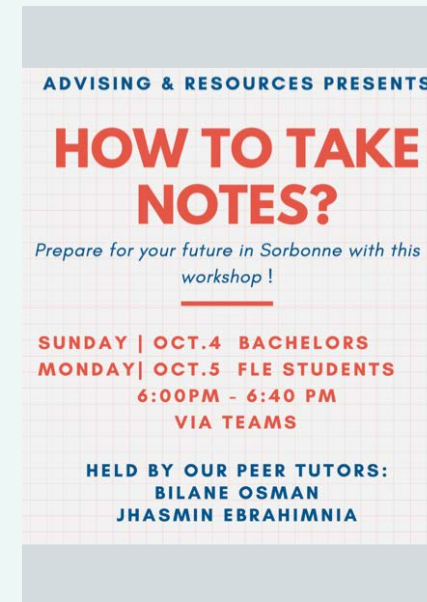
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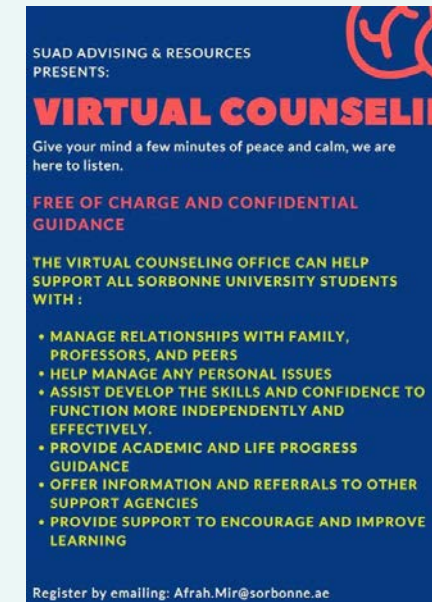
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Networking workshop with external entities



How to take notes?



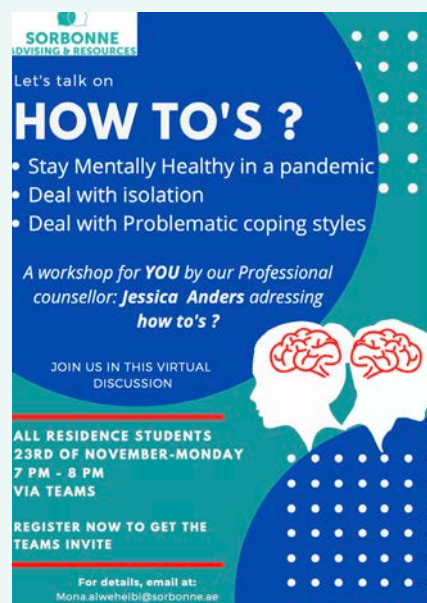
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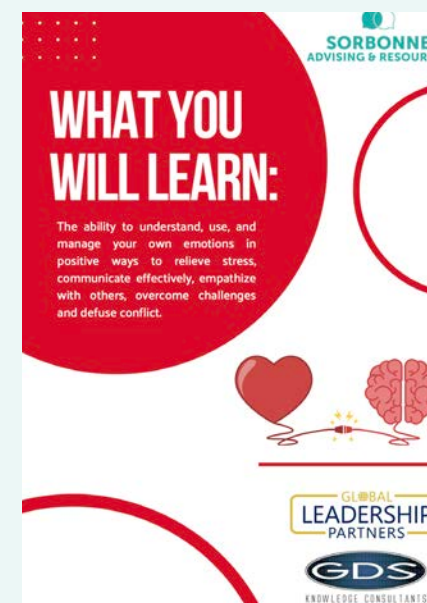
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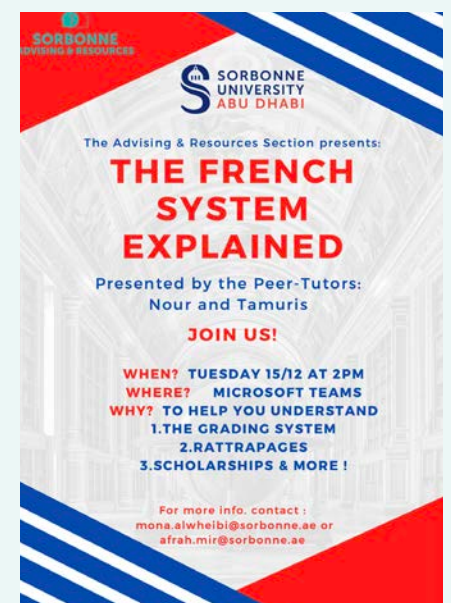
EQ workshop with GDS



EQ worksHop with GDS



Peer Tutor Presentation Skills workshop



Peer Tutor The French System Explained Workshop

LET US SUPPORT YOU YOU ARE NOT ALONE

As a mentee, you will:

- Have a constant support system
- Have someone to guide you through the difficulties
- Have someone to help you find a perfect tutor in case of academic difficulties
- Have a second set of eyes for your applications and future career planning

Get in touch

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The Sorbonne Law Mentorship program

Law is a 3-step ladder: learning the law is the first step, knowing the law is a progress, while practicing the law is an act of philanthropism, as the law is an instrument of Social Engineering.
Njoku Fortunatus

Learning the law means knowing why the law was created in the first place. The law was created in order to provide the necessary regulations so that we can all live together as a peaceful and helpful society. The Sorbonne Law Mentorship Program aims to provide a feeling of unity by eliminating the sense of rivalry in our students and replacing it with a sense of compassion so that we can live together in a supportive society.

At Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi, the majority of our students are studying law in their 3rd language, which makes the process even more difficult for them. This creates a void in the university as our dynamic students are too stressed and overwhelmed to process anything, they prefer to build an individualistic form of work ethic isolated from the university staff who are here to help them.

The Advising and Resources Section wants to reinforce the university learning experience again by supporting this student-led initiative to bring about a more helpful atmosphere to the Law Department by facilitating communication for all students to reach out to their department if they have any concerns.

Living as a community and having your very own support system is what makes you grow. This is why we have also handpicked and trained our mentors in a way to provide guidance and support to students from their first day as a law student to their very last day as graduates seeking career advice from well experienced lawyers. The Sorbonne Law Mentorship Program aims to guide and assist all law students through the process of learning law through workshops, one on one mentoring, MOOT courts and so much more!

Today, more than ever before, we need a sense of unity and community to encourage our students to be the best and to reach their truest potential.

Article written by Jhasmin Ebrahimnia
Peer Tutor : Advising and Resources Section
Student Affairs Department

Aspire to inspire

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Law mentors wanted

Email your CV to
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Why become a mentor?

- Get recognition
- Develop leadership skills
- Make a difference
- Develop management skills
- Find your motivation
- Help someone achieve their goals and dreams

LET'S GET INSPIRED

What inspired you to launch La Justitia website?

Law is an incredible field, but studying law is tough. Everyone studies under such a competitive atmosphere where everything is based solely on academic grades. The issue with that is, once you only focus on one aspect, you lose the chance to research and learn about so many different parts of law. What you research, the companies you intern for, how you balance your time are all essential to your law journey. Not to mention that rarely anyone shares what they know with others.

When the pandemic began, I was certain that everyone would be anxious. It is not easy being forced to adapt to a completely new way of learning in a matter of weeks whilst having your internships cancelled. Everything felt out of balance for law students and that is when, given the circumstances, it felt right to start the mentorship programme in order to create a platform that would be a source of motivation, support and research for law students. The positive feedback we received from law students all around the world led us to start the law journal.

Subsequently our team of enthusiastic law students started to grow. At the moment, we comprise a team of 15 students from all over the globe who contribute to the journal, and we have many more law students that contribute their research and passion.



Jhasmin Ebrahimnia

Bachelor in Law in Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi

What is the goal of La Justitia?

La Justitia aims to be a support system for aspiring lawyers. Our goal is to share research and experiences to show law students that they are not alone and that there is yet a lot to learn. Through our journal, we share articles on different fields of the law from ancient legal philosophy to LegalTech, as well as advice on how to best deal with the stresses of being a law student. Most importantly, we aim to demonstrate that the field of law is interesting and fun, and we should never let stress hold us back from discovering more about our field.

What's the secret behind the website name?

La Justitia is another name for the goddess Themis. Themis is a popular personification of order, law, human rights and evidently, justice. One thing you may not know is that Themis, La Justitia, was the original "organizer of the communal affairs of humans and assemblies".

Does the content of the website go through any form of approvals from professors or deans? Explain the process. We are cautious with the content and what we share. It goes through a long process of fact checking and editing to ensure that what we are distributing is beneficial and not controversial. However, it would be an honour to have academics partake in our journey. There is no one better to learn from than the ones who have mastered the field!

What are the challenges that you faced in launching this website?

The website launch was the most exciting part as I had spent months designing it and making it as user-friendly as possible. Website designs are always an ongoing process and we are always looking for more ways to make it easier for users to find what they are looking for.

What are the long-term objectives of launching this website? For example, are you thinking of having sponsors and more specialists in the field?

The long-term objective is to have more support from professors and legal professionals who would be interested in helping students outside the classroom. We believe that they have a lot to share and a lot to guide us with. In addition, we aim to find a sponsor who would support this initiative so that we can empower as many law students as we possibly can.

I got to know that you have also launched the Sorbonne Law Mentorship Programme, is it part of the website? Tell us more about this initiative.

Yes, I have also started the Sorbonne Law Mentorship Programme with the Advising and Resources section as a part of the Peer Mentorship Programme.

Based on my experience studying law after just a year of French, it could be really challenging given the fact that we take one intensive course in two weeks. It gets really overwhelming too fast and students need to learn how to progress and overcome the difficulties. Accordingly,

the Sorbonne Mentorship Programme is solely targeted at Sorbonne students and meeting their needs. We have recently recruited the mentors and they are incredible people. There is so much to learn from them.

What are the main objectives of the program? Who supported you?

The University was incredibly supportive. I received so much support from my professors and the Student Affairs Department. They were present throughout the whole process of developing the Sorbonne Law Mentorship Programme.

The main objective of the Sorbonne Law Mentorship Programme is to establish a better relationship between the university and students with the means to facilitate communication. If a student is facing an issue, if they are having a hard time knowing how to study, how to prepare for certain classes and so much more, they will know that we are always here to help them.

This programme aims to achieve a more helpful and interactive atmosphere. As a Peer Tutor as well, I truly believe that living as a community and having a support system is what makes you grow. This Programme aims to do that for both potential and current law students.

A special thank you to Dr.Maia Hamrouni, Afrah Mir, Dana Al Hourani, and the incredible team for all the support you have given.

Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi places sport on the centre stage, as sport is important and well recognised for its physical, mental, and social benefits. Nearly 20 sporting activities are offered through dedicated structures. The university offers students several opportunities for discovery and development while participating in events and championships with local and regional universities.

Students have the option to choose whether or not to integrate sports as part of their curriculum to earn a qualification (depending on their major and on the activity).

The Sports Department also organises open days for try-outs as well as off campus weekends including desert trips, camping, hiking, outdoor mountain climbing and other activities to enrich our student's lives. It also challenges its staff and students to get involved with the community in fitness mazes, promising loads of fun.

Foxes encourages volunteering for international competitions and attending sport conferences, trainings and workshops.

Go Foxes!

FOXES

Important Information

Sport activities and training

- The practice: we require regular attendance.
- Information and communication: the list of available sports activities, timings and coach details are available at the sports building with the student jobs section from Sunday to Wednesday, 6:00pm to 10:30pm and the sports department (room no. 2.023). Alternatively, email sports@sorbonne.ae

Students registered in optional sports

Mandatory: 12 sessions/classes per semester. 1 justified absence allowed.

Signature of this card by the coach is mandatory (only one signature per week)

For more details, please contact the student jobs at the sports building or the sports department.

Assessment procedures and number of ECTS:

2 to 5 ECTS: View the rules of the University with the Sports Department and with the coordinator of your department.

How to obtain a locker?

A locker provided by Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi is available at the sports building reception. You must return it at the end of the academic year. In case of loss or replacement of the key, the deposit of 100 AED will be kept by the Finance Department.

The locker key must not be copied.

Sports Activities

- Climbing
- Ski
- Spinning
- Self Defence
- Yoga
- Circuit
- Futsal
- Aikibudo
- Volleyball
- Chess
- Bellydancing
- Paddleboarding
- Golf
- Bowling
- Squash
- Crossfit
- Capoeira
- Natation Zoomers
- Badminton
- Table tennis
- Breakdancing
- Hip Hop
- Zumba
- Escalade bouldering
- Beach volleyball
- Basketball
- Tennis
- Fitness
- Muay thai
- Football
- Touch rugby

And much more...

SUAD has been a hub for the development of climbing in Abu Dhabi for 10 years. SUAD is taking a big part in developing climbing in UAE, since SUAD's climbing gym is one of the best in the country.

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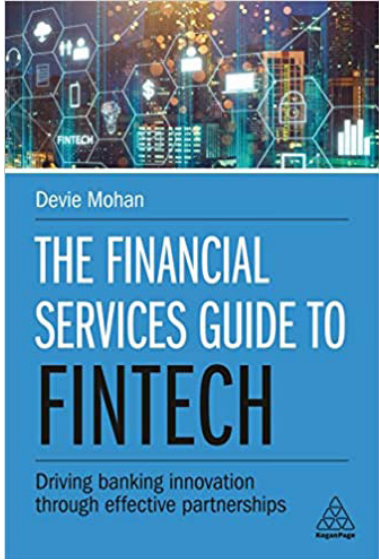
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The Financial Services Guide to Fintech: driving banking innovation through effective partnerships

Author: Devie Mohan
Publisher: Kogan Page
Call Number: 332.102 85 MOH
Year: 2020

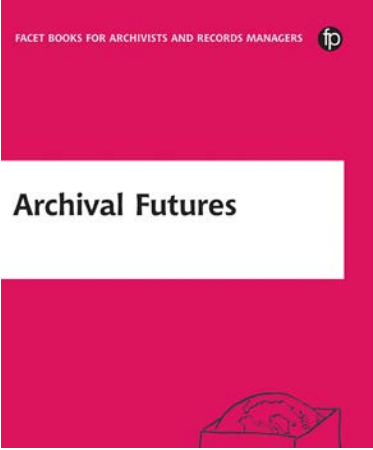
This book written by an experienced Fintech advisor explains the fundamental concepts of this fast growing sector in the financial services industry, which has radically changed traditional banking. Based on case studies of successful partnerships, it attempts to show how banks and Fintech institutions can work together to innovate faster and increase profitability.



Amateur cosmopolite: goût et imaginaires culturels juveniles à l'ère de la globalisation

Author: Hervé Glevarec
Publisher: Ministère de la Culture DEPS
Year: 2016

The aesthetic al and cultural cosmopolitanism refers in this book, to how young people build their relationship to the world through globalized cultural goods. The authors focus on defining its contours and configurations. The challenge is educational : we must determine what, in these transnational media cultures that have invested the cultural universe of young people, can free individuals from their particularisms and make them become citizens, allowing everyone to educate their discourse, refine their judgment and govern their emotions, in order to find their place in a common world



Archival Futures

Author: Brown, Caroline
Publisher: Facet Publishing
Call Number: 027 ARC
Year: 2018

International experts contributed to discuss ideas as diverse as the future of the archival profession, who are right? documents and archives or disinformation. Can we preserve everything? And many others that make this title interesting for those whose job is archivist and for any reader who wants to address these questions.

Young entrepreneur

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Tell us about your project “Dataxhub”?

Dataxhub is an all-in-one platform, created by the youth and for the youth. It is a knowledge-based social digital platform that addresses the demands of a knowledgeable youth audience. Dataxhub offers youth different tools to learn new practical skills that will enhance their careers as well as provide them with a safe digital space to create any type of content (articles, videos or podcasts) to express themselves and share their knowledge.

At Dataxhub, we believe that building cross-national youth networks and peer-to-peer mentoring services for knowledge sharing and skill transfer is the best way to build a consolidated relationship with younger generations and a solid future for our society. It represents a way of being and of conceiving relationships between individuals. In a world where selfish behavior has become more and more common, it is essential to promote dialogue, the sharing of knowledge and experiences, as well as mutual aid and cooperation.

I am convinced that whatever profession you choose, our success is largely the result of our discussions and interactions with others.

What inspired you to do this project?

With the Covid Crisis and the challenges it has engendered, especially with regard to the development of online courses, I felt it necessary to support and help the youth community, my community. It was a way for me to give back to the academic community for everything they have given me over the years. Being a graduate of Sorbonne University Abu Dhabi in International Business Law and of the University of Oxford in Fintech, I understand the importance of access to information and educational content via the new digital world we live in, and the crisis we are going through has highlighted the inequalities of young people's access to knowledge.

The Dataxhub project was born from the conviction that young people can learn from their experiences and thus progress. The original idea was to create a blog where you could share legal articles written by students and for students. I quickly realized that what was valid for lawyers was also valid for pupils and students of other disciplines.

I had to be more ambitious and that's how the blog turned into a digital platform dedicated to sharing knowledge regardless of its format (article, podcast or video).

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What are the steps that were taken until now to execute this project?

We are looking to streamline the experience and focus primarily on sharing free knowledge and providing everyone with an equal opportunity to learn through socialization.

The structure was thought out in a more professional way and implemented thanks in particular to the help of competent, experienced people and the Team. Consultants in innovation, law, banking and finance, intellectual property, etc. are accompanying us in this adventure.

Gaining momentum, the project aroused the interest, and in particular that of His Highness Sheikh Abdul Aziz Bin Ali Al Nuaimi, who did us the honour of becoming the Chairman of our Advisory Board. Having His Highness's endorsement is already a huge achievement.

What is your next step?

We are launching phase 1 of the Dataxhub Social Digital Platform in the upcoming days called “Socialize Through Knowledge”. Content shared on the platform will be free to all users. I would like to conclude by highlighting that Dataxhub is aligned with the UAE Youth Agenda 2030 and the UN Youth Agenda 2030 to equip youngsters with useful knowledge and practical experience that they can benefit from in their professional lives.

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In 2021, phase 2 will be launched with Dataxhub Marketplace, stay tuned!

The entire Dataxhub team will be honored to count you among its users.



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