

College of Business & Economics

CBE STEPS FORUM

Seminars & Talks on Executive Education and Post-graduate Studies

THE UAE & SINGAPORE: FROM THIRD TO FIRST WORLD IN ONE GENERATION

Date : 8th September 2021, Wednesday
Fee : Complimentary
Webinar link : [Click Here](#)

Time: 9:00 to 10:15 am

The [College of Business & Economics \(CBE\) of the UAE University](#) has developed a seminar series during which topics of relevance for the UAE and those interested in the UAE will be addressed. Experts in their fields will be invited to convey their points of view.

The United Arab Emirates was formed on 2 December 1971 and will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on 2 December 2021. During this period, it has, through exemplary leadership, developed from a Third World Country to a First World powerhouse. In a similar vein, Singapore became independent on 9 August 1965, and also developed to a First World country. It has given rise to the saying, “from Third World to First World in one generation.”

The talk will focus on the leadership and development paths of these two exceptional countries.

A lot could have gone wrong. Despite this, their respective stories serve as inspiration for developing countries globally on how strong leadership and sound policy frameworks have led to stellar performance on so many performance metrics, such as the World Bank’s Ease of Doing Business, the WEF’s Global Competitiveness rankings, and the Global Innovation Index, to name but a few. Attendees can expect to gain insights into the following:

- The role and importance of directive leadership and sound governance in developing economies
- Understanding the development paths of the UAE and Singapore respectively
- Crystalizing lessons learnt for the road ahead

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9:00 – 9:05 am	Welcome and setting the scene Prof Mohamed Madi, Dean of the CBE
9:05 – 9:30 am	The Singapore Story Dr. Sasidaran Gopalan, CBE
9:30 – 9:55 am	The UAE Story Dr. Amany Elanshasy, CBE
9:55 – 10:15 am	Q&A

Administrative Details:

- The organizers reserve the right to make amendments and/or changes to the program, venue, speakers and/or topics if warranted by circumstances beyond control.
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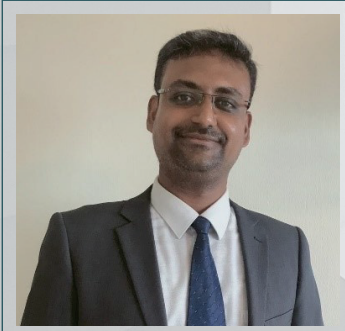
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Dr. Amany A. El Anshasy: The UAE Story

Associate Professor, Innovation in Government & Society-(CBE)

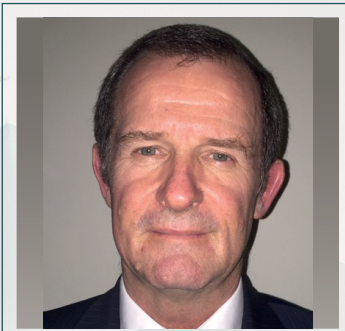
Dr. Amany El Anshasy joined the UAEU as an energy economist in 2008. She now holds the position of Associate Professor of Economics in the College of Business and Economics. She earned her Ph.D. from George Washington University; her research focuses on energy and development economics.



Dr. Sasidaran Gopalan: The Singapore Story

Assistant Professor, Innovation in Government & Society-(CBE)

Sasidaran Gopalan is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Innovation in Government and Society at the College of Business and Economics (CBE). Dr. Gopalan obtained his PhD in Public Policy from George Mason University (GMU) in the United States of America (USA). Since his PhD, he has held various academic and research appointments across several renowned universities in Asia, including Nanyang Technological University (Singapore), Nazarbayev University (Kazakhstan), National University of Singapore (Singapore) and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (Hong Kong). Dr. Gopalan's research assumes a strong interdisciplinary orientation and falls under the intersections of applied macroeconomics, international economics, and development policy, with a broad focus on emerging markets.



Johan Burger: Moderator

Business Development Manager

Johan is the Business Development Manager for Executive Education at the College of Business and Economics (CBE) of the UAE University. He is a former Senior Lecturer in International Business at the Nanyang Business School in Singapore, and the Director of the NTU-SBF Centre for African Studies. He previously served as the Director of International Programmes at the University of Stellenbosch Business School (USB) in South Africa, where he also taught Strategic Management, General Management and Financial Analysis to MBA students and business executives. He also served as the CEO of USB Executive Development Ltd.

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