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**Strengthening**

**The Business and Social  
Sciences Research**

**Through**



**Academic Discussion**

**14 December 2018**

**Berjaya Times Square Kuala  
Lumpur Hotel, Malaysia**



**About GATR:**

Global Academy of Training and Research (GATR), is a registered research firm in Malaysia that provides platforms for academics and organizations to excel. GATR aims at encouraging young scholars, established researchers, trainers, academic & corporate researchers to conduct meaningful research and provide useful knowledge for the academic and socio-economic development of their respective nations. GATR is organizing the academic discussion session in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

**Purpose:**

The academic discussion session provides an opportunity for participants to relax by listening to, or participating in, a pleasant exchange of ideas about a topic that is directly of your interest. It provides an opportunity to break the otherwise slightly boring schedule of speeches which will be delivered during the conference. The topic: "Are academics still valued in the societies we come from" is an opportunity to discuss the place of academic discourse in a number of countries, or in society in general.

At an academic discussion session, each panel member will have 5 minutes to put forward his or her views followed by questions/comments from the floor.

**Proposed Topic:**

**Are academics still valued in the societies we come from**

**Senior Researcher:**

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Curtin University and Emeritus Professor at the University of Queensland, Australia.

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**Timings:**

**2.15pm – 3.15pm**

**Collaborators:**



Cairo University



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