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**Strengthening  
 The Business and Social  
 Sciences Research  
 Through**



**Academic Discussion Session**  
**11 September 2024**  
**Grand Millennium Kuala Lumpur (5-Star)**



**About GATR:**

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**Purpose:**

The academic discussion session is a strategic level event for determining trends in future Business and Social sciences research around the globe for sharing experiences and for discussing areas of mutual interest. This year's GCBSS networking session will focus on establishing business and social sciences research through creating collaborations among institutions and with other key players who influence business and social sciences research.

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**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: "PUBLIC VS PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION" 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 TOPICS AND SESSIONS FOLLOWED BY THE DISCUSSION:**  
**PUBLIC VS PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES AND INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

**Senior Researcher:**

<p><b>Professor Dr. Gabriël A Moens</b>          Emeritus Professor at the University of Queensland, Australia.</p> <p><b>Professor Dr. Danture Wickramasinghe</b>          University of Glasgow, United Kingdom</p> <p><b>Prof Zahirul Hoque</b>          Prince Sultan University, Saudi Arabia, and La Trobe University, Australia</p> <p><b>Professor Dr. Kamran Ahmed</b>          La Trobe University, Australia</p>	<p><b>Professor Dr. Cheryl Lynn Duckworth</b>          Nova Southeastern University, USA</p> <p><b>Professor Dr. Ahmad Fauzi Abdul Hamid</b>          Universiti Sains Malaysia, Malaysia</p> <p><b>Dr. Kashan Pirzada</b>          Birmingham City University, United Kingdom</p> <p><b>Timings:</b>  <b>2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (Networking Session)</b>  <b>4:00 PM - 4:25 PM (Coffee/tea break)</b></p>
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