



UNIVERSITY OF MAURITIUS



UoM VIRTUAL RESEARCH WEEK 2021

*Building Resilience through Research
in the COVID-19 Era*

Opening Programme

Monday 08 November 2021

Agriculture

Engineering

Information, Communication and
Digital Technologies

Law and Management

Medicine and Health Sciences

Science

Social Sciences and Humanities

Innovative and Lifelong Learning

Biomedical and Biomaterials Research

Sustainable Tourism and Hospitality



Background

Dissemination of research findings is an important component of the research process. In this context, since 2007, the University of Mauritius (UoM) has been organising almost every year the Research Week with the aim of providing a forum to researchers in all fields of study to present their work and achievements.

The Research Week aims at providing a consolidated platform for staff, students and researchers to interact and carry out peer discussions on ongoing and emerging research issues. The main objective of the Research Week is, therefore, to showcase research being undertaken at the University which, to a large extent, is in line with national interest.

This year's Edition will again be virtual while involving best oral and poster presentation awards. The main thrust of the UoM Virtual Research Week 2021 titled '***Building Resilience through Research in the COVID-19 Era***' is a very topical one that cuts across several disciplines and could be addressed from various perspectives. It is expected that researchers will provide insights into the extent to which the society, the economy and institutions have been or are being able to absorb the shocks of the pandemic. Academics and students have been invited to disseminate outcomes of their research on topics essentially on or related to the theme encompassing national and regional if not international priorities.

Opening Programme

- 09.30 - 09.35 Welcome Address by
Prof Sanjeev Kumar Sobhee,
Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academia), University of Mauritius
- 09.35 - 09.45 Address by
Prof Dhanjay Jhurry, CSK, GOSK, FAAS
Vice-Chancellor, University of Mauritius
- 09.45 - 10.05 Keynote Address on
“World Bank’s Support for Higher Education and the New Policy Advisory Framework” by
Dr Roberta Malee Bassett, *Global Lead for Tertiary Education and Senior Education Specialist, World Bank*
- 10.05 - 10.20 Address and Opening of UoM Virtual Research Week 2021 by
The Hon (Mrs) Leela Devi Dookun-Luchoomun, GCSK,
Vice-Prime Minister and Minister of Education, Tertiary Education, Science and Technology
- 10.20 – 10.25 Vote of Thanks by
Prof Ponnadurai Ramasami,
Chairperson, UoM Virtual Research Week 2021 Organising Committee

Refreshments

Brief Profile

Dr Roberta Malee Bassett is the Global Lead for Tertiary Education and Senior Education Specialist at the World Bank, providing leadership and technical expertise for projects related to post-secondary education reform initiatives around the world. Her most recent work has focused on East and Southern Africa, the new EU member states, the Russian Federation, the South Caucasus, Central Asian nations, and the countries of the Western Balkans. She has been the team lead for a variety of tertiary and higher education projects, spanning topics such as finance and quality assurance reform, internationalisation of higher education, equity and access, research and competitiveness, and skills development.



She currently serves on the Editorial Board of Higher Education Quarterly and the International Advisory Board of the International Network for Higher Education in Africa (INHEA). Prior to joining the World Bank in 2009, Dr Bassett was Lecturer in Higher Education at the Centre for Higher Education Management and Policy at the University of Southampton, UK. Her experience in university administration includes serving as: Assistant Dean and Director of Summer Session at Stanford University (1995-2000); Managing Editor of The Review of Higher Education (2000-2004) and Educational Policy (2004-2005); and Residence Director at Simmons College (US). She is the author/editor of numerous publications on topics related to international higher education including: The WTO and the University: Globalization, GATS, and American Higher Education (2006); International Organizations and Higher Education Policy: Thinking Globally, Acting Locally? (2009) and The Forefront of International Higher Education: A Festschrift in Honour of Philip G Altbach (2014).

Dr Roberta Malee Bassett received her PhD from the Centre for International Higher Education at Boston College, MA from Stanford University and BA from Columbia University

Virtual Sessions

08 - 12 November 2021

Date	Faculty/Centre/Research Centre	Link to the e-programmes
Monday 08 November	Faculty of Information, Communication & Digital Technologies	<u>Link to FoICDT E-Programme</u>
Tuesday 09 November	Faculty of Agriculture	<u>Link to FoA E-Programme</u>
	Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences	<u>Link to FMHS E-Programme</u>
Wednesday 10 November	Faculty of Law and Management International Centre for Sustainable Tourism and Hospitality	<u>Link to FLM and ICSTH E-Programme</u>
Thursday 11 November	Faculty of Engineering	<u>Link to FoE E-Programme</u>
	Faculty of Social Sciences & Humanities	<u>Link to FSSH E-Programme</u>
	Centre for Innovative and Lifelong Learning	<u>Link to CILL E-programme</u>
Friday 12 November	Faculty of Science Centre for Biomedical and Biomaterials Research	<u>Link to FoS and CBBR E-Programme</u>