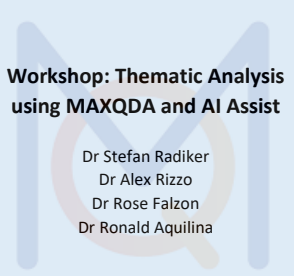


MCAST ANNUAL QUALITATIVE RESEARCH CONFERENCE - 2023

Poster Exhibitions & Presentation/Discussions - MCAST RESOURCE CENTRE (MRC) Auditorium					
Monday 4th December 2023 Auditorium	10.00am - 12.00pm Poster Presentations and Poster Viewing 1) Silvio Nocilla and Monalisa Nocilla; 2) Lisa Bray; 3) Frankie Inguanez; 4) Mary Rose Mifsud; 5) Beverly Abela Gatt; 6) Theresa Demanuele Montebello; 7) Neville Schembri; 8) Cassandra Sturgeon Delia & Rene Mamo; 9) David Deguara; 10) Nadia Cauchi; 11) Anna Maria Gatt; 12) Antida Zammit; 13) Robert Cassar; 14) Ilaria Spiteri Axiak; 15) David Deguara, Daren Scerri, Gerard Said & Thomas Gatt; 16) Anna Fiorentino; 17) Karl Grech; 18) Ronald Curmi	Private Time	12.30pm - 2.00pm Presentation & Discussion: Arts-Based Research in the Social Sciences: Prof Karin Hannes <i>Short Break</i> 2.15pm - 3.45pm Presentation & Discussion: Critical Aspects of Paper Reviews: Prof Shane Desselle		
	Doctoral Day: MRC Auditorium				
Tuesday 5th December 2023 Auditorium	09:00am - 1.00pm Keynote 9:00am to 9:10am Welcome Note: DR Lorna Bonnici West - Director R&I Session 1: 9:10am to 10:30am The Pursuit of Quality in a Grounded Theory Thesis - Open Discussion Session 2: 10:30am to 11:30am Experiential Discussion with Active DRes Candidates and External Doctoral Candidates Session 3: 11:30am to 1:00pm Panel Discussion with Key MCAST Partners and Stakeholders				
	Powerpoint Presentations: MRC Auditorium				
Wednesday 6th December 2023 Auditorium	Theme: Education				
	9.00am - 10.30am Convenor: Dr Alex Rizzo <i>Keynote Speeches:</i> MCAST Deputy Principal R&I MCAST Principal & CEO Hon. Minister for Education	11:00am - 12.30pm Convenor: Dr Lorna West Simulation Games as an Alternative Formative Assessment Tool for Experiential Learning in VET Marketing Education: A Desk-Research Review of Existing Opportunities and Challenges - Robert Vella & Leonard Spiteri	Lunch	2.00pm - 3.30pm Convenor: Dr Ronald Aquilina Perceptions and Impacts of Local Education Within The ICT Field - Jade Vella	3.45pm - 5.00pm Convenor: Dr Tatjana Chircop Social Emotional Development's influence on Academic Achievement in VET Context - Rebecca Grech
	Skilling for the Future: Enhancing Vocational Learning and Workplace Productivity with Creative AI Tools - Daren Scerri	The impact of study placements on Health and Social Care for Level 3 students within Vocational Education in Malta; a Grounded Theory Study - Anna Fiorentino	Flexibility and unpredictability in participatory research with students as co-researchers - Anna Maria Gatt	Embracing the academic change caused by the proliferation of generative artificial intelligence chatbots in higher education - David Deguara	
	Moving On: Donations of musical instruments and changing musical identities - Alexandra Lamont & Fiorella Montero-Diaz	Gender Awareness and Gender Equality in Early Years Education- Lecturers' Perspective - Beverly Abela Gatt	Social Emotional Development's influence on Academic Achievement in VET Context - Antida Zammit	The Use of an Observation Proforma during a School-based Physical Activity Programme Melanie Darmanin, Renzo Kerr-Cumbo, Matthew Muscat Ingliott & Heathcliff Schembri	
	The Indispensable Role of Values and Ethics in Education - Rose Anne Cuschieri	UPP – Unpacking Pedagogical Potential: An Investigation into the Effectiveness of ChatGPT-Generated Lesson Plans in Modern Vocational Education- Daren Scerri, David Deguara, Gerard Said & Thomas Gatt	Empowering Learning Through Game Creation: Investigating the Impact of Educational Technology on Students' Engagement and Attainment Level in Subject-Based Game Design - Silvio Nocilla & Monaliza Nocilla	Restorative Practices as an approach to learning that encourages supportive and respectful behaviour: A Narrative Inquiry with MCAST Early Years Educators - Jacqueline Grima	
	Research Presentations: Breakout Room MRC 001				
Wednesday 6th December 2023 PARALLEL SESSION Room 001	Theme: Enterprise & Industry				
	This particular session shall be running in the Auditorium only Parallel sessions shall commence in Room 001 at 11:00am		11:00am - 12.30pm Convenor: Dr Rose Falzon Aligning Small Business Strategy with the Circular Economy: Owner-Manager attitudes in Malta - Carmelina Frendo	2.00pm - 3.30pm Convenor: Dr Alex Rizzo A Mapping of the Change Processes Required for Accountants to Adapt to the Realities of the Digital Revolution: A Grounded Theory Study on Small Accounting firms in Malta - Giuseppe Muscat	3.45pm - 5.00pm Convenor: Dr Ronald Aquilina Transformative Learning in the Music Industry: An Autoethnographic Study of a Music Producer's career towards academia - Cassandra Delia & Rene Mamo
			Reviewing the local research-practice gap in Industry 5.0 - Frankie Inguanez	A Study of Owner-Manager Attitudes to Soft Skills Training in Malta's Small Enterprises - Ilaria Spiteri Axiak, Peter Packer, Stephanie Ghio, Ronald Aquilina	The Motivating Factors and Challenges Faced by Female Entrepreneurs of Small Businesses in Malta: A Gender Perspective - Theresa Demanuele Montebello
			Quality Assurance - a Catalyst for Innovation and Performance in Micro and Small HEIs - Ronald Curmi	The Significance of Sustaining Motivation in Healthcare Workers - Joshua Mercieca	Effectiveness of Supply Chain Integration: A Literature review on Small Firms - Ronald Cuschieri, Alex Rizzo & Ronald Aquilina
			The Relationship between Leadership Approach and Overcoming Crisis in Micro, Small Organisations in Small Island States. - Stefanja Vassallo	Learning to Innovate: an exploration of the linkages between training & Innovation performance within small organisations - Robert Cassar	
	Research Presentations - Theme: Methodology				
Thursday 7th December 2023 Auditorium	9.00am - 10.30am		11:00am - 12:30pm		
	Convenor: Dr Alex Rizzo Keynote Speech: Parliamentary Sec R&I		Convenor: Dr Rose Falzon Member Checking in Qualitative Research - Jonathan Vella		
	BRIDGING THE GAP: 10 Strategies for Integration in Mixed Methods Studies utilizing Joint Displays and MAXQDA - Stefan Radiker		Understanding Leadership Styles and their Impact on Small Family Businesses in the Small Island State of Malta - A Grounded Theory Approach - Mary Rose Mifsud		
	Development of a Model for Personal, Social and Professional Acculturation of Indian Nurses in Malta: A Qualitative Case Study Using Gioia Methodology - Neville Schembri		The Mentor and the Mentee in the Sports Coaching Domain. A Grounded Theory study on mentoring structures, perceptions and behaviours in the sports coaching domain in Malta - Karl Grech		
	Evaluating The Applicability and Effectiveness of Mindfulness Practices Within Small Local Beauty Salons and Spas: A Grounded Theory Approach - Nadia Cauchi		Exploring the Transition from Nursing Students to Newly Qualified Nurses: A Phenomenological Study - Lisa Bray		
	A Grounded Theory Approach to Assess the Entrepreneur's Role in Implementing the Training Needs of a Small Business, a Hospitality Sector Perspective - Bernard Micallef		Organisational Indices of Innovation in Supporting Educational Behaviours - Edwin Zammit, Ronald Aquilina & Alex Rizzo		
Workshop					
			2.00pm - 4.00pm 		
			Dr Stefan Radiker Dr Alex Rizzo Dr Rose Falzon Dr Ronald Aquilina		

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