

Introduction to invited Abstracts from the Research Students Summer Conference 2022

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The annual Middlesex University Research Students Summer Conference 2022 (RSSC2022) as held in June 2022 on the theme 'Knowledge in Action' taken from the University's main strategic vision within the research community to engage, collaborate and think more strategically about the impact that newer researchers can have in their own professional fields and across a wide range of communities and organisations.

The abstracts presented in this volume represent only a fraction of the work presented, both as papers and posters, over the two-day conference. Authors were invited to present their work based on their original or extended abstracts from the conference. We would like to thank the postgraduate researchers from RSSC 2022 for their contributions to this edition and the opportunity to follow their research as it progresses.

These student abstracts include brief details of often early stage doctoral research and the student contact details are cited in order to encourage follow-up and wider debate. There are 10 abstracts submitted, which were presented at the 2022 Research Students Summer Conference.

The abstracts provide a brief outline of the features and aims of the research that had been planned, and in some cases, implemented. In line with the conference theme of 'Knowledge in Action', we were delighted to see that abstracts were submitted from across the university, including from overseas Middlesex campuses. The following brief commentary outlines the key features and relevance to the conference themes:

The abstract by Tanaka Mapfumo was a poster that outlines his current research within an NHS mental health facility and focuses on restrictions placed on patients. Stephen Wells provides an abstract that considers his experience as a psychotherapist and his move towards retirement and how to pass on his experience to other practitioners. Denisha Seedoyal-Seereekissoon explores the influence in charitable giving of gender within a context of anti-domestic violence promotion. Perihan Abdelghaly focusses on Small and Medium Enterprise responses to cases of petty corruption in Egypt. Chitisha Gunnoo is a researcher based in Mauritius and considers higher education research approaches that have been impacted through the Covid-19 pandemic. Ewa Dalek-Trudnowska explores the future of work from the perspective of increased taxation in response to reduction in jobs as advanced technology is used for production and how individuals could be funded. Silviu Tudor Marc' abstract outlines research in artificial intelligence that could be employed in medical data examination. Maria Ugochinyere Nwachukwu uses statistical modelling techniques in order to examine completion of holy orders for a religious group and to explore possible reasons for drop-out. Tareq Saadoon Guwir Aldlimi researches the use of social media influencers, which are increasingly employed in order to promote products and services. Cephas Mpungu investigated cyber security issues that have resulted from the Covid-19 pandemic where healthcare related organisations had to move operation to more virtually based, with potential vulnerability to cyber-attack and strategies to combat this.