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في كليات التقنية العليا

# 8<sup>TH</sup> HCT EDUCATION STUDENTS' RESEARCH CONFERENCE 2025



الابتكارات وأفضل الممارسات في التعليم القائم على الكفاءة للمرحلة التمهيدية  
INNOVATIONS AND BEST PRACTICES IN COMPETENCY-BASED EDUCATION  
IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

 **24** Thursday  
April 2025

 **9:00am – 3:00pm**

 **HCT-Abu Dhabi,  
Baniyas Campus B**

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



**Dr. Shamma Alnaqbi**  
Campus Executive Director, Zayed Military University

Dr. Shamma Alnaqbi is an accomplished leader in higher education with over 16 years of experience. She currently serves as the Campus Executive Director at Zayed Military University—the UAE's first military university dedicated to shaping the next generation of Navy, Air Force, and Police officers. Throughout her career, Dr. Alnaqbi has held multiple strategic leadership roles, including Associate Dean and Program Chair of General Education at Rabdan Academy, Director of the Student Affairs Department, and Head of the Foundation Program at the Higher Colleges of Technology. Passionate about innovation in education, she is committed to advancing academic excellence and driving meaningful change across the UAE's education landscape. Driven by purpose, Dr. Alnaqbi believes that empowering minds is the foundation of a stronger nation.



**Dr. Hanan Sukkar**  
Advisor on Special Projects and Partnership, ECA

Dr. Hanan Sukkar is a seasoned expert with over 29 years of experience in Child and Family Development, holding degrees from San Diego State University and the University of Melbourne. Her career spans impactful work in the U.S., including the development of Early Head Start programs and managing a major childcare center at the U.S. Navy in San Diego, as well as influential roles in Australian government and academia. Internationally, she has served as an Education Expert for the UAE Ministry of Education and advised key councils in Abu Dhabi. Dr. Sukkar's research and professional interests focus on early childhood education, intervention, policy, family engagement, leadership, and reflective practice, making her a prominent contributor to the global early childhood education field.



**Dr. Alison Burrows**  
Senior Lecturer, Early Childhood Education, Technology,  
Middlesex University

Dr. Alison Burrows is a professor and researcher of education and childhood studies at Middlesex University Dubai. She wrote and launched the first-ever Masters of Education Technology Integration and Practice degree in Dubai that focuses on meaningful learning with technology and digital well-being for students. Alison received her doctorate from Johns Hopkins University where she was a two-time merit scholar and research fellow. Her research focuses on the effects of screen time on the developing child, meaningful learning with technology, and teacher technology self-efficacy. Dr. Alison is also the founder of Dr. Alison Parenting, an organization that provides coaching and screen time consulting to parents. She uses 25 years of experience in child development and education by connecting parents and teachers to understand and leverage research and science to educate and raise resilient, confident, and happy children in the digital age.