

Harvard Club UAE Hosts Book Talk with Harvard Professors at Ismaili Centre Dubai

In March 2016, Harvard Club UAE proudly hosted a panel with Harvard Graduate School of Education professors Fernando Reimers and Connie Chung to discuss their new book: *Teaching and Learning for the Twenty-First Century: Educational Goals, Policies and Curricula from Six Nations*; which highlights the importance of preparing students for civic and economic participation in the new century as well as the need for key competencies such as digital, civic, self-knowledge, and interpersonal.

Held at [The Ismaili Center, Dubai](#), the book talk engaged over 30 attendees particularly Harvard Alumni as well as members of Young Arab Leaders.



The panel was moderated by Sajida H. Shroff, Harvard alumni and Executive Board Member, Harvard Club UAE (CEO, Altamont Group), who focused discussions on key learnings that could be applied to the GCC context.



In addition to Harvard Professors Dr. Reimers and Dr. Chung, the panel included a key research partner, Dr. Ee-Ling Low from the National Institute of Education, Singapore. The panellists shared their findings regarding national education policies in Chile, China, Mexico, Singapore and the United States as well as how each prepare students for life, work, and civic participation.

As the book is dedicated to Soraya Salti, Mr. Waleed Albanawi, Founder & Chairman of JISR Venture Partners and founding member of INJAZ Saudi, 2009-2013, shared the impact of her legacy and outlined the 'Soraya Salti Social Impact Scholarship Fund' which he has established at INSEAD.

The discussion ended with Sajida asking each panelist to outline how research for the book 'shifted their paradigm on education.' Panelists emphasized the importance of sound policy, access, and a strong education system.

The event was sponsored by [Altamont Group](#) (Education Advisory and Investment) and the [Harvard Graduate School of Education](#).



Professor Reimers and Dr. Chung
with alumni from the
Harvard
Graduate School of Education
at The Ismaili Centre, Dubai

Some of the attendees at the Harvard Club UAE Book Talk in March, 2016 at The Ismaili Centre, Dubai



About Harvard Club UAE

Harvard Club UAE was established in 2003 for Harvard alumni residing in the UAE. Harvard Club UAE aims to promote interaction between Harvard alumni and Harvard University, as well as promote interaction among Harvard alumni residing in the UAE.

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