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Education, Purpose and Human Flourishing in Uncertain Times

Theme 2: Culture and Context

This seminar series explores how we might better understand the 'idea' or indeed the ideal of flourishing, and the importance of education as a pathway to it. Previously, we examined a variety of important concepts concerning personhood and society as it relates to flourishing, such as character and virtue, and asked whether flourishing lies in the development of these. In this second seminar series, we turn our attention to other notions interdependently related to flourishing, specifically the notions of *culture* and *context*. In simple terms, we ask whether and how the development of mind and socio-emotional qualities such as character, virtue, open-mindedness, resilience, and actualisation are differently, but no less meaningfully, shaped by history and culture across world contexts.

The following seminars will be given at **5pm on Tuesdays** in the Investcorp Lecture Theatre, St. Antony's College. These seminars are open to the public, and can be joined virtually on the following MS Teams link: [Click here to join the meeting](#).

Recordings of past seminars can be found at [this link](#).

Dr David Johnson

18 Jan: 'History, mind and culture: Shaping human flourishing across diverse contexts'

Dr Aliya Khalid

25 Jan: 'Pakistan: Mother's capabilities and agency in girl's education'

Inga Storen

1 Feb: 'Rwanda: Higher Education and the pathways out of displacement for refugees'

TWCF Visiting Fellow, Mr Kurt Shaw, Usina da Imaginação

8 Feb: 'Brazil: A Brazilian child's theory of empathy.'

Professor Shehan Williams, University of Kelaniya

15 Feb: 'Sri Lanka: Religio-cultural mental schemas and human flourishing'

Dr Garene Kaloustian, World Learning Lebanon

22 Feb: Lebanon: 'Promoting Human Flourishing through social-emotional learning'

Dr Belen Mesuardo, Austral University

1 Mar: 'Argentina, Colombia, Mexico, Peru and Uruguay: The promotion of prosocial behavior in adolescents'

Dr Santushi Amarasuriya, University of Colombo; and Dr Igor Grossman, University of Waterloo

8 Mar: 'North America, Philippines and Sri Lanka: Gains in wisdom after difficult experiences'

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