Two-Day Learning Series with Prof. David Solnet

– Program Outline

Symbiosis International University, Dubai

In collaboration with IRSSM

Workshop Series by:



Prof. David Solnet

University of Queensland Business School

10th–11th July 2025

Venue: Block 14, Dubai Knowledge Park

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DAY 1 – Thursday, 10th July 2025

Audience: Industry professionals (approx. 25) and select faculty (by invitation) + IRSSM Coordinators



Registration Link: https://forms.gle/VaMptqmTYTpNVUxV7

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12:00 PM – 12:30 PM: Welcome & Opening Remarks *(30 Minutes Total)*

- Opening by Student Coordinator (3 mins)
- Introduction of the Guest – Prof. David Solnet *(by Dr. Ravi Chatterjee – 5 mins)*
- Address by Dr. Anita (Director, SIU Dubai) (10 mins)
- Remarks by Dr. Ravi Chatterjee (Research Head, Management, SIU Dubai and Director, IRSSM Global) (7 mins)
- Session Orientation by Student Coordinator (5 mins)

12:30 PM – 2:00 PM: Lunch & Networking

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Introductions / Building an Academic Career

Themes:

- *Transitioning from Industry to Academia: From Senior Leadership to Academic Foundations*
- *Research for Impact: Leveraging Industry Partnerships*

Learning Outcomes:

- Understand how academia differs from industry
- Reflecting on careers in academia in a global context
- Leveraging and connecting research to community value (Case Study discussion)

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM: Thematic Group Clinics
Format: Small group discussions (5–7 per group)
Themes:

- *Transitioning to academic life*
- *How can your research create community / organisational impact?*

Structure:

- Dr. David rotates among groups (~30 mins per group)
- Each group prepares a brief presentation with 2-3 key takeaways

4:30 PM – 5:00 PM: High Tea & Wrap-Up

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DAY 2 – Friday, 11th July 2025

Audience: Faculty members, PhD scholars, MBA students, and all research-inclined participants + IRSSM Coordinators



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10:00 AM – 1:00 PM: Double Workshop

Themes:

- *Navigating the Publishing Landscape*
- *The Publication journey – "Mastering the 10 fundamentals of Excellent Research"*
- *Research on service work and service employment – a journey and gaze into the future (topics may include an overview of my recent research, including*
- *Building a research narrative and position*
- *Addressing the human-AI interface*
- *Work design changes in a technological world of service work*
- *Gen Z as service workers*
- *Precarious work and the challenges to frontline worker wellbeing*

Learning Outcomes:

- Creating a personal publishing roadmap
- Developing a stronger research foundation
- Decode journal expectations and reviewer insights
- Address ethical challenges in data, authorship, and AI

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM: Lunch & Networking

2:00 PM – 4:30 PM: Publishing & Ethics Roundtables

Format: Small group roundtable discussions
Themes:

- *Targeting journals and managing reviewer comments*
- *Academic integrity and responsible authorship*
- *AI in research: ethical use cases*
- *Exploring the Key Fundamentals of Quality Research*

Structure:

- Dr. David rotates through groups
- Group outputs: Top 5 publishing (or excellent research) tips or ethics checklist

4:30 PM – 5:00 PM: High Tea & Wrap-Up