2025 Consortium of Middle East National Resource Centers Language Workshop

Artificial Intelligence and Online & Technology Tools in Middle East Language Pedagogy: Opportunities, Challenges, and Risks

Saturday April 19, 2025 (Virtual Session)

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8:45-9:00 AM	*Opening Remarks* Mahmoud Azaz, PhD, Director of the University of Arizona Center for Middle Eastern Studies
9:00 AM - 10:50 AM	**Panel I - Artificial Intelligence Tools in Writing Instruction in Arabic: Assessment, Feedback, and Proficiency**
9:00-9:20	**Amani S Hassan, PhD** Clinical Professor of Arabic, New York University *Opening Remarks & Moderator*
9:20-9:40	**Ghada Badawi, PhD** Clinical Associate Professor, New York University *Using AI to Assess Writing and Provide Effective Feedback: Elementary Level as Example*
9:40-10:00	**Omima El Araby, MA** Senior Lecturer of Arabic, NYU Abu Dhabi *Guiding Students in the Effective Use of AI Tools to Enhance Writing Skills*
10:00-10:20	**Attia Youseif, PhD** Senior Lecturer of Arabic, Indiana University – Bloomington *Evaluating Writing Proficiency with AI Tools According to ACTFL Guidelines*
10:20-10:50	Q&A and Discussion with Panelists Facilitated by the Moderator
10:50-11:00	Break

11:00 AM -
12:45 PM
Panel II - Artificial Intelligence and Linguistic and Culture Gains
in Middle East Language Pedagogy

11:00-11:20
May George, PhD
Lecturer of Arabic, Smith College
Artificial Intelligence and Project Design

11:20-11:50
Rolla Elsaiary, PhD
Assistant Principal, Arabic Immersion Magnet School
A Storybook Approach to AI-Enhanced Task-Based Learning

11:50-12:10
Bilel El-Motri, PhD
Assistant Professor of English, Northern Border University, Kingdom of
Saudi Arabia
Enhancing Arabic Language Fluency and Cultural Understanding Through
Arabic-Specific AI Tools

12:10-12:45
Q&A and Discussion with Panelists

12:45-1:00
Break

1:00 PM -
2:15 PM
Panel III - Perspectives on Artificial Intelligence in Middle East
Language Pedagogy

1:00-1:20
Sarab Al Ani, PhD
Senior Lector II of Arabic, Yale University
One Year of AI: Lessons Learned and Future Directions

1:20-1:40
Hossam Elsherbiny, PhD
Lecturer of Arabic, Rice University
AI Integration Disparities in Language Education and Their Implications for
Middle Eastern Language Pedagogy

1:40-2:00
Naima Bary
Instructor of Arabic, University of Alabama
Study on AI Use from a Group of Faculty

2:00-2:15
Q&A and Discussion with Panelists

2:15-2:30
Closing Remarks
Mahmoud Azaz, University of Arizona