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We are excited to present the latest edition of our newsletter, which highlights the remarkable achievements of our students, faculty, and staff. As we move into the final stretch of the academic year, we reflect on the pinnacle of our accomplishments and progress. Our team has curated a collection of articles, features, programs and events that we hope will inform, inspire, and entertain you.

From expert talk series to outstanding student performances, we have had diverse events that have enriched our students' experiences. Exhilarating sports events, an array of exciting competitions as part of the University's Cultural Fest- Invictus, Panel Discussions with industry experts, Women's Day celebrations- all of them have found a place in this edition. We have had our share of regional festivals and celebrations too. Insightful articles by our faculty and updates on the latest developments in our university top off this edition.

We hope you enjoy reading this edition of our newsletter. As we start with the preparations for the annual magazine, we invite submissions as well as suggestions from our readers.

Once again, thank you for your unwavering support.

We wish you all a rejuvenating summer break and look forward to reconnecting with you in the fall!

-The Editorial Board

UWL, UK Awarded the Prestigious Athena Swan Charter for Gender Equality

This award is an important recognition of our work to support and transform gender equality in our university community and we are very pleased to receive it

The University of West London (UWL) has been awarded Bronze accreditation by the Athena Swan Charter, a framework used across the globe to support and transform gender equality with higher education and research.

The latest UWL equality statistics place the University consistently above the sector average for its numbers of female academic staff, and gender balance within management and professional services.

The ratio of female to male employees at UWL is 56:44 and 52% of top earners are female, both above the sector average. New figures from Advance HE, the charity that administers the Charter, show that the mean pay gap in higher education in 2020-21 was 14.8 per cent. As of March 2021, UWL's gap was 13% and analysis of data for March 2022 is showing the gap reduced to around 9%.

Commenting on the award, Professor Peter John CBE, Vice-Chancellor said;

"Equality and inclusion are in our DNA and I am very proud of our diverse staff and student community. This award is an important recognition of our work to support and transform gender equality in our university community and we are very pleased to receive it."

The Athena Swan Self-Assessment Team (ASSAT) was formed in October 2021 and comprised representation across all Schools/Colleges and students. The team worked collaboratively to develop the application and the resulting action plan that will remain a live document for the next 5 years (2023-2028). This was an extensive collaboration done within a very short time frame, in an environment that recognised the significance of gender equality and the intersectional experiences of a diverse workforce and student community that impact their work and learning at UWL.

The ASSAT was co-led by Neil Henderson, Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development and Dr Charmagne Barnes, Pro Vice-Chancellor Dean for College of Nursing, Midwifery and Healthcare. They commented, "We are delighted for all at UWL for the recognition this award brings, not only in terms of gender equality but for our approach to celebrating and developing our intersectional and diverse community. This award is testament to our commitment to the principles of Athena Swan and has been a worthwhile and rewarding team effort."

38% of UWL staff are from black and minority ethnic (BME) backgrounds, above the sector average of 13%. 30% of professors and associate professors are from BME backgrounds and 28% of this group are female. UWL was ranked 13th for Social Inclusion in The Times/The Sunday Times Good University Guide 2023 and has 62% BME students.



ETHICS ARE OUR DAISY-CUTTERS

Get this:

1. Volkswagen AG, a global automobile major, honors the historic German policy of trimming its workforce without layoffs. Instead, it doesn't hire replacements for retiring workers. Consequently, Volkswagen has so far eliminated close to 10,000 positions and saved \$6.7 bn.
2. Chick-fil-A, an American fast-food chain has committed \$25,000 in tuition assistance to its employees. Validated by the industry reports, the brand has so far gifted more than \$80 million in tuition assistance to 53,000 employees. Treating employees well serves Chick-fil-A well too as it is among America's top three fast-food brands.
3. CVS Health – an American drug store and health insurance giant stopped selling tobacco products in 2014. Instead of facing revenue loss, CVS has grown sequentially and is now America's fourth-largest grocer without selling tobacco.

The list is endless. I can go on and on with many more examples of companies where 'Doing right' was right for their business too and where strong values, praiseworthy principles and ethics made better business.

Lest you feel that ethics have little to do with the individuals, given below are select examples of some global marquee businessmen who exhibited above-par ethics and did disproportionately well in personal wealth creation too.

1. Bill Gates and Warren Buffett – the richest investors of the world continuously feature among the top ten richest

men, growing their personal wealth and most famous for their personal integrity and giving back to the society.

2. Tim Cook of Apple once famously said "Let your joy be in your journey-not in some distant goal". Apple is marching amazingly forward. So is Tim Cook.
3. Ratan Tata- of Tata Group continues to honor Tata's excellence, human empathy and community commitment. Ratan Tata is known for his personal wealth, he also challenged his peers through his personal values and principles. As one of the many such examples, Tata committed to paying the full salary of the employees, who succumbed to Covid, to their families until they would have retired.

Quo-Vadis Values!

Most authors define values as "shared beliefs about what is good or bad and how people should act". I agree with it in general but want to extend it with the phrase "especially during personal and professional dilemmas, indecisions and choices".

However, on a symbolic level, I see personal values as our own 'daisy-cutter' of all dilemmas, indecisiveness or confusion. (Daisy-cutter is a nick-name for an American weapon system used first time in Vietnam for its ability to flatten thick forests into helicopter landing zones and later on to directly pierce through to the terrorist bunkers and hideouts with minimal collateral damage to the surroundings). Our ethics are our daisy-cutters as they help us cut through the dilemma without damage to self and surroundings.

So let's begin our journey of ethics with the task of defining who we are and ought to be seen by others. Once done, we should select a batch of personal values that mirror our persona.





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Values once adopted, will stay with us long term if not forever and will guide us like a Google map in our life, family, business, collaborations, friendships, career or any other arenas.

The table below provides a handy inventory of personal values that serve us well and are also valued by the outside world. Values once adopted, will stay with us long term if not forever and will guide us like a Google map in our life, family, business, collaborations, friendships, career or any other arenas.

A to Z List of Values

Accountability	Benevolence	Commitment
Decisiveness	Empathy	Freedom
Gratitude	Honesty	Integrity
Justice	Kinship	Loyalty
Merit	Nobility	Openness
Punctuality	Quality	Responsiveness
Self-reliance	Teamwork	Unity
Virtuous	Wisdom	Xenial
Yogic	Zest	

The Way Forward

First off a personal note. I am fortunate that I get to teach business ethics both to the Bachelor and MBA classes ever since I joined the University of West London, RAK. Previously I taught this course to the dual country program of MBA students at a leading business school in the UAE and also to NCR-based business school. Be that it may, it has been a journey of self-discovery and learning every day. I prepare lectures and select the mix of a topical business story, written cases, video cases or Ted-X talks and present them to analyze along with classes. Whether it is our disarmingly simple CEO, the mutually respectful faculty and staff, or my dreamy-eyed, diverse batch of students, they all have been a handy source of teaching content and illustrations in delivering the module. Students aka my fellow learners in the class too have shown an amazing appetite for values and principles in personal

and professional behavior which has been a big help.

Note that all of us face times in our lives which prompt us to reflect on who we are or who we want to be and accordingly seek to re-balance our values and principles with who we are. Given below is a five steps approach for those times:

1. Accept that discovering and dedicating to personal values alone will help us find fulfillment and direction in life, not money, not success, not possessions.
2. In order to find the right values, recall your two last experiences when you truly felt alive and fulfilled.
3. Imagine what you would want your family and friends to say on your 40th birthday or when you are gone.
4. Note down the two values you admire the most in others. Would you want to adopt and practice them too?
5. Finally, select only those values that become you. Remember, only your own jewels make you feel pretty inside out, not the ones that are stolen or that are copycats.

So, allow me to end in the words of John F Kerry, an American politician, diplomat and the first US Special Presidential Envoy for Climate, “Values are not just words, they’re about the causes we champion, about the people we fight for”. Amen.



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Navigating Group Dynamics and Strategies for Success

People like us flourish in groups because we are social beings. We frequently find ourselves working with others to accomplish a common goal, whether it's in school, job, or community. Group projects can be profitable and pleasant, but they can also be difficult. Different personalities, attitudes, and beliefs can cause friction and conflict in a group. However, you can successfully manage group dynamics and accomplish your goals by using the appropriate tactics.

Define Roles and Responsibilities

Establishing everyone's roles and duties clearly is the first step to effective group dynamics. Every member of the team must be aware of their roles and how their contributions fit into the larger picture. This will ensure that everyone is working toward the same objective and help prevent confusion. To increase productivity, it's also crucial to assign jobs based on each person's skills and areas of expertise.

Encourage communication

The foundation of any productive group is communication. To foster respect and trust among group members honest and open communication must be encouraged. This entails both speaking your own mind and carefully listening to the points of view and opinions of others. To encourage communication and collaboration, take into account using tools like brainstorming sessions or group talks.

Create standards and regulations

Norms and rules can be established to help the group feel more organized. Setting guidelines for members' conduct, decision-making processes, and dispute resolution is part of this. Having clear rules in place can aid in averting future misunderstandings and disputes.

Accept Diversity

Diversity is a key component of healthy group dynamics.



Accept diversity in thought, experience, and background since they can produce fresh ideas and insights. But it's crucial to approach differences with an open mind and a desire to absorb new information. Keep in mind that each team member contributes something unique, and their viewpoint is important.

Celebrate achievements

Celebrate accomplishments as a group, from start to finish. Recognize the accomplishments and contributions of each team member and take some time to consider what went well and what may be improved. Celebrating accomplishments can boost morale and drive, which will reflect in subsequent endeavours.

Accept participation of team members:

A participative environment must be generated for enhancing the cohesiveness of the group. In order to maintain a balanced and productive group environment it is vital to follow a participative approach within the group. The group members

will be more motivated to cooperate with the group goals by subordinating personal interests. Inviting suggestions and updating the group plans timely to the members will convey a sense of belongingness and improve the morale of the members.

In conclusion, effort, communication, and cooperation are necessary for effective group dynamics. You can successfully navigate group dynamics and accomplish your goals by defining roles, promoting communication, establishing standards, embracing diversity, and acknowledging achievements. Always keep in mind that collaborating with others to achieve a common objective is satisfying and conducive to both professional and personal development.



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Congratulations!

Our senior faculty member from Computing and Engineering Department, **Prof. Durga Prasad Sadhu** was nominated by the Student Union for the **UWL STAR (Special Thanks and Recognition) Award** in May 2023. Members of faculty as well as administrative staff across all branch campuses as well as the Parent Campus in the UK are eligible for the nomination.

Congratulations Professor!

FACULTY FOCUS



Dr. H. Shaheen, faculty member of the Department of Computing and Engineering successfully published her research paper in IEEE Explorer. Her paper titled, **“Trust-Based Blockchain for Improving Supply Chain Communication in Internet of Vehicles”**, can be accessed here: [10.1109/IIHC55949.2022.10059993](https://doi.org/10.1109/IIHC55949.2022.10059993)

Dr. Shaheen has also completed a project on **CNN Architecture and Transfer Learning** as a part of PGP-AIML at the University of Texas, Austin. This project involves 2 subprojects to resolve the problem of a botanical research group. Part 1 Image classifier capable of determining a plant’s species and detailed analysis on how CNN is a better image classifier over traditional methods. Part 2 Image classifier capable of determining a flower’s species using CNN and curating an image dataset. We wish her the very best in pursuing such meaningful research in the future.

STUDENT TESTIMONY

When I initially set foot in the university I had no idea that it would bring out and enhance so many qualities in me that I had never recognized before.

I believe it all began for me when Ammar Shariq, my senior, who was organizing Invictus that very year, recognized my penchant for public speaking and presentations during a Women’s Day speech competition.

He encouraged me to enter the competition even though I felt unprepared. I came first in debate as well that year. This experience motivated me to take part and seize every opportunity by pushing myself harder each time.

With time, I was given opportunities to host three events

at the University. I also advanced to leadership roles in event planning and had the chance to connect with incredible people through Femalphas - WICCI panel discussions.

I entered this university as a young woman who was not very sure of herself or her strengths. But I will be leaving with the conviction that anything is possible if I put in the effort it takes. All thanks to the opportunities I was provided by my university as well as my professors and peers who have constantly pushed me to go above and beyond.



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Campus Recruitment Drive

Unlocking Opportunities: UWL’s Placement Cell hosted a successful campus recruitment drive, providing final year Finance students with a chance to showcase their skills and connect with potential employers.



Discord

The conflict needs to be genuinely acknowledged with an unbiased, open, and receptive mind because when you acknowledge your problems, you are one step closer to finding a solution.

Turmoil often feels like a pair of headphones in your pocket, wildly entangled and coiled tightly, enveloped in knots. Just like those headphones, most of the conflicts we face are interconnected to different memories and problems we have lived through.

Everyone has experienced periods in their lives in which they were overwhelmed by life's challenges and felt intense emotions like despair, agitation, anxiety, and depression. But when certain common elements are present in a generally recurring pattern and those troubling thoughts keep repeating themselves; when we feel stuck making a decision, inner turmoil or conflict often arises.

Inner conflict is a raging war within. Making decisions without letting our emotions or thoughts cloud what is right or wrong is a constant battle. It will be more difficult for you to build strong relationships with people when you are at odds with yourself and are unsure of your own preferences because the conflict will negatively impact your close relationships.

The conflict between what you know and how you feel has existed for ages and will continue to do so. We are dragged back and forth by internal conflict, which makes it difficult to identify the issue or come up with a solution. But as long as we attach emotions to things, our hearts will be involved. In addition, our society is more influenced by feelings than by reason, which is where the root of inner conflict originates.

Externally, it can be factors like stress

from studies, moving to a different location, or experiencing relationship issues with parents, partners, or friends, our upbringing and the values we have adopted from our society.

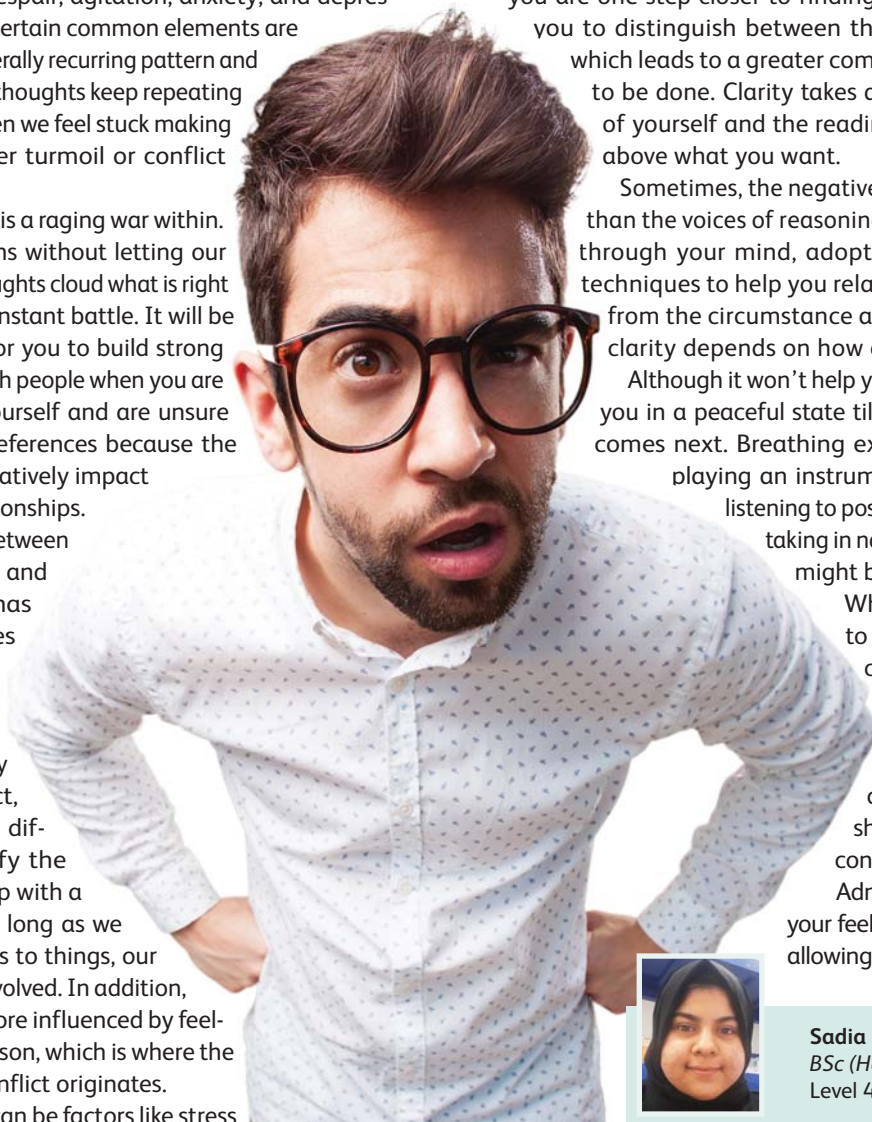
The root cause of most conflicts is misplaced priorities, ideals, and clear displays of indecision. The conflict needs to be genuinely acknowledged with an unbiased, open, and receptive mind because when you acknowledge your problems, you are one step closer to finding a solution. Clarity allows you to distinguish between the "what" and the "how," which leads to a greater comprehension of what needs to be done. Clarity takes a thorough understanding of yourself and the readiness to embrace the truth above what you want.

Sometimes, the negative inner thoughts are louder than the voices of reasoning. When negativity echoes through your mind, adopt some simple distraction techniques to help you relax. Your ability to separate from the circumstance at hand and easily achieve clarity depends on how calm your mind is.

Although it won't help you solve the issue, it will put you in a peaceful state till you can clearly see what comes next. Breathing exercises, singing, reading, playing an instrument, cooking, meditation, listening to positive affirmations, or simply taking in nature are some hobbies that might be beneficial.

While it can be challenging to acknowledge the internal conflicts, we all experience, dismissing or ignoring them deprives you of life's positive energy. Inner conflicts are similar to your shadow; you can feed them consciously or unconsciously.

Admit, acknowledge, and clear your feelings right away rather than allowing them to control you.



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Crucial Role of Shape: Topology Unleashes the Power of Deep Learning

In the stormy sea of Big Data, Deep Learning stands tall as the lighthouse of hope, bridging the gap between chaos and order, and unveiling the hidden patterns that lie within. This vibrant field of research never ceases to amaze, with researchers around the world driven by the quest for the best models and fastest networks. To keep pace with this rapidly evolving landscape, staying informed and conducting thorough

Topology is the study of the properties of geometric objects that remain invariant under continuous transformations, including changes in shape, but not in size or orientation.

investigations are vital ingredients for propelling this dynamic field towards greater heights of innovation and discovery.

In the early days of deep learning, researchers focused on solving problems that involved data represented in a Euclidean space, such as images and tabular data. However, in today's world, most real-world data we need to deal with is in non-Euclidean spaces like maps, social networks, communication networks, and molecular data. Due to the complexity and diversity of real-world data, traditional deep learning techniques are being surpassed, and the field of geometric deep learning has emerged as a response to tackle these new challenges.

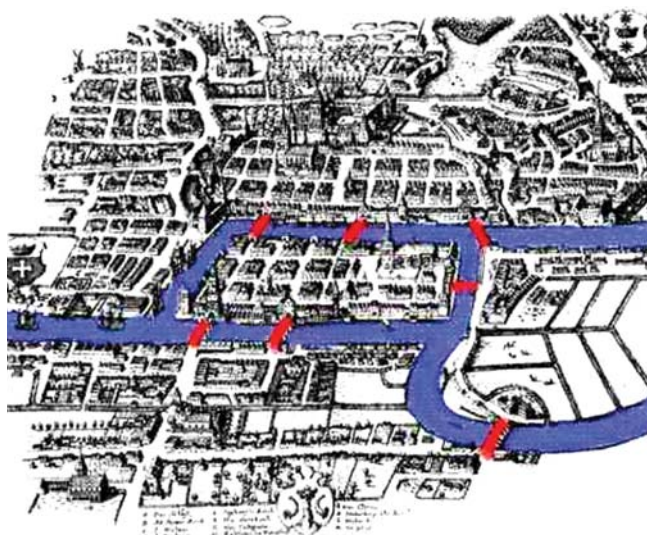
Graph neural networks were among the first prominent techniques in geometric deep learning, which treat data as edges

and nodes, and are now expanding to incorporate topological information. Graph and geometric deep learning have become increasingly popular techniques in recent years, with many companies using them to solve a wide range of problems. Companies like Google, Amazon, and Facebook have used graph deep learning for applications such as recommendation systems, fraud detection, and personalized content ranking. Uber has used graph deep learning to optimize its ride-sharing services, while IBM has applied it to fraud detection, drug discovery, and supply chain optimization. Nvidia has developed hardware and software frameworks optimized for graph and geometric deep learning, while DeepMind has used these techniques for protein folding prediction and drug discovery. Netflix and Alibaba have also used graph deep learning for personalized recommendations, search optimization, and fraud detection.

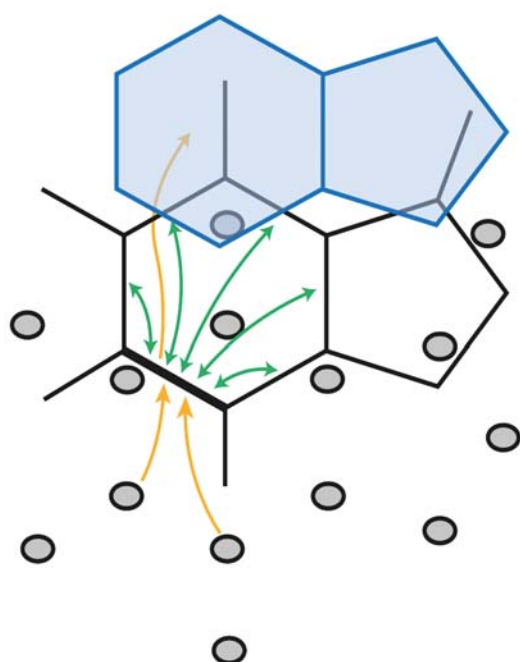
Let's take a closer look at the intriguing origins and development of graph theory and topology, and how they have evolved into powerful tools for analyzing complex systems in the modern era.

Bridge to the Future: Königsberg Bridge Problem

In the 18th century, the citizens of Königsberg, a bustling city in Prussia (now Kaliningrad, Russia), were obsessed with a peculiar problem. They had seven bridges that connected two large islands and the mainland, and the challenge was to walk across all seven bridges without crossing any bridge more than once. This seemingly simple problem had stumped many mathematicians until a young and brilliant mathematician named Leonhard Euler took on the challenge. He transformed the map of Königsberg into a graph, where the landmasses became vertices, and the bridges became edges. Euler then discovered a simple rule, now known as Euler's rule, that would help him solve the problem.



Königsberg bridge problem
- source: [MacTutor History of Mathematics Archive]



Source: Bodnar, Cristian, et al. "Weisfeiler and Lehman go cellular: CW networks." *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems* 34 (2021): 2625-2640.

This rule became the foundation of graph theory, a new mathematical tool used to study networks and connections. Graph theory gave rise to topology. Topology is the study of the properties of geometric objects that remain invariant under continuous transformations, including changes in shape, but not in size or orientation. In topology, two objects are considered the same if one can be deformed into the other without tearing or glueing. The insights and techniques gained from these geometric studies have contributed to the success of deep learning, which has become an essential tool in many areas of research and technology. Thus, from a seemingly simple problem in Königsberg, the world of mathematics and science was forever changed by the fascinating story of graph theory and topology.

The Emergence of Topology in Deep Learning

The idea of incorporating topology into deep learning became possible due to several factors, including the development of the concept of tensors, which provide a natural way to represent and manipulate topological data structures. In addition, the availability of powerful computing hardware, such as GPUs, has allowed researchers to perform large-scale parallel computations, which are necessary for processing large amounts of data and training deep neural networks. Finally, the advances in neural network architectures have been specifically designed to handle topological data structures and have shown promise in a variety of applications. Together, these factors have enabled researchers to explore new ways of incorporating topology into deep learning, which has the potential to revolutionize the field and lead to new breakthroughs in artificial intelligence.

The field of Topological Data Analysis and Deep Learning (TDL) has been gaining momentum in recent years. However, despite favorable conditions, TDL research is still in its early stages. Nevertheless, scientists like Cristian Bodnar from the University of Cambridge are working tirelessly to improve TDL algorithms, particularly in the area of message passing networks. Their efforts have yielded promising results, outperforming some of the hottest networks in the field. As we continue to wait and watch, we can hope for more breakthroughs in TDL research that may bring about miraculous advancements in the field.

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Social Mobility

Social Mobility is a concept in which people climb the so-called 'Social Ladder' to earn more, for a better life. There are a multitude of factors affecting social mobility, so let's dive into it.

Factors affecting social mobility

Social mobility has numerous influencing factors, however, the main factors are the following:

Education: This is one of the most vital factors affecting social mobility, as advances in Technology and A.I will lead laborious tasks to be taken over i.e. Bookkeeping, and manufacturing. While higher skill-based jobs i.e. engineers remain. Hence, having a degree is NOT enough in the 21st century. It's the skill as well.

Advancements in Technology: AI is playing an important role in social mobility due to its versatility in a variety of industries. ChatGPT is a prime example of this, where it can write articles, blogs, and even solve homework for students. Not to mention that AI can illustrate art, images, and videos! In the future, we can see AI being utilised in bookkeeping accounting records, Manufacturing, and writing news articles. So tasks that don't require thinking skills will be taken over.

Income: If your parents didn't have the income to send you to University, then you wouldn't get a job as you lack the knowledge and skill, hence, less income for you. And you wouldn't be able to send your children to university, hence, an education trap. There are Public Universities to break that loop. Public Universities are funded by tax, so, students from all walks of life can develop themselves into capable people.

Access to resources: If you live in a country where educational institutions, the internet, and public institutions don't exist or are poorly maintained then you wouldn't have the 'Resources' to develop yourself. Hence, having the right resources is an invaluable part of social mobility.

History of social mobility

The history of social mobility in the 20th century was shaped by significant events such as:

World War I: *World War I* Led to a significant shift in social mobility, as many individuals who had previously been denied access to education and opportunities were suddenly able to secure higher-paying jobs in the military and other industries. World War II had a similar effect, as many women were able to enter the workforce for the first time, which led to increased social mobility.

Cold War: The *Cold War* had a mixed impact on social mobility, as it increased government spending on education and other social programs, but also led to increased competition for jobs and resources. Calculating social mobility is difficult and is not accurate, however, transition matrices are the most widely used

method, which shows the movement of individuals or families between social classes over time. First researchers typically collect data on the social class or status of individuals or families at two or more points in time, then calculate the probability of moving from one class to another. However, it isn't accurate, as someone may move 3 or 4 levels higher than their parents, due to unseen events.

Climbing up the social ladder today

These three factors will help you to climb the social ladder in the 21st century:

Education: This is the foundation of your success, having a degree sets you apart from those who don't. It provides you with the basis of knowledge, thinking, and working. However, everyone has a degree in the 21st century how would you differentiate yourself from the person next to you in the interview room?

Skills: if you can do a job 10x times better than others, you will be hired! Skills are what sets you apart from everyone that has a degree. I.e. an accountant in an interview had to present a presentation about the company's upcoming financial statements. If the accountant couldn't present a simple presentation will he/she be hired? No! As that accountant didn't have the skills to present! That is the differentiator.

Networking: Networking is the most difficult and valuable source of climbing the social ladder. Andrew Carnegie met with Thomas Scott the owner of the Pennsylvania railroad company, who hired the young Carnegie as his secretary, which allowed the business-savvy Carnegie to meet with the elites of Pennsylvania and developed his sense of business. He led the way in the American steel industry. It is an extreme example, however, that doesn't mean only a handful can network.

Social mobility in the future

Predicting the future is a challenging task. And not even McKinsey & Company can predict the future. All we can say is if you have developed yourself as a person, you will climb the ladder, and succeed in it.

In conclusion, social mobility is a crucial component of any thriving society, as it allows individuals to achieve their full potential, regardless of their social background. Pursuing higher education, networking, and developing logical thinking and problem-solving skills are all important strategies for climbing up the social ladder in the 21st century.



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WICCI Panel Discussion organised by FemAlphas

The WICCI Panel Discussion, organized by FemAlphas, featured eminent speakers of the region - Dr. Sangeeth Ibrahim, Ms. Nasheeda and Ms. Dia Mitra - who discussed gender equality. The interactive Q&A session fostered meaningful dialogue and highlighted the university's commitment to creating an inclusive and empowering environment for all genders.



Women of UWL

Women's Day celebration at UWL included a contest to identify the 'Women of UWL' - the contest succeeded in showcasing the voices of UWL's female leaders through an interview contest.



Sports

UWL's Volleyball team brought home the winner's cup at the inter-collegiate event held at IMT, showcasing their exceptional teamwork, skill, and determination.



UWL's Volleyball Team emerged as the runners-up at the fiercely competitive GMU tournament.

Women of UWL – Staff Gathering

When it comes to celebrating our women, UWL leaves no stone unturned. A peek into the staff gathering on International Women’s Day, organised by the Women Empowerment Cell of the University.



Faculty Research Seminar

UWL's Faculty Research Seminars provide a platform for our esteemed faculty members to share their cutting-edge research and insights, paving the way for new discoveries and breakthroughs in their respective fields.



Dr. Haleema P K: Application of Supervised ML Techniques for Customer Churn Prediction.



Dr. Muhammed Ashad V P: Effect of Talent Management on Employee Competencies



Ms. Shahina Hashim: A Review of Cognitive Dissonance and Customer Satisfaction



Student Achievement - ACCA

Proud moment for UWL!
We would like to congratulate our alumnus Mr. Joshua Thomas John on clearing all ACCA papers and earning the well-deserved status of ACCA Affiliate in the month of April, 2023.

Food Fest

Savoring the Flavors: UWL's Food Fest brought together culinary enthusiasts from across campus to showcase their cooking skills and creativity in a variety of cuisines and desserts.



1st place:

Farzaana Begum Ahmed Hussain
BA (Hons) Business Studies , L6
and
Adnan Ashraf Dalwai
BA (Hons) Business Studies , L5



2nd Place:

Hanin Aslam
BA (Hons) Accounting & Finance, L4



Art Fest

Awe-inspiring henna designs were the show stoppers at the Art Fest. Breathtaking sketches and paintings adorned the walls of the University during the fest.



Invictus

UWL's Annual extravaganza, Invictus, showcased the incredible talents of our students in both the cultural and commerce categories, throwing light into their creativity and innovation.

Talent Show



1st Place
Neeraja Nair
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 Level 4



2nd Place
Christina & Group
 Level 5



3rd Place
Aman. K.N and Team
 Level 6

Henna Designing



1st place
Fathimath Naja Abdulla
 BSc (Hons) Computer Science
 Level 4



2nd place:
Saja Ismail
 BSc (Hons) Computer Science
 Level 5

Art



1st place
Mohammed Adhil
 BSc (Hons) Computer Science
 Level 5

Fashion



1st place
Emy Elsa Ninan
 BSc (Hons) Computer Science
 Level 4

Best Manager



1st place
Aditi Rao
 BA (Hons) Accounting & Finance
 Level 5



2nd place:
Alen Verghese Jobi
 BA (Hons) Accounting & Finance
 Level 4

Debate



1st place
Fathima Sana
 BA (Hons) Accounting & Finance
 Level 5



2nd place:
Maryam Al Baloushi
 BA (Hons) Business Studies
 Level 5



Expert Talk Series

UWL's Expert Talk Series provided a platform for our students to connect with thought leaders and industry experts who impart their experiences and knowledge in varied fields.



Dr. Mohinder Dugal, US Fulbright Fellow to the University of Bahrain and Professor - Business School, Western Connecticut State University (WCSU), USA, on "Resilience and the Wall Street Crisis of 2008"



Mr. D V Shastry, Executive Director of Natural Gas Society in India, New Delhi and a former Director HR at the Gas Authority of India Ltd, on "Ethical Leadership"



Mr. Fahad Faisal, Business Development Manager at Fortinet, on the topic "OT Cybersecurity"

Eid Ul Fitr

UWL celebrated Eid Ul Fitr, which marks the end of the holy month of Ramadan, with aplomb with delicious food, music, and photo booths.





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