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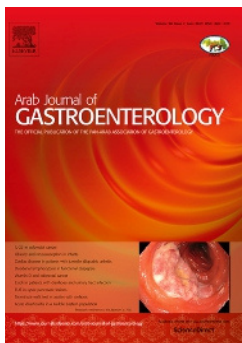
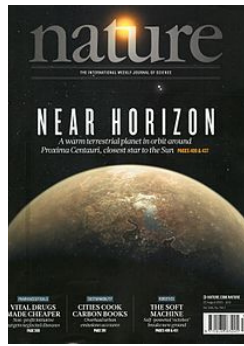
Read about the report by Derasat-UNDP Bahrain on the Covid-19 socioeconomic impacts assessment on page 2.

## COVID-19 RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS

Derasat's team of researchers, led by the Director of Studies and Research Dr. Omar Al-Ubaydli, has been producing studies, reports and data analysis about Covid-19 since the beginning of the pandemic. Derasat has also collaborated with UNDP Bahrain to research the impact of this pandemic on the Kingdom of Bahrain, compared to the UK and the US.

All the studies and reports can be viewed and downloaded for free from Derasat's website: <https://www.derasat.org.bh/covid-19/>





# SOCIAL PRACTICES AND DYNAMIC NON-HUMANS

As titled above, this book, edited by Cecily Maller and Yolande Strengers, and published by Palgrave Macmillan, contains research papers presented at the 'Animals, Automated Devices and Ecosystems' symposium, which convened in Barcelona in October 2015.

The title of this book uses non-humans as a term of the vast array of actants and agents (e.g. animals, plants, bacteria, robots) that are enrolled in, and affect change across what we understand as a society.

The book is divided into two main parts: Part I is related to nature, materiality, and processes; featuring contributions from 7 researchers exploring practices that involve living, organic, or life-like non-humans, and their social practices and effects on the world.

Part II is concerned with the social practice and dynamics of technology, automation, and performativity; in the form of robots, automated devices, and software.

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# THE IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC REPORT

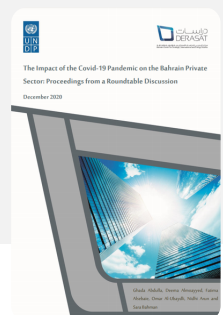
This report presents major issues discussed during the roundtable held in early November 2020, as part of the Derasat-UNDP Bahrain COVID-19 socioeconomic impacts assessment, comprising a small group of private sector representatives and other experts to discuss the impact of COVID-19 on Bahrain's private sector.

The proceedings of this discussion focused on key points related to the impact of COVID-19 on Bahrain; small and medium size enterprises; credit and liquidity; remote work and employment; and corporate social responsibility. The participants were:

- Dr. Abdulhasan Al Dairi (Chairman of Bahrain SMEs Society)
- Ms. Leena Al Olaimy (Co-founder and Executive Chairperson, 3BL Associates)
- Dr. Abdulla Al-Sada (Deputy Chief Executive, Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry)
- Dr. Omar Al-Ubaydli (Director of Research, Derasat)
- Ms. Zeeba Askar (Head of Banking and Finance, Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance)
- Ms. Dana Hamzah (Head of Economic Research, Central Bank of Bahrain)
- Mr. Stefano Pettinato (Resident Representative, UNDP Bahrain)
- Mr. Kalyan Krishnan Subramanian (Head of Markets, KPMG Bahrain)
- Mr. Ayman Zainal (Chief Commercial Officer, Bahrain Airport Company)

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