

WEDNESDAY, 28 MAY 2014

Meetings with

Faris Saeed, CEO, and Wassim Adlouni, Executive Director
Diamond Developers, Dubai, UAE

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Social Sustainability

Roundtable: 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

SSH 273, University of California, Davis

Open meeting with Faris Saeed and Wassim Adlouni of Diamond Developers and faculty working in social sustainability in the Division of Social Sciences (DSS) and Humanities, Arts, and Cultural Studies (HArCS) on research and training pertaining to the design for sustainable living.

SEMINAR and DIALOG

The Sustainable City:

Insights into the Design of a Sustainable Community

Seminar: 12:10 – 1:15 p.m./Dialog and luncheon: 1:15 – 2:30 p.m.

2045 Bainer Hall, University of California, Davis

Diamond Developers are designing the Sustainable City, an urban community to meet the needs of people living in Dubai while respecting the country's heritage and environment. The project is intended to offer practical sustainable design solutions that respect the natural landscape and curtail the impact associated with large scale development. This discussion centers on the nature and history of the project and further research and development needs. The dialog following the seminar provides an opportunity to discuss potential areas for collaborative research supported through the Sustainability Research and Training Program administered by UC Davis.

The Sustainable City: <http://www.diamond-developers.ae/thesustainablecity/>

UC Davis Call for Proposals for Sustainability Research and Training Program (SRTP):

<https://researchfunding.ucdavis.edu/#announcement/546>

Faris Saeed is CEO of Diamond Developers, Dubai, UAE. He holds a degree in Civil Engineering from Yarmouk University and in 2003 established Diamond Investments to develop larger scale projects in Dubai. After visiting West Village at the University of California, Davis, in 2010 he initiated planning and development of a sustainable community in Dubai that is now under construction as the Dubai Sustainable City. In 2014, Diamond Developers sponsored a formal agreement with UC Davis to establish the Sustainability Research and Training Program to promote research and training into the design of sustainable communities.

Wassim Adlouni is Board Member and Executive Director of Diamond Developers, Dubai, UAE. He holds a degree in Architecture from the Jordan University of Science and Technology and an MBA from the Manchester Business School. He became CEO and Board Member of Al Ajmi Engineering Consultants, Dubai, in 1995 and in partnership with the founders of Diamond Developers in 2003 established a real estate investment and development company in Dubai. He plays an active role in the realization of the Dubai Sustainable City.
