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invite you to a Special Presentation:

What Makes for a Successful Research Environment?

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Invited Scholar from Deakin University, Australia

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Time: 12:00pm to 1:30pm
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ABSTRACT Research environments are influential predictors of research productivity. While several narrative and systematic reviews have identified characteristics of research-favourable environments, these reviews have ignored the contextual complexities and multiplicity of environmental characteristics. In this talk, I will present findings from a realist synthesis of the features of successful research environments. A realist approach enables the development and testing of theory for why interventions may or may not work, for whom and under what circumstances. In line with this, I will present patterns focusing on intersections between time, identities and relationships found to be critical to successful health professions education research environments. Together we will discuss implications for how individuals, leaders and organisations can contribute towards research environments and careers that flourish.

ABOUT Dr. Rola Ajjawi has a Bachelor's Honours Degree in Physiotherapy and worked as a physiotherapist and clinical educator before moving into academia full-time with the completion of her PhD in 2007. Since then she has led a programme of research centred on workplace learning with an interest in assessment and feedback in the workplace. She has over 70 publications including peer-review journal articles, book chapters and books. Rola is Deputy Editor for the journal *Medical Education* and is co-editor of a forthcoming book on *Developing Evaluative Judgement*.