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THE IMPACT OF USING WEB TECHNOLOGY AS SOURCE OF KNOWLEDGE ON STUDENT-LECTURER RELATIONSHIP

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BACKGROUND
Role of lecturer is categorised into six aspects: information provider, role model, facilitator, examiner, planner and resource developer (Fallows, 2002). Relationship between lecturer and student has changed because sources of information have varied gradually in the light of resources revolution (Marshall, 2009). This study highlights the impact of these resources on the relationship between student and lecturer.

STUDY FOCUS
This research aims to investigate the impact of using web technology on the student-lecturer relationship in Saudi Arabia. Data will be collected from three main universities and samples will be chosen from those who use web applications in their education.

The research targets students who frequently use Internet websites for study purposes and as a communication channel with lecturers.

RESEARCH QUESTIONS
- What is an impact of Internet websites as a source of knowledge on the student-lecturer relationship?

ASPECTS OF THE IMPACT
- Expert power  
- Referent power  
- Self-confidence  
- Reliance  
- Connectedness

EXPECTED OUTCOMES
- Improving the teaching approach by focusing more on students’ needs and expectations.  
- Model or toolkit for assessing and monitoring effective use of technology in education.

METHODOLOGY
- A questionnaire  
The questionnaire has 45 close-ended 7-point and 5 open-ended questions. It is divided into six groups, each of which measures the specific aspect of the relationship  
- Responses  
1346 (Total participations)  
969 (males)  
377 (females)

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