



Almanar Consultancy Testimonials

"Fiona Hill's workshop for academic and professional staff was a very valuable contribution to ensuring the success of the Arab student experience at QUT. Dr Hill's expertise was evident and her manner of presentation very engaging."

Professor Rod Wissler, Dean of Graduate Studies, Division of Research and Commercialisation, Queensland University of Technology

"I am delighted to have discovered the Arab world, not only as a market-place but also as a fascinating cultural region, and I thank Dr Fiona Hill for this. We greatly depend on her as our chaperone on our visits to the region. Her special understanding of the region and her unique ability to navigate the government and business worlds has proven invaluable to the success of our venture. I know with certainty that our efforts to do business in the region without Dr Hill would have been wasted, and that her efforts have saved us years."

Peter Broadbent, CEO, Sustain Ability International P/L

"I have great confidence in Dr Fiona Hill's ability and I recommend her highly to my colleagues in the Kingdom. She is professional and always gives her all to the job."

Abdallah A. Aldubaikhi, Chairman Al Faisaliah Group, & President Awalnet, Saudi Arabia

"Dr Fiona Hill's pre-departure briefings for Oman was meticulously researched and well delivered. Our corporate client evaluated the presentation as being at the highest possible level. We will certainly call on Dr Hill again for her expertise, in-depth content and clear presentation."

Jane Hayman, Cross Cultural Consultant, International Consultants Centre, Melbourne

"I highly value Dr Fiona Hill's efforts in clarifying and promoting the Arab and Islamic culture in Australia. Dr Hill is a good asset and I believe her role will enhance and strengthen multiculturalism in Australian society."

His Excellency Samir Masarweh, fmr Ambassador to Australia for Kingdom of Jordan

"There is no doubt that the expert inside intelligence I gained from Dr Fiona Hill won me the job in the Emirates that I thought I could only dream of. Her attention to detail and her vast experience and understanding of the region and what drives it and its aspirations gave me confidence and an insider's view. The position was hotly

contested internationally but thanks to the coaching by Dr Hill my interview was outstanding and I gained the position I wanted, where I wanted."

Christine Champion, English Teacher, Ras Al Khaimah HCT, United Arab Emirates

"The most beneficial aspect of the professional development program delivered by Dr Fiona Hill to our member teachers was a deeper understanding of Islam which leads to a broader understanding of students. We would like Fiona to continue to provide PD for VATME on this subject. Participants commented that it should be compulsory for all teachers."

Anne Keary, Education Officer, Victorian Association TESOL & Multicultural Education

"Fiona Hill's keynote address at the Studies of Asia Conference provided teachers with very clear pathways with which to deepen their own and their students' understandings of Islam. Her speech challenged existing knowledge and experiences within the audience and was rated very highly by participants. Teachers will now teach with greater confidence and enthusiasm about this topic. "

Jill Wilson, Victorian Advisor, National Teacher Network, Asia Education Foundation

"Dr Hill's review and extensive comments on our Islamic World Middle History chapter being prepared for publication was thorough and very informative. She made useful and realistic suggestions for improvement, and worked to meet our deadlines. The quality and depth of the review was such that we will have no hesitation in using Dr Hill's services again. "

Sharon Ottery, NSW Publisher for School Division, John Wiley (Jacaranda Press)

"Fiona Hill has expertly guided Reed-Heinemann through her understanding and informative advice on dealing with the tradition and culture of the Saudi people. She has at all times been very professional whilst having a communicative and pleasant approach."

Kathy Hatzi, General Manager Harcourt Education Australia (Reed-Heinemann)

"We were excited that (Fiona was) interested to know how we created change in areas of resistance and traditional conservatism ... (Fiona) helped us have more confidence to move in many ways of understanding and presenting, exploring and discovering Islamic ways with our students and their teachers."

Access Asia Teacher Network for Ballarat region, Victoria

"Dr Fiona Hill has a real gift for communication. Students in RMIT University's Masters in Organisational Dynamics enjoyed their work with Fiona around cross-cultural issues in the 'Culture, Diversity and Collaborative Management' module and reported that they felt their learning was broadened by her contribution."

*Wendy Harding, Facilitator Master Applied Science (Organisation Dynamics)
RMIT Uni*

“Dr Fiona Hill reviewed the text and illustrations for our chapter on Islam and her comments were insightful, educative and thoughtful. I found the review very instructive.”

Hilary Royston, Publisher, Heinemann (Harcourt Education Australia)

“Dr Hill's article on Muslim ESL learners in Australia, which featured in the TESOL Islamia Newsletter (2003), was warmly received. The article showed an intimate understanding of the key issues that Muslim learners face in an ESL environment. It's just precisely the sort of thing that TESOL in the Arabian Gulf region badly needs.”

Sohail Karmani, Director TESOL Islamia, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

“I was inspired by a talk on Islam and Muslim learners by Dr Fiona Hill to accept a teaching position in Saudi Arabia. I continue to value Dr Hill's expertise. Her sensitivity to the characteristics of the population, and her overall empathy with the region, enriches the experience greatly for me.”

*Christine Kania, English Teacher, Women's College Prince Sultan University,
Saudi Arabia*

“Dr Hill's presentation was one of the most interesting and comprehensive Asialink has had the privilege of hosting. It was a rare treat to hear someone of her expertise deliver a thought provoking overview of Islam and highlight the general misunderstanding many Australians continue to hold ... the audience remarked on her professional public speaking skills and in-depth understanding.”

Tom Parker, Manager Public Programs, Generation Asia, Asialink Centre

“We engaged Dr Fiona Hill to assist with the preparation of a major and complex proposal, working closely with Monash academics and administrative staff and a range of other stakeholders, and under significant time pressure. All were very positive about the contribution of Dr Hill. Her extensive knowledge and understanding of Islam and the Middle East and networks within Australia were extremely valuable. Fiona is highly collaborative, focused and flexible in her working style. She has very good research and writing skills, is self-starting and completely reliable. We certainly intend to work with her again.”

*Rosalind King, Business Development Manager, Faculty of Arts, Monash
University*