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2019

Sri Lankan Languages & Literature

13-14 November

A conference organized by
the Department of English
University of Colombo

PROGRAMME

Day 1 (13th November 2019)

(Senate Hall, University of Colombo)

- 8:00 a.m. Registration
- 9:00 a.m. Inauguration
- 9:15 a.m. Address by Dr. Shermal Wijewardene, Head, Department of English
- 9:30 a.m. Address by Professor Premakumara de Silva, Dean, Faculty of Arts
- 9:45 a.m. Address by Professor Chandrika Wijeyaratne, Vice-Chancellor, University of Colombo
- 10:00 a.m. | Tea
- 10:30 a.m. **Keynote Address** | Archive and the Algorithm: Raising the Stakes of the Future of History | Dr. Padmini Ray Murray
(Design Beku | Srishti Institute of Art, Design and Technology, India)

Paper Presentations | **The Digital Humanities**

Chair: Dr. Padmini Ray Murray

- 11:00 – 11:20 Sarika Warusavitarana (University of Colombo) | #GenElecSL: A Study on the Communicative Roles Played by Hashtags during Sri Lanka's 2015 General Election
- 11:20 – 11:40 Shermal Wijewardene (University of Colombo) | Writing a 'Hook-Up' App for Sri Lankan English Theatre: Locating Queer Youth Sexuality with Digital Technology in *The One Who Loves You So*

11:40 a.m – 12 noon | Discussion

12:00 noon - 1 p.m. | Lunch

Paper Presentations | **The Gratiaen Literary Archive: 25 Years of Sri Lankan Literature**

Chair: Professor Walter Perera

1:00 – 1:20 Neluka Silva (University of Colombo) | The Politics of Displacement: ‘Othering’ of Refugees in Jean Arasanayagam’s Work

1:20 – 1:40 Neloufer de Mel (University of Colombo) | The City as Archive: Mapping Jaffna in Sri Lankan English Literature

1:40 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Discussion

Chair: Professor Saumya Liyanage

2:00 – 2:20 Praveen Tilakaratne (University of Colombo) | After Magic Realism?: Reading *Rankaranduva* in the Age of Post-critique

2:20 – 2:40 Harshana Rambukwella (Open University of Sri Lanka) | The Politics of Aesthetics: The Precarious Business of Judging Literature

2:40 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. | Discussion

3:30 p.m. | Tea

A Performance Installation

DramSoc, English Drama Society of the University of Colombo | 10am, 2pm, 4pm

Day 2 (14th November 2019)

(Senate Hall, University of Colombo)

9:30 a.m. Registration

10:00 a.m. **Launch of the International Corpus of English Sri Lanka**

Introduction to ICE-SL: Prof. Dushyanthi Mendis (Department of English, University of Colombo)

10:15 a.m. **Keynote Address** | The Sri Lankan Component of the International Corpus of English: Structure, History, Use | Prof. Joybrato Mukherjee (Justus-Liebig University, Germany)

11:15 a.m. Celebrating 10 years of Collaboration between University of Colombo and Justus-Liebig University (Student Testimonials)

11:30 a.m. Video Message and Corpus Demonstration: Dr. Tobias Bernaisch (Justus-Liebig University, Germany)

12:00 noon - 1 p.m. | Lunch

Paper Presentations (Parallel Sessions) | Corpora & Language Studies

Time	Language and Ideology (Old FGS Auditorium – Section 1)	Corpora, grammar and applications (Old FGS Auditorium – Section 2)	Sri Lankan and South Asian Englishes (Senate Hall, University of Colombo)
Chairs	Dr Kaushalya Perera	Dr Ruvan Weerasinghe	Prof Dushyanthi Mendis
1:30 – 1:50	Who wants to sterilise the Sinhalese?: A social media Critical Discourse Analysis on the communal clashes in Sri Lanka in 2018 <i>Carmen Aguilera-Carnerero</i> (University of Granada)	A corpus-based method for morphological analysis <i>Nimasha Dilshani and Gihan Dias</i> (University of Moratuwa)	Linguistic innovations, acceptance and norm development: Is written Sri Lankan English forming alternative norms? <i>Chathuri Hediwaththege</i> (University of Colombo)
1:50 – 2:10	The language of rights: an analysis of ‘right(s)’ and ‘fundamental right(s)’ in Sri Lankan Supreme Court decisions <i>Charya Samarakoon</i> (Centre for Policy Alternatives)	The acquisition of split Intransitivity by the Lankan L2 English learner <i>Kumarasamy Ravindran</i> (University of Colombo)	Conceptual Metaphor in South Asian Englishes: A Corpus-Based Approach <i>Mandulee Mendis</i> (University of Colombo)
2:10 – 2:30	Seeming neutrality of corpora as neutralizer of ideological struggles: The case of available bodies of ‘data’ on Adivasi language <i>Nandaka Maduranga Kalugampitiya</i> (University of Peradeniya)		A Corpus Analysis of the Use of Prepositions of Place among the Users of Sri Lankan English <i>Sajith Peiris</i> (University of Colombo)

3:00 p.m. ‘Cool solidarity’ in Sri Lankan English | Prof. Dushyanthi Mendis (University of Colombo)
(Senate Hall, University of Colombo)

4:00 p.m. | Tea & Discussion

Exploring Performance and the Digital: A Response by the DramSoc, University of Colombo