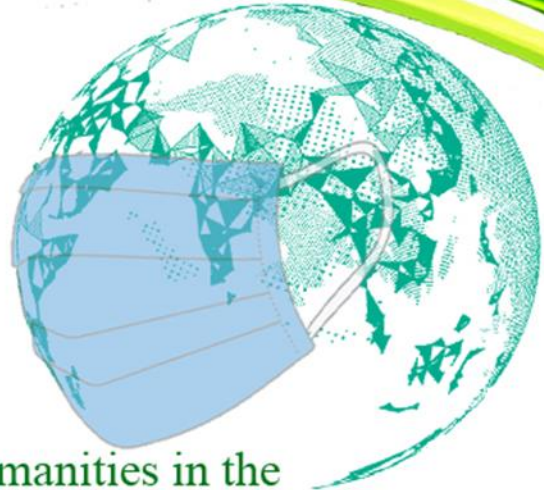




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Social Sciences and Humanities in the  
Digital Age and in Pandemic Times  
Annual Research Symposium 2021

26<sup>th</sup> of March 2021

**Inauguration Agenda**

**8.30am - 8.40am**

*Welcome Address by Head, Department of Sociology, Prof. Farzana Haniffa*

**8.40am - 8.50am**

*Address by the Chair, Department of Sociology, Senior Prof. Premakumara de Silva*

**8.50am - 9.00am**

*Address by the Dean, Faculty of Arts, Senior Prof. Lasantha Manawadu*

**9.00am - 9.10am**

*Address by the Vice Chancellor, University of Colombo, Senior Prof. Chandrika N. Wijeyaratne*

**9.15am - 10.20am**

*Keynote address by Prof. Benjamin Schonthal, University of Otago-New Zealand  
A New Story of Buddhist Law: Thinking about Empire and Interlegality in a Digital Age*

**10.20am - 10.30am**

*Vote of thanks by Ms Chamalie Gunawardane*

*Host: Dr. Tharindi/ Mr. Asitha/ Mr. Gamlath*

*Compere: Ms. Anuradha*

*Venue: Student Computer Lab I*

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## *Technical Session: Education*

### *The Impact of the Pandemic on Education 1: Rural Communities*

*Chair: Dr. Tharindi Udalagama*

**Host: Dr. Tharindi Udalagama Assistance: Ms. Madusha  
Venue: Seminar Room, Department of Sociology**

<b>11.00am- 12.30pm</b>	<b>Login:</b> <a href="https://learn.zoom.us/j/67859014405?pwd=UmRXazVwYmRHcHYvM3BGeXB4ZzBXQT09">https://learn.zoom.us/j/67859014405?pwd=UmRXazVwYmRHcHYvM3BGeXB4ZzBXQT09</a>	
<b>11.05am- 11.20am</b>	Major Challenges of Online Learning: the Experience of Students of Atulugama Schools.	J.S.Fathima Sajla M.F.Famees F.Fathima Farha
<b>11.20am- 11.35am</b>	කොවිඩ් 19 වසංගතය හමුවේ මාර්ගගත ඉගැන්වීම් ක්‍රියාවලිය ග්‍රාමීය පාසල්හි ගුරුවරුන් කෙරෙහි බලපෑ ආකාරය (මහියංගනය අධ්‍යාපන කලාපය ඇසුරින්)	R.M.S Ashangi Rathnayake
<b>11.35am- 11.50am</b>	“ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ ග්‍රාමීය පාසල් අධ්‍යාපන ක්‍රමය සහ කොවිඩ් වසංගතයේ බලපෑම පිළිබඳ විශ්ලේෂණාත්මක අධ්‍යයනයක්” (හම්බන්තොට දිස්ත්‍රික්කයේ හම්බන්තොට අධ්‍යාපන කොට්ඨාසය ඇසුරෙන්)	NT Marasinghe
<b>11.50am- 12.05pm</b>	කොවිඩ් 19 වසංගතය හමුවේ ග්‍රාමීය වතු පාසල් මුහුණදෙන අනාගත අභියෝගය: බුලත්සිංහල ප්‍රාදේශීය මහ ලේකම් කොට්ඨාසයේ තෝරාගත් පුල්ලේමඩු (පුල්ලේමඩම්) ආශ්‍රයෙන්	RN Pathum
<b>12.05pm- 12.30pm</b>	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	

### *The Impact of the Pandemic on Education 2: Tertiary Education*

*Chair: Prof. Iresha Lakshman*

**Host: Prof. Iresha Lakshman Assistance: Ms. Supeshala  
Venue: Auditorium, Department of Sociology**

<b>11.00am- 12.30pm</b>	<b>Login:</b> <a href="https://learn.zoom.us/j/63455853046?pwd=eE44WVlyY05kVk9MWVQxWUhpDITdz09">https://learn.zoom.us/j/63455853046?pwd=eE44WVlyY05kVk9MWVQxWUhpDITdz09</a>	
<b>11.05am- 11.20am</b>	විශ්වවිද්‍යාල සිසුන්ගේ මාර්ගගත ඉගෙනුම් ඉගැන්වීම් ක්‍රියාවලිය වෙත කොවිඩ් 19 වසංගතයෙහි බලපෑම : කැළණිය විශ්වවිද්‍යාලය ඇසුරෙන්	WGWD Dharmathilaka
<b>11.20am- 11.35am</b>	Differently Abled Students' Educational needs and their Future Prospects	ANNM Gunasekara
<b>11.35am- 11.50am</b>	Effectiveness of Social Media for Education during the COVID-19 Pandemic with Special Reference to the Undergraduates in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Ruhuna	WMDC Wijesinghe, RMKS Rathnayaka KCJ Kalubovila
<b>11.50am- 12.05pm</b>	Local Impact of Online Learning During COVID 19: The Case of Young Bhikku Students.	WSN Siriwardhana IM Dissanayaka MAD Madhushanka RMSS Rathnayaka
<b>12.05pm- 12.30pm</b>	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	

## *The Impact of the Pandemic on Education 3: General Challenges of Online Education*

*Chair: Prof. Gameela Samarasinghe*

**Host/ Assistance: Ms. Chamalie**

**Venue: Student Computer Unit I**

<b>11.00am- 12.30pm</b>	<b>Login:</b> <a href="https://learn.zoom.us/j/69308131713?pwd=U0J1d3NYdEx6bzVFN2F6VEs0M3dJZz09">https://learn.zoom.us/j/69308131713?pwd=U0J1d3NYdEx6bzVFN2F6VEs0M3dJZz09</a>
<b>11.05am- 11.20am</b>	Education of Students with Disabilities During COVID - 19: Difficulties Faced by Students with Hearing Impairments WSN Siriwardhana IM Dissanayaka
<b>11.20am- 11.35am</b>	මාර්ගගත ඉගෙනුම් ක්‍රමයන් සිංහල භාෂාව ඉගෙනීමේ දී හා ඉගැන්වීමේ දී මුහුණ පෑමට සිදු වන අභියෝග (තෝරා ගත් ජාත්‍යන්තර පාසලක සිසුන් හා ගුරුවරුන් ඇසුරෙන්) Nadeeka Sandamali, Rashini Kaushalya
<b>11.35am- 12.30pm</b>	<b>Q &amp; A</b>

## *Technical Session: The Pandemic & Media*

### *The Pandemic and the Media*

*Chair: Dr. Jagath Bandara Pathirage*

**Host: Mr. Asitha Mr. Gamlath Assistance: Mr. Dishan**

**Venue: Students Computer Unit II**

<b>11.00am- 12.30pm</b>	<b>Login:</b> <a href="https://learn.zoom.us/j/68653595211?pwd=SEdzZWxHWE5rNFBBYmlLb2QyaDJ4dz09">https://learn.zoom.us/j/68653595211?pwd=SEdzZWxHWE5rNFBBYmlLb2QyaDJ4dz09</a>
<b>11.05am- 11.20am</b>	A Sociological Analysis of News Reporting During COVID-19 Pandemic: A Review of the Sri Lankan Practice MAD Madhushanka KAAN Thilakarathne Keshani Munasinghe
<b>11.20am- 11.35am</b>	"Hate is Also a Virus": An Investigation into COVID-19 Related Online Hate Speech in Sri Lanka Senel Wanniarachchi, Nethmini Medawala Prihesh Rathnayake, Harindrini Corea
<b>11.35am- 11.50am</b>	“කොරෝනා පැණිය” හා බැඳී සමාජ මාධ්‍ය ප්‍රචාරණ මඟින් අවදානම් සමාජය විකෘතිකරණය කිරීමේදී සිදු කළ බලපෑම: සමාජ විද්‍යාත්මක කියැවීමක් RMRS Rajapaksha DMY Abeywardhana
<b>11.50am- 12.05pm</b>	The Social Media Discourse and “Evolutionary” Digital Buddhism: A Language Action Perspective. KMW Vithanage PN Abhayasundere PM Jayaweera
<b>12.05pm- 12.30pm</b>	<b>Q &amp; A</b>

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## *Technical Session: Society & Culture*

### *Society and Culture under Pandemic Conditions 1: Violence and Gender*

*Chair: Prof. Subhangi Herath*

**Host: Mr. Asitha/ Mr. Gamlath Assistance: Ms. Wasana  
Venue: Student Computer Unit I**

2.00pm- 3.30pm	<b>Login:</b> <a href="https://learn.zoom.us/j/69569810560?pwd=TWRrV3dKeHhCekdhZXI3aUU1bVZndz09">https://learn.zoom.us/j/69569810560?pwd=TWRrV3dKeHhCekdhZXI3aUU1bVZndz09</a>	
2.05pm- 2.20pm	ශ්‍රී ලංකා ආරක්ෂක හමුදාවේ කොවිඩ් -19 වසංගතය මර්දනයෙහිලා මුහුණ දෙන අභියෝග පිළිබඳ සමාජ විද්‍යාත්මක විමසා බැලීමක්	Deva Michel de Silva KNP Kulasekara
2.20pm- 2.35pm	කොවිඩ් 19 සමාජ හුදකලා (Lockdown) කාල සීමාව පිළිබඳ ස්ත්‍රීවාදී විමසුමක්	Harshani Wasana Fernando
2.35pm- 2.50pm	කොවිඩ් 19 සහ ග්‍රාමීය ප්‍රවණත්වය : දික්වැල්ල කොට්ඨාශයේ තෝරාගත් නෙලුම්වැව ග්‍රාමය ඇසුරෙන්	DGCH Yapa
2.50pm- 3.30pm	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	

### *Society and Culture under Pandemic Conditions 2: Class and Location*

*Chair: Dr Nishara Fernando*

**Host/ Assistance: Ms. Anuradha  
Venue: Student Computer Unit II**

2.00pm- 3.30pm	<b>Login:</b> <a href="https://learn.zoom.us/j/64293940266?pwd=SWV1QnpYanZtbkpFUWE1dDViamPMUT09">https://learn.zoom.us/j/64293940266?pwd=SWV1QnpYanZtbkpFUWE1dDViamPMUT09</a>	
2.05pm- 2.20pm	කොවිඩ් 19 වසංගතය හමුවේ කෘෂිකාර්මික ශ්‍රමිකයන් මුහුණ දෙන ලද අභියෝග	IM Dissanayaka WSN Siriwardhana
2.20pm- 2.35pm	Low Income Urban Dwellers' Perception on Social Stigmatization During a Pandemic Situation; A Study Based on "Sayurupura" Condominium Area in Angulana	H.L.S De Zoysa
2.35pm- 2.50pm	Life with COVID 19: Cultural Dynamism, Class Condition and Modification of Elementary Forms of Lifeworld	Samitha Udayanga
2.50pm- 3.05pm	Impact of Inflation and GDP on Unemployment: A Study on the Sri Lankan Economy in 1985-2020.	PMGS Nipunika WM Jayathilakala
3.05pm- 3.30pm	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	

## *Society and Culture under Pandemic Conditions 3: Transforming Relationships*

*Chair: Dr. Shamini Chandran/ Dr. MTM Mahees (translator)*

**Host: Dr. MTM Mahees Assistance: Ms. Wazeema/ Mr. Susith**

**Venue: Auditorium, Department of Sociology**

<b>2.00pm- 3.30pm</b>	<b>Login:</b> <a href="https://learn.zoom.us/j/68545556262?pwd=WVBUbM2RDRIREFSFo3WTQrUUZLNmpmQT09">https://learn.zoom.us/j/68545556262?pwd=WVBUbM2RDRIREFSFo3WTQrUUZLNmpmQT09</a>	
<b>2.05pm- 2.20pm</b>	Home in a high-rise housing project in the city of Colombo, Sri Lanka	Avanka Fernando
<b>2.20pm- 2.35pm</b>	கொவிட்-19 இலங்கை முஸ்லிம்களின் இறப்புக் கலாச்சாரத்தில் ஏற்படுத்திய தாக்கங்கள்: சமூக, சமய, கலாச்சார நோக்கு  The Impact of Covid-19 on the Death Culture of Sri Lankan Muslims: A Social, Religious, and Cultural Perspective.	MF Famees JS Fathima Sajla F Fathima Farha
<b>2.35pm- 2.50pm</b>	தொற்று நிலைமையின் போது புத்துயிர் பெற்ற தேயிலைப் பெருந்தோட்ட மக்களின் இயற்கையுடன் அமைந்த பாரம்பரிய வாழ்வியல் அம்சங்கள்: பொகவந்தலாவ தெற்கு கிராம சேவகர் பிரிவை அடிப்படையாகக் கொண்ட ஓர் ஆய்வு  The revival of traditional practices connected with nature in everyday life: Malaiyaha Tamil communities During the Pandemic (A Research Based in Bogawantalawa South Grama Niladhari Division)	M Kirshnasoban N Pasdevan
<b>2.50pm- 3.05pm</b>	වසංගත තත්වයන් යටතේ ශ්‍රී ලාංකීය සමාජය සහ සංස්කෘතිය [A]	Ishara Jayarathne
<b>3.05pm- 3.30pm</b>	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	

## *Technical Session: COVID 19 and the Discourse on Health*

### *COVID 19 and the Discourse on Health*

*Chair: Prof. Chandani Liyanage*

**Host/ Assistance: Dr. Tharindi Udalgama**

**Venue: IDAS Computer Lab**

<b>2.00pm- 3.30pm</b>	<b>Login:</b> <a href="https://learn.zoom.us/j/68772813703?pwd=R050UitOSXU3d05QYSs2Qkw1aTZodz09">https://learn.zoom.us/j/68772813703?pwd=R050UitOSXU3d05QYSs2Qkw1aTZodz09</a>	
<b>2.05pm- 2.20pm</b>	People's Expectations and Official Communication of the Ministry of Health During the COVID-19 Period	ADNL Ruwanpathirana HVK Piumali BKD Lakmali, ANAS Gunasekara SKRS Kumarasiri
<b>2.20pm- 2.35pm</b>	A Study of Covid -19 Epidemic Awareness and Propensity to Use Indigenous Traditional Medicine	KKHP Nisansala
<b>2.35pm- 2.50pm</b>	ධම්මික පැණිය සීමාකනය හා පරිහරය ගැන සිද්ධි අධ්‍යයනයක්	Thamalu Maliththa Piyadigama
<b>2.50pm- 3.05pm</b>	Societal Perceptions Regarding COVID related Sanitary Practices among the Urban Population	K Rewathy
<b>3.05pm- 3.30pm</b>	<b>Q &amp; A</b>	

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