

Day 2
29th September 2017

8.15 - 9.00	Registration Main Entrance of Faculty of Arts		
9.00 – 10.00	Plenary Session		
	Why do SL learners need English? The chameleonic nature of 21st century learner beliefs and its impact on teaching		
	Dr Hemamala Ratwatte		
	Visiting Fellow at the University of London, Institute of Education, UK and a Research Fellow at the University of Melbourne, Graduate School of Education, Australia.		
Venue	M.B. Ariyapala Auditorium		
10.00 – 10.15	Tea		
	Concurrent Session I		
Theme	Language & Education	Theoretical & Applied Linguistics	Workshop
Venue	M.B. Ariyapala Auditorium	Board Room, Faculty of Arts	Auditorium, Department of Economics
10.15 – 10.30	Language Assessment in Sri Lankan Englishes <i>Prof. Dushyanthi Mendis</i> <i>University of Colombo</i>	Concrete and Abstract Concepts in Visually Impaired ESL Learners	ELT for Intercultural and Interfaith Learning <i>Bhagya Wijayawardane</i>

		<i>Dr Raman Madhavi Gayathri The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, India</i>		
10.30 – 10.45	Lexical Diversity in Narratives of ESL Learners <i>Dr Vijaya Srivastva The English and Foreign Languages University, Lucknow, India</i>	The Impact of Focus on Form Instruction on Grammatical Accuracy <i>Sajeewani Fernando Wayamba University of Sri Lanka</i>		
10.45 – 11.00	Transition to English Medium Instruction: Key Factors Limiting its Effectiveness <i>Ashtamurthy Killimangalam & Anit Girgla Cherian Australian Council for Educational Research, India</i>	The Feasibility of Creating a Successful Autonomous Learner in L2 in the Absence of Teacher. <i>Anusha Tennekoon Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education (SLIATE)</i>		
11.00 – 11.15	DISCUSSION AND CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION			
	Concurrent Session II			
Theme	Language & Education	Theoretical & Applied Linguistics	Innovations in Language Teaching	Workshop

Venue	M.B. Ariyapala Auditorium	Board Room, Faculty of Arts	Auditorium, Department of Economics	Room 114
11.15 – 11.30	<p>Role of First Language in Bilingual Education</p> <p><i>Chamila Kumari</i> Zonal Education Office, Kandy</p>	<p>An Investigation of Grammatical Competencies of Science Undergraduates in a State University</p> <p><i>Shivaneel Ilangakoon & K.G.J. Ravindran</i> University of Colombo</p>	<p>Effectiveness of Using Videos to Improve Listening Skills of the Students Learning English as a Second Language at the Faculty of Humanities, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka: A Case Study</p> <p><i>Buddhima Keerthiwansha</i> University of Kelaniya</p>	<p>Multiculturalism and the Language Teacher</p> <p><i>Dr Victor Sheba</i> The English & Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, India</p>
11.30 – 11.45	<p>Absence of Using Language Skills in Learning English Language in School Education</p> <p><i>M.R.F. Rustha & T.M.F. Wazeema</i> South Eastern University of Sri Lanka</p>	<p>Identification of Causes for Poor English Language Reading and Writing Skills of Secondary School Students in Sri Lanka – A Case Study</p> <p><i>K. M. Prabhani</i> Zonal Education Office, Akuressa</p>	<p>Theoretical and Empirical Literature on the Transition from the L1 Medium to the English Medium</p> <p><i>Nadee Mahawattha Sabaragamuwa,</i> University of Sri Lanka</p>	
11.45 – 12.00	<p>An ESP Need Analysis for English Medium Undergraduates in a Sri Lankan University</p>	<p>Reading Circles: The ESL Student's Quest for Agency and Motivation</p>		

	<i>Dr Konara M. Dissanayake & A. Kammanankada Wayamba University of Sri Lanka</i>	<i>Kethakie Nagahawatte & Nicola Perera University of Colombo</i>		
12.00 – 12.15	DISCUSSION AND CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION			
12.15 – 1.00	Lunch			
12.15 – 1.00	Poster Presentation Session			
	Concurrent Session III			
Theme	Language & Education	Language & Education	Workshop	
Venue	M.B. Ariyapala Auditorium	Board Room, Faculty of Arts	Auditorium, Department of Economics	
1.00 - 1.15	Grammar as a Dynamic System <i>Prof Diane Larsen-Freeman University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA</i>	Teacher Code Switching: Impact on Students' Performance and Attitudes <i>Hemantha Edirisinghe Wayamba University of Sri Lanka</i>	Academic Reading and Writing Strategies in the Digital Age <i>George Perera International Institute of Health Sciences (IIHS)</i>	
1.15 – 1.30		Enhancing Language Proficiency of Sri Lankan English Teacher Trainees: Challenges and Opportunities.		

		<i>Sujani Balasooriya Sri Lanka Institute of Advanced Technological Education (SLIATE)</i>	
1.30 – 1.45	Metaphor Comprehension in Young ESL Learners <i>Dr S. Menon & Dr Madhavi Gayathri Raman The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, India</i>	Voice-based Lessons as an Integral Part of the Curriculum <i>Sobani Iddamalgoda University of Colombo</i>	
1.45 – 2.00	DISCUSSION AND CERTIFICATE PRESENTATION		
2.00 – 3.00	Panel Discussion		
	Doing ESL research: Diverse perspectives from five contexts		
	Panellists: Dr Sreemali Herath, Kethakie Nagahawatte, Jayathri Kalinga, Sudarma Gamage, Kaushalya Perera		
Venue	M.B. Ariyapala Auditorium		
3. 00 – 3.30	CLOSING CEREMONY		
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3. 30 – 4. 00	Tea