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**8-9 November 2018**

# Inauguration Ceremony

## AGENDA

9<sup>th</sup> November 2018

- 8.00 a.m.      Registration
- 8.50 a.m.      Commencement of Proceedings
- 9.00 a.m.      Video Presentation
- 9.15 a.m.      Welcome Address  
Senior Professor Premakumara de Silva  
Dean, Faculty of Arts
- 9.25 a.m.      Address by the Vice Chancellor  
Senior Professor Lakshman Dissanayake  
Vice Chancellor, University of Colombo
- 9.35 a.m.      Keynote Address: *Is the Indian Ocean Economy a New Global Growth Pole?*  
Dr. Ganeshan Wignaraja, Executive Director, Lakshman Kadirgamar Institute of International Relations and Strategic Studies
- 10.20 a.m.      Vote of Thanks  
Dr. M. Ganeshamoorthy, Conference Chair
- 10.30 a.m.      Tea

## NOTES

- There will be parallel sessions conducted at the following venues:
  1. M.B. Ariyapala Auditorium, Department of Sinhala
  2. Boardroom, Faculty of Arts
  3. Auditorium, Department of Economics
- Lunch and tea will be served at the Cartography Room of the Department of Geography
- The Inauguration and the Closing Ceremony will be held at the M. B. Ariyapala Auditorium, Department of Sinhala.
- Conference Fellowship will be held at the Faculty Club

**8<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Afternoon Session (2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.)**

Theme	Intersectionality between Demography and Gender	Language and Technology	Economics of Tourism and Transport
Venue	M. B. Ariyapala Auditorium, Department of Sinhala	Boardroom, Faculty of Arts	Auditorium, Department of Economics
Chairperson	Professor Swarna Ukwatta	Dr Shermal Wijewardene	Professor Athula Ranasinghe
2.30 p.m. – 2.50 p.m.	Gender responsive policy framework on labour and employment: Challenges and issues  <u><i>L. Dissananake, S.P. Premaratne, &amp; P. Kailasapathy</i></u>	Google Scholar: Opportunity, threat, or seduction?  <u><i>D. Mendis</i></u>	Informal sector linkages in the tourism industry: The evidence from four selected districts in Sri Lanka  <u><i>P. Dunusinghe</i></u>
2.50 p.m. – 3.10 p.m.	The changing demography of Sri Lanka: Emerging issues, challenges, and policy implications  <u><i>E. L. S. J. Perera &amp; R. L. R. Malsha</i></u>	Using electronic corpora to identify language structure and use in special occasion speeches  <u><i>E. Kithulgoda &amp; D. Mendis</i></u>	An investigation on the inter-terminal productivity of the Port of Colombo: A case analysis through vessel records of a shipping line  <u><i>M. Jayaweera, C. Karunanayake, T.L. Gunaruwan, &amp; R. Ranasinghe</i></u>
3.10 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.	Socio-economic factors affecting health problems and health seeking behaviour among employees in the agricultural sector: A case study of Rambawa Divisional Secretariat Division  <u><i>L. Senevirathna</i></u>	High stakes or raising the stakes: Using second language summative assessment results for high-stakes purposes  <u><i>K. T. N. de A. Wijesinghe</i></u>	Determinants of business development in agritourism in Sri Lanka with special reference to Kegalle District  <u><i>L. R. A. N. Sanjeewani &amp; D. A. C. Silva</i></u>
3.30 p.m. – 3.50 p.m.	Children's international migration for education and its impact on parents left behind  <u><i>A. S. Manamendra</i></u>	Feedback on free writing for language improvement  <u><i>S. R. Ilangakoon</i></u>	Factors influencing the sustainability outcomes of women homestay entrepreneurs: A case study of Gampaha District  <u><i>F. R. Rafeekdeen &amp; D. A. C. Silva</i></u>
3.50 p.m. – 4.20 p.m.	Health consequences of resettled people in urban settlements  <i>W. R. V. W. Anuradhi</i>	DISCUSSION	DISCUSSION
4.20 p.m. – 4.50 p.m.	DISCUSSION		
Certificate presentation - 10 minutes			
REFRESHMENT			

**9<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Morning Session (11.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.)**

Theme	International Trends in Economics, Security and Politics	Pedagogy and Peace Building	Trends, Behaviours and Attitudes in Health, Education, Culture and Gender
Venue	M. B. Ariyapala Auditorium, Department of Sinhala	Boardroom, Faculty of Arts	Auditorium, Department of Economics
Chairperson	Rev. Professor. W. Wimalaratana	Senior Professor Nayani Melegoda	Professor Subhangi Herath
11.00 a.m. – 11.20 a.m.	The sleeping tiger of Asia: Climate change as a potential challenge to developing Asia <u>A. N. Fernando &amp; K. N. Kandewatta</u>	The promotion of inclusivity among undergraduates with the combination of ‘peace’ and ‘knowledge’ through balancing diversity <u>K. Wijayabahu, S. C. Manimelwadu</u>	Gender ideologies and practices in contemporary advertising in Sri Lanka <u>S.L. Hewapathirana</u>
11.20 a.m. - 11.40 a.m.	North Korea and the predicaments of negative peace <u>S. de Silva</u>	The use of peacebuilding approaches to meet human restoration in post-civil war situations <u>M. Wakkumbura</u>	Challenges of dance education in secondary schools in Sri Lanka <u>R.I. Batuwangala</u>
11.40 a.m. - 12.00 noon	Global production network trade in Sri Lanka in the fourth Industrial Revolution age <u>K. Kandewatta &amp; A. N. Fernando</u>	Reflective analysis of the use of creativity in learner-centered undergraduate pedagogy in International Relations <u>M. S. Wanasinghe-Pasqual, V. G. Krishanthi D. Wimalasiri, H. R. Liyanage, S. A. Y. B. K. Seneviratne &amp; S. C. Manimelwadu</u>	Issues and challenges in Hindustani classical music pedagogy in Sri Lanka <u>I.D. Kondasinghe</u>
12.00 noon – 12.20 p.m.	Determinants of public expenditure in Nigeria: An economic and socio-political analysis <u>C. Aluthge, D. H. Balami, &amp; A. Jibir</u>	Intolerance in tolerance research: A brief review of the methodological debate in the study of tolerance <u>N.C.R. Silva</u>	On-line reading behavior of university students in China( With reference to WeChat app) <u>K.P. Gamage</u>
12.20 p.m.- 12.50 p.m.	DISCUSSION	DISCUSSION	Socio-cultural and health-seeking beliefs of maternal health care utilization among women in rural Nigeria <u>M. Daft, I. M. Lakshman, &amp; D. Abeysinghe</u>
12.50p.m. – 1.20 p.m.			DISCUSSION
Certificate Presentation - 10 minutes			
1.00 p.m. -2.30 p.m. LUNCH			

9 <sup>th</sup> November 2018 – Afternoon Session (2.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.)			
Theme	Development, Environment and Vulnerability	Religion, History and Modernity	Urban and Rural Development
Venue	M.B. Ariyapala Auditorium, Department of Sinhala	Boardroom, Faculty of Arts	Auditorium, Department of Economics
Chairperson	<b>Senior Professor S. A. Norbert</b>	<b>Professor Sandagomi Coparahewa</b>	<b>Professor K. Amirthalingham</b>
2.30 p.m. - 2.50 p.m.	Species composition and distribution of mangroves in dry and wet zones: A comparative study on Puttalam and Negombo lagoonal ecosystems in the western coast of Sri Lanka <u>M. D. K. L. Gunathilake &amp; C. M. K. N. K. Chandrasekara</u>	Historical threads in Buddhist-Muslim relations in Pre-Colonial Sri Lanka <u>P. de Silva</u>	A step for poverty alleviation among poor rural women in Sri Lanka with special reference to Janashakthi Bank System <u>I. Wanniarachchi</u>
2.50 p.m. - 3.10 p.m.	Statistical and spatial analysis of social vulnerability in the Walapane hilly areas <u>U. T. G. Perera, S. G. N. C. Senanayake, &amp; D. L. N. Egodage</u>	Artificial intelligence (AI) in the Buddhist world: A philosophical and religious study of the Xian'er <u>V. Kumara</u>	The impact of forced relocation on the underserved settlers in the Colombo Municipal Council: A case study on the Urban Regeneration Project (2011-2014) <u>A.C. Senanayake</u>
3.10 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.	Analysis of water quality near an open dumping site: A study of the Dambuwawatta garbage dumping site in Gampaha District <u>P. M. H. Chakrapani &amp; C. M. K. N. K. Chandrasekara</u>	Religious Colombo: An anthropological incursion <u>C. West</u>	The dark cave: Capacity building of communities for rural development <u>S. M. A. T. de S. Nandaseela &amp; W. D. K. Madushanka</u>
3.30 p.m. - 3.50 p.m.	Disaster risk and vulnerability of disaster affected populations: Case study based on Kuruniyawatta and Meethotamulla Grama Niladhari Divisions in Colombo, Sri Lanka in 2016 <u>D. Chathumani, D. D. Wicramasinghe, &amp; W. D. K. Madushanka</u>	Ethical significance of Buddhist practice of health: Opportunities and challenges <u>W. Hewamanage</u>	Public attitudes and knowledge about drinking water in Ponnagar Grama Niladhari Division in Kilinochchi District <u>P. Kirishanthan, S. A. Norbert, &amp; M. A. D. Samanmali</u>
3.50 p.m. – 4.10 p.m.	DISCUSSION	The continuity of educational tradition: A study on medieval Islam <u>N. Gafoordeen &amp; M. M. M. Sabir</u>	Morbidity pattern and health seeking behavior of elderly population: A case study of Gampaha district <u>M.K. Weeraratunga</u>
4.10 p.m. – 4.30 p.m.		DISCUSSION	DISCUSSION
Certificate Presentation- 10 minutes			
4.45 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.	Closing Ceremony		
6.00 p.m. Onwards	CONFERENCE FELLOWSHIP @ FACULTY CLUB		