

7TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
FACULTY OF ARTS, UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

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1st, 2nd and 3rd December 2021



100 Years of Humanities and Social Sciences in Higher Education in Sri Lanka: Innovation and Adaptation in a Time of Crisis

The International Conference of the Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo, ICONArts, is an annual research symposium that celebrates knowledge advancements in the Humanities and Social Sciences.

This year's ICONArts conference focuses on the challenges faced by the Humanities and Social Sciences and the opportunities created at a time of global crisis. The conference will be held alongside the centenary celebrations of teaching Humanities and Social Sciences in Higher Education in Sri Lanka. The conference envisages the participation of renowned scholars from the region and beyond.

ICONArts is an excellent platform for scholars from multiple disciplines to deliberate on the challenges that modern society faces due to its colonial legacies, vulnerable democratic political order, and worsening economic, environmental and health crises.

The Organizing Committee invites submission of abstracts for plenaries and technical sessions on any one of the symposium themes or related topics.

Symposium themes include but not limited to:

- Demographic issues and future challenges
- Digitalization of education and society
- Environment, climate change and disaster management
- Governance, democracy and accountability
- Interfaith dialogue for stability
- Marginalization, social exclusion and inequality
- Media and cultural change
- Reflecting on Sinhala studies: past, present and future
- Sustainable development in the Global South
- The impact of pandemic on gender, society and politics
- The role of comparative religion and cultural approaches in resolving modern crises

Keynote Speakers



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Abstract submission deadline:

30th August, 2021

Notification of acceptance:

30th September, 2021

Registration open:

1st November, 2021

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