

# 7<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES FACULTY OF ARTS, UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO, SRI LANKA

## IConArts 2021 (Virtual) 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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



**PROF. DILANTHI AMARATUNGA**  
Professor of Disaster Risk Reduction and Management, School of Applied Sciences, University of Huddersfield, UK



**PROF. NEIL DEVOTTA**  
Professor of Politics and International Affairs, Wake Forest University, USA



**PROF. SAROJ JAYASINGHE**  
Emeritus Professor of Medicine, University of Colombo; Founder Head, Department of Medical Humanities, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

### Co-chairs

#### DR. NISHARA FERNANDO

Department of Sociology, University of Colombo

#### DR. PRADEEP PEIRIS

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- All accepted papers will be published in ISBN and DOI accredited conference proceedings.
- The most outstanding research papers will be published in a journal dedicated to the conference with a renowned publisher.

### Important Dates

Abstract submission deadline:  
**30<sup>th</sup> August, 2021**

Notification of acceptance:  
**30<sup>th</sup> September, 2021**

Registration open:  
**1<sup>st</sup> November, 2021**

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