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

**DAY 03**

**3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021**

**AGENDA**

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## Technical Session A

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PROGRAMME

### Technical Session A.4 (9.00 am - 11.00 am) Digitalization of education: Challenges and opportunities II

**Session Chair** Prof. Iresha Lakshman, Department of Sociology,  
University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

9.00 am – 9.15 am	K.A.D. R. Perera	Assessment methods of practical components in music as a subject at a state University during the global pandemic
9.15 am – 9.30 am	L. A. D. M. Dissanayake	Cybersecurity challenges in the higher education sector and strategies to overcome: A case study of a state University
9.30 am – 9.45 am	K.R.W.K.H.Abeywickrama D.C.M.S. Dissanayake	The impact of online teaching on teacher efficacy: An empirical study
9.45 am – 10.00 am	H. P. Alahakoon	A participatory study on integrating e-portfolios in the undergraduate online ESL classroom
10.00 am – 10.15 am	T. C. B. Bulathgama	Advantages of digitalization of education system under the new norm
10.15 am – 10.30 am	I. Nuwansiri	Learning Japanese through online classes: A study on kanji education

### Technical Session A.5 (11.30 am - 1.30 pm) Sri Lanka in emerging geo political realities

**Session Chair** Senior Prof. Nayani Melegoda, Department of International Relations, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

11.30 am – 11.45 am	S. K. Jayakody	An analysis of China's role in addressing climate change issues
11.45 am – 12.00 pm	E. K. J. Kaushalya	Reordering the international order in the post COVID-19 era
12.00 pm – 12.15 pm	M. S. Anees	Role of COVID-19 politics in shaping the new world economic order: Economic distancing of China and its impact on Sri Lanka
12.15 pm – 12.30 pm	R. Jayasekara S. Sellapperumage	Furthering Sri Lanka's foreign policy goal of becoming a global maritime hub: Foresight analysis on the Colombo Port City
12.30 pm – 12.45 pm	M.R. Wakkumbura	External role in liberal reforms: The case of post-war peacebuilding in Sri Lanka (2009-2019)
12.45 pm – 1.00 pm	M.S. Wanasinghe – Pasqual L. A. Thrishali	Sri Lanka's symbolic soft power: An exploration of the public diplomatic power of tree-planting
1.00 pm – 1.15 pm	L.T.C. Goonasekara	India's regional diplomacy: A comparative analysis on India's behaviour towards bilateral disputes in SAARC and BIMSTEC

### Technical Session A.6 (2.30 pm - 4.30 pm) Role of faith in conflict resolution

**Session Chair** Senior Prof. Premakumara de Silva, Department of Sociology,  
University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

2.30 pm – 2.45 pm	C. Silva	Empirical testing on Islamophobia and anti-Muslim feelings: Evidence from two-split sample experiments
2.45 pm – 3.00 pm	G.H. Kethumali	Utility of Buddhist counselling to reduce family conflicts during the COVID-19 pandemic
3.00 pm – 3.15 pm	Ven. M. Amarawansa	A study on how parliamentary ethics can be uplifted with the teachings of Buddhist polity
3.15 pm – 3.30 pm	W. Hewamanage	Cremation and burial: A Buddhist perspective on corpses
3.30 pm – 3.45 pm	Ven. U. Ananda	A study on the Buddhist teaching (Philosophy) of social problems and its approach to current social problem solving

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## Technical Session B

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### Technical Session B.4 (9.00 am - 11.00 am)

#### Digitalization, blended learning and pedagogy

**Session Chair** Senior Prof. Amala de Silva, Department of Economics,  
University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

9.00 am – 9.15 am	M. I. Ilfa, I. Randhuli	Exploring the digital divide in remote learning during the COVID-19 pandemic in the Southern Province of Sri Lanka
9.15 am – 9.30 am	S.R.S.D. K Weerawansa T.U. Hewage	Optimizing the impact of digitalization on education
9.30 am – 9.45 am	A. Wickramasinghe A. Jayasiri	Towards an approach for the digitization of two dimensional (2D) artefacts for conservation
9.45 am – 10.00 am	C.N. Gamage and M.D. Liyanage	Teachers' perspective of transforming online teaching and learning in school education during the COVID-19 pandemic in Sri Lanka
10.00 am – 10.15 am	A. Guruge T.A.M. Pushpakumara	Online teaching experience of higher education sector in Sri Lanka: A case study of a state university
10.15 am – 10.30 am	L. Nilaweera S. N. Y. Abeywardena	Sri Lanka English Newspaper Corpus (SLENC): Development, use and potential as a resource for humanities research
10.30 am – 10.45 am	T.A.M. Pushpakumara	Open-book vs. closed-book examinations in the higher education sector during COVID-19: A case study of a state university

### Technical Session B.5 (11.30 am - 1.30 pm)

#### City, culture and urban life

**Session Chair** Emeritus Prof. Siri Hettige, Department of Sociology,  
University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

11.30 am – 11.45 am	A. Y. Karunarathne	Geographies of 'homebound road-side alcohol consumption' and the influence of street-level characteristics
11.45 am – 12.00 pm	H. Lecamwasam	Neo-liberalism and the 'right to the city': Socio-spatial politics in Colombo's Galle Face Green
12.00 pm – 12.15 pm	A. M. Fernando	<i>Maara rasthiyaduwa</i> : An ethnographic study of everyday life and experiences of social exclusion of urban communities in a high-rise housing project in the City of Colombo
12.15 pm – 12.30 pm	H.B.T.P. Jayathilaka V.P.I.S. Wijeratne	Determination of thermal pollution in inland water surfaces of urban areas: A case study in the Colombo District
12.30 pm – 12.45 pm	W.A.W.P. Wijayalath	Identifying the issues in planning green cities in Sri Lanka: A case study of the Gampaha Municipal Council area
12.45 pm – 1.00 pm	J.N.D. Jayathunga P. Kirishanthan	Identification of urban green cover changes in the Galle Municipal Council area using geo-informatics techniques
1.00 pm – 1.15 pm	A. N. P. S. Witharanage U. Hettige	A paradigm shift in preserving intangible cultural heritage: A framework for culture-mapping of the <i>Dalada Thevava</i>

### Technical Session B.6 (2.30 pm - 4.30 pm)

#### Exploring identity through literature

**Session Chair** Dr. Shermal Wijewardene, Department of English,  
University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

2.30 pm – 2.45 pm	M.D.S.V. Gunarathna	Europeanisation of Sri Lankan society and the origin of New Art: An analysis of socio-cultural diffusion during the British colonial era
2.45 pm – 3.00 pm	N.D. Wijesinghe	British and French colonialism: Is it a mere act of dominance?
3.00 pm – 3.15 pm	S. Saranya J.A.M. Hansani D.D.I.M.B. Gunathilaka	A review of the categories of textual reliability in translation by Douglas Robinson
3.15 pm – 3.30 pm	P.M.A. Yasoda D.D.I.M.B. Gunathilaka J. A.M. Hansani	Conversion of womanism and lesbianism into Sri Lankan culture: A comparative study on Alice Walker's <i>The Colour Purple</i> and its Sinhalese translation by Amali Boralugoda
3.30 pm – 3.45 pm	J.M.A.K. Jayakody	The quest of female identity amidst catastrophic milieus in relation to <i>Shame</i> by Taslima Nasreen
3.45 pm – 4.00 pm	S.P.S.P. Weerasinghe	Facing the faceless authorities: A comparative study of Gustave Flaubert's <i>Madame Bovary</i> and Franz Kafka's <i>The Trial</i>

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## Technical Session C

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### Technical Session C.4 (9.00 am - 11.00 am) COVID-19 Infodemic and social media

**Session Chair** Dr. Janaki Jayawardena, Department of History,  
University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

9.00 am – 9.15 am	D. N. Jayarathne	Factors influencing TikTok usage among youngsters during the pandemic in Sri Lanka
9.15 am – 9.30 am	R. Lekamwasam	The impact of media and public health communication on the COVID-19 response: A review of case studies
9.30 am – 9.45 am	K.A.S. Udayanga A.M.A.S. Gunasekara H.L.S. de Zoysa	Infodemic over pandemic: The influence of COVID-19 misinformation in propagating counter-health behaviours among young adults in Sri Lanka
9.45 am – 10.00 am	P. Meegamma A. Jayasiri	Awareness of fake news among social media users in Sri Lanka
10.00 am – 10.15 am	K. J. Siriwardhana	A study on the media portrayal of unsubstantiated COVID-19 cures in Sri Lanka

### Technical Session C.5 (11.30 am - 1.30 pm) Emerging demographic trends in Sri Lanka

**Session Chair** Emeritus Professor Indralal de Silva, Department  
of Demography, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

11.30 am – 11.45 am	M. Karunaratne	Urban women and the use of traditional family planning methods in Sri Lanka
11.45 am – 12.00 pm	M.G.D.I.D. Wijerathne	Socio-demographic characteristics of permanently celibate women
12.00 pm – 12.15 pm	H.P.S. Dilshani	Care issues faced by the aged lesbian and gay communities in Sri Lanka
12.15 pm – 12.30 pm	W.P.N.L. Sumathipala	Sex differentials in adult mortality in Sri Lanka
12.30 pm – 12.45 pm	K.P.N.S. Dayarathne	The association between demographic features and life satisfaction during COVID-19 induced lockdowns in Colombo
12.45 pm – 1.00 pm	T. L. Gunarawan E. L. S. J. Perera W.R.V.W. Anuradhi	Fertility patterns among ethnic populations in Sri Lanka: The case of Eastern Province
1.00 pm – 1.15 pm	F. I. Shabry M. Gunasekara	The relationship between perceived stress, caregiver burden and coping styles among the caregivers of children with Down syndrome

### Technical Session C.6 (2.30 pm - 4.30 pm) Communities in the periphery and human security

**Session Chair** Prof. Farzana Haniffa, Department of Sociology,  
University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

2.30 pm – 2.45 pm	A. Balasooriya	Human security at risk: Untold stories from conflict-torn societies in Sri Lanka
2.45 pm – 3.00 pm	N. Senadhi	Factors affecting little or no access to healthcare for trafficking victims at the destination: The case of Sri Lanka
3.00 pm – 3.15 pm	A. Angela	Challenges to Mahudikkoothu: A socio-political analysis with special reference to the Batticaloa region
3.15 pm – 3.30 pm	P. Jayawardena	Unpacking immigrants' perceptions: Suggesting a holistic framework
3.30 pm – 3.45 pm	L.A. Thrishali P. Jayawardena	An analysis of Sri Lankan migration policies
3.45 pm – 4.00 pm	A.M.M. Ziyad	Endogenous peacebuilding approach in Sri Lanka: An analysis of the contributions of major international development partners, 2009 -2020
4.00 pm – 4.15 pm	H. Wijesinghe M.A.S.M. Ajward	Conscription as a means of enhancing national security and nation-building in Sri Lanka

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## Technical Session D

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### Technical Session D.4 (9.00 am - 11.00 am)

#### Impact of COVID-19 on family, employment and society

**Session Chair** Prof. Subhangi M.K. Herath, Department of Sociology, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

9.00 am – 9.15 am	D.M. Chandradas H.D.H. Jeewanthi	Securing the best interests of a child during the COVID-19 pandemic: An analysis of child rights in urban slums with special reference to the Peliyagoda Urban Council in Gampaha District, Sri Lanka
9.15 am – 9.30 am	S.U. Geethanjalee	COVID-19 and diversity of workforce management: A case study of software engineering companies and garment factories in Sri Lanka
9.30 am – 9.45 am	L. W. P. M. Sewwandi	The impact and new trends of pandemics on society and global politics
9.45 am – 10.00 am	A. Chandrasiri L. L. A. Isuru L.N.P. Samarasinghe P.K.M. Dissanayake I. Wanniarachchi	From non-availability to abstinence: The impact of pandemic lockdown on alcohol consumption behaviour of people in the Southern Province
10.00 am – 10.15 am	M. Krishnasoban	Negative impacts of COVID-19 on upcountry tea estate families
10.15 am – 10.30 am	R. de Silva H.M.C. Hathurusinghe, A.V. De Silva	In the shadow of pandemic: A study of the impact of COVID-19 on women farmers in Rajanganaya

### Technical Session D.5 (11.30 am - 1.30 pm)

#### Language and communication

**Session Chair** Senior Prof. Sandagomi Coperahewa, Department of Sinhala, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

11.30 am – 11.45 am	P.M. Ponnampereuma	A needs analysis on the English language skills required in the 13 years guaranteed education programme for trainee tea factory officers and trainee tea field officers at NIPM
11.45 am – 12.00 pm	M. Hosshanthika	The significant language-related features for better translation: a comparative study between Tamil and Sinhala language word order
12.00 pm – 12.15 pm	G.P.H. Pabodha R. Abeywickrama	Language alienation of Sri Lankan students studying overseas
12.15 pm – 12.30 pm	H.H. Dahanayake, K.R.W.K.H. Abeywickrama	The impact of English Medium Instruction on undergraduates' academic performances in Sri Lanka: A case study
12.30 pm – 12.45 pm	W. S. A. Fernando	Semantic mapping: A fun way to learn vocabulary
12.45 pm – 1.00 pm	D.M.T.A. Dissanayaka K.R.W.K.H. Abeywickrama	Effectiveness of business communication for the fourth-year undergraduates' industrial training: An empirical study
1.00 pm – 1.15 pm	M.I. Ilfa	Undergraduates' perceptions of the online English classrooms during the COVID-19 pandemic: A comparative study
1.15 pm – 1.30 pm	W.K.R. Tharindi K.R.W.K.H. Abeywickrama	Effectiveness of code-switching in the bilingual classrooms: A case study

### Technical Session D.6 (2.30 pm - 4.30 pm)

#### Sustainable Development Goals in the Global South and way-forward

**Session Chair** Emeritus Prof. Lakshman Dissanayake, Department of Demography, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

2.30 pm – 2.45 pm	P.B. Kavikeshawa	Role of Sustainable Development Goals in promoting peace and international development
2.45 pm – 3.00 pm	E.B. Vindyani	The impact of foreign training on sustainable development in the provincial education sector in Sri Lanka
3.00 pm – 3.15 pm	T.M.F. Wazeema	The impact of distorted development among rural people in Sri Lanka
3.15 pm – 3.30 pm	I.B. Mohammed	SDGs, National Voluntary Report and citizens' narratives: "Leaving No One Behind" in Nigeria and Sri Lanka
3.30 pm – 3.45 pm	K.G. Samaraweera P. Dunusinghe	Economic drivers of intimate partner violence committed within the domestic setting in Sri Lanka
3.45 pm – 4.00 pm	K. Boyagoda	Working from home: A possible solution to low female labour force participation in Sri Lanka?

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