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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Organising Committee of the International Conference of the Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo (IConArts 2024) invites researchers from all local and international universities and research institutions to submit abstracts to be considered for presentation at the technical sessions of the IConArts 2024, the annual research symposium of the Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo in November 2024.

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