

Organizing Committees / IConArts-2024

Conference Advisors:

Senior Professor H. D. Karunaratne, Vice Chancellor, University of Colombo

Senior Professor Lasantha Manawadu, Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo

Co-Chairpersons:

The Co-Chairpersons will coordinate the entire process of organizing IConArts 2024. This includes liaising with the Conference Advisors. Primary tasks will include liaising with the Co-Secretaries to officially communicate with the Keynote Speaker, Guests of Honour, special invitees, and the faculty. The Co-Chairpersons will also coordinate with the Committee Chairpersons and ensure the smooth functioning of the different committees that oversee different aspects of the conference. The overall running of the Conference will be coordinated by the Co-Chairpersons.

Dr. Ananda Y. Karunaratne Department of Geography

Ms. Nethra Senadhi Department of Demography

Conference Secretary:

The conference secretary will liaise with the Conference Co-Chairpersons to ensure that the organizing of IConArts 2024 is smoothly achieved. The Conference Secretary will maintain the minutes of IConArts 2024 meetings, send out invitations designed by the Publicity Team, and overlook the communications carried out by the different organizing committees. The Co-Chairpersons will also oversee overall communications for the conference based on the advice of the Co-Chairpersons and Conference Advisors.

Dr. Avanka Fernando Department of Sociology

Conference Treasurer:

The conference treasurer will liaise with the Conference Co-Chairpersons to ensure that the organizing of IConArts 2024 is smoothly achieved. The Conference Treasurer will draw up the budget for the conference and ensure that the expenses are in alignment with the budget.

Mr. Joseph Francis Department of Economics

Abstract Review Coordinating Committee

This committee will carry out the advice and recommendations given by the Heads and the Departments for subject specific reviewers. This committee will construct the list of reviewers for the selection of abstracts and papers. The committee will oversee the appointment of two reviewers (both internal and external) to review abstracts. The committee will also ensure the appointment of a third reviewer in the case of another reviewer being required.

The committee will coordinate queries regarding abstract/paper submissions, receive abstracts, and organise the abstracts into different thematic tracks. Once this is done, the committee members will send the abstracts to appointed reviewers. Once the reviewers have provided their comments, the committee will send the abstracts to the presenters for necessary revisions. The committee will also ensure that there is prompt response to queries, and timely submission of abstracts/papers and reviews.

Co-Chairpersons:

Dr Esther Surenthiraraj	Department of English
Dr Kethakie Nagahawatte	Department of English Language Teaching

Members:

Dr. Geethika Dharmasinghe	Department of Sociology
Mr. Samal Hemachandra	Department of History
Ms. Kavindya de Silva	Department of Demography
Ms. Nipunika Dahanayake	Department of Demography
Ms. W.L.D.M. Rasanjalie	Department of Information Technology
Ms. R.R. Kumar	Department of English

Editorial Committee

The editorial committee overlooks content editing and copy editing of abstracts and papers and ensures that the submissions are error free and ready for presentation and publication.

Chairpersons:

Dr. Sandamali Vijerathne

Department of Geography

Mr. A.S.R. Peiris

Department of English Language Teaching

Committee members

Dr. W. M. Kalyani Wijesundera

Department of Sinhala

Mr. Janitha Ekanayake

Department of English Language Teaching

Ms. T.G.S.D Gamagedara

Department of English Language Teaching

Ms. Nandula Perera

Department of English Language Teaching Unit

Ms. Nideka Nanayakkara

Department of History

Mr. Thivanka

Department of English Language Teaching

Ms. Heshani

Department of English Language Teaching

Inauguration Committee

The Inauguration Committee will coordinate the main IConArts 2024 inauguration. This includes organizing the ceremonial aspects of the event (lighting the oil lamp, the playing of the national anthem), coordinating the different aspects of the main agenda (keynote speakers, guests of honour, and other speakers), the hall arrangements, creating the PowerPoint / opening video, liaising with the technical team for lights and cameras etc. This committee will also undertake compering at the event and ensure that the inauguration ceremony runs smoothly. This committee will design and arrange the flowers for the podium and hall décor. This committee can also oversee overall décor (flowers/head table décor) for the venues within which the technical sessions are held. It is recommended to use environmentally friendly options for décor and not use polythene and other environmentally harmful products.

Chairpersons

Dr. Thisara Perera Department of Geography

Ms. Ashani Fernando Department of Economics

Committee members

Ms. Kanchana Adikari Department of Economics

Mr. Kosala Department of Sociology

Mr. U.L.A.S. Priyakumara Department of Geography

Rev. Horagala Vimalathissa Thero Department of Sinhala

Ms. Gamsathvani Sripathinathan Department of Geography

Ms. V.N.M. Naduni Fonseka Department of History

Mr. K.R. Rivindu de Zoysa Department of History

Ms. Geethani Satharasinghe Department of English Language Teaching Unit

Ms. J.N.M.K.M. Jayasundera Department of Political Science

Ms. T. Hameed Department of English

Ms. Jayani Perera Department of Economics

Publicity Committee

The publicity will design the promotional material for IConArts 2024. This committee will undertake that the conference is well publicized on print media, electronic media (television, radio, websites) and social media (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram). The committee is expected to use creative ways to publicise the event and to showcase the talent and innovative research in the Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo before the event, during the event and after the event (E.g. publishing recordings/podcasts on YouTube). The publicity committee will also coordinate the design, printing / purchasing of souvenirs, any stationery and other participant material. It is recommended that environmentally friendly options are considered for souvenirs.

Chairpersons

Mr. Kalindu Gnanasena	Department of IT
Ms. Fathima Shanaz	Department of Communication and Creative Arts

Committee members

Ms. S.D.N.K. Sanjeevanie	Department of IT
Ms. S.V.D. Saputhanthri	Department of IT
Ms. K.A.D.G.T. Wijepala	Department of IT
Mr. Krishan Siriwardane	Department of Communication and Creative Arts
Ms. M.K. Darsha	Department of Sociology

Sessions Committee

The sessions committee will coordinate the smooth and efficient running of the technical sessions at the conference. The committee will ensure that session chairpersons and presenters are contacted before the conference, they are on time on the day, that sessions commence and conclude on time, that necessary décor, water, are in place. The sessions committee also ensures that the photographs, certificates of the presenters, and technology are all under control. This committee oversees registration of participants and handing out participant resources.

Co-Chairpersons

Dr. W. A. D. Abeysinghe	Department of Sinhala
Ms. R. M. S. S. Sanjeevani	Department of Geography
Ms. Chalika Thangaraja	Department of Communication and Creative Arts

Committee members

Ms Sandamali Abeywickrama	Department of Economics
Ms. Yashodi Lakshika Udayangani	Department of Sinhala
Ms. Anuththara Wijekoon	Department of Sinhala
Ms. K A P Punsarani	Department of Geography
Ms. Thusari Hettiarachchi	Department of Geography
Ms. Chanika Dayarathna	Department of Sinhala
Ms. N. Rasmiya	Department of Geography
Ms. Thilakshi Perera	Department of Sinhala
Mr. Vihanga Weerasinghe	Department of International Relations
Ms. M. Sushanthi	Department of Sociology
Ms. Waruni	Department of Sociology

Refreshments Committee

The refreshments committee will coordinate calling for quotations for refreshments and justify and select the best options for the conference. This committee will overlook the refreshments for all the days of the conference. Water for the conference will also be coordinated by this conference. It is recommended not to use plastic bottles and any polythene products and to consider environmentally friendly options for refreshments.

Chairpersons

Dr. Chrishni Silva Department of Political Science
Ms. K. Rewathy Department of Geography

Committee members

Ms. M.H.F. Afriha Department of Economics
Mr. Lahiru Jayasinghe Department of Geography
Ms. Chathumi Udara Department of Geography
Ms. Veena Gayani Erandathee Department of Buddhist Studies
Ms. S.J. Fathima Farwin Department of Geography
Mr. Ruchira Department of Sociology
Ms. Thisari Department of Sociology

Publication Committee

This committee will supervise communicating with potential publishers (Springer) and ensure that the conference proceedings are organized into a special issue and published. The publication committee will also liaise with the abstract review committee and coordinate the compilation of the selected abstracts into an abstract book which will be made available to the conference participants and online.

Chairpersons

Dr. Mahinda Pushpakumara	Department of Economics
Mr. Ravindran	Department of English Language Teaching

Committee members

Mr. M.K.P Chathuranga	Department of Communication and Creative Arts
Ms. B.C. Withana	Department of Communication and Creative Arts
Ms. K.N.C De Silva	Department of Buddhist Studies
Ms. G.M.R. Kumanayaka	Department of Buddhist Studies
Ms. S. Diwakara	Department of English Language Teaching Unit
Mr. L.S.C. Leelaratne	Department of Political Science and Public Policy

Sponsorship Committee

This committee will liaise with the Treasurer to bring in sponsorships for IConArts 2024.

Dr. Sashini Kulatunge	Department of Economics
Mr. Mahesh Senanayake	Department of Political Science and Public Policy
Mr. Umesh Moramudali	Department of Economics

Technical Assistance Committee

Mr. Asithanjana Batuwanthudawa
Mr. Wasantha Gamlath
Mr. Gihan Dissanayake
Mr. Buddhika Tennakoon
Mr. Lasitha Samantha