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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The Organising Committee of the International Conference of the Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo (IConArts 2026) invites researchers from all local and international universities, research institutions and organisations to submit abstracts to be considered for presentation at the technical sessions of the IConArts 2026, the annual research symposium of the Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo, on 11th November 2026. All accepted abstracts will be published in the IConArts 2026 conference proceedings. Presenters based in Sri Lanka are expected to present on-site. Overseas presenters will have the option of making online presentations.

To be considered for evaluation, each submission should include the following documents:

1. A short abstract not exceeding 300 words.
2. An extended abstract (including the research background, research objectives, research design/materials and methods, results/findings, conclusions, and references) not exceeding 1000 words.
3. The completed and signed declaration form by the corresponding author.

Deadline for abstract submission: 31st July 2026.

Guidelines for the preparation of abstracts are attached. Please follow the instructions carefully. Please note that abstracts which are not prepared according to the required guidelines or submitted after the deadline will not be considered for review. The Editorial Committee of IConArts 2026 reserves the right to make alterations to the text of the abstracts for the purpose of enhancing their quality. Please submit your abstracts on or before the deadline, through the following link: [Abstract Submission form IConArts 2026](#)

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GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS

- i. The abstracts must showcase original and innovative research not previously presented or published elsewhere.
- ii. The author/s should have adhered to ethical norms in conducting the research.
- iii. An author may submit a maximum of **one (01)** abstract as a single-author, and up to **three (03)** abstracts as a co-author.
- iv. **No author shall submit more than four (04) abstracts in total.**

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- i. The relevant sub-theme should be specified at the top of the abstract, above the authors' names.
- ii. Capital letters should be used only for the initials and the first letters of the surnames of authors.
- iii. The address of the institution where the work was carried out should be included under the author's name.
- iv. If the collaborators are from different institutions, the addresses of the institutions should be briefly included. In this case, the addresses of the co-authors should be indicated by a number in superscript after the authors' names and before the respective addresses as given below.

Example (Multiple authors):

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- v. The title should be brief and reflect the study reported. Capital letters should be used only for the first letter in the first word of the title, and for proper nouns.
- vi. The text of the abstract should not exceed 300 words excluding title, author affiliations, acknowledgements, and keywords.
- vii. The abstract should include the purpose and background of the research, and must be structured as introduction, methods, findings/results, and conclusions.
- viii. Acknowledgements should be restricted to the names of funding agencies providing sponsorship.
- ix. Standard abbreviations of SI units should be used.
- x. A maximum of five (05) keywords could be provided.
- xi. The abstract should be coherent and free of language errors.

- xii. The abstract should fit into a single A4 page with 1-inch margins all round, font Times New Roman, size 11, and 1.5 spacing.

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(should be submitted with a short abstract)

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- ii. The text should not exceed 1000 words (excluding references).
- iii. The extended abstract should cover the following aspects: The research background, research objectives, research design/materials and methods, results/findings, conclusions and references.
- iv. The extended abstract should be coherent and free of language errors.
- v. Tables and diagrams/figures can be included and should be referred to in the text as Table 1 or Fig. 1...etc.
- vi. References should be limited to only essential ones.
- vii. References should be formatted in APA Style (7th edition).
- viii. Extended abstracts should be submitted in A4 size format with 1-inch margins all round, font Times New Roman, size 11, and 1.5 spacing.
- ix. The IConArts 2026 Committee reserves the right to reject the abstracts that do not conform to these requirements.
- x. In the case of undergraduate students wishing to present, only supervisors working with undergraduate students on specific research projects can present at IConArts 2026. Please note that we encourage undergraduate students from the 2021/2022 batch at the University of Colombo and other universities to submit their abstracts to the 08th Undergraduate Research Symposium on Humanities & Social Sciences 2026 ([URSHSS 2026](#)).
- xi. If the presenter indicated in the application is unable to present the paper, it is the responsibility of the corresponding author either to withdraw the paper in advance or to arrange for one of the co-authors to present.

Submission guidelines

- i. Your submission (short abstract, extended abstract and declaration form) should be made via the Google form: [Abstract submission form IConArts 2026](#)

- ii. The abstract submission should be in Word and PDF formats. Both Word and PDF versions of your abstract should be identical.
- iii. Do not submit the same abstract multiple times.
- iv. Your abstract submission should be a single document containing: a. the short abstract (as the first page) and b. the extended abstract
- v. The declaration form must be signed, scanned, and submitted via the Google form along with your abstract(s). If the corresponding author is an undergraduate student, it is mandatory that the declaration form should be signed by the research supervisor / principal investigator.
- vi. The file name of your submission should be the surname/s of author/s_ Title of research (use underscores between the author names)

Example:

Ratnayake_Female labour force

DeSilva_Perera_Effective communication

- vii. Please note that all correspondence will be addressed to the corresponding author.