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Humanities and Social Sciences
Education in
Sri Lankan Universities: Issues &
Challenges

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Inauguration

- Date** : 20th of December 2021
Venue : Louts Hall, BMICH
- 8.30 a.m. : **Registration**
8.50 a.m. : **Ceremonial Procession**
9.00 a.m. : **Video Documentary**
9.25 a.m. : **Opening Remarks**
9.30 a.m. : **Lighting the Traditional Oil Lamp**
9.35 a.m. : **Welcome Address by the Chairman, Standing Committee on Humanities & Social Sciences, UGC**
9.45 a.m. : **Launching of the History Volumes, Survey Report, and the Conference Proceedings under the patronage of His Excellency the President, the Hon. Prime Minister, and the Minister of Education**
10.00 a.m. : **Address by the Chairman of University Grants Commission**
10.10 a.m. : **Cultural Event**
10.20 a.m. : **Keynote Address**
‘Cultural Studies: When Humanities and Social Sciences Meet’ by Prof. Wimal Dissanayake, University of Hawaii, USA.
11.05 a.m. : **Vote of Thanks by the Vice-Chairman of University Grants Commission**
11.20 a.m. : **National Anthem**
11.30 a.m. : **Fellowship**

Zoom link Inauguration ceremony -

https://tiikm.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bWCQxPIRSeKIY5h_ZRy59w

Conference Agenda

- Date** : 21st of December 2021
Venue : UGC-Board Room /Virtual
- 8.30 a.m. : **Opening Remarks**
8.45 a.m. : **Starting the Technical Sessions**
- Session A** : **Pre-Colonial System of Education The Development of University Education – A Historical Perspective**
Session B : **Employability Issues of Humanities and Social Sciences Graduates**
- 9.55 a.m. : **Session C** : **The Present Status of Social Science and Humanities Studies**
Session D : **Learning & Teaching Environment (Ragging, Political Issues, Resource Limitations Etc.)**
- 11.00 a.m. : **Session E** : **Language Competency of HSS Graduates (Swot Analysis)**
Session F : **Industry Collaboration (UBL)**
- 12.10 p.m. : **Session G** : **National & International Collaborations for Teaching & Assessments**
Session H : **Issues in Publications in HSS**
- 1.15 p.m. : **Break**
2.00 p.m. : **Session I** : **Plans for Future Developments**
2.45 p.m. : **Plenary Session**
Graduand and Graduate Perspectives on Humanities and Social Sciences Education in The State Universities in Sri Lanka
by K. A. Padmasiri Siddhisena, Premakumara de Silva, Rameez Aboobacker, Sagara Chandrasekara, Migara Karunaratne
- 3.20 p.m. : **Concluding Remarks**
by Prof. O.G Dayaratna-Banda/ Prof. Shirantha Heenkenda
- 3.40 p.m. : **Vote of Thanks**

Summary of Technical Sessions

Session No.	Time	Venue/Link	Theme/s
A	8.45 a.m.	https://tiikm.zoom.us/j/82110229529	Pre-Colonial System of Education The Development of University Education – A Historical Perspective
B	8.45. a.m.	https://tiikm.zoom.us/j/87016397047	Employability Issues of Humanities and Social Sciences Graduates
C	9.55 a.m.	https://tiikm.zoom.us/j/82110229529	The Present Status of Social Sciences and Humanities Studies
D	9.55 a.m.	https://tiikm.zoom.us/j/87016397047	Learning & Teaching Environment (Ragging, Political Issues, Resource Limitations Etc.)
E	11.00 p.m.	https://tiikm.zoom.us/j/82110229529	Language Competency of HSS Graduates (SWOT Analysis)
F	11.00 a.m.	https://tiikm.zoom.us/j/87016397047	Industry Collaboration (UBL)
G	12.10 p.m.	https://tiikm.zoom.us/j/82110229529	National & International Collaborations for Teaching & Assessments
H	12.10 p.m.	https://tiikm.zoom.us/j/87016397047	Issues in Publications in HSS
I	2.00 p.m.	https://tiikm.zoom.us/j/82110229529	Plans for Future Developments
Plenary Session	2.45 p.m.	https://tiikm.zoom.us/j/82110229529	Graduand and Graduate Perspectives on Humanities and Social Sciences Education in The State Universities in Sri Lanka

Technical Session - A

Themes	Pre-Colonial System of Education. The Development of University Education – A Historical Perspective.	
Venue/Virtual Link	https://tiikm.zoom.us/j/82110229529	
Time	8.45 a.m.	
Session Chairperson/s	Ven. Prof. Kotapitiye Rahula Thero Prof. Suresh De Mel	
Convener	Dr. Samanmala Dorabawila	
Session coordinator	Ms. Nelani De Costa	
Presentations		
8.45a.m -8.50 am	Introductory Remarks	
Time	Paper ID	Topic of the Paper and Author/s
8.50 a.m.	Sub/T/9/9.1	Education in Pre-Modern Sri Lanka: Scope, Content, and Institutions. <i>Prof. Raluwe Padmasiri, Prof. Wimal Hewamanage, Prof. Asanga Thilakaratne</i> Raluwe.padma@gmail.com , wimal@bs.cmb.ac.lk , tasanga8@gmail.com
9.05 a.m.	Sub/T/10/10.1	Reflections on the Growth and Development of University Education in Sri Lanka – A Historical Perspective. <i>Prof. Chandra R. de Silva, Dr. Kamalika Jayatilake</i> kamalikaj@gmail.com ,
9.20 – 9.35 a.m.	Discussion	

Technical Session - B

Themes		Employability Issues of Humanities and Social Sciences Graduates
Venue/Virtual Link		https://tiikm.zoom.us/j/87016397047
Time		8.45 a.m.
Session Chairperson/s		Prof. K. A. Padmasiri Siddhisena Dr. S.N Morais,
Convener		Dr.. P. D. C. S. Dharmadasa
Session coordinator		Mr. H. N. M. Wickremeratne
Presentations		
8.45 a.m-8.50 a.m	Introductory Remarks	
Time	Paper ID	Topic of the Paper and Author/s
8.50 a.m	Sub/T/01/1.1	Views of Stakeholders on Employability of State University Graduates <i>Prof. Vallipuram Kanagagasingam</i> kana692002@yahoo.co.in
9.05a.m.	Sub/T/01/1.2	Measuring Graduate Employability: Methodological Issues. <i>Snr. Prof.Athula Ranasinghe</i> athula@econ.cmb.ac.lk
9.20 a.m.	Sub/T/01/1.3	Square Pegs in Round Holes: Employability of Graduates-Humanities and Social Sciences. <i>Prof. Thangamuthu. Jayasingam</i> tjayasingam@gmail.com
9.35– 9.50 a.m.	Discussion	

Technical Session - C

Theme	The Present Status of Social Sciences and Humanities Studies	
Venue/Virtual Link	https://tiikm.zoom.us/j/82110229529	
Time	9.55 a.m	
Session Chairperson/s	Prof. Gunathilaka Prof. Upali Pannilage	
Convener	Dr. Sanjeeve Manthirathne	
Session coordinator	Mr. Asitha Amarakoon	
Presentations		
9.55 am- 10.00 a.m.	Introductory Remarks	
Time	Paper ID	Topic of the Paper and Author/s
10.00 a.m	Sub/T/02/2.2	The Present Status of Social Science and Humanities Studies. <i>Prof. Farzana Haniffa</i> farzana@soc.cmb.ac.lk
10. 15 a.m.	Sub/T/02/2.2	Present Status of Humanities Education in Sri Lanka. <i>Prof. Marie Perera</i> mperera12@gmail.com
10.30 a.m.	Sub/T/02/2.3	Determinants of Employability of Humanities and Social Sciences Graduates in Sri Lanka. <i>Prof. O. G. Dayaratna-Banda,</i> <i>Dr.. P. D. C. S. Dharmadasa</i> OGdayab@gmail.com , champikas@kln.ac.lk
10.45 am – 11.00 a.m	Discussion	

Technical Session - D

Theme		Learning & Teaching Environment (Ragging, Political Issues, Resource Limitations Etc.)
Venue/Virtual Link		https://tiikm.zoom.us/j/87016397047
Time		9.55 a.m.
Session Chairperson/s		Dr. Prathibha Mahanamahewa Dr. K. Suthakar
Convener		Dr. Nimmi Menike
Session coordinator		Mr. H. N. M. Wickremeratne
Presentations		
9.55 am- 10.00 am		Introductory Remarks
Time	Paper ID	Topic of the Paper and Author/s
10.00 a.m.	Sub/T/03/3.1	Teaching - Learning Activities and Assessment Tasks in the Humanities and Social Sciences Study Programmes <i>Prof. S. M. P. W. K. Sethunga</i> Prasad.sethunga@yahoo.com
10..15 a.m.	Sub/T/03/3.2	Re-designing learning environments to enhance creation and sharing of Open Educational Resources <i>Prof. Shironica P. Karunanayaka</i> shironica.k@gmail.com
10.30 a.m.	Sub/T/03/3.2	Ragging in State Universities in Sri Lanka: Social Equalizer or Vent of Social Frustration? <i>Prof. Kumudu Wijewardene</i> kumuduwije@gmail.com
10..45 a.m.-11.00 a.m	Discussion	

Technical Session - E

Theme		Language Competency of HSS Graduates (SWOT Analysis)
Venue/Virtual Link		https://tiikm.zoom.us/j/82110229529
Time		11.00 a.m.
Session Chairperson/s		Prof. Dilkushi Senarathna, Dr. J. Kennedy
Convener		Dr. Indira Mawella
Session coordinator		Ms. Charitha Marcus
Presentations		
11.00 a.m.-11.05 a.m.		Introductory Remarks
Time	Paper ID	Topic of the Paper and Author/s
11. 05am	Sub/T/04/4.1	Building Confidence to Speak English: A Remedy for the Lack of English Language Proficiency Among Undergraduates in Sri Lanka <i>Dr. Asantha U. Attanayake</i> asantha28ua@yahoo.com
11.20 a.m.	Sub/T/04/4.2	Developing Reading and Writing Skills in English of Humanities and Social Sciences Undergraduates Through Content Based Materials <i>Dr. Sabaratnam. Kanagaratnam. Kannathas</i> kkannathas@yahoo.com
11. 35.a.m	Sub/T/04/4.2	Teaching English as a Second Language in Faculties of Arts: Renegotiating the role of the ELT professional. <i>Dr. Romola Rassool</i> romola@kln.ac.lk
12.50 – 12. 05 p.m.		Discussion

Technical Session - F

Theme	University – Industry Collaboration (UBL)	
Venue/Virtual Link	https://tiikm.zoom.us/j/87016397047	
Time	11.00 a.m.	
Session Chairperson/s	Prof. Shirantha Heenkenda Prof. Sampath Fernando	
Convener	Dr. G.K.Roshini	
Session coordinator	Ms. Nelani De Costa	
Presentations		
11.00 a.m.-11.05 a.m	Introductory Remarks	
Time	Paper ID	Topic of the Paper and Author/s
11.05 a.m	Sub/T/05/5.1	University – Industry Collaboration: Benefits for Social Sciences and Humanities Education Programmes in Sri Lanka. <i>Dr. Asela. K. Kulatunga</i> aselakk@eng.pdn.ac.lk
11.20 a.m.	Sub/T/05/5.2	Research and Innovation : The Application of Social Network Analysis in University-Industry Collaborations. <i>Prof. Vathsala Wickramasinghe</i> vathsala@uom.lk
11.35 a.m.	Sub/T/05/5.3	University Industry Collaborations (UICS): Trends and Practical Difficulties Faced by Sri Lankan Public Universities. <i>Prof. R. G. Ariyawansa</i> ariyaw71@sjp.ac.lk
11.50 a.m. – 12.05 p.m.	Discussion	

Technical Session - G

Theme		National & International Collaborations for Teaching & Assessments
Venue/Virtual Link		https://tiikm.zoom.us/j/82110229529
Time		12.10 p.m.
Session Chairperson/s		Dr. Prabath Ekanayake Prof. Lasantha. Manawadu
Convener		Dr. Nelum Kanthilatha Yapa
Session coordinator		Mr. Anura Jayasinghe
Presentations		
12. 10-12.15		Introductory Remarks
Time	Paper ID	Topic of the Paper Author/s
12.15 p.m.	Sub/T/06/6.1	Collaboration for Teaching and Assessment in Higher Education: Merits, Issues and Quality Assurance. <i>Prof. Kalyani Perera</i> kalyaniperera51@gmail.com
12.30 p.m	Sub/T/06/6.2	Opportunities and Challenges in International Collaboration in Higher Education: A Developing Country Perspective. <i>Prof. S. T. W. Saman Yapa</i> samanyapa@yahoo.com
12.45 p.m	Sub/T/06/6.3	Developing Core Values of Humanities and Social Sciences with Online Teaching-Learning Practices: Sharing Experience of the University of Colombo. <i>Dr. Thushani Weerasinghe, prof. Nirmalie Pallewatta</i> taw@ucsc.cmb.ac.lk , director@nilis.cmb.ac.lk
1.00 pm-1.15 pm		Discussion

Technical Session - H

Theme		Issues in Publications in HSS
Venue/Virtual Link		https://tiikm.zoom.us/j/87016397047
Time		12.10 p.m.
Session Chairperson/s		Prof. SMM Mazahir Prof. D. T. Mendis
Convener		Mr. Santhirakumar
Session coordinator		Ms. Charitha Marcus
Presentations		
12.10 pm-12.15 p.m.		Introductory Remarks
Time	Paper ID	Topic of the Paper and Author/s
12.15 p.m.	Sub/T/07/7.1	Issues in Publications in Humanities and Social Sciences <i>Prof. Kusuma Karunaratne</i> kusumakaru@yahoo.com
12.30 p.m.	Sub/T/07/7.2	Repositioning the Product and the Process in Research Publishing <i>Dr. Dushyanthi Mendis</i> mendis@gmail.com
12.45 p.m.	Sub/T/07/7.3	Increasing the visibility of Sri Lankan HSS research publications through Web of Science core collections. <i>Dr. Pradeepa Wijetunge</i> pwijetunge@lib.cmb.ac.lk
1.00 p.m-1.15 p.m		Discussion

Technical Session - I

Theme		Plans for Future Developments
Venue/Virtual Link		https://tiikm.zoom.us/j/82110229529
Time		2.00 p.m
Session Chairperson/s		Prof. OG Dayarathne Banda Prof. Chandana Rohana Withananchchi
Convener		Dr Hasith Eranda Kandaudahewa
Session coordinator		Mr. Asitha Amarakoon
Presentations		
2.00 pm 2.05		Introductory Remarks
Time	Paper ID	Topic of the Paper and Author/s
2.05 p.m.	Sub/T/11/11.1	Plans for Future Development in the Field of Humanities & Social Sciences in state universities in Sri Lanka <i>Snr. Prof. Sampath Amaratunge, Snr. Prof. Premakumara de Silva</i> chairman@ugc.ac.lk , prema@soc.cmb.ac.lk
2.20 p.m.	Sub/T/11/11.2	The Future: Arts Stream in the State Universities. <i>Dr. Jeevaretnam Kennedy</i> kennedyjeevaretnam@gmail.com
2.35 – 2.45 p.m.		Discussion

Plenary Session

Time	Topic	Research team
2.45 - 3.00 p.m.	Graduand and Graduate Perspectives on Humanities and Social Sciences Education in The State Universities in Sri Lanka	Prof. Padmasiri Siddhisena, Snr. Prof. Premakumara de Silva, Prof. Rameez Aboobacker, Dr. Sagara Chandrasekara, Mr. Migara Karunarathne
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