

**6<sup>th</sup> SSEASR international Conference**

University of Kelaniya

Sri Lanka

4<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> June 2015

Inaugural Session

4<sup>th</sup> June 2015, Thursday

Venue: **Board Room, Faculty of Social Sciences**

9.00am -12.45p.m

9.00-10.00: Registration

10.00-10.05: Inauguration of the conference by **lighting the traditional oil lamp** by dignitaries.

10.05-10.10: **University Anthem**

10.10-10.20: Welcome address by **Prof. Anura Manatunga**, Director, Centre for Asian Studies, UoK.

10.20-10.30: Address by **Prof. Asanga Tilakathne**, Vice President, SSEASR.

10.30-10.40: Address by **Prof. M.J.S. Wijayarathne**, Chairman, Research Council, UoK.

10.40-11.50: Address by **Prof. Amarjiva Lochan**, President, SSEASR.

10.50-11.05: Address by the Chief Guest, **Prof. Sunanda Madduma Bandara**, Vice chancellor, UoK.

11.05-11.15: Vote of Thanks by **Prof. A.H.M.H. Abayarathna**, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, UoK.

11.15-11.20: **National Anthem.**

11.20-11.45: **Refreshments**

11.45-12.45: Keynote Speech by **Prof. Albertina Nugteren**, Tilburg University, the Netherlands on  
*'The Bodhi leaf as a souvenir, a memento, a relic and an ambassador of Buddhism'*.

12.45: 1.00: **Declare opening of the Photo Exhibition** *'Invoking the Goddess: Pattini-Kannaki  
worship in Sri Lanka'* by **Ms. Sharni Jayawardena** and **Dr. Malathi De Alwis.**

1.00-2.00: Lunch.

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**Day 1- Hall- 1**  
**4<sup>th</sup> June Thursday Evening Session**  
**Board Room of the Faculty of Social Sciences**

Time: **2.00- 3.40 pm**

Chairperson: **Prof. Piyadasa Ranasinghe**

Co-Chairpersons: **Prof. A.A. D. Amarasekera and Prof. Asanga Tilakaratne**

Rapporteur: **Mr. Aruna K. Gamage**

2.00-2.20	A comparative study of the two translated versions of the Mahavamsa by Kyee Theile Htatta Sayadaw and Wilhelm Geiger. <b><i>Mo Mo Thant</i></b>
2.20-2.40	The Importance of oral tradition in the Sri Lankan heritage. <b><i>Oliver Abeynayake</i></b>
2.40-3.00	<i>Dhamma's</i> transmission and the <i>Pali</i> Theravada Canon. <b><i>Russell Bowden</i></b>
3.00-3.20	<i>The Buddhist Shakespeare!</i> (Analysis on the core Buddhist notions concealed in Shakespeare's <i>Macbeth</i> and <i>King Lear</i> ) <b><i>T.M.W.P. Tennakoon</i></b>
3.20-3.40	Language, literature and "Learning": Linking culture and religion. <b><i>Adam Barborich &amp; Asantha Attanayake Barborich</i></b>
3.40-4.00	Discussion

Tea will be served during the discussion

Time: **4.00- 5.40pm**

Chairperson: **Prof. John Solt**

Co-Chairpersons: **Prof. Oliver Abenayake, Prof. Amarjiva Lochan**

Rapporteur: **Rev. Pahiyangala Sumangala**

[Special Panel Proposed by Prof. John Solt]

4.00-4.20	Monastic rules on the consumption of victuals in Early Buddhism. <b><i>Phra MahaSomphong Santacitto</i></b>
4.20-4.40	Obesity of the laity and monks in present-day Thailand. <b><i>Chutatip Umavijani</i></b>
4.40-5.00	How to solve the obesity problem of monks and nuns in Theravada Buddhism? <b><i>John Solt</i></b>
5.00-5.20	Escape from the food trap. <b><i>Tetsuya Taguchi</i></b>
5.20-5.40	Discussion

6.30-7.30: **Cultural Show** at the Dharmaloka Hall, University of Kelaniya.

**Day 1- Hall-2**  
**4<sup>th</sup> June Thursday Evening Session**  
**Board Room of the Faculty of Humanities**

Time: **2.00- 3.40 pm**

Chairperson: **Prof. B.D. Nandadeva**

Co-Chairperson: **Prof. Malinga Amarasingha**

Rapporteur: **Ms.Nilanthi Bandara**

2.00-2.20	Syncretism of the god Kataragama, at the shrine in the jungle. <i>Srilal Perera</i>
2.20- 2.40	The Lahu-speaking peoples of the Yunnan-Indochina Borderlands: A threefold religious heritage and its consequent synchronisms. <i>Anthony Walker</i>
2.40-3.00	Glove Puppets-History, perspectives and new challenge. <i>Kakali Dhara Mandal</i>
3.00-3.20	Analysis of design and structural qualities of earthenware storage products: Use of Kalaya in Sri Lankan context. <i>Dilshani Ranasinghe</i>
3.20-3.40	Remarks on Buddha images with the left hand in Maravijaya from the Hariphunchai national museum, Lamphun, and the Sriksetra archaeological museum, Myanmar. <i>Surasawadi Sooksawadi</i>
3.40-4.00	Discussion

Tea will be served during the discussion.

Time: **4.00- 5.40pm**

Chairperson: **Rev. Prof. Vijithapura Wimalarathne**

Co-Chairperson: **Prof. Mapa Thilakarathna**

Rapporteur: **Ms.Suvimalee Rathnayaka**

4.00-4.15	The religious background of Bhitargarh, Bangladesh. <i>Shahnaj Husne Jahan</i>
4.15-4.30	Lion motif used in Buddhist architecture of ancient Bangladesh. <i>Zohirul Islam</i>
4.30-4.45	Potentials and prospects of religious tourism in Kataragama. <i>R.A.N. Sandamali</i>
4.45-5.00	Impact of climatic change on tourism in Sri Lanka: An investigation. <i>S.U.T.Silva</i>
5.00-5.15	Android application for the Stupas in the World Heritage site of Anuradhapura. <i>Nelanga Jayasinghe</i>
5.15-5.30	Image Processing Approach for Ancient Brahmi Script Analysis. <i>Nalin Warnajith, DA, Nilanthi Bandara, Atshushi Minati &amp; Satoru</i>
5.30-5.45	Discussion

End of Day 1

**Day 2- Hall- 1**  
**5<sup>th</sup> June Friday Morning Session**  
**Board Room of the Faculty of Social Sciences**

Time: 9.00-11.00am

Chairperson: **Prof. Albertina Nugteren**

Co-Chairperson: **Dr. Pushpa Kulanatha**

Rapporteur: **Mr. Amalka Wijesuriya**

9.00-9.20	Interplay of spirituality, religious belief and ethno-medicines with health and healing Practices among Hindus of Northern India. <i>Vibha Agnihotri</i>
9.20-9.40	Collection, preservation and provisions access to palm leaf manuscripts in Sri Lanka. <i>Piyadasa Ranasinghe</i>
9.40-10.00	Idol making heritage of Kumartuli, Kolkata, India. <i>Gitanjali Goswami</i>
10.00-10.20	Using heritage for politics: A comparative study of religious symbolism in Naypyidaw (Myanmar) and in Putrajaya (Malaysia). <i>Manfred Hutter</i>
10.20-10.40	The Temples of Katasraj in Pakistan between Legend and History. <i>Muhammad Akram</i>
10.40-11.00	Discussion

Tea will be served during the discussion.

Time: 11.00-1.00

Chairperson: **Rev. Fr. Herminio Dagohoy**

Co-Chairperson: **Prof. W.M.M.K Weerasinghe**

Rapporteur: **Ms. Dinithi Wijesuriya**

11.00-11.20	The Holi Robe (of Jesus) as an example of Christian relics and the embodiment of religious meaning. <i>Sebastian Murten Ozawa</i>
11.20-11.40	A comparative analysis on the Buddhist and Christian criterion of ethics. <i>Rev. Mahawela Rathanapala</i>
11.40-12.00	Inter-religious dialogue and Indian tradition. <i>Indu Kumari</i>
12.00-12.20	Independent catholicism in an indigenous-Christian public sphere: The Iglesia Filipina Independiente and the independent Catholics of India, Goa, and Ceylon around 1900. <i>Adrian Herman</i>
12.20-12.40	Crown, servant and god: Popular expressions of the divine in Javanese shadow theatre. <i>Edith Frank</i>
12.40-1.00	Discussion

Lunch: 1.00-2.00

**Day 2- Hall- 1**  
**5<sup>th</sup> June Friday Evening Session**  
**Board Room of the Faculty of Social Sciences**

Time: **2.00-4.00 pm**

Chairperson: **Dr. Anuradha K. Ranade**

Co-Chairperson: **Dr. Prashanthi Narangoda**

Rapporteur: **Ms. Piumi Embuldeniya**

[Special Panel proposed by Dr. Anuradha K. Ranade on “Study of donation patterns through Buddhist inscriptions in Western India”]

2.00-2.20	Buddhist monasteries and land grants in Western India. <i>Anuradha K. Ranade</i>
2.20-2.40	Donations to the Buddhist establishments in South Konkan with Special Reference to Kuda, Mahad and Kol. <i>Swapna Samel</i>
2.40-3.00	Donation pattern of Buddhist establishments in North Konkan with Special Reference to Kanheri caves. <i>Sheela Nabar</i>
3.00-3.20	Patrons of World Heritage Buddhist sites of Ajanta. <i>Suvarna Jadhav</i>
3.20-3.40	<i>Discussion</i>

Tea break **4.00-5.45**

Chairperson: **Prof. W.A. Weerasinghe**

Co-Chairperson: **Dr. Bindu Urugodawatte**

Rapporteur: **Ms. Oshadi Herath**

4.00-4.15	The Buddha, Martha Nussbaum and sympathetic imagination. <i>Rev. Yakkaduwe Sugunaseela</i>
4.15-4.30	The requisite of behavioural prerequisite vis-a-vis Buddhist meditation. <i>R.M.Rathnasiri</i>
4.30-4.45	A Buddhist psychosomatic therapy against anti-aging obsession. <i>Kyoung Hee Lee</i>
4.45-5.00	The protection available for the elders under the prevention of domestic violence law: Sri Lankan perspective. <i>Ishara Kumudumalee Munasinghe</i>
5.00-5.15	Speaking: The ESL learners' perspective. <i>J.M.P.V.K. Jayasundera</i>
5.15-5.30	A bibliographical survey of the palm leaf manuscripts found in Ruwangiri RajamahaViharaya, Anuradhapura District <i>Rev. Legumdeniye Piyarathana</i>
5.30-5.45	<i>Discussion</i>

**Day 2- Hall-2**  
**5<sup>th</sup> June Friday Morning Session**  
**Board Room of the Faculty of Humanities**

Time: **9.00-11.00**

Chairperson: **Prof. Nalini Rao**

Co-Chairperson: **Prof. Uda Hettige**

Rapporteur: **Ms. Qurat Ul Ain**

9.00-9.20	Pilgrimage sites as epicentres for religious confluence in South Asia. <i>James Ponniah</i>
9.20-9.40	Nanda Raj Jaat: The world's longest pilgrimage on foot. <i>Anjali Chauhan</i>
9.40-10.00	Varanasi: The city of prayers and pilgrimage in circle. <i>Midori Horiuchi</i>
10.00 10. -20	Reflections on the Saivite philosophy of the 12th century Tamilnadu through its temple art & literature. <i>Usha R. Vijailakshmi</i>
10.20-10.40	Grove, goddess, houseplant, and bride: Ascetic/domestic values in Hindu worship of Tulsi (Basil). <i>Tracy Pintchman</i>
10.40-11.00	Discussion

Tea will be served during the discussion

Time: 11.00-1.00

Chairperson: **Prof. P.B. Mandawala**

Co-Chairperson: **Dr. Chulani Rambukwella**

Rapporteur: **Zohirul Islam**

11.00-11.20	Evaluating and ameliorating visual Impacts of waterfalls hydropower on holy Sites. <i>Alan Potkin</i>
11.20-11.40	Economic Globalization and Cultural Heritage in Sri Lanka Today. <i>Edwin Dicken</i>
11.40-12.00	Displaying South Asian Heritage: The Global Nataraja Image <i>Karen Pechilis</i>
12.00-12.20	Heritage and Authenticity in an Era of Shifting Physical and Ritual Geographies <i>Amy L. Allocco</i>
12.20-12.40	Unstabletradition: Heritage and religious in the Garhwal Himalaya of North India. <i>Brian Pennington</i>
12.40-1.00	Discussion

**Lunch: 1.00-2.00**

**Day 2- Hall-2**  
**5<sup>th</sup> June Friday Evening Session**  
**Board Room of the Faculty of Humanities**

Time: 2.00-3.40pm

Chairperson: **Prof. Kamani Jayasekera**

Co-Chairperson: **Dr. Nadeesha Gunawardhana**

Rapporteur: **Dinisha Liyanage**

2.00-2.20	Godna tradition of Awadh-From mythology to modernity. <i>Neetu Singh</i>
2.20-2.40	Pennington Jewish cultural heritage: A comparative analysis between Greece and India. <i>Maria Sidiropoulou</i>
2.40-3.00	Idol Making Heritage of Kumartuli, Kolkata, India. <i>Gitanjali Goswami</i>
3.00-3.20	Rituals in transition: Migration and cultural transmission. <i>Niki Papageorgiou</i>
3.20-3.40	Religious and cultural transmission and maintenance of the Indian diaspora in Thailand. <i>Sophana Srichampa</i>
3.40-4.00	Discussion

Tea will be served during the discussion

Time: **4.00-5.45pm**

Chairperson: **Dr. Malathi De Alwis**

Co-Chairperson: **Dr. Prashanthi Narangoda**

Rapporteur: **Asitha Mallawaarachchi**

4.00-4.15	A case report: the coastal Vedda community trapped in the civil war in Sri Lanka. <i>Lanka Ranaweera</i>
4.15-4.30	Steps to prevent the religious nationalism in politics and to develop the national integration of post war Sri Lanka. <i>W.S.N. Sanjeewani</i>
4.30-4.45	Religious healing in war-affected children in Sri Lanka. <i>W.M.S.M. Kumari Thoradeniya</i>
4.45-5.00	Information modifiers which prevent post-war capacity development. <i>T.A. Pushparajah</i>
5.00-5.15	A comparative analysis of address of social issues in modern Sri Lankan and Indian poetry. <i>M.N.S. Dilani</i>
5.15-5.30	Kandyan kingdom and social communication; reflection of the South Indian culture and political system by the incident of the caught of kSing <i>Sri Wickrama Rajasinghe at Bomure – Gallahawatta, Medamahanuwara.</i> <i>Manoj Pushpakuma Jinadasa</i>
5.30-5.45	Discussion

**Day 3- Hall-1**  
**6<sup>th</sup> June Morning Session**  
**Board Room of the Faculty of Social Sciences**

Time: 9.00-10.40

Chairperson: **Prof. John Solt**

Co-Chairperson: **Prof. Shahaj Husne Jahan**

Rapporteur: **Madhurani Attanayaka**

9.00-9.20	Buddhist perspective towards other religions: A critical survey mainly based on the Early Buddhism <i>Aruna K. Gamage</i>
9.20-9.40	The <i>MahaSatipatthānaSutta</i> : Practical guide to Buddhist meditation. <i>Namitha Nimbalkar</i>
9.40-10.00	The privatization of ownership in the sphere of Khap Lam Melodies <i>Hirata Akiko</i>
10.00-10.20	The sacred <i>Tulasi</i> . <i>Sundari Siddhartha</i>
10.20-10.40	Discussion Buddha at Niranjana, the later Vedic river Phalgu. <i>Amarjiva Lochan</i>

Tea break 10.40-11.00

Time: 11.00-1.00

Chairperson: **Prof. Amarjiva Lochan**

Co-Chairperson: **Prof. Yamuna Herath**

Rapporteur: **Dilini Gamage**

11.00-11.20	Tracing Hindu elements in Desposoryo of Malolos, Bulacan. Philippines <i>Arvin D. Eballo</i>
11.20-11.40	The Kanao practices of the Kankaneyns of Benguet, Philippines. <i>Liza Estin Daoanis , Alviar &amp; Rivera Carmen</i>
11.40-12.00	Faith healers and faith Healing: The healers of pateros, Philippines <i>Nenita Pambid Domingo</i>
12.00-12.20	An ethnographic study on the spirituality of the Alangan Mangyans of Sablayan, Philippines. <i>Esmeralda Sanchez</i>
12.20-12.40	The materiality of religious healing in Kamayng Manggagamot (Hand of the Healer) in Anyatam, San Ildefonso Bulacan ,Philippines. <i>Rev. Fr. H.O. Pama, A.L.A. Salvacion &amp; M.A. Ignacio</i>
12.40-1.00	Discussion

**Lunch 1.00-2.00**



**Day 3- Hall-1**

**6<sup>th</sup> June Evening -Closing Session**

**Board Room of the Faculty of Social Sciences**

Time: **2.00-4.00pm**

Chairperson: **Prof. A.H.M.H. Abayarathna**

Co-Chairpersons: **Prof. Amarjiva Lochan , Prof. Asanga Tilakaratne & Prof. Sophana Srichampa**

Rapporteur:**J.M.S. Dilinika**

2.00-2.15	Museums to represent Heritage: A New museological perspective. <i>Chulani Rambukwella</i>
2.15-2.30	Role of museums in housing heritagefor sustainable economic growth. <i>Kamani Perera</i>
2..30-2.45	An analysis on potentials of developing spiritual tourism in Sri Lanka – with special reference to Buddhist pilgrimage activities. <i>Indrachapa Gunasekera</i>
2.45-3.00	Promoting spiritual tourism in Sri Lanka <i>W.H.M.S. Samarathunga</i>
3.00-3.15	Identification of the statue near Potgul Vihara at Polonnaruva as <i>Amoghapasa Avalokiteshvara Bodhisattva</i> . <i>Anura Manatunga</i>
3.15-3.50	Valedictory Function
3.50-4.00	Vote of Thanks by <i>Indrachapa Weerasingha</i>

**Day 3- Hall-2**  
**6<sup>th</sup> June Morning Session**  
**Board Room of the Faculty of Humanities**

9.00-10.40

Chairperson: **Dr. Usha R Vijailakshmi**

Co-Chairperson: **Dr. Indika Bulankulame**

Rapture: **Indrachapa Gunasekera**

9.00-9.20	Continuities and transformats in the aniconic symbols of the Buddha in Kanaganahalli: Recently discovered Buddhist sites in Karnataka, South India. <i>Nalini Rao</i>
9.20-9.40	Paintings of Jātaka sStories and events from the life of Buddha from Kizil rock – cut monastery, Xinjiang province, China. <i>Bindu Urugodawatte</i>
9.40-10.00	Buddhist monks’ contribution in cultural relations between ancient China and Sri Lanka. <i>Chandima Bogahawatta</i>
10.00-10.20	Chetiyaghara Inscription at Nagarjunakondai: A Rationale for Cultural and Religious Ratifications between Sri Lanka and India. <i>Prashanthi Narangoda</i>
10.20-10.40	Historical importance of ancient hospital complexes in Mādirigiriya and Ruwanwālisēya in Sri Lanka <i>Nadeesha Gunawardana</i>
10.40-11.00	Discussion

Tea will be served during the discussion

11.00-12.40

Chairperson: **Prof. James Ponnaiah**

Co-Chairperson: **Prof. Mo Mo Thant**

Rapporteur: **Ms.Oshadi Herath**

11.00-11.20	Use of rocks for building construction in Ancient Sri Lanka: Efficiency of rock handling and carving technology <i>A.G. Amarasinghe</i>
11.20-11.40	Symbols, art and architecture in regional cultures - A study on Sri Lankan mosaic art. <i>Piyumi Embuldeniya</i>
11.40-12.00	<i>History and architecture of Pharwala fort, Rawalpindi District, Pakistan.</i> <i>Qurat Ul Ain</i>
12.00-12.20	Vernacular architecture of Sri Lanka as a means of communication. <i>Anuththaradevi Widyalankara</i>
12.20-12.40	Legends, history and faith: The procession and feast on worshipping to St.Sebastian <i>Sānā Medhali Ranasinghe</i>
12.40-1.00	Kalutara: Forgotten heritage of boundless faith <i>Sanjeewani Widyaratne</i>
12.20-12.40	Religious perception with colossal masterpieces: A case study of world’s largest Samadhi Buddha statue at Rambodagalla Temple, Kurunegala, Sri Lanka <i>Indrachapa Weerasingha</i>
12.40-1.00	Discussion

Day 4  
**7<sup>th</sup> June 2015- Morning session**  
Pegasus Hotel , Wattala

8.00-9.00 am

8.00-8.45	SSEASR Agenda taken
8.45-9.00	Election of the new office bearers
9.00	Departure for the post conference tour

**Special events for SSEASR members and Foreign Participants**

- **Pre- conference tour** to Galle fort on 3<sup>rd</sup> June
  - **Cultural show** from 6.30-7.30 on 4<sup>th</sup> June at the Dharmaloka Hall, University of Kelaniya
  - **Dinner** hosted by the Vice Chancellor from 8.00-10.00 pm on 4<sup>th</sup> June Pegasus Hotel, Wattala.
  - **Devil dance** and **Dinner** of rural Sri Lankan food 7.00-8.30 on 5<sup>th</sup> June at *Yalaththa*, Kiribathgoda hosted by Tikiri Herath Gunathilaka.
  - Leave for three day **Conference tour** at 9.00 am on 7<sup>th</sup> June to Kandy, Sigiriya, Polonnaruwa and Anuradhapura.
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