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Foreword

It is with great pleasure and honour that we present Vol. 13. No. II of the Sri Lanka Journal of Advanced Research Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences (SLJARS), especially focussing on the research and novel contributions towards the sustenance and wellbeing of the society penetrated through the studies of Humanities and Social Sciences. It is worth note that studies of social sciences and humanities are diverting their scope towards sciences such as behavioural sciences, natural sciences where the needs, demands and the necessities of the societies are diagnosed, and remedies are recommended in a scientific manner. Despite there are unlimited access to technology and technology driven tools, to equip for more efficient and product-oriented economies, the human thinking, and the brain power are still unchallenged. Thereby, the studies of human behaviour, human societies, cultures and their geographic identities have become more important focal points in addressing the present-day needs and remedies.

The National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences (NCAS) being the only Research Institute in Sri Lanka governed by the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978, is happy to thrive and embark such novel studies under its broader objectives to enhance the capacities through its holistic understanding to cater for the academia and the community simultaneously, and to embark its mission for further studies, research and contributions. We are happy to announce that the Sri Lanka Journal of Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences is a peer reviewed and follows double blind review process, which is published in two (02) issues per year. The journal has been recognized by the 'Sri Lanka Journals Online' since 2007.

It is important to note that each article of the journal represents a significant contribution to our understanding of the human condition, showcasing rigorous research, having unique and innovative methodologies with critical analyses. While some are so significant on exploring historical pathways, and cultural phenomena, some are pillars of examining contemporary social issues and policy impacts. However, the depth and the breadth of topics covered here showcase the richness and diversity inherent in the humanities and social sciences.

I extend my deepest gratitude to the authors, reviewers, and editorial team whose dedication and hard work have made this edition possible. Their commitment to scholarly excellence ensures that this journal continues to be a vital platform for intellectual exchange and discovery. I am confident that the insights and findings presented in these pages will inspire and inform future research, contributing to the ongoing dialogue that shapes our understanding of the world.

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