



Message from the Co-Secretaries

On behalf of the organizing committee, we are pleased to send this message on the event of the 4th Annual Research Symposium on Social Sciences and Humanities (ARSSSH) 2017, on 20th December 2017, Hilton Colombo Residencies, Colombo 2, Sri Lanka. The National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences (NCAS) is an institution set up within the University System under the UGC of Sri Lanka to encourage and nurture reflective thinking and innovative ideas, and to support research characterized by creativity and originality in the fields of Social Sciences and Humanities. In line with its prime objective, the NCAS annually conducts a research symposium creating a window of opportunities especially for the academics and researchers in the fields of Humanities and Social Sciences. As response to our short calling notice for submission of extended abstracts, we have received ninety six of extended abstracts within very short time period. The papers were reviewed by the eminent persons in the respective field comprising senior professors and professors in the university system we were fortunate to receive speedy responses from reviewers and authors for reviewing and resubmitting the papers. As a result of evaluation, sixty two papers were accepted to present at the Conference, nineteen abstracts were rejected and fifteen papers withdrawn by the respective authors.

We would like to give our special thanks to Professor P.S.M. Gunaratne, Director of the NCAS who initiated this symposium, igniting the inner drives of the staff of the Centre. Also, we greatly appreciate the support of the Co-Chairs Prof. J.A.S.K Jayakody and Dr. M.P.P. Dharmadasa. ARSSSH 2017 would not have been possible without the hard work of the organizing committee and the staff of the NCAS. Therefore, we would like to thank them for their diligent commitment and dedication. Finally, we hope that the research culture in the field of Humanities and Social Sciences in Sri Lanka will significantly enhance through the 4th Annual Research Symposium on Social Sciences and Humanities (ARSSSH) 2017.

We wish you all a very pleasant and a rewarding experience at this ARSSSH- 2017

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