



Message by the Symposium Coordinator
Dr. Sampath Chandrasena

It has been a great pleasure to organize the 5th International Research Symposium on Social Sciences and Humanities (IRSSSH 2023), on 29th November 2023, Sri Lanka Foundation Institute, Colombo 07, Sri Lanka. The primary objective of this symposium is to foster an inclusive platform where diverse perspectives from various disciplines converge, emphasizing the vital need for a multidisciplinary approach in navigating and resolving our multifaceted challenges. Our conviction lies in the understanding that robust and innovative solutions arise from the amalgamation of diverse viewpoints. Through this symposium, our intention is to curate an environment conducive to open dialogue and interdisciplinary discourse. By uniting national and international scholars from the expansive realms of social sciences and humanities, we aspire to create a space for the critical examination, discussion, and constructive debate on issues of profound significance and urgency. This symposium serves as an avenue for fostering collaborative efforts towards addressing pressing issues demanding immediate attention. It endeavors to not only illuminate the complexities of our current landscape but also pave the way for actionable solutions, steering us towards positive societal impact and sustainable outcomes.

I am happy to mention here that we selected about 52 abstracts out of 132, after a thorough screening, by adhering to the guidelines, and theme, and the standard writing etc., The extended abstracts presented today include the research findings of the scholars representing the state and non-state universities, individual researchers and the NCAS grantees. We reluctantly compelled to reject some due to various reasons, however, we have already promised them that the NCAS is will contact them in future to bring their research findings to the foreground and flourish for the betterment of the local and global wellbeing.

The quality and depth of the submissions we received were truly commendable, reflecting the dedication and expertise of our scholarly community. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all participants, reviewers, and authors for their invaluable contributions and commitment to academic excellence. We eagerly anticipate the enlightening discussions and knowledge sharing that will undoubtedly enrich our Symposium

I am deeply honored to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the distinguished keynote speaker, Dr. Lodewijk J. Wagenaar, whose insights have

illuminated our gathering. I am immensely grateful to the esteemed panelists Professor Maciej Kowalewski from Poland, Professor Ankuran Dutta from India, Professor Sandagomi Coperahewa from Sri Lanka, Md. Reyad Hossain from Bangladesh, Professor Mir Abdul Sofique from India, and Ms. Himalee Kularathne from Sri Lanka for generously sharing their wealth of knowledge and experience, enriching our symposium.

My sincere gratitude extends to the diligent reviewers, dedicated session chairs, Co-chairs, editorial committee and the tireless Symposium organizing committee. Their unwavering commitment and invaluable contributions have been the cornerstone of this event's success. Thank you for your exceptional efforts and unwavering support.

I am profoundly grateful for the invaluable guidance offered by the Director of NCAS, Professor Prashanthi Narangoda, whose leadership and wisdom have been instrumental in steering us toward success. Additionally, I extend my heartfelt appreciation to the dedicated staff members of NCAS whose unwavering support and tireless efforts have significantly contributed to the fulfillment of our endeavors. Their commitment and assistance have been indispensable, and I am deeply appreciative of their contributions.

For all others who contributed towards the success of this event in numerous ways, your cooperation and dedication are valued greatly. I thank all the presenters and participants for being a part of IRSSSH 2023 and wish you an intellectually stimulating and productive engagement during the symposium.

I wish you all a very pleasant and a rewarding experience at this IRSSSH 2023!!!

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