



Message by the Honourable State Minister of Higher Education
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It is significant that the latest global educational reforms have clearly identified the urgent need for an immediate transformation of pedagogical process in Humanities and Social Sciences. Sri Lanka need to ask and find answers to some of the fundamental propositions of our aims and delivery of this area.

Governments worldwide on the other hand are under tremendous pressure to adopt HSS to fit into the market modalities. This is not merely the external conditionality but also the post-Aragalaya reality where the citizens are demanding a responsible higher studies culture especially from our state universities. Thus, it is no secret that our 17+ state universities and the 245 + so called HSS degrees need an ideological as well as a methodological transformation to avoid intellectual invalidity, because HSS is the area that will train minds to seek the true meaning of things: to distinguish between the truth and what is merely seemingly be true.

Our collective efforts should be to self-examine the present state academic culture without delay and embrace a path by which we will transform to train critical minded graduates and scholars who are empowered to be truly national in their practices but global in their intellectual citizenship. May that be our aim!!

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