

MESSAGE FROM THE SYMPOSIUM CO-CHAIR

'Navigating the Evolving Landscape of Humanities and Social Sciences: A Call for Multilingual Scholarship



As the Research Fellow at the NCAS, I am honored to contribute to the proceedings of the 6th International Symposium on Social Sciences and Humanities (IRSSSH) 2024. This event provides a unique platform to explore the dynamic transformations taking place within the fields of Humanities and Social Sciences.

In recent years, these disciplines have witnessed a convergence of technological advancements, societal shifts, and evolving research methodologies. This convergence has led to the emergence of new areas of inquiry, such as interdisciplinary collaboration, digital humanities, global perspectives, critical race theory, de-colonial studies, environmental humanities, data-driven

research, public engagement, and ethical considerations.

This Symposium offers an opportunity to delve into these emerging trends and discuss their implications for our understanding of the world and our role within it. By fostering dialogue and collaboration among scholars from diverse backgrounds, we can collectively shape the future of Humanities and Social Sciences and contribute to addressing the complex challenges of our time.

In addition to exploring these emerging trends, the NCAS is committed to promoting multilingual scholarship. Recognizing the importance of making knowledge accessible to a wider audience, we plan to expand our research journal to include translations into Sinhala and Tamil. This initiative aims to revitalize a tradition that was once a cornerstone of Sri Lankan intellectual life.

By publishing our research journal in three languages, we hope to bridge the lacuna between academic scholarship and the broader public. This will not only contribute to the dissemination of knowledge but also foster a more inclusive and equitable intellectual landscape.

As we move forward, the NCAS will continue to strive for excellence in research, education, and public engagement. By embracing both the emerging trends in our fields and the rich traditions of our past, we can contribute to a more vibrant, innovative, and just society.

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