

8th International Research Symposium in Humanities and Social Sciences (IRSHSS) 2026

Reimagining Sri Lanka from a Transdisciplinary Perspective 17-18 December 2026

Call for Extended Abstracts

The National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences (NCAS) invites researchers, scholars, practitioners, and graduate students to submit extended abstract that align with the following themes:

Symposium Theme: 'Reimagining Sri Lanka from a Transdisciplinary Perspective'

Sub-themes

- Political Economy, National Planning and Development Strategy
- Law, Governance and State Transformation
- Social Cohesion, Pluralism, and Reconciliation
- Rapid urban expansion, internal and external migrations and new spatial Dynamics
- Ecology, Climate Crisis, and Environmental Justice
- Gender, Inclusivity, and Social Marginalization
- Digital Transformation, Media, and Public Sphere
- Memory, Heritage and new trend in historical consciousness
- Culture and Arts in Transition
- Education, Youth, and Human Capital Dynamics

Guidelines for Submission of Extended Abstracts

- The abstract must present original research.
- The given template should be used (see below).
- The extended abstract should strictly cover the following:
 - Introduction to the Study
 - Literature Review
 - Methods and Methodology
 - Results and Discussion
 - Conclusions and Remarks
 - 4 - 5 keywords (according to alphabetical order in *italics*)
 - Selected References (Maximum 10- using APA Referencing) and follow in-text referencing throughout the paper.
- The abstract should be coherent and devoid of any language errors.
- Font: Times New Roman, size 11 with 1.5 spacing on B5 size paper.

- Number of words: 1000-1500 excluding Keywords and References.
- Provide the *name, email, telephone No. of the corresponding author in the email content.*
- The sub-theme (listed above) under which the abstract is submitted, should be indicated in the space provided.

Abstracts that do not follow the above guidelines will be rejected

Please use the following template for submission of the Extended Abstracts:

Sub Theme*	Title A.B.C. Silva¹, C.D.E. Perera ² ¹. Department/Institution University of ². Department/Institution, University of Abstract
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Email the abstracts to symposium2026@ncas.ac.lk on or before **31 August 2026**

For more details, visit <https://www.ncas.ac.lk/symposium2026>

Key Dates

Extended Abstract Submission Deadline	- 31 August 2026
Notification of Acceptance	- 16-30 September 2026
Submission of Camera-Ready Abstract	- 15 November 2026
Last Date of Registration	- 20 th November 2026

The accepted extended abstracts will be presented at the Symposium and published in the Symposium Proceedings.

Selected full papers at the Symposium will be published in the Sri Lanka Journal of Advanced Research Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences (SLJARHSS- a peer-reviewed Journal- accredited by Sri Lanka journals online - <https://sljol.info/>)

Registration of Symposium Participants:

NCAS grantees	Rs. 3000/-
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We look forward to welcoming you to Colombo for IRSHSS 2026 and to engaging in meaningful dialogue on 'Reimagining Sri Lanka from a Transdisciplinary Perspective'.