

INFORMATION PACK



**CHANGING WORLD, CHALLENGING BOUNDARIES: NEW FRONTIERS IN
CREATIVE ARTS & HUMANITIES**

SRI LANKA FOUNDATION INSTITUTE (SLFI)

UNIVERSITY OF THE VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS (UVPA)

INFORMATION PACK FOR OVERSEAS PRESENTERS

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Abbreviations

SLFI – Sri Lanka Foundation Institute (Conference venue)

UVPA – University of the Visual and Performing Arts

1. ARRIVING COLOMBO

The conference committee of the 1st International Research Symposium expect a large number of foreign delegates to be arriving on or before the 4th December 2018.

Transport is provided for all the foreign conference presenters arriving at the Bandaranaike International Airport to the Hotel.

Please email the "transport officers" with your arrival times & flight info.

A daily transport service will be arranged from the Hotel to the conference venue and back.

Transport officers Contact Details:

Niroshan

Mobile: 0718478209

FAQ's

- ***How can I get a Mobile phone connection upon my arrival?***

On Arrival at the airport in Colombo, there are Tele communications service providers such as 'Mobitel' / Airtel / Dialog to get a prepaid mobile connection with internet data.

- ***If I miss the conference transport from the Airport?***

If our transport officers are not contacted by December 2nd 2018, you may have to get a hired taxi from the airport to the hotel where the rooms are prepared for you. From

Bandaranayike airport to the destination (Sri Lankan Foundation institute, Colombo / Other hotels) it would cost approximately Rs 2500/= (USD 14).

- ***How can I call a taxi?***

Some best Options are PickMe or Uber. A mobile number connected with a data package and download PickMe /Uber app to book a cab. It is a very cheap way to travel anywhere in Colombo. There are airport taxi services and other private vehicles you can hire to come to Colombo.

Google store apps:



- ***How can I get my currency changed?***

Once you arrive at the airport there are a few bank outlets and private money changing centers where you can change your money and get Sri Lankan rupees.

In addition, there are some private money changing facilities in the Colombo city. During weekdays, you can change your money at any bank in Colombo such as Bank of Ceylon, People's Bank, Sampath Bank, Hatton National Bank, Seylan Bank, Commercial Bank etc.

The nearest Bank of Ceylon (BOC) branch is located walking distance to the Conference Venue.

2. CONFERENCE VENUES

Once you arrive at the Bandaranayike International Airport, there are a few places that you may need to be familiar with.

- ✓ The Sri Lanka Foundation Institute is a convention Centre where the main events of the conference will be taking place.

Sri Lanka Foundation Institute (SLFI)

Conference Venue I



Auditorium at SLFI

The Sri Lanka Foundation Institute is surrounded by lush vegetation and walking paths. You can walk around and relax in the evening and talk to the city dwellers who are hanging around in the Independence Square very often. The Independence Square is very close to the conference venue and also to the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation and National Television Network (Rupavahini) and National Archive, Arcade Shopping Mall and the Lionel Wendt Theatre which would be a few of the interesting venues.

UVPA Colombo (University of the Visual and Performing Arts)

Conference venue II



University of the Visual and Performing Arts, 21, Albert Crescent, Colombo 07

University of the Visual and Performing Arts commonly known as UVPA is located at a very close proximity to the Main conference venue (Sri Lanka Foundation Institute). However, during conference, the organizers provide a shuttle service between the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute and the UVPA for the presenters and conference attendees.

Conference Cultural Show

The conference cultural show (First day of the conference) will be taking place at the main Theatre, title '*Paneebharatha Theatre*' at the Faculty of Dance and Drama, UVPA Colombo.

Distance from the SLFI to UVPA Colombo: 20 minute walk. Transport facility will be provided to go to the University theatre.

3. CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Conference registration of \$50.00 can be settled in Sri Lankan Rupees or USD on arrival at the registration desks at the conference Global Towers Hotel & the conference venue. The meal tickets & other information can be obtained after registration.



Our conference volunteers will help at the desk near the conference venue to help with registration matters.

Please note that Global Towers Hotel provides currency exchange facilities for you. Please contact the reception at the hotel.

3. ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

Accommodation and meals for foreign delegates and all the presenters will be provided. Tokens for meals will be issued when you register for the conference on the 4th & 5th of December 2018.

All the foreign participants will be accommodated at the Global Towers Hotel, Marine Drive, Colombo. Tel: 0112 591000



Global Towers – Marine Drive, Colombo

Breakfast and Dinner will be available for foreign delegates at the Global towers hotel. Lunch will be provided at the conference venue for all the presenters.

For any other facilities, that are not covered by the “Conference Presenter’s Package” –such as extra food and beverages items ordered from the hotel, the conference delegates would need to bear the costs incurred.

During conference days (5, 6, 7 Dec) morning tea, lunch and evening tea will be served at the conference premises.

Global Towers Hotel Free Wi Fi System

Connect to SSID Global_Lanka

Password: gth12345

4. TRANSPORTATION

Travel to Conference venue from Global Towers Hotel and back

Transportation facilities for foreign delegates will be provided by the conference organizers. This includes airport pick and drop off, transport from the main hotel to the conference Venue in Colombo and back.

The conference bus will arrive at 8.00 am to the Global Towers for pick-ups. Our volunteers will be there to help you.

**Kind Note: Transportation facilities for shopping and sightseeing is not covered on the "Conference Presenter's Package" at this conference*

For more info our volunteers can help you to get a taxi or a tuk tuk.

5. CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CONTACT

Dr Saumya Liyanage (Conference Chair & convener)

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6. WI-FI AND PRINTING FACILITY

Conference presenters are provided Wi-Fi and free printing facility to print their papers and other documents related to the conference. Our volunteers will help you to get your papers printed. Please contact them. A printing stations is established at the main conference venue.

Two main conference venues will be equipped with Wi-Fi facility.

7. HOSPITALS AND EMERGENCY

Durdans Hospital

<https://www.durdans.com/>

+94 (0)11 2 140 202 | +94 (0)11 2 140 203

Lanka Hospitals

<https://www.lankahospitals.com/en/>

+9411 553 0000, +9411 543 0000

The Central Hospital

<http://www.asirihealth.com/>

+94 11 466 5500

8. EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Emergency Hotline 118 / 119

Ambulance / Fire & rescue 110

**Accident Service-General Hospital-
Colombo011-2691111**

Tourist Police-011-2421052

Police Emergency-011-2433333

Government Information Center-1919

Report Crimes-011-2691500

Emergency Police Mobile Squad-011-5717171

Fire & Ambulance Service-011-2422222

9. SHOPPING, RESTAURANTS AND CAFES

Arcade Independence Square Mall

<http://www.arcadeindependencesquare.com/>

Barista Museum

<http://www.barista.lk/>

Barefoot Gallery and Café

<http://www.cinnamonhotels.com/en/cinnamongrandcolombo/>

Majestic city

Avirate Café

Crescat Shopping Mall

Tsing Tao Chinese Restaurant

Dutch Hospital Shopping Precinct

Mac Donald's



10. CONFERENCE SCHEDULE*

	DAY 1
8.00 – 9.00	Conference Registration
	Conference opening
	Welcome speech
	Chief guest's speech
	FGS Journal launch
9.30	Keynote speech – Prof. Rustom Bharucha
10.15-10.30	Tea break
10.30-12.30	Parallel Sessions 1
12.30-1.30	Lunch
1.30-3.30	Parallel Session 2
3.30-3.45	Tea Break
3.45-5.15	Parallel Session 3
6.30	Cultural Show at UVPA Colombo
	DAY 2
9.00	Keynote speech – Dr Rob Conkie
10.00-10.15	Tea Break
10.15-12.15	Parallel session 1
12.15-1.15	Lunch
1.15-3.15	Parallel session 2
3.15-3.30	Tea Break
3.30-5.00	Parallel session 3
6.30 – 10.30	Conference Dinner
	DAY 3
9.00	Keynote speech – Prof. Raj Somadewa
10.00-10.15	Tea Break
10.15-12.15	Parallel session 1
12.15-1.15	Lunch
1.15-3.15	Parallel session 2
3.15-3.30	Tea Break
3.30-5.00	Parallel session 3
5.00 – 6.30	Conference Plenary and Finale

*Full schedule of the conference presentations with hall allocations and time slots will be available on the conference website.