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FOR SUSTAINING PEACE AND DEMOCRACY**

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Time	DAY- I (07.03.2024)
	Inaugural Session TLH I Hall, Faculty of Technological Studies, UOV
08:00 AM	Registration
08:45 AM	Arrival of Guests at Conference Main Hall
09:00 AM	Lighting Traditional Lamp
09:05 AM	Welcome Dance
09:10 AM	Welcome Address by Convener/APPRAC 2024, Mrs. S. Mathivathany, Director, Harmony Centre, UOV
09:15 AM	Inaugural Address by Co-Chair/ APPRAC 2024, Prof. T. Mangaleswaran (Sri Lanka), The Vice Chancellor, UOV
09:20 AM	Inaugural Address by Co-Chair/ APPRAC 2024, Kelli Te Maiharoa (New Zealand), Co-Secretary General, Asia-Pacific Peace Research Association (APPRA)
09:25 AM	Inaugural Address by Co-Chair/ APPRAC 2024, Rajib Timalcina (Nepal), Co-Secretary General, Asia-Pacific Peace Research Association (APPRA).
09:30 AM	Inaugural Address by Co-Chair/ APPRAC 2024, Dr. Senthana Selvarajah (Sri Lanka/ UK), CEO, The Gate Institute, UK.
09:35 AM	Group Traditional Dance
09:40 AM	Special Guest Speech , Prof. (Mrs) GAS. Ginigaddara, The Vice Chancellor, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka
09:50 AM	Chief Guest Speech , Professor Matt Meyer, Secretary-General, International Peace Research Association, Senior Research Scholar, Resistance Studies Initiative, University of Massachusetts/Amherst
10:00 AM	Cultural Performance
10:05 AM	Guest of Honor Speech , Dr. M. Malaravan, Consultant Eye Surgeon, Teaching Hospital, Jaffna
10:10 AM	Keynote Speech (I): 'Artificial Intelligence and Entrepreneurship: Implications for Peace (AI Expert, India', by Professor Dr M. Arumugam, Chairman, Startup Committee, Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Fund Management Corporation (TNIFMC)
10:40 AM	Exhibition/ Book Solve
10:45 AM	TEA BREAK , TLH I, Department of Bio Science, Faculty of Applied Science, UOV
11:10 AM	Launching Conference Proceedings
11:20 AM	Panel Discussion I: 'Building Pathways for Peace and Sustainability'
12:30 PM	Vote of Thanks by Secretary, Harmony Centre, UOV
12:45 PM	LUNCH BREAK , TLH I, Department of Bio Science, Faculty of Applied Science, UOV
01.30 PM Parallel	Panel Discussion II: 'Indigenous Research Methods and Culture of Peace'
	WORKSHOP: 'Early-career Scholars: Ideas on Writing and Publications', Professor Emeritus Roy Tamashiro, Webster University, USA Smart Lecture Hall, Faculty of Applied Science, UOV
03:00PM	TEA BREAK , TLH I, Department of Bio Science, Faculty of Applied Science, UOV
03.30 PM	TECHNICAL SESSIONS
	A.1 - TLH I Hall, Faculty of Technological Studies, UOV
	A.2 - TLH II Hall, Faculty of Technological Studies, UOV A.3 - Board Room, Faculty of Technological Studies, UOV
07.00 PM	Cultural Programs & Welcome Dinner – Hotel Oviya

DAY- 2 (08.03.2024)

TLH I Hall, Faculty of Technological Studies, UOV

08:00 AM	Registration
08:45 AM	Arrival of Guests at Conference Main Hall
09:00 AM	Lighting Traditional Lamp
09:05 AM	Welcome Dance
09:10 AM	Welcome Speech: Convener, APPRAC 2024, Mrs. S. Mathivathany, Director, Harmony Centre, UOV
09:15 AM	Inaugural Address by Guest of Honor Maria Teresa Muñoz, Co-SG, International Peace Research Association (IPRA), Argentina
09:20 AM	A Tribute to Professor Johan Galtung (Father of Peace Studies) chaired by Professor Matt Meyer
09:30 AM	Special Guest Speech by Prof. Roy Tamashiro, Webster University, USA, “Memorials & Museums for Peace: In Search of Peacebuilding for Tumultuous Times”
09:40 A.M	Cultural Performance
09:45 AM	Guest of Honor Speech by Professor V. Kanagasigam, Vice Chancellor, The Eastern University of Sri Lanka
09:55 AM	Guest of Honor Speech by Prof. Linda Groff, Director, Global Options & Evolutionary Futures Consulting
10:00 AM	Cultural Performance
10:05 AM	Keynote Speech (II): ‘Digital Transformation and Artificial Intelligence for Sustaining Peace and Democracy’, by Professor Tatsushi Arai, Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies, School of Peace and Conflict Studies (SPCS), Kent State University (KSU), Ohio, USA
10:40 AM	TEA BREAK , TLH I, Department of Bio Science, Faculty of Applied Science, UOV
11:00 AM	Panel Discussion III: ‘Artificial Intelligence for Sustaining Peace and Democracy’
12:30 PM	Vote of Thanks by Secretary, Harmony Centre, UOV
12:45 PM	LUNCH BREAK , TLH I, Department of Bio Science, Faculty of Applied Science, UOV
01.30 PM	Workshop: “Intercommunal Reconciliation through Experiential Learning”, Professor Tatsushi Arai, Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies, School of Peace and Conflict Studies (SPCS), Kent State University (KSU), Ohio, USA [*Invited Participants Only] Smart Lecture Hall, Faculty of Applied Science, UOV
02.30 PM	Workshop: Forgiveness and Reconciliation in the 21st Century by Dr. Wim Laven, Cuyahoga Community College, USA Board Room, Faculty of Technological Studies, UOV
01.30 PM	TECHNICAL SESSIONS B.1 - TLH I Hall, Faculty of Technological Studies, UOV B.2 - TLH II Hall, Faculty of Technological Studies, UOV B.3 - SHI, Soosairatnam Building, Faculty of Business Studies, UOV B.4 - SHII, Soosairatnam Building, Faculty of Business Studies, UOV
03.30PM	TEA BREAK , TLH I, Department of Bio Science, Faculty of Applied Science, UOV

DAY- 3 (09.03.2024)**TLH 1 Hall, Faculty of Technological Studies, UOV**

08:00 AM	Registration
08:45 AM	Arrival of Guests at Conference Main Hall
09:00 AM	Lighting Traditional Lamp
09:05 A.M	Welcome Dance
09:10 AM	Welcome Address: Convener/APPRAC 2024, Mrs. S. Mathivathany, Director, Harmony Centre, UOV
09:15 AM	Inaugural Address by Guest of Honor, Prof. Manjushri Sharma, Symbiosis College of Arts & Commerce, Pune, Maharashtra, India
09:25 AM	Cultural performance
09:30 AM	Special Guest Speech , Prof Premakumara De Silva, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka and Chairman of Standing Committee of the SRCs, University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka
09:40 AM	Cultural Performance
09:45 AM	Guest of Honor Speech by Prof Liu Cheng, Nanjing University, China
09:55AM	Keynote speech (III): 'History and Coexistence in Sri Lanka' by Emeritus Professor S. Pathmanathan, Chancellor, University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka
10.30 AM	TEA BREAK , TLH I, Department of Bio Science, Faculty of Applied Science, UOV
11.00 AM	Panel Discussion IV: 'Advancing Peace Research and Education: Challenges faced and lessons learned'
12.30 PM	Vote of Thanks by Secretary, Harmony Centre, UOV
12.35 PM	LUNCH BREAK , TLH I, Department of Bio Science, Faculty of Applied Science, UOV
01.30 PM	Exploratory Session: 'Establishing an Inclusive Entrepreneurial Ecosystem for Disadvantaged Entrepreneurs in Sri Lanka', Dr. M Arumugam (India), Dr. Senthana Selvarajah (Sri Lanka/ UK), Mr. K Jeyaraj (UK/ Sri Lanka) & Ms. S. Mathangie (Sri Lanka)
01.30 PM	Technical Sessions C.1 - TLH I Hall, Faculty of Technological Studies, UOV C.2 - TLH II Hall, Faculty of Technological Studies, UOV C.3 - SHI, Soosairatnam Building, Faculty of Business Studies, UOV C.4 - SHII, Soosairatnam Building, Faculty of Business Studies, UOV
03.00 PM	TEA BREAK , TLH I, Department of Bio Science, Faculty of Applied Science, UOV
03.30 PM	Validatory Session and Conference Closing

DAY- 4 (10.03.2024)

6.00 AM	Conference Tour for Confirmed Participants (6.00 AM onwards to evening 06.00 PM)- Vavuniya to Trincomalee and back to Vavuniya
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Panel Discussions

Panel I : ‘Building Pathways for Peace and Sustainability: Reflections from Sri Lanka’ TLH 1 Hall, Faculty of Technological Studies, UOV

Chairperson : Prof. Aslam Khan, Mahatma Gandhi Central University

Speakers	Topic
Dr. Jehan Perera	Challenges and opportunities in building Positive Peace in Sri Lanka
Professor N. Selvakumaran	The Rule of Law and Democracy in Peacebuilding: Lessons from Sri Lanka.
Dr Ramesh Ramasamy	Youth Radicalization in Sri Lanka: Understanding the Causes, Consequences and Solutions

Panel II: ‘Indigenous Peace Research Perspectives for Culture of Peace in Asia-pacific’ TLH 1 Hall, Faculty of Technological Studies, UOV

Chairperson: Professor T Jayasingam, Eastern University of Sri Lanka, Member of Peace Council, Sri Lanka

Speakers	Topic
Liu Cheng, Professor, Nanjing University, China	Non-state’s role for a Peaceful world
Kelli Te Maiharoa, Co-SG Asia-Pacific Peace Research Association (APPRA), New Zealand	Decolonising Peace and Conflict Studies through Indigenous Research
Micahel LigaLiga, David O. McKay Center for Intercultural Understanding Brigham Young Univerisity Hawaii, USA	Galtung’s Typology of violence -- We need to be thinking Upside down !!!

Panel III: ‘Artificial Intelligence for Sustaining Peace and Democracy’ TLH 1 Hall, Faculty of Technological Studies, UOV

Chairperson: Dr. Kelli Tei Maiharoa, Co-SG Asia-Pacific Peace Research Association (APPRA)

Speakers	Topic
Dr. Priyanth Senevirathna	Digital Technologies and AI in Peace building and Conflict Prevention
Mr. Kishoth Navaretnarajah	Digital technologies and AI in Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention (Peacebuilding Specialist, UNDP Sri Lanka)
Prof. Linda Groff	New Technologies Transforming Our World: Implications for Evolving Aspects of Peace and for Democracy vs. Autocracy”

Panel IV: ‘Advancing Peace Research and Education: Challenges faced and lessons learned’ TLH 1 Hall, Faculty of Technological Studies, UOV

Chairperson: Micahel LigaLiga, David O. McKay Center for Intercultural Understanding Brigham Young Univerisity Hawaii, USA

Speakers	Topic
Maria Teresa Muñoz, Co-SG International Peace Research Association (IPRA)/ Argentina	Peace Culture and Justice of Peace
Prof. Shanti Nandana Wijesinghe, Department of Sociology, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka	Promoting Reconciliation through Higher education in Sri Lanka
Dr. (Mrs) Bahirathy Rasanen, Senior Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of Jaffna	Gender, Conflict, and Building Sustainable Peace in Sri Lanka
Dr. Stella Micheong Cheong, South Korea/UK	Podcasting as a Creative Pedagogical Approach to train teachers to be global citizens in the Era of Digital Divide

Workshop - Early-career Scholars: Ideas on Writing and Publications
Smart Lecture Hall, Faculty of Applied Science, UOV

Moderation and Introduction: Experience and reflections sharing	Roy Tamashiro, Professor Emeritus, Webster University, USA
Suggestions/Ideas Sharing on Publication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zheng Haiyan and Muyu Huang from “China Journal of Peace Studies”, China • Klaus Harnack from Wissenschaft und Frieden (Science and Peace) Publication, Germany • Stella Cheong, SI editor of the "Human Rights Education Review" Journal, UK • Dr. Senthana Selvarajah, CEO, The Gate Institute, UK
Suggestions/Ideas Sharing	Prof. Tatsushi Arai, School of Peace and Conflict Studies (SPCS), Kent State University (KSU), Ohio, USA
Q & A + Reflections	

Workshop - Intercommunal Reconciliation through Experiential Learning
Smart Lecture Hall, Faculty of Applied Science, UOV

Professor Tatsushi Arai, Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies, School of Peace and Conflict Studies (SPCS), Kent State University (KSU), Ohio, USA	Directors, Social Reconciliation Centres and Management Committee members
Q & A + Reflections	

Workshop - Forgiveness and Reconciliation in the 21st Century
Board Room, Faculty of Technological Studies, UOV

Dr. Wim Laven, Cuyahoga Community College, USA Board Room, Faculty of Technological Studies, UOV	Academics and Peace Builders
Q & A + Reflections	

Exploratory Session - Establishing an Inclusive Entrepreneurial Ecosystem for Disadvantaged Entrepreneurs in Sri Lanka
Board Room, Faculty of Technological Studies, UOV

Dr. M Arumugam (India), Dr. Senthana Selvarajah (Sri Lanka/ UK), Mr. K Jeyaraj (UK/ Sri Lanka) & Ms. S. Mathangie (Sri Lanka)	Peoples with business linkage, Academics, Administrators and entrepreneurs
Q & A + Reflections	

ONLINE PANELS

[O.1] Technical Online session on ‘Pathways for Peace and Justice’

Chairperson: Prof. Vidya Jain, Former Co-SG APPRA

[O.2] Technical Online Session on ‘Artificial Intelligence and Digital Technology’

Chairperson: Prof. Herbert Rosana

[O.3] Technical Online Session on ‘Artificial Intelligence and Digital Technology’

Chairperson: Dr. Prisca Delima

[O.4] Technical Online Session on ‘Innovations, Technology and Peacebuilding’

Chairperson: Prof. Manish Sharma, Panjab University, India

Parallel Technical Sessions

[A.1]: 'Digital Technology for Change and Development in Global South'
TLH 1 Hall, Faculty of Technological Studies, UOV

Chairperson: Dr. Stella Micheong Cheong

[A.2]: 'Climate Justice and Sustainability Issues'
TLH I1 Hall, Faculty of Technological Studies, UOV

Chairperson: Prof. Himanshu Bourai

[A.3]: 'Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning'
Board Room, Faculty of Technological Studies, UOV

Chairperson: Dr. Wim Laven

[B.1]: 'Cooperation and Harmony in Asia-Pacific'
TLH 1 Hall, Faculty of Technological Studies, UOV

Chairperson: Ast. Prof. Chiranjibi Bhandari, Tribhuvan University

[B.2]: 'Peace Education for Peace'
TLH I1 Hall, Faculty of Technological Studies, UOV

Chairperson: Prof. Manjushri Sharma, Pune, India

[B.3]: 'Peace and Security in Changing World Order'
SHI, Soosairatnam Building, Faculty of Business Studies, UOV

Chairperson: Ajay Kumar Yadav, Banaras Hindu University

[B.4]: 'Social Media and Journalism for Sustaining Peace'
SHII, Soosairatnam Building, Faculty of Business Studies, UOV

Chairperson: Prof. S.Raguram, Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka

[C.1]: 'Religious Values and Harmony for Sustaining Peace'
TLH 1 Hall, Faculty of Technological Studies, UOV

Chairperson: Prof. Linda Groff, Director, Global Options & Evolutionary Futures Consulting; Emeritus Prof., Calif. State University, Los Angeles County, California, USA

[C.2]: 'Digital Technology, Inequality, Gender and Peace'
TLH I1 Hall, Faculty of Technological Studies, UOV

Chairperson: Dr. Klaus Harnack, University of Münster, Germany

[C.3]: 'Human Security and Peace'
SHI, Soosairatnam Building, Faculty of Business Studies, UOV

Chairperson: Dr.R.Ramesh, Senior Lecturer, Department of Political Science, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka

[C.4]: 'Peace Dialogue, Media and Peacebuilding Process'
SH III, Soosairatnam Building, Faculty of Business Studies, UOV

Chairperson: Dr.Ravindra Chandrasiri Palliyaguruge, Department of Social Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences & Languages, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka

