



Bandaranaike  
Centre for  
International  
Studies

# Festival of Ideas

Activity programme

**FRIDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER**


1.00 PM - 3.00 PM

Roundtable - **Hybrid**

**"Re-imagining engagement with migrants of Sri Lankan origin; contemporary challenges and opportunities"**

By Dr Mohamed Munas, Centre for Poverty Analysis




 Classroom 105



Panel Discussion

**"Decolonising the 'Gaze' on South Asia: Past Burdens and Contemporary Realities".**

By Colombo Institute for Human Sciences

 Classroom 101



Film Screening and Discussion

**"Cultural Confluence in Sri Lanka and Asia"**

By International Centre for Ethnic Studies

 Classroom 106




**4.00 PM - 6.00 PM**

Teach-in - **Hybrid**

**"Democracy on the Streets: Anatomies of Protests in South Asia and elsewhere"**

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 Olympus (BCIS Auditorium)

**FRIDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER**


**10.00 AM - 12.00 NOON**



Workshop

**"City From Scratch: An Interactive Game to Build an Inclusive City"**

By Iromi Perera, Colombo Urban Lab

 Classroom 106

Seminar

**“Science Fiction and International Relations: Empire, Resistance, Dehumanization, #FantasticRacism”**

By Dr Nishara Mendis

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Classroom 105



Book discussion

**“Immigrants’ Citizenship Perceptions: Sri Lankans in Australia and New Zealand”**

By Dr. Pavithra Jayawardena,

Department of International Relations, University of Colombo



Classroom 101

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**1.00 PM – 3.00 PM**



Panel Discussion

**“Exploring Gender in International Agreements: Progress, Challenges, and Future Directions”**

By Duryog Nivaran



Classroom 105

Panel Discussion

**“Austerity, Authoritarianism, and Accountability in Debt-distressed States”**

By YUKTHI Collective



Classroom 106

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**4.00 PM – 6.00 PM**

Seminar - **Online**

**“Cognitive Liberty: A New Human Right for the Digital Age”**

By Thanuki Goonesinghe



Classroom 105

Panel Discussion - **Hybrid**

**“Feminist Analysis of Blue Economy”**

By Nadiya Azmi and Dr. Gayathri Lokuge,

Centre for Poverty Analysis (CEPA)



Classroom 101



Seminar  
**"Impossible Conversations? Peace Activism and Queerness in an NGO Landscape"**

By Neranjan Maddumage, Community Welfare and Development Fund

Classroom 106

**6.00 PM – 8.00 PM**



Panel Discussion

**"The paradox of Investor-state Dispute Resolution - Is it time for comprehensive reforms?"**

By ETeCAL Instincts



Classroom 105

Theatre

**'Patterns of Our Genocides' & 'The Children of the Little Olive Park'.**

By Ruwanthi de Chikera and Stages Theatre Group

Kolamba Kamatha



**FRIDAY, 22ND NOVEMBER**

**10.00 AM – 12.00 NOON**

Panel Discussion - **Online**

**"BIMSTEC: Strengthening Regional Connectivity and Cooperation"**

By Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement

Classroom 106



Workshop

**"Visual and Multi-sensory International Relations: Understanding visual (politics of) protest and resistance"**

By Dr. Sandunika Hasangani, Professor Shyamika Jayasundara-Smits, Dr. Athulasiri Samarakoon - Open University Sri Lanka



Classroom 101

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1.00 PM – 3.00 PM

Film Screening and Discussion - **Hybrid**

**"Emergence of Sri Lankan gay rights movement:  
A discussion into international and regional aspects"**

By Damith Chandimal & Uditha Chirantha, and  
Darshani Rathnayake




 Classroom 105

Panel Discussion - **Hybrid**

**"Debt and Bondage: Effects of Debt on Human  
Freedom"**

By Committee for the Abolition of Illegitimate Debt (CADTM)



 Classroom 106

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4.00 PM – 6.00 PM

Panel Discussion

**"Debt and Dugongs - Realities of Pursuing Climate  
Finance in Sri Lanka"**

By Centre for Smart Future (CSF)



 Classroom 106

Panel Discussion - **Online**

**"Global South and International Animal Rights  
Law: A Call for Inclusivity and Action"**

By Pamoda Jayasundara, Department of Law  
University of Peradeniya




 Classroom 105



Panel Discussion

**Gamani Corea Retrospective**

Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies

 Kolamba Kamatha

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6.00 PM – 8.00 PM

Book Launch - **Hybrid**

**"Routledge Handbook of Contemporary Sri Lanka"**

Organised by Kanchana Ruwanpura,  
Amjad Mohamed-Saleem, Editors of the Handbook



 Classroom 101

FRIDAY, 29TH NOVEMBER

1.00 PM - 3.00 PM

**HIMAL**

Panel Discussion

**"People to People Publishing - Can Media Help Build a Different Kind of Regionalism?"**

By Himal Southasian



Classroom 106

4.00 PM - 6.00 PM

Panel Discussion - Hybrid

**"Ecology and Poverty - Navigating the Unjust Global Economy"**

By Institute of Political Economy



Classroom 105

Panel Discussion - Hybrid

**"The Global Order and Debt Crises in Small States"**

By International Development Economic Association (IDEAs) & YUKTHI Collective



Classroom 106

Film Screening & Discussion

**"Survivors Stories of the Easter Sunday Attack"**

By SL Reconciliation Movement



Classroom 101



6.00 PM - 8.00 PM

Theatre

**"Thatta Gayikawa"**

By Kanchuka Dharmasiri, Theatre of the Melting Clock



Kolamba Kamatha



Theatre of the Melting Clock



Special note:

**A pre-play interaction - Absurd Theatre**



Between Kanchuka Dharmasiri (Director) & Samantha de S. Wijeyeratne (Alliance Française de Colombo) **From 5.15 pm - 5.45 pm**

## EXHIBITIONS

 **Olympus (BCIS Auditorium)**



On the **7th, 8th & 9th** of November

**“Lak Itihasayata Kawuluwak”**

By Department of History  
University of Colombo



On the **21st, 22nd & 23rd** of November

**“Sangraha/Ubasarippu”**

By Women and Media Collective



On the **28th, 29th & 30th** of November

**“Rooted: Histories of the Malaiyaga Tamils”**

By Collective for Historical Dialogue & Memory (CHDM)

## BOOK STALLS

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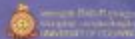
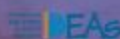
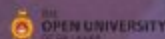
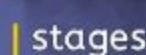
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