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## Conference Program

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### Inauguration (Virtual)

**Time: 9.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.**

Zoom link:

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### Agenda

- 9:00 a.m. University Anthem
- 9:05 a.m. Welcome Address by Dr. Sampath Pushpakumara, Conference Chair
- 9.10 a.m. Introductory Remarks by the Research Adviser to the Conference, Prof. Prasad Sethunga
- 9:20 a.m. Address by the Dean/ FHSS, Prof. Shirantha Heenkenda
- 9:30 a.m. Address by the Vice Chancellor, Snr. Professor Sudantha Liyanage
- 9.45 a.m. Keynote Speech by Associate Professor Indika Liyanage, University of Deakin, Australia
- 10.15 a.m. Plenary Speech by Dr. Bimali Indrarathna, University of York, UK.
- 10.45 a.m. Vote of Thanks by Dr. Himalika Ranaweera, Conference Secretary
- 10:50 a.m. National Anthem



## Technical Session I (Virtual)

**Time: 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.**

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Session Chairs	Dr. Kapila Bandara - Dean, Faculty of Education, University of Colombo Dr. Subhashinie Wijesundera - Head, Department of Education, University of Peradeniya	
Co-Chairs	Prof. Sunethra Thennakoon University of Sri Jayewardenepura  Dr. D. P. K. Manel University of Sri Jayewardenepura	
Session Convener	Dr. Tharaka Ananda	
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Abstract ID	Time	Author/s	Title
5	11.00 a.m.	K. A. D. D. Kuruppu	Action Research to improve interaction between students and lecturer in Virtual Student Induction Program through a Flipped Lecture Approach
7	11.30 a.m.	S.H.D. Upeksha M.A.M.N. Gamage	Perception and preference for online education among final year undergraduates in selected state universities in western province, Sri Lanka during COVID-19
18	12.00 noon	H.M.D.N.K. Herath Subhashinie Wijesundera S.M.P.W.K. Sethunga T.M.S.S.K. Yatigammana K.S.H.M.V.W.W. Senevirathne	An action research on improving students' mathematics learning using collaborative approaches
25	12.30 p.m.	M.T.O.V. Peiris	Integration of Collaborative Learning for Online Delivery of Studio based Group Projects: Lessons from Action Research conducted during COVID-19 Pandemic



## Technical Session II (Virtual)

**Time: 1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.**

Zoom link:

<https://learn.zoom.us/j/63025051555?pwd=RDJ1MEExNV2FXZUFSTDFkMzN1aEINdz09>

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Session Chairs	Prof. Prasad Sethunga - Department of Education, University of Peradeniya. Dr. Bimali Indrarathna - Department of Education, University of York, UK.	
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10	1.00 p.m	S Ramanayake Gurusinghe S. A Karunaratne A. S	An empirical view of the use of recorded speeches in the ELT classroom during the period of COVID-19
9	1.30 p.m.	K. A. D. D. Kuruppu	Action Research of Approaches Used to Improve Student-Content Learning Tasks of Undergraduates Through "Take-Home Teaching Tools" Strategies
19	2.00 p.m.	P. George V. Perera	Action Research on how to overcome the challenges in the online teaching-learning process during Covid-19 lockdown in non-state higher education platform
11	2.30 p.m.	D.D.D. Suraweera K. G. Alahapperuma	Enhancing the graduation rate: A case study at the University of Vocational Technology



## Panel Discussion

**Time: 3.00 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.**

Zoom link

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### Panel discussion on '**Good Practices in the Teaching Learning Process in Higher Education**'

Moderator	Mr. D.L. S. Ananda
Session-in-charge	Mr. Kaushalya Abeynayake

#### **Participants**

1. Prof. Shirantha Heenkenda, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura.
2. Prof. Prasad Sethunga, Department of Education, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.
3. Prof. R.B. Marasinghe, Head, Department of Medical Education, Former Director, Staff Development Centre, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka.
4. Dr. Bimali Indrarathna, Faculty of Education, University of York, UK.
5. Dr. Namali Suraweera, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka.
6. Dr. Ayomi Irugalbandara, Department of Secondary and Tertiary Education, Faculty of Education, Open University of Sri Lanka.





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