

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE OF THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA 2025

"Inspiring Minds and Shaping the Future through Innovations"

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

13th November 2025

Time	Faculty	Topic	Resource Person/s
11.00 a.m.- 1.00 p.m.	Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences	"Critical approaches to issues in ELT in Sri Lanka: Challenges, change and the way forward" <i>Venue: Faculty Board Room /HSS</i>	Dr. Romola Rassool Postgraduate Institute of English Ms. Dinali Fernando Department of English, University of Kelaniya Dr. Sumudu Embogama Department of ELT, University of Visual and Performing Arts Dr. Anton Pushparajah Department of ELT, University of Kelaniya Moderator: Dr. Dinali Devendra Department of Language Studies, The Open University of Sri Lanka
1.30 - 3.30 p.m.	Faculty of Health Sciences	"Inter-professional education (IPE) in health education enhances collaborative practice among healthcare professionals: Future directions" <i>Zoom link:</i> https://learn.zoom.us/j/97914227841?pwd=I51MMn5bYk9kb6vMrhml1RVdJXOe3n.1 <i>Meeting ID: 979 1422 7841</i> <i>Passcode: y?+FZs&0</i>	Professor (Dr.) Jan-Jaap Reinders University of Groningen, Netherlands Dr. Vikki Park Teesside University, United Kingdom Professor. Gominda Ponnannamperuma University of Colombo Dr. Anula Rathnayake University of Colombo Moderator: Dr. Chulani Herath Senior Lecturer, Department of Psychology and Counselling, Faculty of Health Sciences, The Open University of Sri Lanka
4.00 - 6.00 p.m.	Faculty of Engineering Technology	"Transformative Role of Data Science in Modern Industry Innovations" <i>Zoom link:</i> https://learn.zoom.us/j/96720016312?pwd=jHYrAEF444tSvJ6lxFOxFUxNV6MDG.1 <i>Meeting ID: 967 2001 6312</i> <i>Passcode: Ousl@123</i> <i>Venue: CETMe studio</i>	Mr. Roy Ian Principle Data Scientist, PickMe Mr. Chamika Ramanayake Head/AI Platforms, Dialog Axiata PLC Mr. Chinthaka Aravinda Hewage Strategic Leader, IFS Mr. Gihan Danasooriya Data Engineer, PickMe Moderator: Dr. Maneesha Caldera Senior Lecturer, The Open University of Sri Lanka

9.00 - 11.00 am	Faculty of Natural Sciences	“From Knowledge to Innovation: Enhancing University–Industry Collaboration for National Advancement” <i>Zoom link:</i> https://learn.zoom.us/j/94691732413?pwd=Knq7X9YMCn3oXvl7ytsf7rFjU0uw1l.1 <i>Meeting ID: 946 9173 2413</i> <i>Passcode: d679.TBy</i> <i>Venue: Faculty Board Room/FNS</i>	Prof. Rangika Halwathura Senior Professor, Faculty of Engineering Department of Civil Engineering, University of Moratuwa Dr. Lionie Vass General Manager - Group Sustainability Hirdaramani Apparels Mr. Laksiri Balasooriya Future-Forward Enterprise Architect AI Certified - Global Practitioner- Virtusa PVT Ltd. Dr. Thilanka Ariyawansha Department of Agricultural Technology, Faculty of Technology, University of Colombo Moderator: Dr. P.V.H.K. Ranasinghe Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Natural Sciences, The Open University of Sri Lanka
11.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.	Faculty of Education	“Legal Literacy” <i>Zoom link:</i> https://learn.zoom.us/j/97914227841?pwd=I51MMn5bYkjb6vmrhml1RVdJXOe3n.1 <i>Meeting ID: 979 1422 7841</i> <i>Passcode: y?+FZs&0</i>	Dr. Thusitha Abeysekera Head- Legal Studies Unit/Senior Lecturer in Law, Legal Studies Unit, Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce, University of Sri Jayewardenepura
2.00 - 4.00 p.m.	Faculty of Manag. Studies	“Future Potentials in Sri Lankan Economy and Management” <i>Venue: CETMe studio</i>	Dr. Seuwandhi Ranasinghe Senior Lecturer, Department of Management and Organization Studies, Faculty of Management and Finance, University of Colombo Mr. Udana Wickramasinghe Director, Research & International Relations, Sri Lanka Tourism Development Authority Ms. Seroshi Nandasiri Founder and Chair, Women's International Foundation (WIF) Moderator: Dr. Ishara Lakmali Head/ Senior Lecturer, Department of Marketing Management, Faculty of Management Studies, The Open University of Sri Lanka

