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Adaptive Intelligence: Research Pathways for Innovation, Resilience and Impact

As a Hybrid Conference
11th - 13th November 2026

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Thursday, 12th November 2026

Time & Faculty	Topic	Panelists / Resource Persons
11.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. **Faculty of Education**	PANEL 1 **Political Socialization and Role of Academia** **Venue:** Faculty Board Room, Faculty of Education	**Special Guest Address** **Professor Vishaka Suriyabandara**,
2.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. **Faculty of Management**	PANEL 2 **The Symphony of Value: Aligning People, Performance, and Profit in the Digital Era** **Venue:** CETMe | Online (Hybrid)	**Dr. Rajiv Perera** **Ms. Jayani DeSilva** **Mr. Indraka Liyanage** **Moderator: Dr. Jayani Hapugoda**
2.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. **Faculty of Engineering Technology**	PANEL 3 **Bridging Physical and Digital Worlds: Multi-Domain Digital Twins for Resilient Engineering** **Venue:** Smart Classroom Faculty of Health Sciences | Online	**Dr. Menaka Ranasinghe**, OUSL, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering **Moderator: Dr. Rukshima Drabare**

Friday, 13th November 2026

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9.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. **Faculty of Natural Sciences**	PANEL 4 **Adaptive Intelligence in the Scientific Research: Advancing Research from Discovery to Innovation, Resilience, and Societal Impact** **Venue:** Meeting Room 1, Faculty of Health Sciences | Online (Hybrid)	**Prof. Champa D. Jayaweera**, Professor in Chemistry, Department of Chemistry, University of Sri Jayewardenepura **Prof. Gayan Priyadarshana**, Professor, Department of Materials and Mechanical Technology, Faculty of Technology, University of Sri Jayewardenepura **Prof. Sajith Edirisinghe**, Professor in Anatomy, Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura **Dr. Nishan Dharmaweera**, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, University of Sri Jayewardenepura **Moderator: Dr. Kokila Ranasinghe**, Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Natural Sciences, The Open University of Sri Lanka
11.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. **Faculty of Health Sciences**	PANEL 5 **One Health, One Challenge: Confronting Antimicrobial Resistance Across Humans, Animals, Food and Water** **Venue:** Faculty Auditorium, Faculty of Health Sciences	**Prof. Jananie Kottahachchi**, University of Sri Jayewardenepura **Dr. Sujatha Pathirage**, Consultant Microbiologist **Dr. Thusitha Karunaratne**, University of Peradeniya **Moderator: Dr. G.N. Dilrukshi**
3.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m. **Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences**	PANEL 6 **Humanities and Social Sciences in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: Challenges and Prospects** **Venue:** Faculty Boardroom, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences	**Prof. Nirmal Dewasiri**, University of Colombo **Prof. Prabha Manurathne**, University of Kelaniya **Dr. Thusitha Abesekara**, University of Sri Jayewardenepura **Ms. Mihiri Janz**, The Open University of Sri Lanka **Moderator: Dr. Athulasiri Samarakoon**, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, The Open University of Sri Lanka

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