INFORMATION PACK

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM UVPA-2019

Urbanism, Landscape and Public Space:
Rethinking Creative Arts and Humanities
University of Visual and Performing Arts (UVPA)

South Asian Music in the World (ICTM)
ICTM Study Group on Music and Allied Arts of Greater South Asia

INFORMATION PACK FOR INTERNATIONAL PRESENTERS
Prepared by the UVPA International Research Symposium Committee - 2019

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Abbreviations
SLFI – Sri Lanka Foundation Institute (Conference venue)
UVPA – University of the Visual and Performing Arts

? How can I get my currency changed?

Once you arrive at the airport you will find few banks and currency exchange centers where you can convert your money to Sri Lankan rupees.

In addition, there are some private money exchanging facilities in Colombo city. During weekdays, you can exchange your money at any bank in Colombo such as the Bank of Ceylon, People's Bank, Sampath Bank, Hatton National Bank, Seylan Bank, Commercial Bank etc.

The nearest Bank of Ceylon (BOC) branch is located within walking distance to the conference venue.

1. ARRIVING IN COLOMBO

The conference committee of the 2nd International Research Symposium expects a large number of foreign delegates to be arriving on or before the 11th December 2019. .
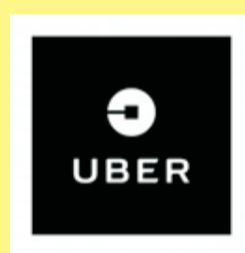
FAQ's

? How can I get a Mobile phone connection upon my arrival?

On arrival at the airport in Colombo, there are Telecommunications service providers such as *'Mobitel' / Airtel / Dialog* to get a prepaid mobile connection with internet data.

? How can I call a taxi?

Some best options are to use PickMe or Uber apps. Get a mobile number connected with a data package and download the Pick Me / Uber app to book a cab. It is a very cheap way to travel anywhere in Colombo. There are airport taxi services and other private vehicles you can hire to come to Colombo as well.

Google store apps:

2. CONFERENCE VENUES

The Sri Lanka Foundation Institute is a convention centre where the main events of the conference will be taking place.

Conference Venue I
Sri Lanka Foundation Institute (SLFI)

Auditorium at the SLFI

The Sri Lanka Foundation Institute is surrounded by lush vegetation and walking paths. You can take an evening walk or stroll around at Independent Square which is very close to the conference venue and also to the Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation, National Television Network (Rupavahini), National Archive, Arcade Shopping Mall and the Lionel Wendt Theatre which would be a few of the interesting venues for you to visit.

Conference Venue II
UVPA Colombo
(University of the Visual and Performing Arts)

The University of the Visual and Performing Arts, commonly known as the UVPA, is located in very close proximity to the main conference venue (Sri Lanka Foundation Institute). However, during the conference, the organizers provide a shuttle service between the Sri Lanka Foundation Institute and the UVPA for the presenters and conference attendees.

Conference Cultural Show

The Conference Cultural Show (held on the first day of the conference) will be taking place at the main Theatre, named 'Paneebharatha Theatre' at the Faculty of Dance and Drama, UVPA Colombo.

The distance from the SLFI to the UVPA Colombo is a 20 minute walk. Transport facilities will be provided for those who wish to go to the University theatre.

3. CONFERENCE

Registration Fees as follows:

ICTM Participants	– USD 75
Non ITCM Participants (Foreign)	– USD 200
Participants from SAARC Countries	– USD 150
Local Presenters (One Day)	– Rs. 3000
Local Presenters (Three Days)	– Rs. 5000
Local Participants (For the Event)	– Rs. 5000
Postgraduate Students (For the Event)	– Rs. 5000

Conference presenters can register via on-line payment gateway. Please log on to http://arts-camp-symposium.vpa.ac.lk/ for registration prior to the conference. In case you miss the on-line registration, The above can be settled in Sri Lankan Rupees or USD on arrival at the Registration desks at the Global Towers Hotel or at the conference venue. The meal tickets and other information can be obtained after registration.

Our conference volunteers will assist you at the conference venue to help with registration matters.

4. ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS

Accommodation and meals for foreign delegates and all the presenters will be provided. Tokens for meals will be issued.
All foreign participants will be accommodated at the **Global Towers Hotel**,
Marine Drive, Colombo. Tel: **0112 591000**

Global Towers – Marine Drive, Colombo
Breakfast and dinner will be available for foreign delegates at the Global Towers Hotel. Lunch will be provided at the conference venue for all the presenters. For any other facilities that are not covered by the 'Conference Presenter's Package' –such as ordering of extra food and beverage items should be paid by the respective delegate.

Please note that Global Towers Hotel provides **currency exchange facilities** for you. Please contact the reception at the hotel.

Global Towers Hotel: **Free Wi Fi** System
Connect to SSID Global_Lanka
Password: gth12345

During conference days (12-14th December 2019) Morning Tea, Lunch and Evening Tea will be served at the conference premises.

5. TRANSPORTATION

Traveling to the conference venue from the Global Towers Hotel and Back

Transportation facilities for foreign delegates will be provided by the conference organizers from the main hotel to the conference venue in Colombo and back.

The conference bus will arrive at 8.00 am to the Global Towers for pick-up.

Our volunteers will be there to help you.

Kind Note: Transportation facilities for shopping and sightseeing is not covered by the "Conference Presenter's Package" at this conference. Our volunteers can help you to get a taxi or a tuk tuk.

6. CONFERENCE COMMITTEE CONTACT

Prof. Saumya Liyanage (Conference Chair &Convener)
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7. WI-FI AND PRINTING FACILITIES

Conference presenters are provided with Wi-Fi and free printing facilities to print their papers and other documents related to the conference. Our volunteers will help you to get your papers printed. A printing station is established at the main conference venue for this purpose.

Two main conference venues will be equipped with Wi-Fi facility.

8. HOSPITALS AND EMERGENCY

Durdans Hospital
https://www.durdans.com/
+94 (0)11 2 140 202 | +94 (0)11 2 140 203
Lanka Hospitals
https://www.lankahospitals.com/en/
+9411 553 0000, +9411 543 0000
The Central Hospital
http://www.asirihealth.com/
+94 11 466 5500

9. EMERGENCY SERVICES

Police Emergency Hotline	118 / 119
Ambulance / Fire & rescue	110
Accident Service-General Hospital-Colombo	011-2691111
Tourist Police	011-2421052
Police Emergency	011-2433333
Government Information Center	1919
Report Crimes	011-2691500
Emergency Police Mobile Squad	011-5717171
Fire & Ambulance Service	011-2422222

Arcade Independence Square Mall
http://www.arcadeindependencesquare.com/

Majestic city

Avirate Café

Barefoot Gallery and Café

Dutch Hospital Shopping Precinct

Barista Museum
http://www.barista.lk/
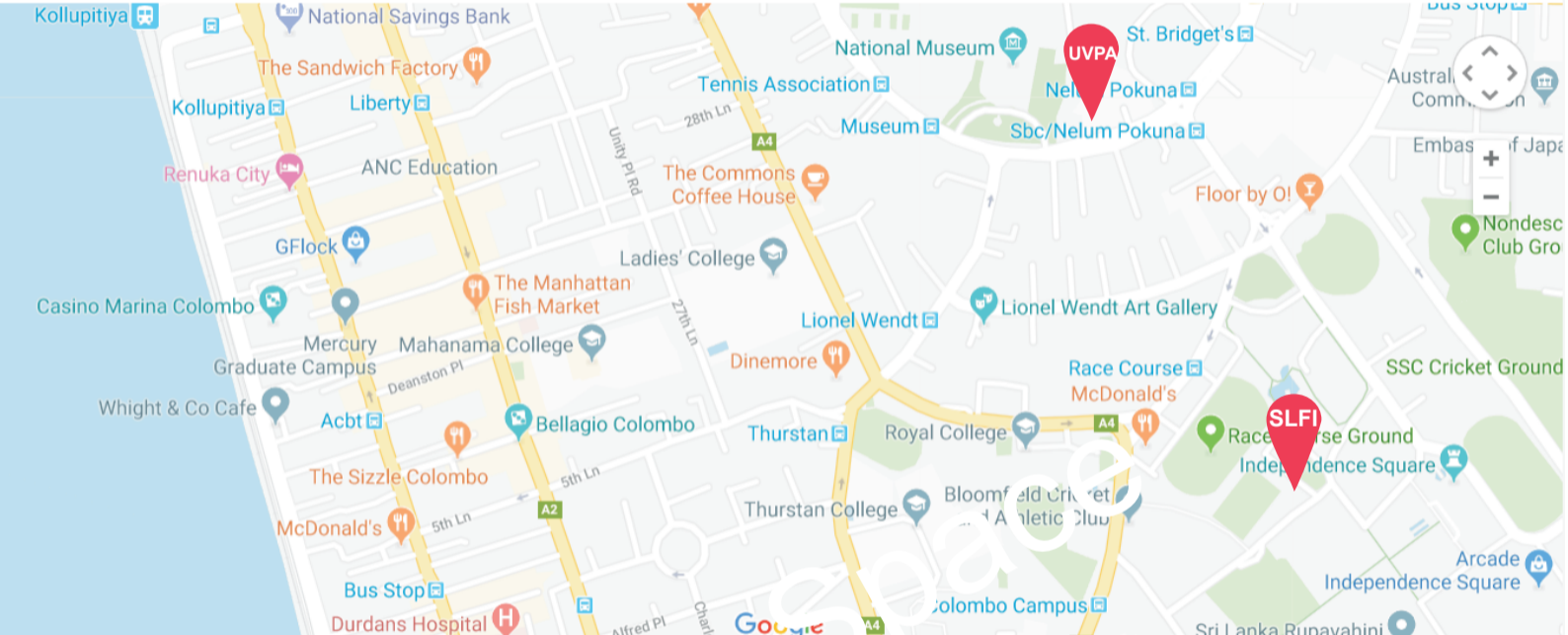

Crescat Shopping Mall

http://www.cinnamonhotels.com/en/cinnamongrandcolombo/

Tsing Tao Chinese Restaurant

AGENDA

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University of the Visual & Performing Arts, Colombo 07
December 12th December 2019

11. CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

DAY ONE – 12th DECEMBER 2019

08.00 a.m. Symposium **Registration**

09.00 a.m. Symposium Opening

09.05 a.m. Welcome Speech by Prof. Saumya Liyanage (Symposium Chair)

09.10 a.m. Guest Speech by Prof. Richard Kent Wolf, ICTM, Harvard University USA

09.15 a.m. Guest Speech by Prof. Svanibor Pettan, Vice President, ICTM, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia

09.20 a.m. Launching 2nd Issue of Journal of Visual & Performing Arts Research

09.30 a.m. **Keynote Speech** by Prof. Sasanka Perera, South Asian University, New Delhi, India

09.50 a.m. Morning Refreshment

10.15 a.m. **Research Session I**
ICTM Sessions | Main Hall & Room 1
UVPA Sessions | Room 2 – 7

12.30 p.m. Lunch

01.30 p.m. **Research Session II**
ICTM Sessions | Room 1 – 2
UVPA Sessions | Room 3 – 7

03.30 p.m. Evening Refreshment

03.45 p.m. **Research Session III**
ICTM Sessions | Room 1 – 2
UVPA Sessions | Room 3 – 7

08.00 a.m. Symposium **Registration**

09.00 a.m. **Keynote Speech**   on by Prof. Frank Korom, Boston University, USA

10.00 a.m. Morning Refreshment

10.15 a.m. **Research Session I**
        ICTM Sessions | Auditorium & Room 1
        UVPA Sessions | 2 – 7

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03.30 p.m. Evening Refreshment

03.45 p.m. **Research Session III**
        ICTM Sessions | Room 1 – 2
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05.00 p.m. ICTM Business Meeting

06.30 p.m. Symposium Dinner

08.00 a.m. Symposium **Registration**

09.00 a.m. **Keynote Speech**   Dr Arian Mcneil, Monash University, Melbourne, Australia

10.00 a.m. Morning Refreshment

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05.00 p.m. **Plenary Session and Concluding Remarks**

06.30 p.m. Vote of thanks by the Deputy Registrar, International Collaboration and Research, UVPA

06.40 p.m. Drum Ensemble and **Finale**

The full schedule of the conference presentations with hall allocations and time slots will be available on the conference website.

International Research Symposium Committee
UVPA Colombo 12th December 2019