

PROGRAMME AGENDA



PIERS - 2020

Inauguration

Date: 10th December, 2020

Venue: Conference Hall, PGIHS

- 08.30 a.m. *Registration of Participants*
- 09.00 a.m. *Arrival of the Chief Guest*
- 09.05 a.m. *Lighting of the Oil Lamp*
- 09.10 a.m. *Welcome Address by **Prof. S. Vijesandiran**
Chairperson, PIERS 2020*
- 09.15 a.m. *Opening Remarks by **Prof. H. M. W. A. Herath**
Head, Department of Economics and Statistics, University of
Peradeniya*
- 09.20 a.m. *Address by **Prof. O. G. Dayaratna Banda**
Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya*
- 09.30 a.m. *Address by **Prof. S. H. P. Parakrama Karunaratne**
Deputy Vice Chancellor, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka*
- 09.35 a.m. *Highlights and Releasing of the Proceedings of PIERS – 2020*
- 09.45 a.m. *Address by Chief Guest **Prof. Upul B. Dissanayake**
Vice Chancellor, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka*
- 09.55 a.m. *Keynote Address by **Mr. Luxman Siriwardena**
Executive Director, Pathfinder Foundation*
- 10.15 a.m. *Vote of Thanks by **Prof. J. G. Sri Ranjith**
Coordinator, PIERS – 2020*
- 10.20 a.m. *Refreshments*

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TECHNICAL SESSIONS: SESSION SUMMARY

11.00 a.m.-12.30 p.m. **Technical Sessions I – IV**

- Session I** - Theme : COVID-19 and the Economy
- Session II** - Theme : International Economics and Finance
- Session III** - Theme : Growth and Development
- Session IV** - Theme : Human Capital and Project Management

12.30 p.m. *Lunch*

01.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m. **Technical Sessions V – VIII**

- Session V** - Theme : Agriculture and Farm Efficiency
- Session VI** - Theme : International Trade and Finance
- Session VII** - Theme : Investment and Development
- Session VIII** - Theme : Trade and Tourism

02.40 p.m. – 3.10 p.m. **Invited Speech**

Dr. Muditha Karunaratna

*Department of Economics and Statistics, Faculty of Arts,
University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka*

03.15 p.m. – 4.15 p.m. **Closing Session**

Technical Session I: COVID-19 and Impact on Economy

Time: 11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Venue: Room No. 207, First Floor, PGIHS

Chairperson: Dr. C. R. Abayasekara

*Department of Economics and Statistics, Faculty of Arts,
University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka*

Discussant: Dr. T. N. Vidanage

*Department of Economics and Statistics, Faculty of Arts,
University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka*

11.00 a.m. – 11.05 a.m. Opening Remarks by Chairperson

11.05 a.m. – 12.05 p.m. Presentations:

1. The Impact of COVID-19 on Tourism Sector MSEs and its Resilience: A Case Study of Arugam Bay- Sri Lanka
J. Sujeeva
2. A Study of Emergency Learning-Teaching Methods (ELTM) Implemented by the Stakeholders of Kandy Educational Zone (KEZ) during COVID-19 Pandemic
R. Gangahagedara, Wasantha Athukorala and Mditha Karunaratna
3. Impact of COVID 19 on Own Account Workers in Sri Lanka
D. N. Ranawaka and I. S. Thennakoon
4. The Deepening Crisis of Global Capitalism in the Age of COVID-19: Why Marx was Right?
Kalpa Rajapaksha

12.05 p.m. – 12.20 p.m. Remarks by the Discussant

12.20 p.m. – 12.30 p.m. Closing Remarks by the Chairperson

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Technical Session II: International Economics and Finance

Time: 11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Venue: Room No. 301, Conference Hall, Second Floor, PGIHS

Chairperson: Prof. S. J. S. de Mel

*Department of Economics and Statistics, Faculty of Arts,
University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka*

Discussant: Dr. T. Vinayagathan

*Department of Economics and Statistics, Faculty of Arts,
University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.*

11.00 a.m. – 11.05 a.m. Opening Remarks by Chairperson

11.05 a.m. – 12.05 p.m. Presentations:

1. An Empirical Analysis of Current Account Determinants in Sri Lanka
R. M. M. Mayoshi and T. N. Vidanage
2. An Investigation of Factors Affecting the Exchange Rate in Sri Lanka
S.Mathusha
3. The Relationship between Sustainability Reporting and Financial Performance of Listed Companies in Sri Lanka
W.A.P.L. Sandali, W.K.N.C. Gunathilake, M.G.C.D. Deshapriya, M.A.C. Nirman, A.A. Lokeshwara and R.S. Weerathna
4. The Twin Deficits Hypothesis in Sri Lanka: An Econometric Analysis
A.J.F. Shifaniya and T. Rajeswaran

12.05 p.m. – 12.20 p.m. Remarks by the Discussant

12.20 p.m. – 12.30 p.m. Closing Remarks by the Chairperson

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Technical Session III: Growth and Development

Time: 11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Venue: Room No. 208, First Floor, PGIHS

Chairperson: Senior Prof. A. S. P. Abhayarathne

*Department of Economics and Statistics, Faculty of Arts,
University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka*

Discussant: Prof. H. M. W. A. Herath

*Visiting Fellow, Department of Economics and Statistics, Faculty of Arts,
University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka*

11.00 a.m. – 11.05 a.m. Opening Remarks by Chairperson

11.05 a.m. – 12.05 p.m. Presentations:

1. Differences in Household Savings Across Socio Economic & Demographic Characteristics of Sri Lankan Households: Evidence from Household Survey Data 2016
A.G.I.Amalka, A.H.M.S.K. Jayasinghe, K.P.U. Jayarathne, T.K. Palihawadana and M.D.R.K. Jayathilaka
2. Economic Implications of Unpaid Household Work of Muslim Women
Irshad Sreenthaj
3. A Silver Lining in the Dark Clouds: Stimulating Economic Growth by Promoting Tea-Based Radical Innovations in Sri Lanka
H.M.C.G Pilapitiya and Saliya De Silva
4. Impact of Regional Infrastructure Facilities on Provincial GDP in Sri Lanka
R. C. Jayatissa and T.L. Navaratne

12.05 p.m. – 12.20 p.m. Remarks by the Discussant

12.20 p.m. – 12.30 p.m. Closing Remarks by the Chairperson

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Technical Session IV: Human Capital and Project Management

Time: 11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Venue: Room No. 106, Ground Floor, PGIHS

Chairperson: Prof. M. B. Ranathilaka

*Department of Economics and Statistics, Faculty of Arts,
University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka*

Discussant: Prof. J. G. Sri Ranjith

*Department of Economics and Statistics, Faculty of Arts,
University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka*

11.00 a.m. – 11.05 a.m. Opening Remarks by Chairperson

11.05 a.m. – 12.05 p.m. Presentations:

1. Japanese Technical Intern Training Program: A Way to Develop Human Capital in South East Asia
Peemmaphat Buarapha and Saliya De Silva
2. Cost Benefit Analysis of Solar Power Electricity Consumption in Katugasthota Municipal Area
M.M.D.V. Bandara and Muditha Karunarathna
3. Cost Pricing of Private versus Government Biochemistry Laboratory Tests in Sri Lanka
4. *K. H. I. S. Hettiarachchi, S. S. K. B. M. Dorabawila and D. Dissanayake*
The Impact of the Organizational Mission Drift on its Employee Effort
D.I.J. Samaranayake and S. Banuri

12.05 p.m. – 12.20 p.m. Remarks by the Discussant

12.20 p.m. – 12.30 p.m. Closing Remarks by the Chairperson

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Technical Session V: Agriculture and Farm Efficiency

Time: 01.30 p.m. – 02.45 p.m.

Venue: Room No. 106, Ground Floor, PGIHS

Chairperson: Prof. Gunathilaka Herath
*Visiting Fellow, PGIA, Faculty of Agriculture,
University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka*

Discussant: Dr. A. D. H. K. Kankanamge
*Department of Economics and Statistics, Faculty of Arts,
University of Peradeniya Sri Lanka*

01.30 p.m. – 01.35 p.m. Opening Remarks by Chairperson

01.35 p.m. – 02.20 p.m. Presentations:

1. An Analysis of Household Rice Expenditure patterns in Urban, Rural and Estate Sectors in Sri Lanka: Using MPE Approach
N.J.C. Paraneetharan, J. Nigel and T. Vinayagathan
2. An Economic Evaluation of Fertilizer Subsidy on Paddy Production in Sri Lanka
M. P. S. S. Sisirakumara, Muditha Karunaratna and Wasantha Athukorala
3. Overcoming Economic Impact due to Rainfall Variability in Mahailuppallama by Using Gamma Distribution
K.A.N.L. Kuruppuarachchi, L.H.P. Gunaratne and K.H.M.S. Premalal

02.20 p.m. – 02.35 p.m. Remarks by the Discussant

02.35 p.m. – 02.45 p.m. Closing Remarks by the Chairperson

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Technical Session VI: International Trade and Finance

Time: 01.30 p.m. – 02.45 p.m.

Venue : Room No. 301, Conference Hall, Second Floor, PGIHS

Chairperson: Prof. S. Vijesandiran

*Department of Economics and Statistics, Faculty of Arts
University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka*

Discussant : Dr. T. Vinayagathan

*Department of Economics and Statistics, Faculty of Arts,
University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka*

01.30 p.m. – 01.35 p.m. Opening Remarks by Chairperson

01.35 p.m. – 02.20 p.m. Presentations:

1. Effects of Non-Tariff Measures on Fruit Exports from Afghanistan: A Gravity Analysis
S. Sahibzada and J. Weerahewa
2. An Empirical Analysis on the Effects of Fiscal Policy on Stock and Bond Markets in Sri Lanka
D.M.S.M. Dissanayaka
3. Impact of Macroeconomic Variables on Stock Market Performance in Sri Lanka
W. M. T. Jayamali

02.20 p.m. – 02.35 p.m. Remarks by the Discussant

02.35 p.m. – 02.45 p.m. Closing Remarks by the Chairperson

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Technical Session VII: Investment and Development

Time: 01.30 p.m. – 02.45 p.m.

Venue: Room No. 207, First Floor, PGIHS

Chairperson: Prof. N. D. Samarawickrama

*Council member, Faculty of Arts,
University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka*

Discussant: Dr. S. S. K. B. M. Dorabawila

*Department of Economics and Statistics, Faculty of Arts,
University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.*

01.30 p.m. – 01.35 p.m. Opening Remarks by Chairperson

01.35 p.m. – 02.20 p.m. Presentations:

1. The Impact of External Debt on Foreign Direct Investment in Sri Lanka
A.M.K. Weerakoon and S.Vijesandiran
2. Institutional Determinants of Domestic Investment: A GMM Panel Data Analysis
Mirwais Parsa and Soumya Datta
3. Impact of Economic Growth on Income inequality: A Case Study of Sri Lanka
K.A.N.I. Kariyapperuma

02.20 p.m. – 02.35 p.m. Remarks by the Discussant

02.35 p.m. – 02.45 p.m. Closing Remarks by the Chairperson

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Technical Session VIII: Trade and Tourism

Time: 01.30 p.m. – 02.45 p.m.

Venue: Room No. 208, First Floor, PGIHS

Chairperson: Prof. D. N. B. Gunewardena

*Department of Economics and Statistics, Faculty of Arts,
University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka*

Discussant: Dr. Muditha Karunarathna

*Department of Economics and Statistics, Faculty of Arts,
University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka*

01.30 p.m. – 01.35 p.m. Opening Remarks by Chairperson

01.35 p.m. – 02.20 p.m. Presentations:

1. A Political Economic Analysis of Sri Lanka-Singapore Free Trade Agreement
A.S.G.S. Bandara and K.D.M.S.B. Wijerathna
2. The Dynamic and Causal Relationship between Tourism and Economic Growth in Sri Lanka
K. Kumudhini
3. Violent Protests and Transitional Regimes: Empirical Evidence from Arab Spring
Tariq Basir and Soumya Datta

02.20 p.m. – 02.35 p.m. Remarks by the Discussant

02.35 p.m. – 2.45 p.m. Closing Remarks by the Chairperson

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CLOSING SESSION

Time: 03.15 p.m. – 04.15 p.m.
Venue: Conference Hall, 2nd Floor, PGIHS

Chairperson: Prof. S. Vijesandiran

Chair, PIERS - 2020

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- 03.15 p.m. Opening remarks by Chairperson
- 03.20 p.m. Awarding of Certificates
- 03.30 p.m. Concluding Remarks & Evaluation
Senior Prof. A.S.P. Abhayarathne
*Department of Economics and Statistics, Faculty of Arts,
University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka*
- 03.40 p.m. Vote of Thanks: **Prof. H.M.W.A. Herath**
(Advisor, PIERS – 2020)
Head, Department of Economics and Statistics
- 03.50 p.m. Refreshments
- 04.15 p.m. End of Symposium

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