

Conference on 'Navigating the Future During and After Covid-19 : The role of Social Sciences in Asia'

The National Science Foundation (NSF) is a member of the Association of Asian Social Science Research Council (AASSREC). The NSF is pleased to announce that the AASSREC will hold its 24th Biennial General Conference on 19-21 October 2021, which will be hosted by the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia. The Conference will be held as a virtual event due to COVID-19 pandemic situation.

The NSF is in the process of seeking an expert representing Sri Lanka to present a paper addressing the conference theme and to engage with AASSREC members at the Conference. Abstracts are called from the potential candidates and the selection will be done by a panel of experts, considering the abstract and biography of the candidate.

The selected candidate will have the opportunity to present the paper at the Conference as the country representative. The candidate will be able to exchange views and establishing rapport with a pool of Social scientists representing over 15 Social Science entities in different countries including Australia, China, India, Korea, Japan, New Zealand, Thailand, Taiwan, Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Iran, Indonesia, Bangladesh etc.

Showcase your valuable insights and capabilities of the disciplines in dealing with complex social, economic, and environmental challenges. This is also an opportunity to share information on your efforts and creative thinking in dealing with the pandemic.

Guidelines for abstracts:

GENERAL THEMES

- Social and economic responses to Covid-19 – what's worked well and what hasn't.
- Assessments of COVID-19 responses of governments and local agencies in Asia and the Pacific
- Development of Asian regional cooperation
- Health and welfare in a Covid world
- The reorganization of trade, migration and communication systems
- Covid-prompted impetus for research innovation and scholarly communication.
- Impact on tertiary education and new models of student engagement and teaching
- Increasing efforts toward political stability and social development
- Demography in the current Covid world
- Consequences of Covid-19 for climate change

Abstract Format

- Word count - less than 500
- Font name – Times new roman
- Font size - 11
- Line spacing - single

Please send your abstract together with a concise biography (if you have already updated your STMIS profile, this can be exempted) on or before **15th June 2021** to dilushi@nsf.gov.lk

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TOPIC AREAS (consider following as illustrative indications of possible paper topics)

Politics and the public good

- The creation of national public health policy
- Population health resilience
- Ideas of wellbeing
- Regional security and political stability

Economics and Social Development

- Digital Economy and the impacts of Covid-19 on the future of employment
- Regional and global trade patterns

Education and Communication

- Education in a Covid-affected world
- Digital teaching and learning
- Scholarly communication and open access

Environmental Sustainability

- Consequences of Covid-19 for climate change
- Environmental impacts of Covid-19
- Strategies for environmental sustainability