

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE  
ON  
HUMAN RIGHTS, CITIZENSHIP  
AND DEMOCRATISATION**

**ICHR Colombo 2016**

**26-28 August 2016  
Colombo, Sri Lanka**



In Commemoration of the  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
Centre for the Study of  
Human Rights  
University of Colombo

**Centre for the Study of Human Rights**

The Centre for the Study of Human Rights (CSHR), University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, is organising an international conference to celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in the field of human rights. The CSHR acknowledges the value of continued dialogue on human rights, with prominence being accorded to citizenship and democracy.

As a human rights organisation, which was established in 1991, within the Faculty of Law of the University of Colombo, the CSHR has been engaged in education, research, capacity building and providing knowledge services in relation to human rights to diverse sectors such as legal and medical professionals, security forces and law enforcement authorities, school and university communities, media, rural and plantation communities and civil society islandwide.

Being a university based organisation, the CSHR due to its unique position, is able to link the theoretical aspect with the practical application of human rights at different levels across the country. This exceptional status, coupled with international collaboration, has enabled CSHR to carry out a variety of human rights education programmes from certificate level to master's level in contributing to the promotion of human rights.

Through this conference, the CSHR aims to further enhance human rights protection and promotion towards entrenching human rights values at the global level; to provide an opportunity for academics, civil society, students and others to participate in the conference as either presenters or participants to demonstrate and share their experiences relating to safeguarding human rights; promoting goodwill and building networks for future partnerships in creating a human rights culture for all.

**Sub themes**

**Sub Theme 1: Critical and Emerging Issues in Human Rights**

**Focus areas:**

- Theoretical and Conceptual issues of Human Rights
- Emerging Trends in Human Rights
- Human Rights Protection in Armed Conflict Situations

**Sub Theme 2: International Human Rights Framework**

**Focus areas:**

- International Human Rights Protection Mechanisms
- Regional Human Rights Protection Systems

**Sub Theme 3: Citizenship, Democratisation and Peacebuilding**

**Focus areas:**

- Good Governance and the Rule of Law
- Citizenship and Democracy
- Transitional Justice and Peacebuilding

**Sub Theme 4: Human Rights and Society**

**Focus areas:**

- The Role of Social Movements and/or Civil Society
- Human Rights Education and Activism

**Sub Theme 5: Domestic Human Rights Framework in Sri Lanka**

**Focus areas:**

- Fundamental Rights
- Legal Redress Mechanisms
- Constitutional Reforms and Human Rights
- State Sovereignty and Human Rights Protection

**Sub Theme 6: Human Rights of Specific Groups**

**Focus areas:**

- Women's Rights
- Children's Rights
- Rights of Indigenous People
- Rights of Differently Abled Persons
- LGBTQI Rights

## Call for Papers

### Guidelines:

**Medium: English**

#### Abstract:

- 250 words
- The submission should include a maximum of 5 references
- Authors of selected Abstracts will be requested to submit Conference Papers
- Abstracts should be submitted in the Pre-registration template available at [cshr.cmb.ac.lk/ichr2016](http://cshr.cmb.ac.lk/ichr2016) and emailed to: [ichr2016@cshr.cmb.ac.lk](mailto:ichr2016@cshr.cmb.ac.lk)

#### Conference Paper:

- 2500 words
- All Conference Papers must represent original and unpublished work
- All authors must register for the conference before 15 July 2016
- Conference Paper to be submitted in PDF and Word format and emailed to: [ichr2016@cshr.cmb.ac.lk](mailto:ichr2016@cshr.cmb.ac.lk)

### Important Dates

Deadline for Submission of Abstracts	5 April
Notification of Acceptance	15 May
Deadline for Registration of Attendees	15 June
Deadline for Submission of Papers	15 June
Deadline for Registration of Authors	15 July

#### Conference Secretary

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### Registration Form

The registration form is available at:

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Please send the duly filled registration form to:

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### Registration Fees

Local Attendees	Rs 1000
Attendees of SAARC Countries	USD 50
Other foreign Attendees	USD 100