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Faculty of Graduate Studies - University of Colombo

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Abstracts are being called from postgraduate students and academics to be considered for presentation at the International Conference to be held on 20th November 2026.

The abstracts should be based on original research not previously published elsewhere under one of the eight conference tracks, and if accepted, should be presented at the International Conference.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS AND EXTENDED ABSTRACTS

(1) Guidelines for preparation of abstracts and extended abstracts

- i. The abstract and the extended abstract must report original research.
- ii. An author may submit one abstract (and extended abstract) as a single author and one abstract (and extended abstract) as a co-author **OR** no more than four abstracts (and extended abstracts) as co-author.
- iii. The title should be brief and explain the study reported. Capital letters should be used only for the first letter in the first word of the title and proper nouns.
- iv. The author/s names and addresses:
 - Capital letters should be used only for the initials and the first letters of the surnames of authors. Underline the presenting author and indicate the corresponding author using as asterisk (*).
 - The address of the institution in which the research was carried out should be included under the author's name.
 - If the collaborators are from different institutions, the addresses of the institutions should be included in brief. In this case, the addresses of the co-authors should be indicated by a number in superscript after the authors' names and before the respective addresses (as shown below). Please note this numbering is not needed if all authors are from the same department/ unit.

Example (multiple authors):

Your Research Title

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- v. The text of the abstract should **not exceed 300 words**. The text of the extended abstract should **not exceed 1500 words** (excluding the list of references). The abstract should be written as a **single paragraph** and must consist of a brief introduction, objective/s, methodology, key results/findings, and conclusion/ implications including the policy implications from the research findings if applicable



- vi. Standard abbreviations of SI units should be used.
- vii. The abstract and the extended abstract should be coherent and free of language errors.
- viii. Two copies of the abstract and the extended abstract should be submitted electronically on separate pages of a single Word document. The first copy should contain name(s) of author(s) and institutional affiliations. The second copy should carry only the title and the abstract and the extended abstract which **should not** contain name(s) of author(s) and place(s) where the research has been carried out.
- ix. A maximum of five (05) keywords should be provided.
- x. Acknowledgements should be restricted to the names of funding agencies providing sponsorship.
- xi. Use the font “Times New Roman”, size 12 with 1.15 spacing on A4 paper.
- xii. Text alignment: Justified
- xiii. Margins: Top & Bottom – 1”, Left & Right – 0.8”
- xiv. **Please note that only the accepted abstracts will be published in the conference proceedings.**

(2) Special guidelines for extended abstract

- i. An extended abstract is the detailed version of the abstract (or the concise version of the research paper) which should clearly specify the research gap (theoretical/ empirical/ performance) that the researcher is addressing, a concise review of literature, a brief description of the methodology used, key results/findings obtained, implications and contributions to theory and practice, and the conclusion.
- ii. The elements/ subheadings of your extended abstract can be organized in the following order listed:
 - **A brief Introduction** (research gap, and the main inquiry with the objective/s)
 - **Main body text** (a concise review of literature, methodology, results/findings, discussion, and conclusion with implications/contribution including the policy implications from the research findings if applicable)
 - **List of references**
- iii. The length of the extended abstract **should not exceed 1500 words**, excluding the list of references. The list of references should be limited to the cited literature in the extended abstract.

(3) Declaration by the authors

- i. The declaration form must be signed by all the authors and returned/submitted by the corresponding author (scanned copy) along with each abstract and extended abstract submitted.
- ii. All correspondence will be addressed to the corresponding author. If the corresponding author is a student, it is mandatory that the declaration form should be signed by the supervising author/s.



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- iii. The abstracts should be presented by a staff member or a postgraduate student. If the presenter indicated in the form is unable to present the paper, it is the responsibility of the corresponding author either to withdraw the paper in advance or arrange for one of the co-authors to present the paper. **Not presenting a published abstract would result in penalization of all the authors.**

(4) Ethical Considerations

Research involving human participants, animals, or sensitive data must have obtained appropriate ethical clearance. Authors may be requested to provide supporting documentation.

Note: Please refer to the AI policy of University of Colombo

(5) Submission procedure

All abstracts must be submitted through the Microsoft Conference Management Toolkit (CMT) submission system.

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