Eastern University, Sri Lanka, a leading higher education institute in South Asia and one of the pioneering Universities in Arts and Culture education is hosting an International Research Conference during 13th to 15th June 2024 (3 days) on Arts and Culture of Tamils – 2024 at Vantharoomulai, Chekalady, Sri Lanka in collaboration with the leading Universities in Asia.

Anna University has collaborated in this event as an academic partner and the Director, Centre for Development of Tamil in Engineering and Technology, Anna University, Chennai is nominated as the Coordinator for this conference.

The theme of the conference is “Arts and culture of Tamils” “தமிழர்களின் கலை மற்றும் கைாச்சாரம்”. The papers are invited under the theme and sub themes as listed below. The conference brochure, Author guidelines are attached in this circular for reference. In this connection, submission of paper for this conference is requested from the interested Faculty members/Research Scholars/Students.

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Enclosed:
1. Brochure
2. Author’s Guidelines
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
"ARTS AND CULTURE OF TAMILS"
ICACT - 2024

The Eastern University, Sri Lanka, in collaboration with the University of Vavuniya, Sri Lanka, Pondicherry University, India, Anna University, India, and Vellore Institute of Technology, India, hosts an International Conference on “Arts and Culture of Tamils” (ICACT). The Department of Tamil Studies, Faculty of Arts and Culture, is organizing this International Conference.

Conference Themes:

Venue: Eastern University, Sri Lanka, Vantharumoolai.

13 June 2024

Registration Charges:
- Local Presenters: 5000 LKR
- International Presenters: 150 USD
- International Research Students (Physical mode): 100 USD
- International Research Students (Online mode): 20 USD

Key dates:
- Date of Extension for Submission of Extended Abstract: 29 April 2024
- Notification of Acceptance: 05 May 2024
- Submission of Final Copy: 10 May 2024
- Deadline for Registration: 15 May 2024

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INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE ON “ARTS AND CULTURE OF TAMILS” - 2024 (IRCACT - 2024)
EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA & UNIVERSITY OF VAVUNIYA

Department of Tamil Studies, Faculty of Arts and Culture, Eastern University, Sri Lanka
13th, 14th, 15th June 2024

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Conference Paper Submission Guidelines:

Conference Theme:
“Arts and culture of Tamils”
“தமிழர்களின் கலைமற்றும் கைாசாரம்”

Sub-Tracks:
1. Historical and Cultural Heritage
2. Language and Literature
3. Traditional Communication System
4. Traditional Education System
5. Traditional Employment System and Society
6. Arts and crafts
7. Architectures
8. Traditional Dresses and Games
9. Cuisine and Culinary traditions
10. Festivals and Rituals

Conference Date & Venue:
13th, 14th and 15th June, 2024
Eastern University, Sri Lanka, Vantharumoolai, Chenkalady, Sri Lanka.

Key Dates: please refer revised brochure for updated deadline
Deadline for extended abstract - 15th April 2024 extended upto: 29.04.2024
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**Registration Charges:**

Local Presenters - LKR 5000
International Presenters - USD 150
(Including Registration, Refreshments and Lunch, Conference kit, Proceeding and Stationeries)

**Payment Procedure:**

All registration fees should be paid to the following Account number and the scanned copy of the bank deposit slip or any proof of online payment (in the form of an image or a PDF) along with the registration form should be sent to this email: ircact2024@esn.ac.lk. Please indicate “IRCACT-2024” and your extended abstract's ID and your name as the purpose / transfer description of your payment.

*Please, note that registration fees will not be reimbursed.*

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**Format of the Extended Abstract:**

- Font Type: Tamil – Bamini / English – Times New Roman
- Font Size: Title 14 Bold / Sub Title 12 Bold / Body Text 12 Normal, title of figures and tables 10 normal
- Line Spacing: 1.5
- Margins: 2.5 cm (left)
- Alignment-justify
- Paragraph Indentation: Indent the first line of each paragraph by 0.5 inches.
- Length: Extended abstracts should be at least **three pages**, but not more than six pages in length including the references. Word limit is **1000 - 2000 words**.
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**Structure of the Extended Abstract:**
An extended abstract should contain references, comparisons to related work, key theories, and other details found in an extended paper. Thus, an extended abstract is more than a long abstract. It should clearly specify theoretical and empirical gaps that the researcher is addressing, a concise review of seminal work, a brief description of the methodology used, results obtained, the expected contributions(s) to theory and practice, and the conclusion resulting from the study.

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- Main body Text (including a concise review of extent literature methodology)
- Conclusion (findings, discussion and summary sections)
- References

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The body of your extended abstract should follow the introduction and include methodology, results, discussion, and the directions for future research. The methodology section should be descriptive enough that the reader can identify what was done. References to methodology are appropriate. The findings and discussion sections may be combined. Within the body of your extended abstract, you can apply as many first-, second-, and third-level headings as you need.

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Conclusion should describe the findings and discussion. Summarize the key points of the study without introducing new information. Discuss the contributions of the study to the field of research.

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