**Coffee Talk – Edition 1**

*“A research paper is a type of academic writing that provides an in-depth analysis, evaluation, or interpretation of a single topic based on pieces of empirical evidence.”*

There is a huge process in the backdrop of outcomes of a research paper. As an academic personal, every researcher has an inevitable responsibility over his every choice of words. Because, a research paper is an expanded [essay](https://www.sunyempire.edu/online-writing-support/resources/research/research-paper/essay/) that presents your own interpretation or evaluation or argument. When you write an essay, you use everything that you personally know and have thought about a subject. When you write a research paper you build upon what you know about the subject and make a deliberate attempt to find out what experts know. Also, a research paper involves surveying a field of knowledge in order to find the best possible information in that field.

We, the Thulawa Association, the Undergraduates’ Official Publication of the Faculty of Law, organised a discussion programme to assist our follow undergraduates to become good researchers in the field of law. This programme was structured under the direction of Dr.Dilini Pathirana, Head of the Legal Research Unit of the Faculty of Law at the University of Colombo. This collaboration was on same wavelength of the definition of the word; *university.* It is derived from the [Latin](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Latin) phrase *universitas magistrorum et scholarium*, which roughly means "community of teachers and scholars". We put the name ‘Coffee Talk” to this initiative in order to get the attention of all undergraduates in the Faculty.

The first Coffee Talk was held on 03rd May 2023, from 3pm to 5pm, at the Reading Room of Faculty of Law. Dr. Dilini Pathirana, a senior lecturer in the Department of Commercial Law shared her valuable pronouncements about the process of a research and how important the new knowledge for the development of world. Also, we discussed that how significant a research to the legal profession and how to choose a specific research topic from the enormous ocean of law.

Furthermore, in the evening of June 7, 2023, we successfully arranged the second Coffee Talk session on the topic of “How to conduct an empirical legal research?” in the Reading Room of the Faculty of Law. Mr.Isuru Liyanage, Senior Lecturer of the Department of Public and International Law, Faculty of Law, shared his valuable experience in the subject area.

These sessions valuably helped undergraduates to learn how to utilise these myriad resources and develop the skills necessary for effective and efficient legal research—something key to their success in the law school and in the practice of their future career. Indeed, we are in a brown study that the Coffee Talk of Thulawa Association was really beneficial for law undergraduates. It is haunting that ‘coffee’ played a sweet bit-part in these evenings.