

Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science Theme Seminar 2016

Interdisciplinarity in Research, Education and Practice for Advancing Science and Society

Date: 6 December 2016

Venue: ICTAD Auditorium, Sausiripaya, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 7

8.00 – 8.40 am	Registration
8.40 -8.50 am	Traditional lighting of the oil lamp
8.50 – 9.00 am	Welcome Address – Prof. Manjula Vithanapathirana, General President, SLAAS
9.00 – 9.40 am	<i>“Interdisciplinary Research across Life Sciences and Social Sciences: The Whys, Hows, Highs and Lows of Collaboration”</i> Prof. Felicity Callard, Reader in Social Science for Medical Humanities, Faculty of Social Sciences and Health; Principal Investigator and Director of Hubbub, the first Interdisciplinary residency of “The Hub at Wellcome Collection”, Durham University, UK
9.40 –10.20 am	<i>“Advancing Science and Society through Interdisciplinarity: The Role of Systems Science”</i> Prof. Saroj Jayasinghe, Professor of Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo
10.20 – 10.30 am	Discussion

10.30 – 10.50 am	Tea
10.50 - 11.30 am	<i>“Interdisciplinary Journeys: A Few Illustrations from History of Ideas”</i> Prof. Moti Nissani, Professor Emeritus, Department of Biology, Wayne State University, USA
11.30 – 12.10pm	<i>“Researcher: Establish or Perish! – An Imperative for Advancing our Society”</i> Prof. Ajith de Alwis, Project Director, the Coordinating Secretariat for Science, Technology & Innovations (COSTI); Professor, Chemical Process Engineering, University of Moratuwa
12.10 – 12.20 pm	Discussion
12.20 – 1.10 pm	Lunch
1.10 – 1.50 pm	<i>“The Need for Interdisciplinary Approaches in Health Research”</i> Prof. Kalinga Tudor Silva, Professor Emeritus, Former Professor of Sociology, University of Peradeniya; Director, International Centre for Ethnic Studies, Kandy
1.50 – 2.30 pm	<i>“From Crossdisciplinarity to Interdisciplinarity: Some Experiences from Trying to Bridge the Chasm between Computing and Two Other Disciplines”</i> Dr. Ruwan Weerasinghe, Dean, Informatics Institute of Technology, Colombo 6; Senior Lecturer, University of Colombo School of Computing
2.30 – 3.10 pm	<i>“Interdisciplinary Procedures: Histories, Anxieties and Profits – Lessons from English Studies”</i> Prof. Neloufer de Mel, Senior Professor and Head, Department of English, University of Colombo
3.10 – 3.20 pm	Discussion
3.20 pm	Tea
End of Program	