



Department of History and Archaeology

History & Archaeology News

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“History & Archaeology News” is an annual compiling of information on the academic activities of the staff and students of the Department of History & Archaeology, Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka.

► Appreciation of Services

Chair Professor of/ in S. Wawwage retire after finishing his excellent service to UOR



Senior Professor Sumanasiri Wawwage of the Department of History and Archaeology retired on 8th January 2018 after serving the University of Ruhuna for nearly a period of 40 years. He is a distinguished academic, enthusiastic researcher and well experienced administrative figure. He has authored number

of books on various aspects of ancient history and has an extensive publication record in refereed journals to his credit. As well-known academician in the discipline of History, he presented number of research papers in national and international academic forums. He had been involved in various research programs, development and social activities that were carried out in the Department, Faculty and University levels as well as in national level. He was the founder and the pioneering member of the Department of History. Also he served as the Head of the Department of History and Archaeology for more than nine years and as the Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences for nine years. His tireless commitment and hard work has immensely contributed to uplift the Department as well as the Faculty to the present standard.



► Workshop and Lecture series Archaeological Discussion Group

1st and 2nd workshop in "photography in Archaeology" held on 05th of July and 12th July of 2018 Organized by the Archaeological discussion group at Department of History and

Archaeology. Mr. H. Rajapaksha, Mr. S.U. Rangodage, Mr. A. A. Bandaranayake and Dr. W. Bohingamuwa participated as resource persons.



International workshop and Lecture series on Recent Advances in Indian History and Archaeology and Sri Lanka- South India Relations

Department of History and Archaeology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Ruhuna is pleased to organize an International Workshop and Lecture Series on Recent Advances in Indian History and Archaeology and Sri Lanka-South India Relations on September 5-6, 2018.



► Social Contribution

Empowering Teachers in History for Pirivena Teacher's seminar in the Southern Province

Academic members of the Department of History & Archaeology participated as resource persons for the above programmes held on 04th July 2018 respectively at

Bandaragama, Mirijawilla & Galle. Ms. J.K.A. Kanthi, Ms. Janeeka de Silva, served as resources persons.

Visiting lecturer

Senior Lecturer Ms. Janeeka de Silva is currently working as a visiting lecturer at

American College of Higher Education, Matara.

►Field Excursions

Annual Field Trip

History & Archaeology BA (Hons.) students of the batches 2000, 3000 and 4000 levels visited Dambadeniya, Yapahuva, Paduvasnuvara, Gampola and Kandy on their field trip on 22, 23 and 24 of January 2018.



Field Training programme - Exploration

"Old Colombo-Kandy Raja Mawatha" Archaeology special second year students (2016/2017) of Department of History & Archaeology, surveying of the Old Colombo-Kandy Raja Mawatha proposed by the Department of History & Archaeology. This exploration was conducted from 17th to 27th July 2018 from Deewala to Balana port area. In the past, this route was made transportation accessibility between internal kingdoms. During the exploration, students were able to identify the historical and archaeological monuments such as shrines, fortifications, inscriptions, ambalam and caves located on both sides of old raja mawatha. In this research students were able to acquire theoretical and practical knowledge about field methods including mapping, planning, photography and reporting as well. Research was conducted by the Department of History & Archaeology under the supervision and guidance. of Mr. Seewali Bandara Manatunga (Senior Lecturer), N. Thushari Thilakarathna & A. A. Bandaranayake (Tutors)

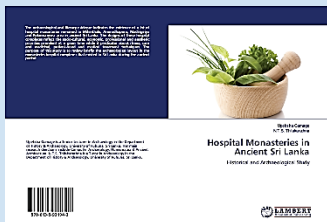


► Research Highlights - Academic Staff

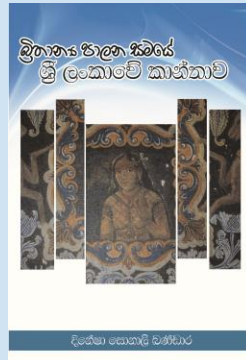
Book Publications - The launch of the books



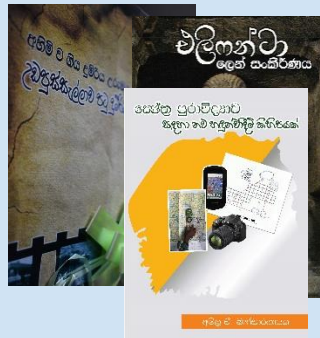
The book titled 'උද්භිද රූ සිතුවම්: මහනුවර සිතුවම් සම්ප්‍රදාය වෙත පරිසර සංවේදී ප්‍රවේශයක්' by Temporary Tutor N.T.S. Thilakarathna.



The book titled 'Hospital Monasteries in Ancient Sri Lanka: Historical and Archaeological Study' by Senior Lecturer Upeksha Gamage and Temporary Tutor N.T.S. Thilakarathna.



The book titled 'බ්‍රිතාන්‍ය පාලන සමයේ ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ කාන්තාව' by Temporary Assistant Lecturer D.S. Bandara.



Temporary Tutor A.A. Bandaranayake has published 03 books titled 'අභිමිව ගීය දුම්රිය උරුමය', 'එලිතන්ටා ලෙන් සංකීර්ණය', සහ ක්ෂේත්‍ර පුරාවිද්‍යාව සඳහා නව හඳුන්වාදීම් කිහිපයක්'.

International Trainings

Senior Lecturer Lakmini Gamage participated in a 10-day intensive summer program in Global Peace Security and Strategic Studies organized through cooperation between Vesalius College and the Royal Military Academy, Brussels, Belgium



Participation in Workshops

Senior Lecturer Lakmini Gamage participated in the Workshop on “Managing Municipal Archives” conducted by Dr. Bart Ballaux & Laura Taylor, held at the Department of National Archives, Sri Lanka from 06 – 07 September 2018.



Research Paper Presentations in International Conferences

- ▶ Senior Lecturer Lakmini Gamage presented a research paper titled, Traditional Tamil caste system and its influence on the emergence and development of Sri Lankan Tamil militant movements, at the 4th International Conference of the Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences 2018, University of Ruhuna, Matara, Sri Lanka.
- ▶ Senior Lecturer Lakmini Gamage presented a research paper titled, Historical impotence of the role played by Jaffna Youth Congress in Jaffna politics in the 1920s and 1930s, at the Jaffna University International Research Conference 2018, Jaffna, Sri Lanka.
- ▶ Temporary Tutor N. T. S. Thilakarathna presented a research paper titled, ***Representation of Occupation Types in Kandian Tradition Paintings: Some Case Studies*** at the Ruhuna University International Conference Humanities and Social Sciences (RUICHSS), University of Ruhuna in 2018.

Research Paper Presentations in national Conferences

- ▶ Temporary Tutor N. T. S. Thilakarathna presented the research paper titled, දකුණු පළාතේ මහනුවර සම්ප්‍රදායට අයත් සිතුවම්හි නිරූපිත ස්ත්‍රී රූප at the National Archaeological Symposium 2018.
- ▶ Temporary Tutor N. T. S. Thilakarathna presented the research paper titled, මහනුවර සම්ප්‍රදායට අයත් බිතුසිතුවම්හි නිරූපිත සමකාලීන විදේශීය ආභාසයන් at the National Research Symposium on Historical Studies, Department of Humanities, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka in 2018.

Research Paper published in conference proceedings (International)

- ▶ Gamage, L., 2018. Traditional Tamil caste system and its influence on the emergence and development of Sri Lankan Tamil militant movements, In, S.Amarasingha etl (ed), Ethics Morality and Spirituality in Globalized Society , ,Abstracts ,4th International Conference of the Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences ,University of Ruhuna, Matara, Sri Lanka.
 - ▶ Gamage.L, 2018. Historical Importance of the Role Played by the Jaffna Youth Congress on the Jaffna Politics on the 1920s and 1930s ,4th Jaffna University International Research Conference – JUICE 2018, Hoover Auditorium, Faculty of Medicine, University of Jaffna, Jaffna, Sri Lanka.
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Full paper publications in National and International Journals

- ▶ Thilakarathna, N.T.S., Gamage, Upeksha. 2018. “දකුණු පළාතේ මහනුවර සම්ප්‍රදායට අයත් සිතුවම්හි නිරූපිත ස්ත්‍රී රූප”. The National Archaeological Symposium, Department of Archaeology in 2018.
 - ▶ Thilakarathna, N.T.S., Bandaranayaka, A.A., Anuruddha, N.H.T. 2018. “මහනුවර සම්ප්‍රදායට අයත් බිතුසිතුවම්හි නිරූපිත සමකාලීන විදේශීය ආභාසය”. The National Research Symposium on Historical Studies, Department of Humanities, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka in 2018.
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Other activities

The Annual Cricket Tournament

The annual cricket tournament organized by the Department of History and Archaeology was held on 16th January 2018 at the university ground. All the students, academic staff and non-academic staff of the department took part of the tournament actively.

Second year students won the championship and runners-up goes to final year batch. I.M. Munasinghe won the award of man of the

match. Best academic player award goes to Dr. Darshana Bandara.



Farewell Party

The farewell party organized by the academic staff members of the department of History and Archaeology was held on 16th July 2018 at the university lodge for final year students who completed their degree program under History and Archaeology subjects. Students and lecturers conversed together and students shared their feelings and experiences that they had in the university life. All academic staff voiced their good wishes for the future successes for the futures of the students.



Fresher's Welcome Ceremony

Fresher's Welcome Ceremony of the Special Degree in History & Archaeology, Department of History & Archaeology, was successfully held on 10th July 2018 at the premises of university Lodge.



► Student contribution - Students of History and Archaeology

Archaeology Special 2nd Year student G.C.M.C. Gamage participated for the International Social Business Summer Program (ISPSP)-2018 Organized by Daffodil International University from 01st to 10th July 2018 in Dhaka, Bangladesh.

