

3rd International Multidisciplinary Desk Research Conference - DRC 2025

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Desk research, also known as secondary research, constitutes a form of inquiry grounded in secondary sources. The forthcoming conference, expertly coordinated by the Library of the University of Kelaniya, seeks to foster and advance scholarly investigations reliant on the library's comprehensive array of printed and digital resources. Full research papers are invited under the subject areas of Arts and Humanities, Commerce & Management, Science & Technology, Medicine, and Social Sciences.

Author Guidelines

All manuscripts that are submitted to the conference should be based on original research and comply with the theme of the conference. The manuscripts published elsewhere in any venue (Journal/ conference/ book, etc.) in any form will not be considered to be published in the proceedings of the Desk Research Conference - DRC. The proceedings of the DRC will be launched at the inauguration of the conference. The manuscript submission should be done through the Google Form available on the official website of the DRC: <https://conf.kln.ac.lk/drc/>

Guidelines for Preparation of Manuscripts

1. Manuscripts for the DRC could be submitted as full papers. The maximum word limit of the full paper is 3000-5000 words excluding the References. Manuscripts can be written in English or Sinhala (Sinhala papers should accompany an abstract in English. Word limit 250-300).

Manuscripts in English should be typewritten in A4-Size paper in MS-Word format.

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2. The manuscript should have the section given below:

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- Abstract should include the word limit of the abstract is 250-300 and should include the research objective, methodology, results or key findings and conclusion/recommendations (if any).
- Keywords : 3-5 in alphabetical order
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- Results and Discussion: It should include the findings of the study and an in-depth analysis and interpretation of the results. The significance and implication of the findings should be discussed in par with previous research.
- Conclusions and Recommendations: It should include the key findings of the study and offer practical recommendations based on the study's outcome, suggesting avenues for further exploration
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