University of Kelaniya Student Conference on Internationalisation

24.08.2021 - virtual event









Snr. Prof. Neelakshi C. Premawardhena Cadre Chair & Senior Professor Department of Modern Languages & Director, Centre for International Affairs





WP5 of the ERASMUS+ TOOLKIT PROJECT Dissemination of Knowledge on Internationalisation among all stakeholders of the university









Roundtable Conference on Internationalisation for University Staff

23.08.2021

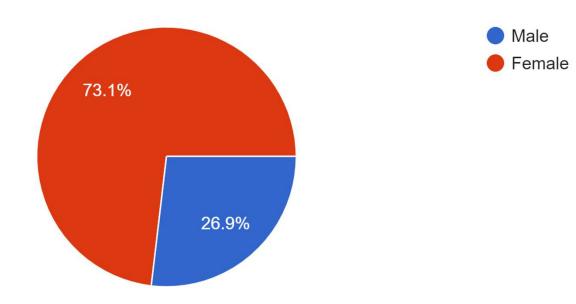
Participants today

- Erasmus Alumni
- German Academic Exchange (DAAD) Alumni
- Students who benefitted from onsite/virtual mobility
- University of Kelaniya International Alumni
- Academic Staff
- Interested students

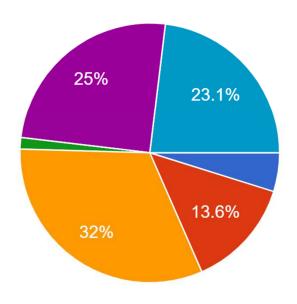
Registration for the conference

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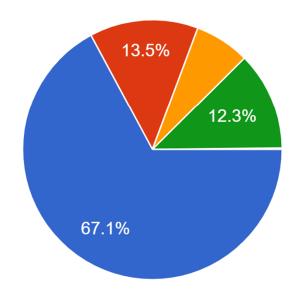


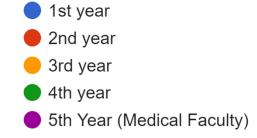
Faculty



- Commerce and Management Studies
- Computing and Technology
- Humanities
- Medicine
- Science
- Social Sciences

Year of Study





What is Internationalisation?

- Reaching out to the world
- Interaction, collaboration and cooperation across borders
- Teaching and learning, collaborative research
- Incoming and outgoing mobility
- International exposure
- Internationally recognized study programmes
- Facilities, infrastructure
- Being open for and accepting diverse cultures, way of thinking, norms and traditions
- Learning from each other

What is Internationalisation?

A process of integrating an international, intercultural, or global dimension in the purpose, functions, or delivery of postsecondary education" (Knight, 2003, p. 2)

Knight, J. (2003). Updated Definition of International Higher Education

Info Day on Internationalisation

- Dissemination of Information on:
- Opportunities
- Activities
- Previous experiences
- Opening to the world outside and connecting
- Benefits

International Activities and Opportunities – Significance for Students

Vice Chancellor, Senior Professor Nilanthi de Silva

Cadre Chair and Senior Professor Department of Parasitology Faculty of Medicine



International Affairs at the University of Kelaniya

- Centre for Research Improvement and International Affairs

 est. July 2011 (WCU funds)
- The university has unique fields of study that have great potential to attract international scholars and students in large numbers
- Increased visibility and international presence through several European Commission funded projects since 2013

- University of Kelaniya has the highest number of international students – registered locally, at offshore programmes, at overseas affiliated institutions (Pali and Buddhist Studies)
- Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Diploma students
- Certificate Courses in Sinhala/ Tamil for Ínternational Students (Departments of Sinhala, Linguistics)
- Facility for International Credit Transfer
- Staff & Student Volunteer Programme

Internationalisation in the past

- International activities by individual departments (visiting scholars, joint conferences, external examiners)
- International students
- Scholarships for academic staff and students (Commonwealth, Fulbright, DAAD, Japan Foundation)
- Guest Professors and Visiting Scholars
- Doctoral students
- Department of Modern Language (scholarships, international staff, academic staff qualified overseas)
- Cultural Exchange Programmes (PEACEBOAT)
- Mevlana Exchange Programme with Turkey since 2013

Erasmus Projects and International Activities







Internationalisation through EU Funded Projects: Reaching new heights

Erasmus Projects

- Funded by the European Commission
- Thousands of staff and student mobilities taking place annually since 1987.
- What was earlier confined to mobility within Europe, the programme added global dimension in the subsequent years by encouraging collaborative projects with non-EU partner universities.

- University of Kelaniya first benefitted from an Erasmus Mundus project from 2014 - 2019 that gave mobility opportunities to many students and staff while receiving incoming staff and student mobility from the EU
- Through this project the visibility of University of Kelaniya in the international higher education sector increased rapidly and many new partnerships were established

- Since 2014 over 140 staff and student mobility grants have been secured by the university while receiving over 100 guest professors and administrative staff and a number of students from the EU on incoming mobility
- Since March 2020 more than 2500 students and 100 staff have benefited from Virtual Mobility

OUR ERASMUS PARTNERS









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- Masaryk University, Czech Republic
- New University of Lisbon, Portugal
- Polytechnic Pozega, Croatia
- Rouen University, France
- Szczecin University, Poland
- Tallinn University, Estonia
- University of Algarve, Portugal
- University of Huddersfield, UK
- University of Porto, Portugal
- University of Trás-os-Montes and Alto Douro, Portugal

- Erasmus Mundus IMPAKT Project
- Erasmus+ TOOLKIT Project
- Erasmus+ K107 International Credit Mobility Projects
- Virtual Mobility for Staff and Students

ERASMUS+ CBHE



TOOLKIT - Designing and Managing International Relations, Educational Projects and Mobility Schemes in Asian Universities

A Project aiming at Capacity Building in Higher Education in Asia

Coordinated by University of Bologna, Italy
European Partners
Uppsala University
Vilnius University
7 Partners from Myanmar, Laos and Sri Lanka

Benefits

- 9700 Euro Equipment grant, staff costs
- Knowledge and experience sharing
- Training for academic, administrative staff, students
- Training for non-partner HEI through National Workshops
- Increasing visibility on the global platform
- Recognition for the university by supporting international activities conducted
- Establishing new partnerships
- Sustainability of existing partnerships

ERASMUS MOBILITY ERASMUS MUNDUS



- Erasmus Mundus International Mobility Programme for Academic and Knowledge Transfer 2014 – 2019 (IMPAKT)
- Incoming mobility: Academic Staff, Postdoctoral, Undergraduate 9
- Outgoing mobility: Academic Staff, Postgraduate, Undergraduate 17

Benefits

- 1 year mobility for 10 undergraduates (Geography, French)
- 1 year mobility for 1 postgraduate student (Botany)
- 1 month mobility for 6 academic staff
- Sustainability Erasmus+ Partnerships and MoUs emerging
- Szczecin University Poland
- Rouen University France
- Tallinn University Estonia
- Lodz University Poland
- Merging Voices Consortium from Portugal

ERASMUS+ MOBILITY



- Erasmus+ International Credit Mobility since 2016
- Incoming mobility: Academic Staff, Administrative Staff
- STT Staff Teaching STA Staff Training
- Outgoing mobility: Academic Staff, Administrative Staff, Undergraduates
- STT, STA, SMS Staff Teaching STA Staff Training Student Mobility

Eligibility Criteria for Erasmus Mobility

- Undergraduate Mobility
 Outstanding students, excellent grades, B2 English
 Letter of motivation
- 1) Selection via online application by the host university
- 2) Nominated by the Head of Department and recommended by the Dean of the Faculty
- 3) Open call for applications via university email/website
 Short listed candidates
 All nominations are subject approval by the Vice Chancellor

Funding

- Travel grant 1200 1500 Euro
- 800 Euro per month
- 1 Semester or 1 Academic Year

Other donor agencies

- DAAD German Academic Exchange Service
- Goethe Institute
- Japan Foundation
- Korea Foundation
- Government of France
- Government of P. R. of China
- Confucius Institute
- Russian Federation

CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

First point of contact for any international scholar, grant agency, prospective student or university

- International Cooperation Division
- International Student Affairs Division

International Cooperation



- Collaboration with international partners
- Partner proposals of joint projects with European and Asian universities (e.g.: Erasmus Projects)
- Promote academic collaboration and exchange programmes with overseas universities
- Disseminate information on grant opportunities
- Provide the staff and students with support to apply for scholarships and outgoing mobility grants
- Processing and validating applications
- Explore opportunities for research collaboration; joint research leading to international publications
- Staff and student exchange

- Conducting awareness programmes, workshops, seminars
- Promotion of postgraduate and diploma programmes to attract international students
- Supporting incoming and outgoing staff, student mobility



International Student Affairs



- Information and assistance to undergraduate and graduate students, exchange students, visiting scholars on study programmes, accommodation
- Orientation and cultural exchange pogrammes
- Coordinate the Government of Sri Lanka Presidential Scholarships for Foreign Students with the Ministry of Higher Education, University Grants Commission
- Staff and Student Volunteer Programme

- Promotion of scholarship/training opportunities through the university website and staff/student email
- Providing assistance to outgoing mobility of selected students, academic and administrative staff from the university under different grant schemes including Erasmus+, German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD), Goethe Institute scholarships
- Assistance with immigration procedures for incoming and outgoing students and scholars

Opportunities

- Student Volunteer Programme
 Open call for applications
 Selected students undergo an orientation programme
- Scholarships
- International Events (Global Leadership Programmes, Model United Nations, Joint events with partner universities)
- Cultural Exchange Programmes (Japan Educational Ship PeaceBoat)
- Participation at Guest Lectures
- Learn a Foreign Language/Foreign Languages

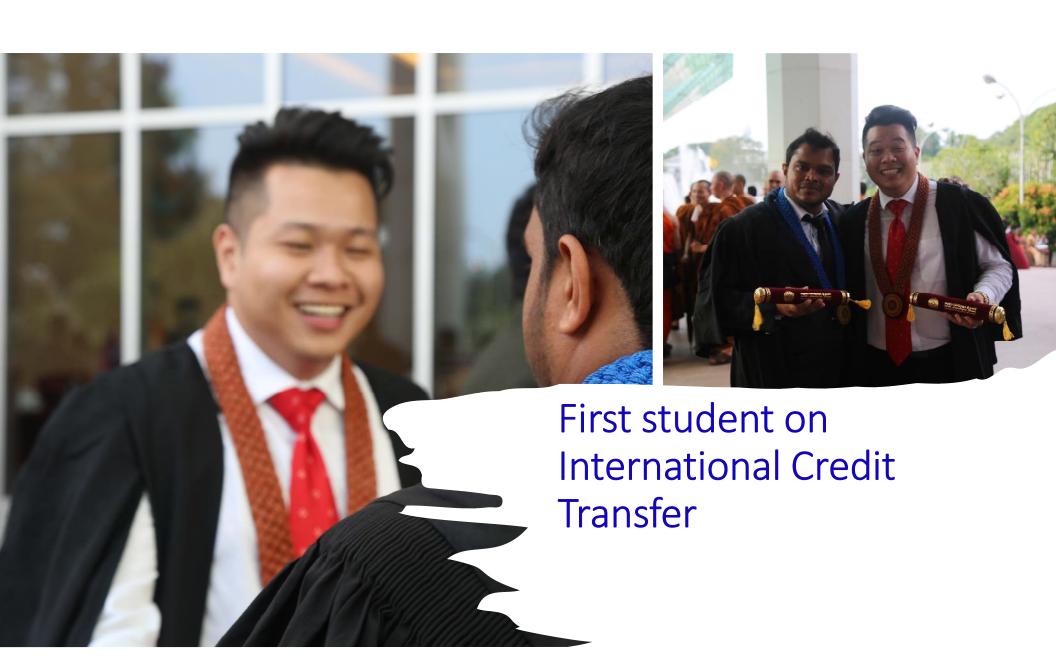
International Credit Transfer

Local students on outgoing mobility programmes are eligible to apply for recognition of the accumulated credits at overseas universities.

International students may apply for recognition of credits obtained at University of Kelaniya at their universities

Recognition of credits obtained at overseas universities for transfer students



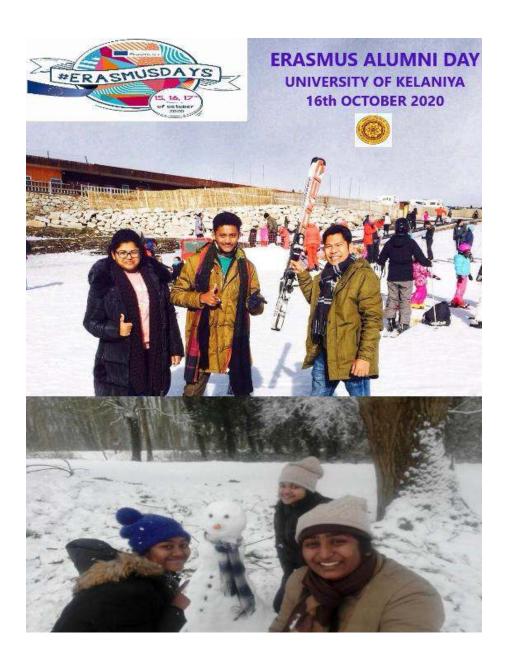


Overcoming challenges since April 2019 and March 2020 Virtual Activities and Virtual Mobility

Virtual Mobility

- Pozega Polytechnic, Departments of Economics, Accountancy
- Tallinn University, Faculty of Humanities 6 projects so far
- Szczecin University, German Studies, Dept of Modern Languages
- Siegen University, Fayoum University Egypt, Tongji University, China, Mother Teresa University, North Macedonia, German Studies, Dept of Modern Languages Sri Lanka
- DAAD German Academic Exchange Service
- Goethe Institute
- Included in UNESCO-IESALC report on virtual student mobility (VSM)

UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC)







ERASMUS DAYS 2021 UNIVERSITY OF KELANIYA, SRI LANKA

14th OCTOBER 2021 13.00 Hours CET

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION IN HIGHER EDUCATION: ISSUES, CHALLENGES AND SUSTAINABILITY



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Alumni Academy Digitalisation 20+ and Sustainability" 2021/2022 Blended Education The Future Workshop University of Siegen, Germany

Project - Group 2



"Exchanging Cultural Experiences between a Group of University Students"

29th October 2021

17.30 hours Colombo

Project Team from

Fayoum University, Fayoum, Egypt

University of Kelaniya, Kelaniya, Sri Lanka

Mother Teresa University, Skopje, North Macedonia

Tongji University, Shanghai, China





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Project - Group 2



"Exchanging Cultural Experiences between a Group of University Students"

Student Presentations

19th November 2021

13.15 hours CET

https://learn.zoom.us/j/67143490991?pwd=QXlmMW9Cd0x4TDNoUjRZTk93dWtmQT09

Meeting-ID: 671 4349 0991 Kenncode: German@1



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Die internationale Zukunftswerkstatt
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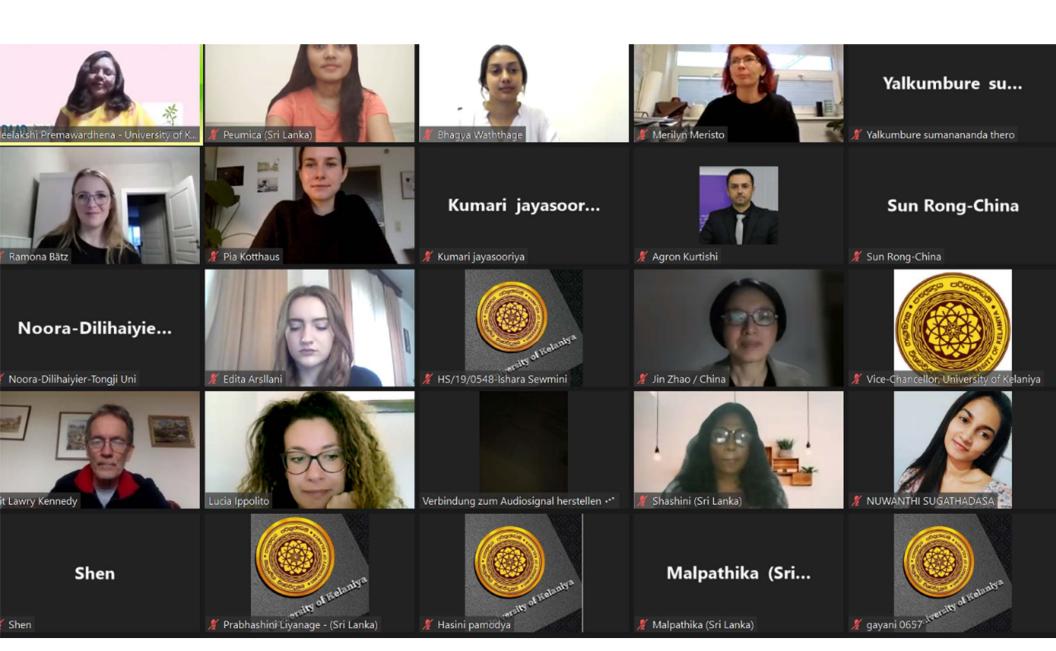


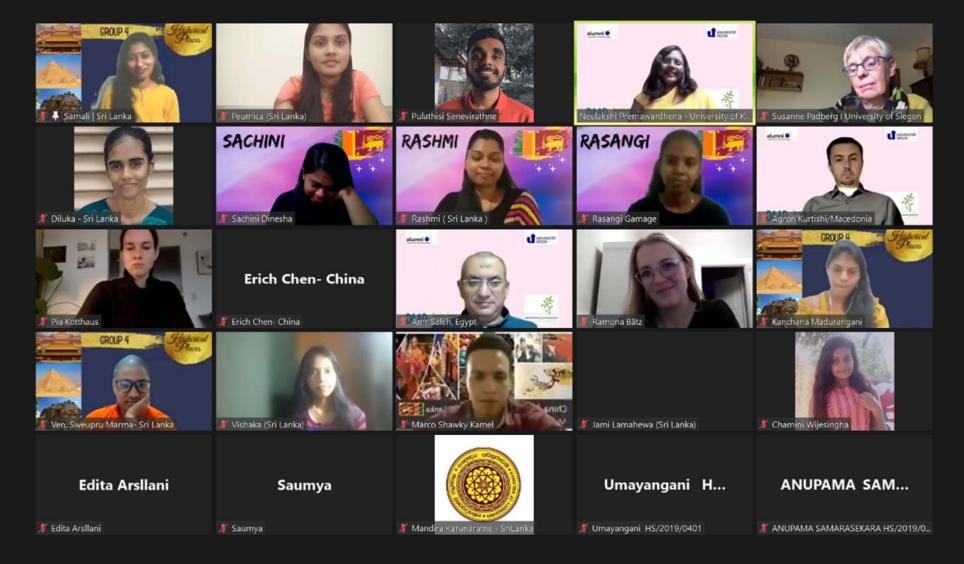
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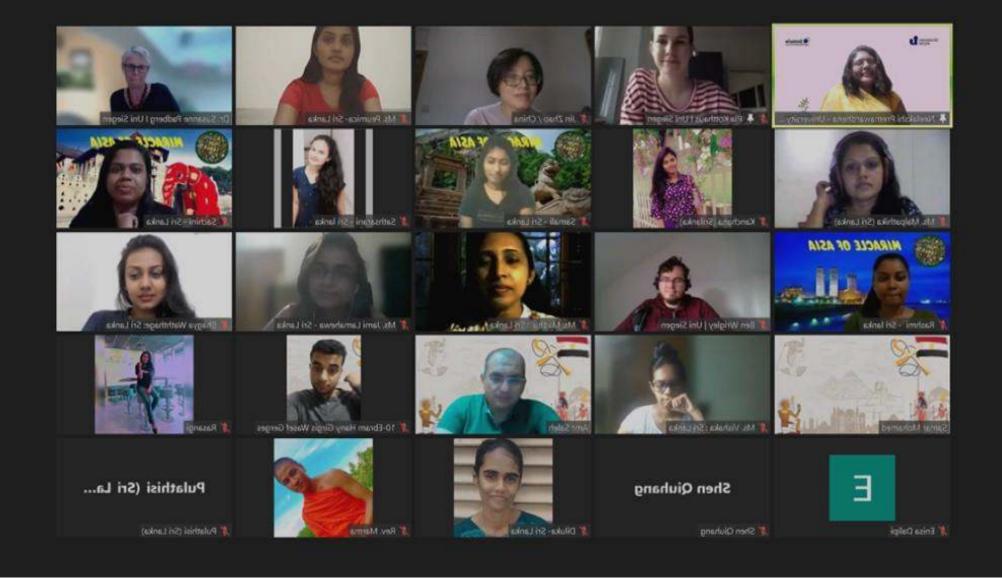


A Digital Bridge Across Cultures and Continents



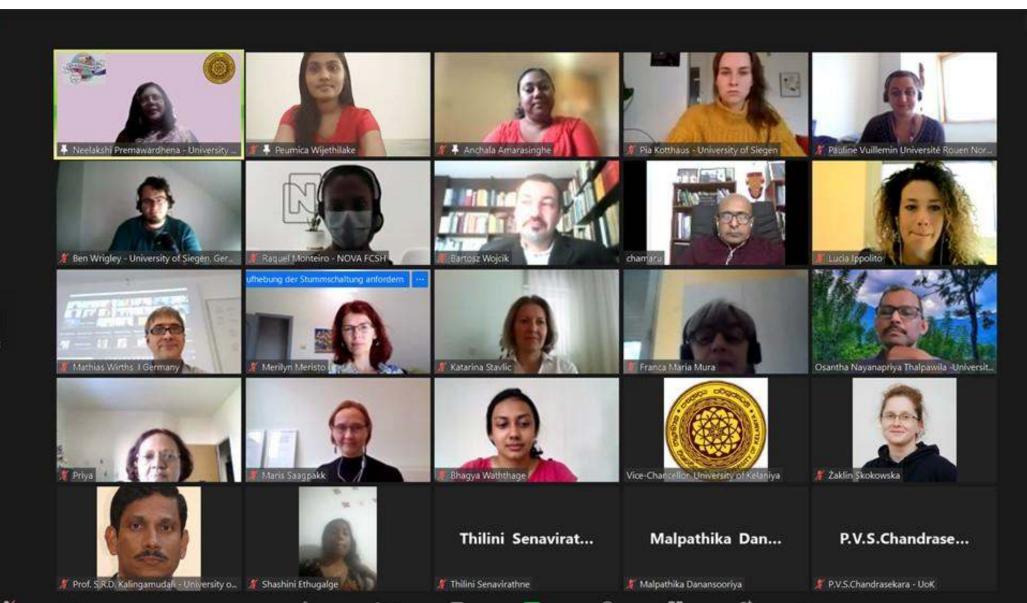


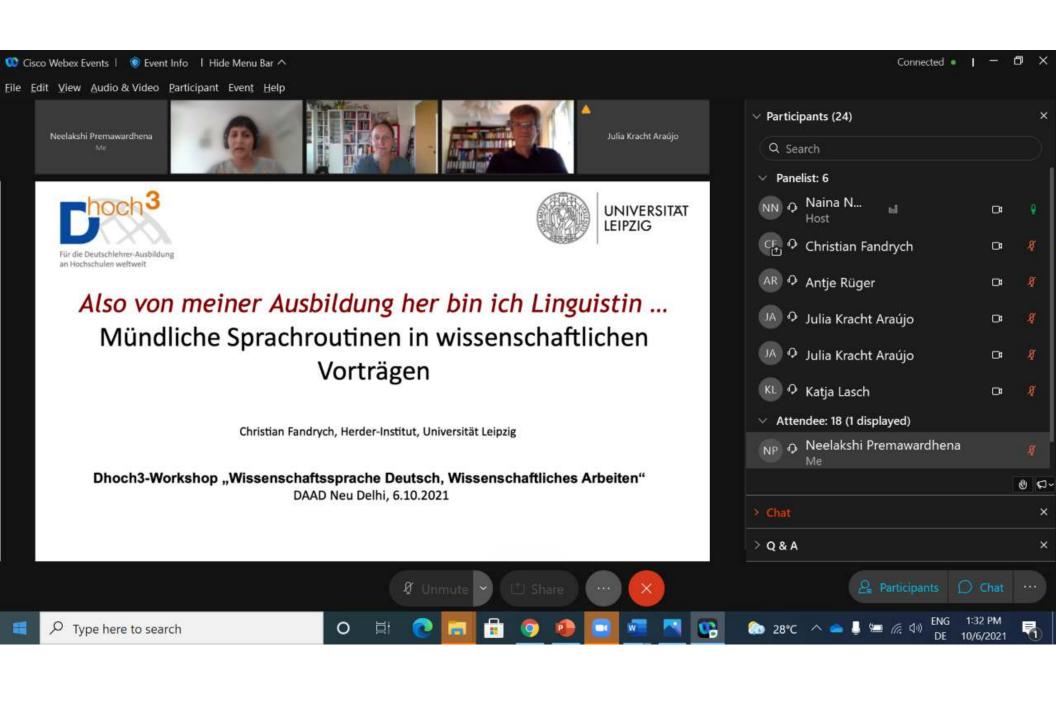


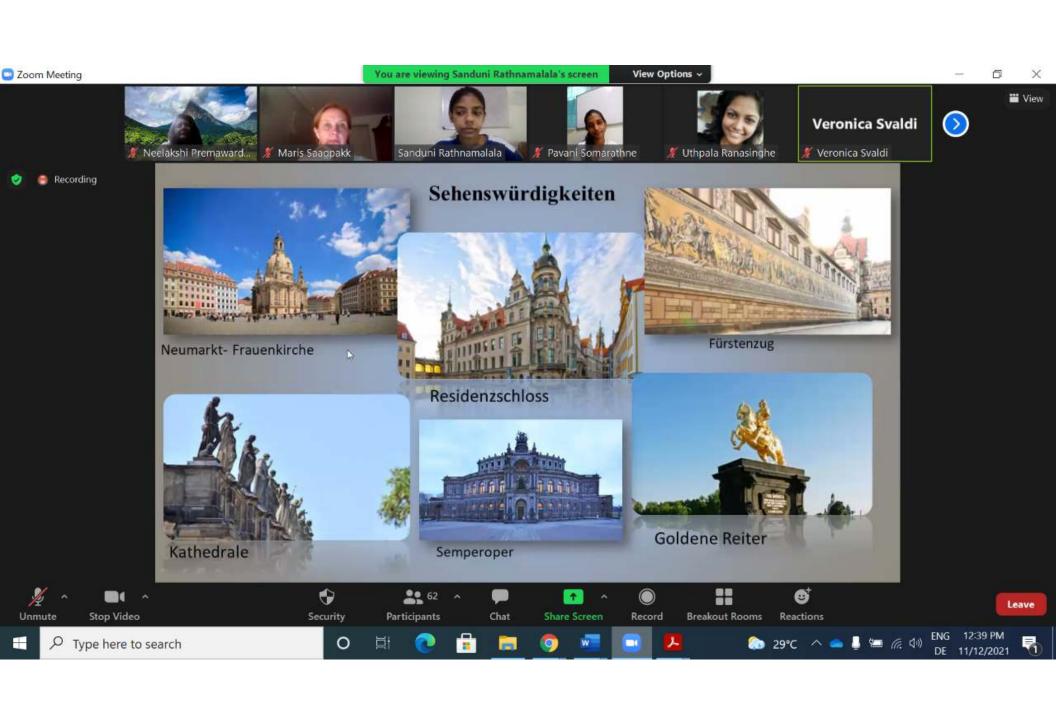


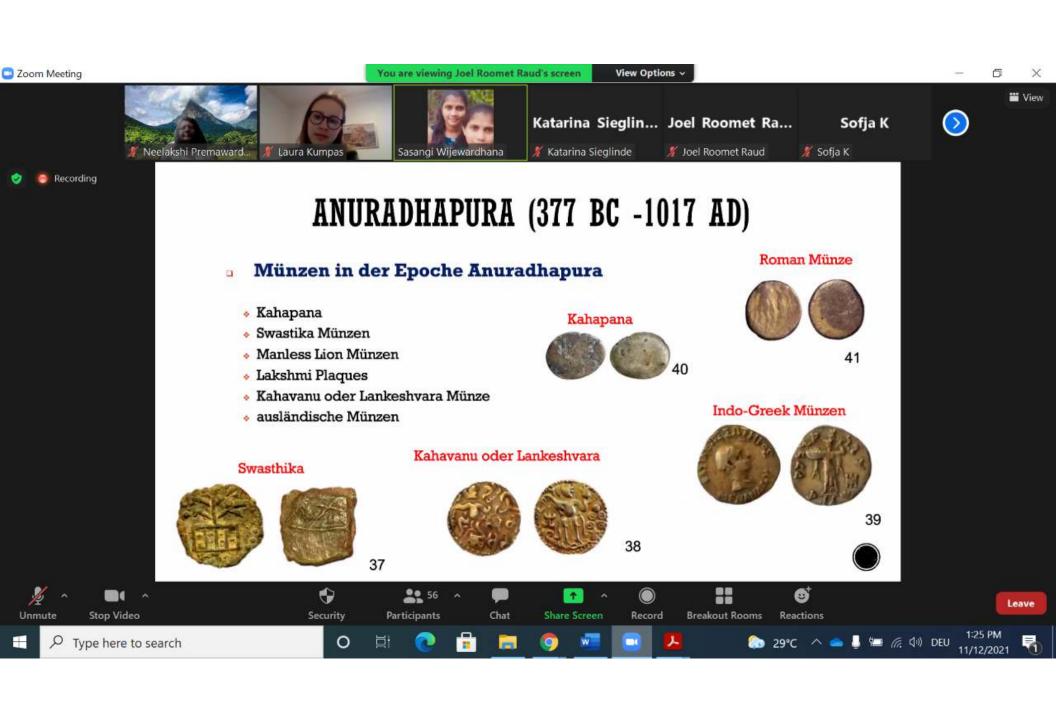




















Die Deutschabteilung des Department of Modern Languages University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka

lädt Sie alle

zu einer virtuellen "Weihnachtsfeier" ein.

Eine Online-Veranstaltung am 17. Dezember (Freitag) ab 17.00 Uhr

mit Beiträgen von Studierenden der Deutschabteilung

Zoom-Link

https://learn.zoom.us/j/61558952219?pwd=NkZGeE545VEwM/22bDYwQkE0dGhnZz09

Alle sind herzlich eingeladen!

Unsere Partnerländer heute

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- England
- Frankreich
- Deutschland
- Japan
- Polen
- Portugal
- USA



Silvester in Deutschland



Silvesterabend präsentiert von der Deutschabteilung

Department of Modern Languages, 31.12.2021

AGENDA

- 1. Presentation on New Year's Eve (Silvester) in Germany Snr. Prof. Neelakshi C. Premawardhena
- 2. A Pirivena's New Year's Eve Activities Ven. Kotiyagala Dhammarathana Thero, 4th Year
- 3. New Year's Eve in Bangladesh Ven. Sweupru Marma Thero, 2nd year BA Hons Entertainment Hour:
- 4. Bishmi Dissanayaka 3rd year BA Achterbahn
- 5. Indima Rajapaksa 4th year BA Hons Country Roads in German and English
- 6. Kithmi 1st year
- 7. Amanda Pathirana 2nd year BA Hons Gumugumuwa wadule
- 8. Kaushalya Yapa Baddawela 2nd year BA La isla bonita
- 9. Shenali Vitharana, Faculty of Science Optional German Eisblume
- 10. Song by staff: Ms. Vishaka Peiris
- 11. Wrap up song by all H R Jothipala's "Samanala Mudune"
- 12. Comments & Feedback
- 13. New Year Wishes in German/English/Sinhala
- 14. End of the event



































Abschlussfeier 2022 Deutschabteilung Department of Modern Languages 04/03/2022



Abschlussfeier - End of the Academic Year Event, Deutschabteilung - German Section

Department of Modern Languages, 04.03.2022

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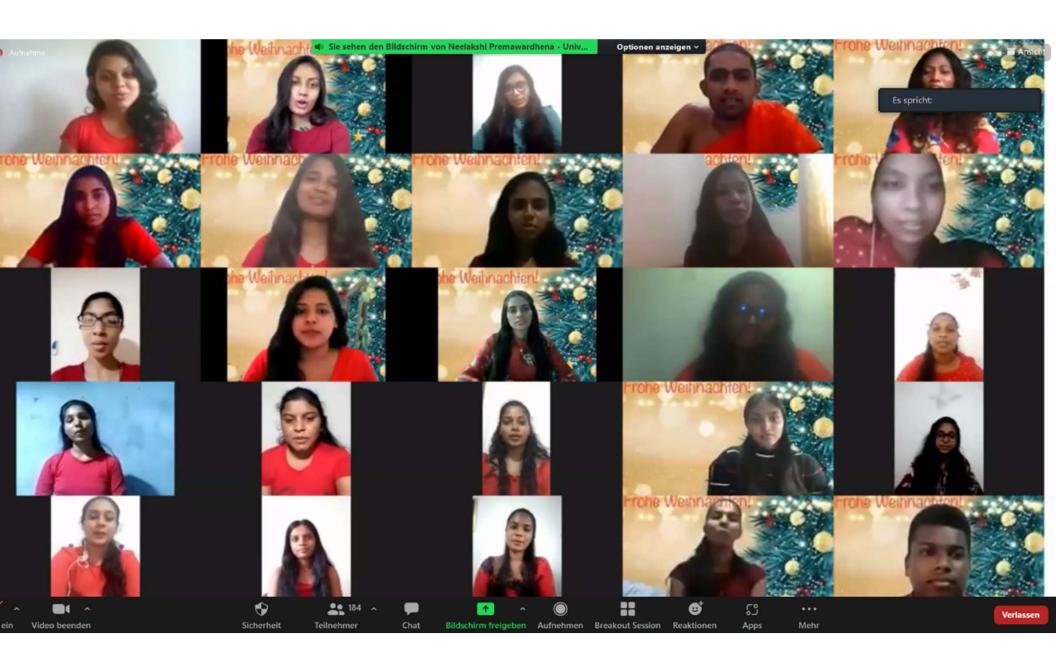
- 1. Welcome address and brief presentation on Online Learning Snr. Prof. Neelakshi C. Premawardhena
- 2. Greetings from the UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (UNESCO-IESALC)
- 3. Shenali Vitharana, Faculty of Science Optional German 1st year 99 Luftballons
- 4. Samadhi Weerasinghe 3rd year BA Hons, Kathak Dance Performance
- 5. Address by Prof. Dilrukshi Rathnayake, the Head, Department of Modern Languages
- 6. Indima Rajapaksa 4th year BA Hons, Sinhala song
- 7. Janali Piyadigama 1st year, Piano recital
- 8. An excerpt from Goethe's Drama Faust in Sinhala 2nd year BA Hons
- 9. Greetings from the Guests Goethe Institute and DAAD
- 10. Staff presentation instrumental
- 11. Greetings from the Guests Prof. Merilyn Meristo, Ms. Ramona Bätz, Tallinn University, Estonia
- 12. Piyumi Karunarathna 4th year BA Hons, Sinhala Song
- Greetings from the Guests Barbara Lilliu, Senior Consultant and External Evaluator, EU; TOOLKIT Project Team
- 14. Staff presentation instrumental
- 15. Sachini Wijethilaka, Dance performance Aja Nachle
- 16. Students' speech Uthpala Ranasinghe 3rd year BA Hons

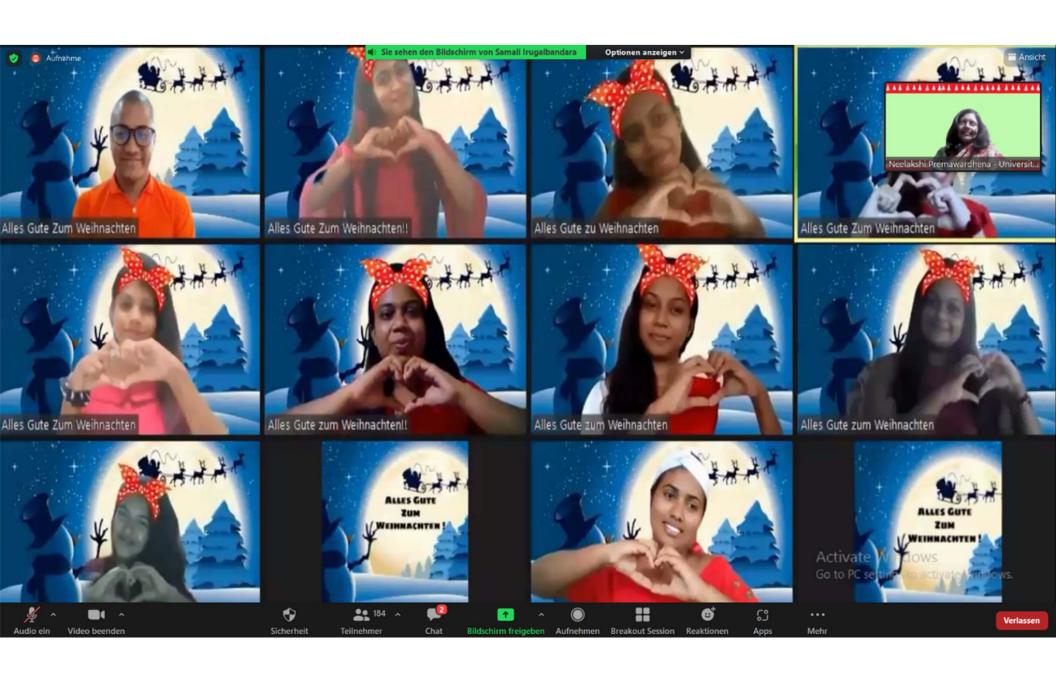




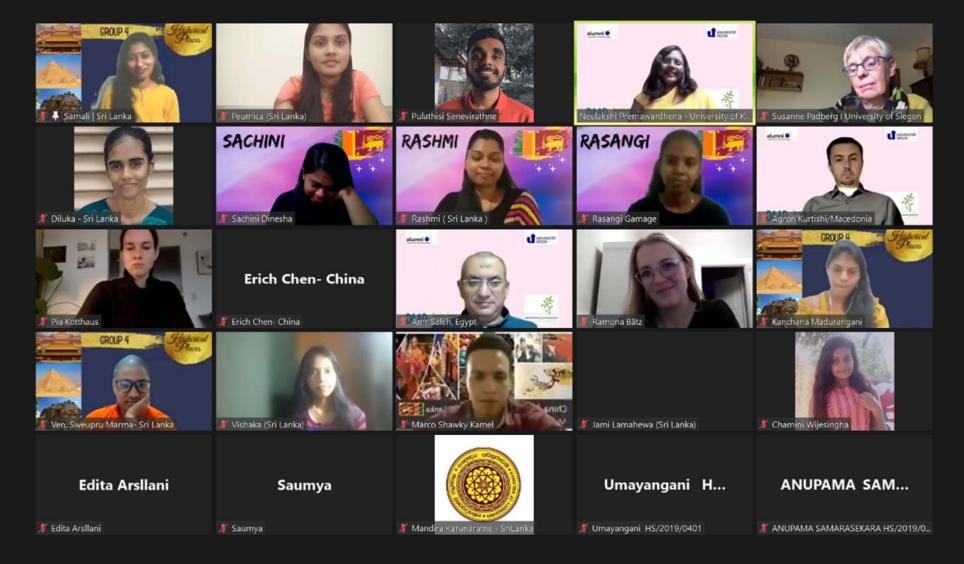
- 17. Kithmi Saubhagya 1st year, Sinhala Song
- 18. Bishmi Dissanayaka 3rd year BA, German Song
- 19. Roji Hasara 1st year, Dance performance Mandodari
- 20. Staff contribution: Songs by Ms. Vishaka Peiris
- 21. Romesh Bandara 1st year, Guitar recital
- 22. Greetings from the Guests Prof. Jiajuan Xion, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics, China
- 23. Isuri Bhagya 1st year, Sinhala Song
- 24. Students' speech Gansi Kulathunga, 4th year BA Hons
- 25. Hasini Pramoda 1st year, Sinhala Song
- 26. Staff presentation Song
- 27. Kaushalya Yapa 2nd year BA, Dance performance
- 28. Samudra Dasanayaka 1st year, Sinhala Song
- 29. Umesha Apsari 1st year, Sinhala Song
- 30. Pavani Katulanda and Oshadhi Himashi- 1st year, Titanic theme Song in German
- 31. Sachini Wijethilake, Dance performance Mithwa
- 32. Speech by Venerable Kotiyagala Dhammaratha Thero 4th year BA Hons
- 33. Live contributions/Feedback by the Guests, Staff and Students
- 34. University Song
 End of the event





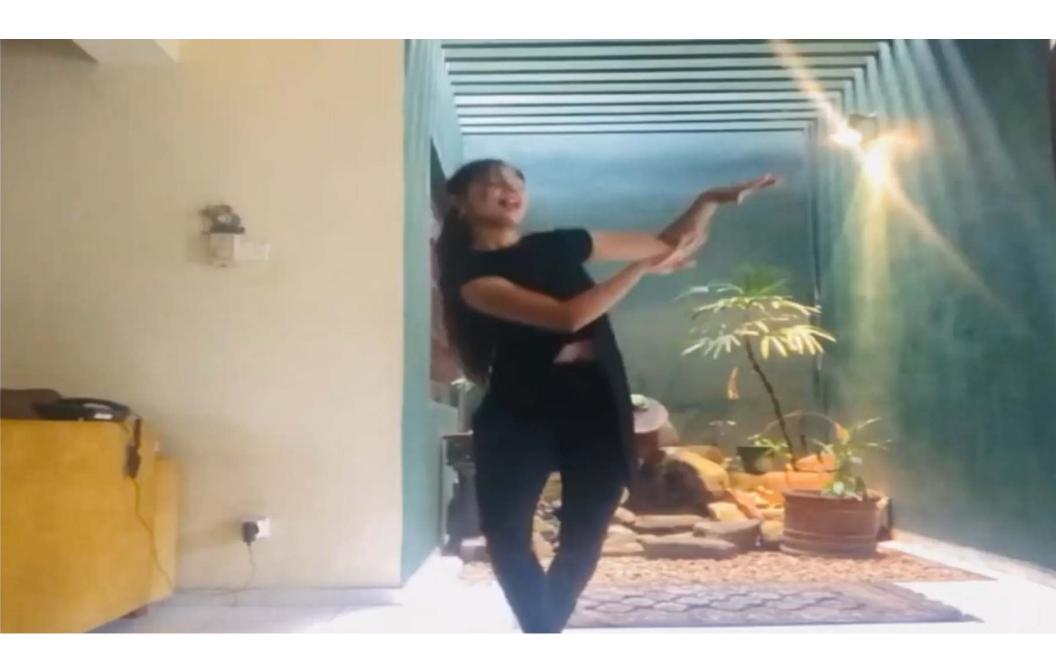












Virtual Staff Mobility Tallinn University, Estonia

on Research Methodology

Wednesday and Thursday 17th and 18th November 2021 for BA Honours students

Zoom link for both days https://zoom.us/j/92312974175

At 17.30 hours (5.30 pm)

Duration: 1 hour lecture and 30 minutes Q & A

Conducted by Prof. Merilyn Meristo, School of Humanities, Tallinn University, Estonia

Prof. Merilyn Meristo is attached to the School of Humanities, Tallinn University, Estonia.

She teaches French and is responsible for training teachers of foreign languages in Estonia. Her vast experience in teaching of foreign languages including English and French, teacher training and research has benefited the Department of Modern Languages since her first academic staff mobility funded by the EU under the Erasmus



Mundus IMPAKT project in February 2015. Since then Prof. Meristo has been a regular visiting professor at the University of Kelaniya conducting onsite and online sessions under virtual staff mobility.

INVITATION

"A JOURNEY THROUGH PORTUGAL, LANGUAGE AND CULTURE"

Guest Lecture by Erasmus+ Merging Voices Project Academic Mobility Grantee

Professor Fátima Marinho

of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Porto, Portugal will be held on this Friday the 14th January from 17.00 to 19.00 hours



Join Zoom Meeting

Increasing our visibility on the global platform through projects funded by the European Commission as well as Virtual Mobility open numerous avenues for academic and cultural exchange, knowledge sharing, knowledge transfer and mutually beneficial collaborative research.

Final outcomes

- Increasing visibility
- Enhancing Intercultural competencies
- Broadening horizons
- Enhancing social skills and team spirit
- Personality development
- Linguistic skills
- Better career prospects
- Becoming an outward thinking Global Citizen



What is so unique about University of Kelaniya?

The Kelaniya Family

- Well respected and admired by the visiting students and scholars
- Due to:
- Genuine interest and support from the Senior Administration to the most junior employee
- Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Deans, Heads of Department, Academic Staff, Administrative Officers to the Office Assistants, Transport Division
- Support by the Staff / Student Volunteers
- Motivated students
- Dedicated service offered by the Centre for International Affairs

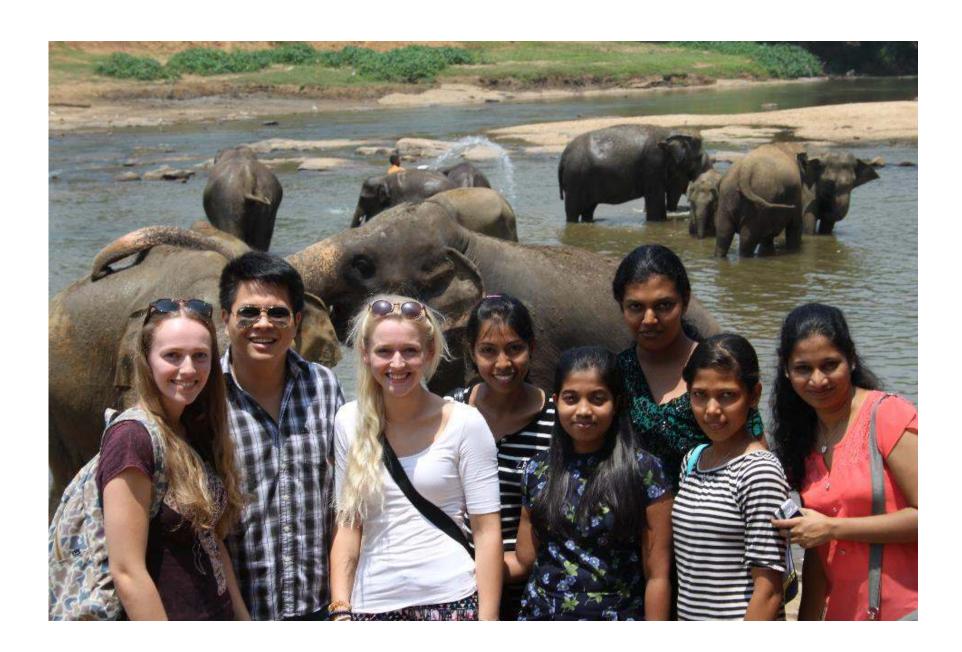
Highlights

- Visiting delegates
- Field visits
- Cultural exchange
- Collaborative learning





































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International Exposure

Mobility Experience and Internationalisation

Punsisi Liyanage

BA Honours in French Department of Modern Languages

Mr. Indunil Ranwella Lecturer Department of Geography

Ven. Kotiyagala Dhammarathana Thero Indima Rajapaksha Piyumi Karunarathna Sachini Angelow

BA Honours in German Studies Department of Modern Languages

Malsha Gunathilaka

BA Honours in Political Science Department of Political Science

Sudesha Thilakarathne

BA Honours in Economics Department of Economics



International Alumni

Government of Sri Lanka Presidential Scholarship for Foreign Students

Mr. Zaheer Anwar

Pakistan

BSc in Software Engineering Department of Industrial Management

Ms. Judith Namara Uganda BA Honours in Library & Information Science

Ahmed Febri Falahuddin

Indonesia BA, Faculty of Humanities



International Activities





Discussion & Feedback