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BLENDED INTERNATIONALISATION: ADAPTING TO A CHANGING WORLD EXPERIENCE OF UNIVERSITY OF KELANIYA, SRI LANKA

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Virtual Mobility and Virtual Activities

University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka



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University of Kelaniya

- Located in the Western Province of Sri Lanka
- History dates back to 1875 as a monastic education institute
- Modern University since 1959
- 7 Faculties – Commerce & Management Studies, Computing & Technology, Humanities, Medicine, Science, Social Sciences, Graduate Studies





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- **56 Departments, 2 Institutes**
- **Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies**
- **Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology**
- **>700 academic staff**
- **> 12,000 internal undergraduate students**
- **> 100,000 external students**
at the CDCE - Centre for Distance & Continuing Education



Virtual Mobility Projects

- **Pozega Polytechnic, Croatia, Department of Economics**
- **Tallinn University, Estonia, Faculty of Humanities**
- **Szczecin University, Poland, German Studies, Dept. of Modern Languages**
- **Siegen University, Germany, Fayoum University Egypt, Tongji University, China, Mother Teresa University, North Macedonia, German Studies, Dept of Modern Languages Sri Lanka**

Virtual Staff and Student Mobility

- **DAAD – German Academic Exchange Service**
- **Goethe Institute**
- **One project was included in UNESCO-IESALC report on Virtual Student Mobility (VSM) launched in February 2022**
UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC)
- **Benefitted over 2000 students and 100 staff**



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Virtual Events

- **Guest lectures by local and overseas academics**
- **Erasmus Days 2020, 2021**
- **Erasmus+ TOOLKIT Project National Workshop, October 2020**
- **Cascade Training for University of Kelaniya, November 2021**
- **National Cascade Training Sri Lanka, January 2022**
- **Cultural events: Christmas Event, New year's Eve Event**



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How was Virtual Mobility initiated?

- **Previous contacts**
- **Current and previous project partners**
- **Personal contacts**
- **Alumni**

Execution

- Common and genuine interest
- Time investment
- Meet online and draft the mobility – duration, target group, theme
- Brief the students and/or staff
- Execute the project



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Execution

- **Mutual trust**
- **Respect for each other and cultures**
- **Adaptability, flexibility, responsibility**
- **Motivated students and staff**



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Final outcomes

- **Opportunities for larger number of staff and students**
- **Cost effective**
- **Enhancing Intercultural competencies**
- **Broadening horizons**
- **Enhancing social skills and team spirit**
- **Personality development**

Final outcomes

- Enhancing linguistic skills, public speaking skills
- ICT skills
- Respecting other cultures
- Experience in working with multi-country, multi cultural and multi-linguistic environment
- Better career prospects
- Students becoming **outward thinking Global Citizens**



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Future perspectives

- **Developing further opportunities for staff and students**
- **Blended approach**
- **Approaching more partners for collaboration**



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HIGHLIGHTS



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ERASMUS+ TOOLKIT PROJECT NATIONAL CASCADE TRAINING, SRI LANKA 18.01.2022



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**CASCADE TRAINING
UNIVERSITY OF KELANIYA,
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22.11.2021**



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Project website: <https://site.unibo.it/toolkit/en>

A Global Outlook for Sri Lankan Universities

27 October 2020

@ 01.00 p.m.

Sri Lanka Time (GMT+5:30)

Organized by
University of Peradeniya
University of Kelaniya



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ERASMUS DAYS 2021 UNIVERSITY OF KELANIYA



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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**ERASMUS ALUMNI DAY
UNIVERSITY OF KELANIYA
16th OCTOBER 2020**



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ALUMNI ACADEMY DIGITALISATION 20+ AND SUSTAINABILITY 2021/2022 BLENDED EDUCATION - THE FUTURE WORKSHOP



Alumni Akademie
Die internationale Zukunftswerkstatt
Universität Siegen



DAAD

Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst
German Academic Exchange Service





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A Digital Bridge Across Cultures and Continents



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Julia Kracht Araújo



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Für die Deutschlehrer-Ausbildung
an Hochschulen weltweit



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LEIPZIG

Also von meiner Ausbildung her bin ich Linguistin ...
**Mündliche Sprachroutinen in wissenschaftlichen
Vorträgen**

Christian Fandrych, Herder-Institut, Universität Leipzig

Dhoch3-Workshop „Wissenschaftssprache Deutsch, Wissenschaftliches Arbeiten“
DAAD Neu Delhi, 6.10.2021

Participants (24)

Panelist: 6

- NN Naina N... Host
- CF Christian Fandrych
- AR Antje Rüger
- JA Julia Kracht Araújo
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- KL Katja Lasch

Attendee: 18 (1 displayed)

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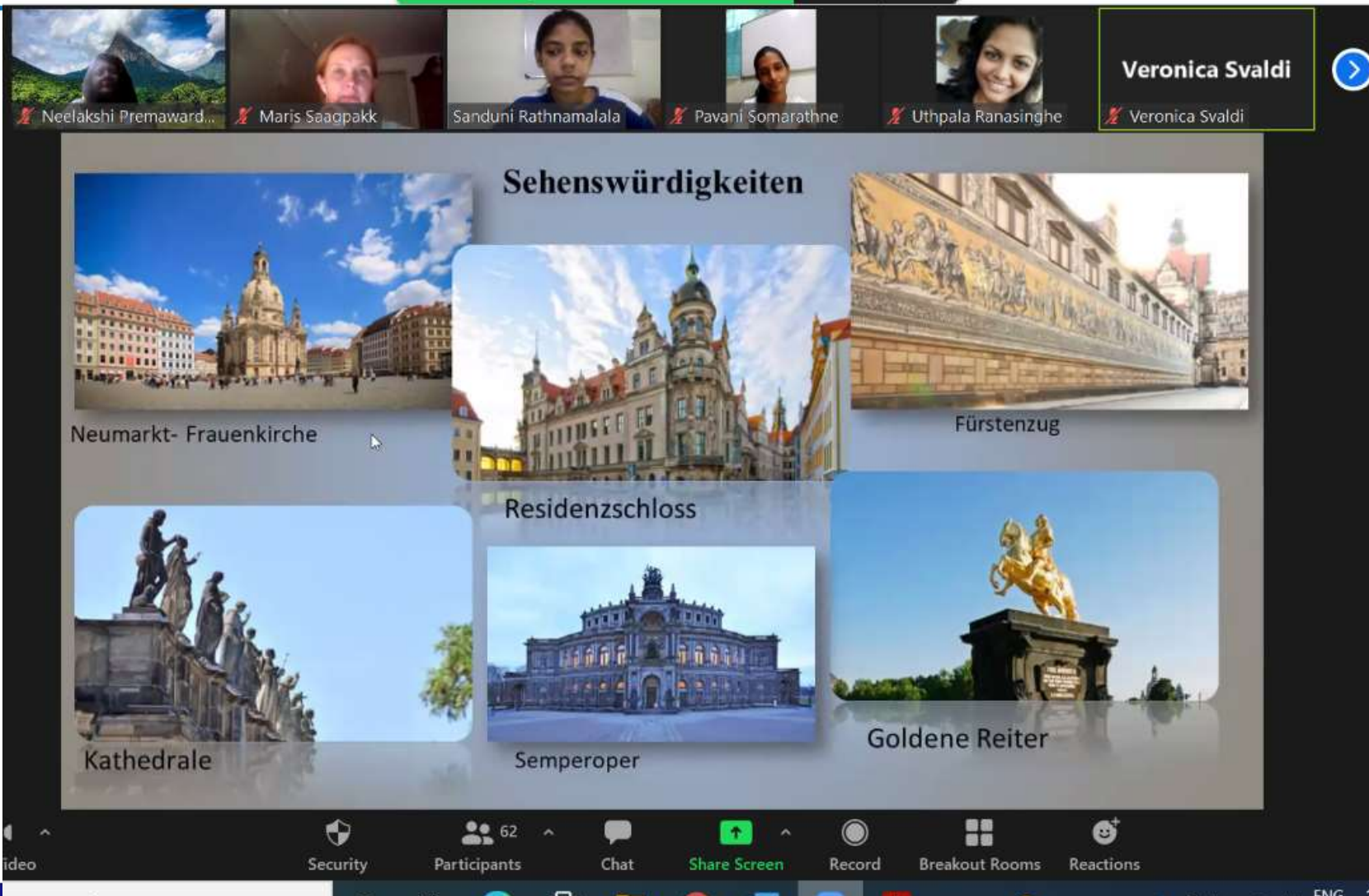
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Veronica Svaldi

Neelakshi Premaward... Maris Saagpak Sanduni Rathnamalala Pavaní Somarathne Uthpala Ranasinghe Veronica Svaldi

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The German Studies Section of the Department of Modern Languages

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takes the pleasure in inviting you to a virtual “Christmas Event”

on 17th December 2021 (Friday) from 17.00 hours

with contributions from students of the German Section

and our international partners

Zoom-Link

<https://learn.zoom.us/j/61358952219?pwd=NkZGeE54SVFwWjZ2bDYwQkE0dGhnZz09>

All are welcome!





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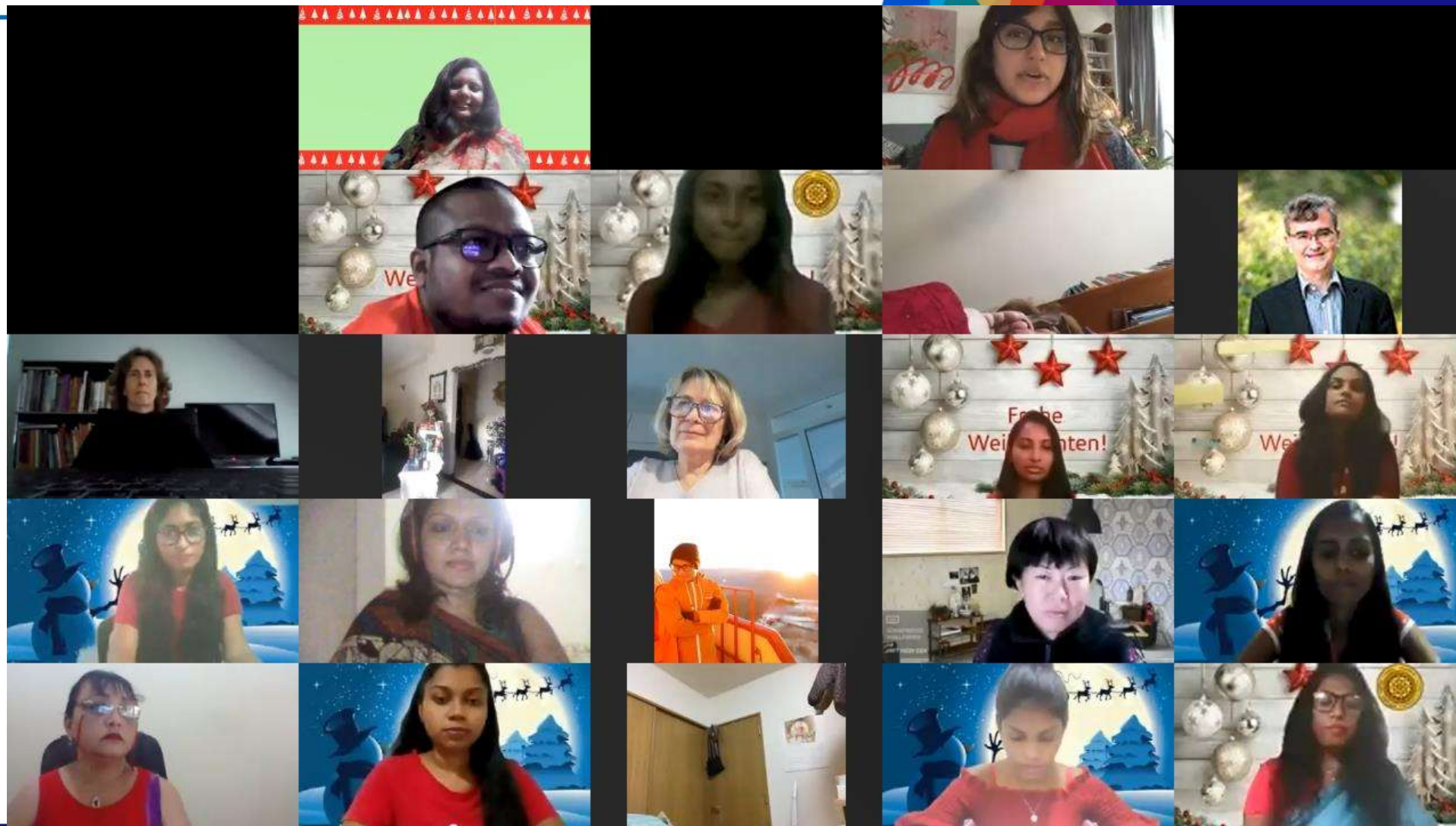


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Silvesterabend präsentiert von der Deutschabteilung

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. Dance by Vishadi 1st year
 9. Shenali Vitharana, Faculty of Science Optional German - Eisblume
 10. Kaushalya Yapa Baddawela 2nd year BA - La isla bonita
 11. Song by staff: Ms. Vishaka Peiris
 12. Wrap up - song by all - H R Jothipala's "Samanala Mudune"
 13. Comments & Feedback
 14. New Year Wishes in German/English/Sinhala
 14. End of the event



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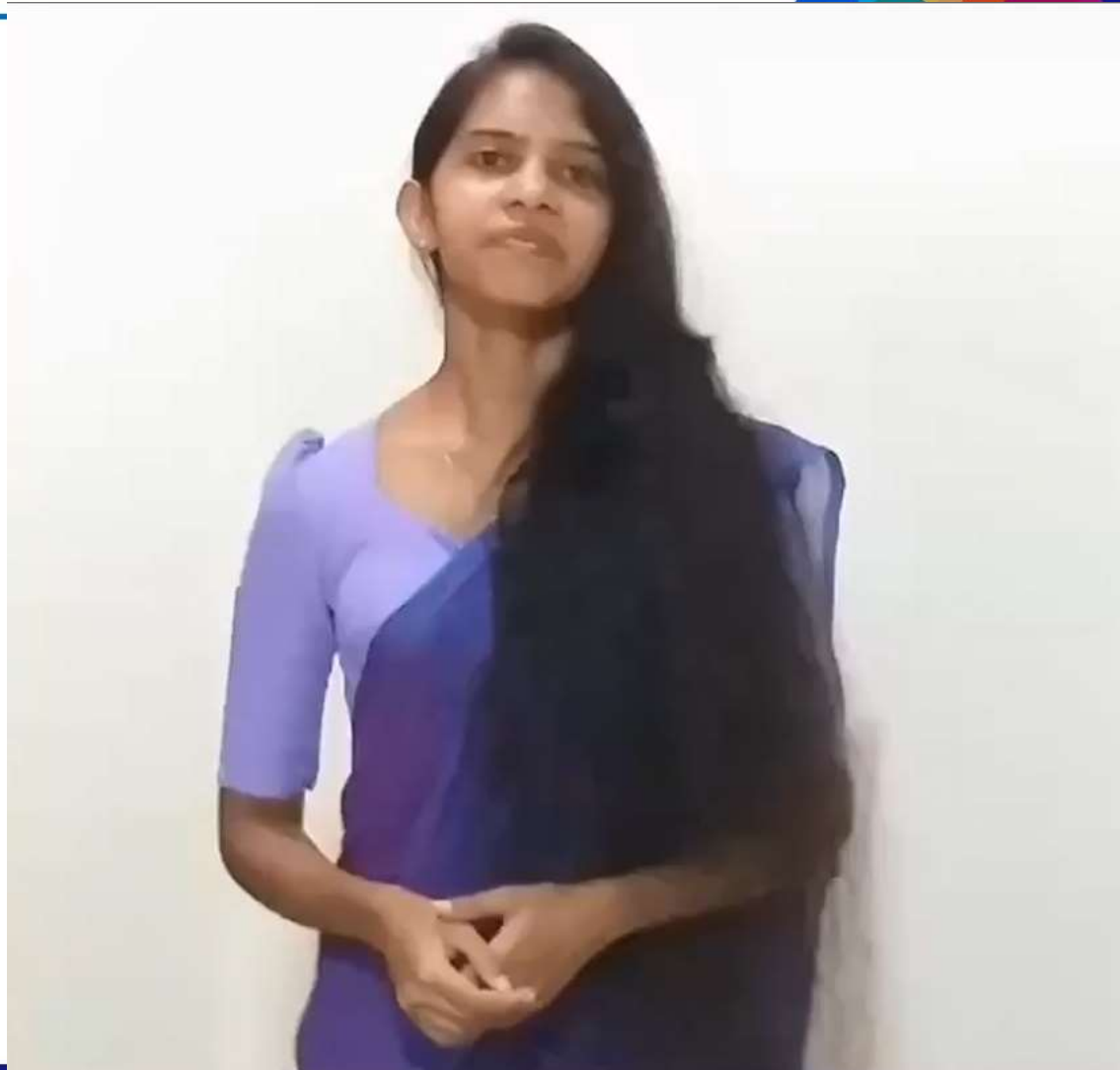


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INVITATION

“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



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**These were our experiences.
What are your views and experiences regarding
virtual mobility and virtual activities?
Are these activities sustainable post Covid-19?**