

Programme
13th International Research Conference
Central Bank of Sri Lanka – 13 December 2024

09:00 a.m.	Arrival of Delegates
09:05 a.m.	Lighting of the Oil Lamp
09:10 a.m.	National Anthem
09:15 a.m.	Welcome Address Dr. Sujeetha Jegajeevan <i>Director of Economic Research, Central Bank of Sri Lanka</i>
09:20 a.m.	Inaugural Address Dr. P Nandalal Weerasinghe <i>Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka</i>
09:30 a.m.	Keynote Address – Implications of Geoeconomic Fragmentation for South Asia and Industrial Policy Dr. Franziska Ohnsorge <i>Chief Economist for South Asia, The World Bank</i>
	Presentation of Token of Appreciation to Keynote Speaker
09:55 a.m.	Group Photograph (By invitation) and Refreshments
10:15 a.m.	Session I: <i>Chair:</i> Mr. J P R Karunaratne <i>Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Sri Lanka</i>
	What Drives the Fluctuation in Capital Misallocation? Evidence from GFC Shock in Indonesia <i>Co-authors: Muhammad Mubin, Shawn Chen, Leandro Magnusson</i>
	<i>Presented by</i> Mr. Muhammad Mubin <i>Discussant:</i> Dr. S P Y W Senadheera
10:45 a.m.	Estimating Potential Impact of Shocks to Historical Tourism Demand in Sri Lanka - A Machine Learning Modeling Approach <i>Presented by</i> Mr. A J Wijayawardhana <i>Discussant:</i> Dr. Suresh Kumar Dahal

- 11:15 a.m. **Hot Off the Press: An Inflation News Index for the Philippines Using Reinforced Lexicons and Memory-Based Deep Learning**
Co-authors: Ma. Ellysah Joy T. Guliman, Alan Chester T. Arcin, Genna Paola S. Centeno, Jacqueline Margaux G. Herbo, Sanjeev A. Parmanand, Cherrie R. Mapa
Presented by Ms. Ma. Ellysah Joy T. Guliman (Virtual participation)
Discussant: Dr. M M J D Maheepala
- 11:45 a.m. **Spillover of Exchange Rate Misalignment: Case of Nepal from India**
Co-authors: Suresh Kumar Dahal, G. Raghavender Raju
Presented by Dr. Suresh Kumar Dahal
Discussant: Dr. V D Wickramarachchi
- 12:15 p.m. **Lunch at the “Loft”, Central Bank of Sri Lanka**
- 01:45 p.m. **Session II:**
Chair: Dr. C Amarasekara
Assistant Governor, Central Bank of Sri Lanka
- Revisiting Core Inflation in Sri Lanka**
Co-authors: K D Pathirage, M M J D Maheepala
Presented by Dr. K D Pathirage
Discussant: Dr. R A A Perera
- 02:15 p.m. **Taxation, Underground Economy, and Economic Performance**
Co-authors: K K C Sineth Kannangara, Francesco Turino, Yanrui Wu
Presented by Mrs. K K C Sineth Kannangara
Discussant: Dr. V S Jayawickrema
- 02:45 p.m. **Forecasting Unemployment Rate in Sri Lanka using Selected Macroeconomic Variables: A Comparative Study of Machine Learning/Deep Learning and Econometric Models**
Presented by Mrs. S R C L Gunawardhana
Discussant: Mr. Muhammad Mubin
- 03:15 p.m. **Measures of Estimating the Neutral Real Interest Rate for the Philippines**
Co-authors: Jean Christine A. Armas, Shirra Jazel L. de Guia, Relian Edgar C. Soriente
Presented by Ms. Shirra Jazel L. de Guia and Mr. Relian Edgar C. Soriente (Virtual participation)
Discussant: Dr. L R C Pathberiya

03:45 p.m.

Presentation Ceremony

Presentation of Tokens of Appreciation to Researchers and Discussants

04:00 p.m.

Vote of Thanks

Dr. L R C Pathberiya

Additional Director of Economic Research, Central Bank of Sri Lanka

04:05 p.m.

Refreshments