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1st Circular

7th International Congress of the Society of South Asian Archaeology (SOSAA)

Webinar (18-19th September – 2020)

Organized by

Society of South Asian Archaeology

In collaboration with

University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka

Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre High Commission of India, Colombo, Sri Lanka and

Sri Lanka National Commission for UNESCO

The Biannual International Congress of the Society of South Asian Archaeology is due this year. University of Sri Jayewardenepura Sri Lanka was to organize conference this year. However, the Executive Committee of the SOSAA have decided to go for Web Conference as due to the spread of severe Corona Pandemic, holding conference of the Society of South Asian Archaeology physically is not possible. We are now happy to announce that the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Colombo, Sri Lanka in collaboration with Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre High Commission of India in Sri Lanka and Sri Lanka National Commission for UNESCO has decided to conduct International Web Conference from 18-19th September 2020. On behalf of the organizing committee, we warmly invite students and scholars working on the topics related to history, Archaeology, Archaeological Sciences and Anthropology of South Asia.

The SOSAA brings Archaeologists, Historians, Scientists, Anthropologists and Social scientists on one platform to discuss some common issues related to population movements, cultural interaction, trade exchange, the impact of climate on cultures, social formation etc. This will provide an opportunity to exchange data, ideas and get insights into recent discoveries made in

the last couple of years in South Asia. Comprehensive picture of the history of South Asia will emerge only when we decide to share new research and discoveries. The South Asian countries share a common cultural heritage and we will not get proper perspective if it is studied in isolation.

The previous six conferences of SOSAA were highly successful because of direct interaction and dialogue between scholars from various South Asian countries including Iran. In the Web conference we are planning, we expect a large participation of scholars and students from all over the world to discuss the current research findings, achievements and also to decide future course of action in archaeology.

Please note that only life members of SOSAA will be able to present paper in this Web Conference. The scholars, who are not yet the member of the SOSAA, are requested to become the life member of the society so that they can participate in this Webinar as well to get updated on our all future academic pursuits.

The Registration fee of the participation in this Webinar is as follows:

India/other South Asian countries

Students – Rs. 500

SOSAA Members - Rs. 1000

Non-SOSAA Members - Rs. 1500

For Non South Asian countries

Students – Us \$ 10

SOSAA Members - Us \$ 20

Non-SOSAA Members - Us \$ 25

For Sri Lankan Delegates (in Srilankan currency)

Students – Rs. 500

SOSAA Members - Rs. 1000

Non-SOSAA Members - Rs. 1500

The Registration charges by scholars from India and other South Asian/Asian and Non South Asian countries (**Excluding the delegates from Sri Lanka**) are to be paid electronically at the following SOSAA Account: Central Bank of India: **Account no. 1156862662, IFSC code – CBIN0280664, Yerwada, and Pune-411006.** Only in exceptional cases bank cheque and/or Demand drafts will be accepted.

Sri Lankan delegates are requested to pay registration fee directly to University of Sri Jayewardenepura. Contact Prof. Gamini Ranasighe for detail information: gaminir76@gmail.com

The second circular of the 7th International Congress of SOSAA will be issued jointly by Department of History and Archaeology University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Colombo, Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre High Commission of India, Sri Lanka and Sri Lanka National Commission for UNESCO.

Selected articles will be published in the Proceedings of the 7th SOSAA Congress. The guidelines and style sheet will be sent to the participants after notifying acceptance of abstracts.

Provisional Broad Topics

- Prehistory
- Physical Anthropology
- Environmental Archaeology
- Protohistoric and Early Historic Archaeology
- Settlement Archaeology
- Maritime Archaeology
- Ancient Literature and Languages
- Architecture and Art History
- Epigraphy and Numismatics
- Heritage Management and Conservation
- Ancient Technology and Computer Application
- Museum Studies and Development
- Archaeology of Indian Ocean Interaction Sphere
- Folklore and Ethnology

Special sessions – Rakhigarhi Excavation Project, Rajagala Archaeological Research Project, Archaeology of Sri Lanka: Recent Perspective and Archaeology of Buddhism.

Guidelines for Authors

Papers are invited on the topics outlined. The abstract text of not more than 350 words should mention the keywords, research problem and methodology.

The abstract should be submitted on this email: sosaaindia@gmail.com

Please include your name, affiliation, complete address, e-mail id, contact number and conference topic in all communications related to the 7th International Congress Webinar.

Important dates

Opening dates of submission of abstracts – 3rd July 2020

Closing date for submission of abstracts – 3rd August 2020

Notification date of acceptance of abstracts – 15th August 2020

Submission of Research Articles – 25th August 2020

Prof. Vasant Shinde

President

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