

A large banner for the International Women Conference Sri Lanka 2018. The background is a light blue gradient with a halftone dot pattern. On the left is the IWC-SL logo. The main text is in a bold, dark blue font. The subtitle is in a smaller, dark blue font. The dates and location are in a white font on an orange rectangular background.

**INTERNATIONAL  
WOMEN CONFERENCE  
SRI LANKA 2018**

Women's Empowerment and Leadership  
in Post - war Context

**20TH, 21ST OF JULY, JAFFNA, SRI LANKA**



## **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN CONFERENCE - SRI LANKA 2018**

### **‘WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AND LEADERSHIP IN POST-WAR CONTEXT’**

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The Council of Non Governmental Organizations – Jaffna District is privileged to organize the first International women conference – Sri Lanka after the war in conflict affected zone of Northern Sri Lanka. We are the pioneers of humanitarian coalition consolidated with 28 member organizations, since 1990 serving for the Northern Sri Lankan public during conflict and in Post war developments.

Within the prevailing post war context, we realized to hold this international conference focusing with the theme of ‘Women Empowerment and Leadership in Post-war Context’ with your distinguished participation , which will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 in Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

Focusing with the theme, the conference has designed for following emerging categories with the current context. Analyzing the discrepancies, findings, lessons learned best practices and recommendations.

- ❖ Psychosocial issues towards women Empowerment.
- ❖ Women sexual & Reproductive Rights.
- ❖ Teenagers and challenges in changing social dynamics.
- ❖ Challenges faced by women combatants in Socialization.
- ❖ Social Protection and Drug usage.
- ❖ Domestic violence and Legal Protection.
- ❖ Micro Finance Based interventions on Women Empowerment.
- ❖ Gender Equity and equality.
- ❖ Women work force and working environment.
- ❖ Impact on Humanitarian organization’s intervention on women Empowerment.
- ❖ Policy development on women Empowerment.
- ❖ Gender Dynamic of Migrations Flows & trends

English and Tamil will be the official medium of the conference. We are expecting the participation of distinguished delegates from more than 20 countries from all over the world.



This conference will be organized as two day events, which consists of two main components:

### 1. **Research Presentation and Discussions**

Presentations of submitted papers and open discussions.

(It is open to those interested in gaining leadership skills and new knowledge as well as those who want to share their own achievements.)

### 3. **Cultural Programmes**

(Groups and individuals can express their views through dance, music, Art, drama and other esthetic forms)

This highly exciting and challenging international Conference is intended to be a forum, discussion and networking place for academics, activists, researchers, professionals, administrators, educational leaders, policy makers, industry representatives, university students, and others.

Intended participants:

- **Government officials and policy makers:** Learn about the best practices and more about the new approaches related women issues and social equality, network with other policy makers and NGOs working in the related fields.
- **NGOs:** Network with other international NGOs, possible donors and colleagues from around the world and share your achievements and strategies with others.
- **Graduate students:** Meet your colleagues from around the world, make new friends, and improve your knowledge and communication skills.
- **Company representatives:** Chance to improve your leadership skills, learn more about the new approaches related to the topics, meet your colleagues, exchange ideas and establish new connections and partnerships.
- **Scholars:** Learn some new approaches, hear about others' experiences and pass on your knowledge and experience on to the others.
- **Activist:** Meet your colleagues from around the world, express your views create network and improve your vision
- **Others:** Interested in making some positive changes around them and gaining new knowledge, skills and friends and becoming more useful to their own communities.



## Call for papers

Women's Empowerment and Leadership in Post-war Context - 2018 accept the following types of submissions:

- **Research Papers:** Completed research papers in any of the topic areas listed below or related areas.
- **Abstracts:** Abstracts of completed or proposed research in any of the topic areas listed below, or related areas. The abstract for proposed research should include the research objectives, proposed methodology, and a discussion of expected outcomes.
- **Student Papers:** Research done by students in any of the topic areas listed below, or related areas.
- **Case Studies:** Case studies in any of the topic areas listed below, or related areas.
- **Work-in-Progress Reports or Proposals for Future Research:** Incomplete research or ideas for future research in order to generate discussion and feedback in any of related areas.
- **Reports on Issues Related to the conference topics:** Reports related to innovative techniques or research related to any of the topic areas listed below or related areas.

Proposals are accepted on a rolling admission basis as long as space is available or by June 1st 2018 at latest and are to be submitted along with application form. All submissions will be peer reviewed and acceptance/rejections is based on their relevance to the conference topics. Notification on acceptance is sent within 7 days after the submission has been received.

### Presentations:

The following presentation formats will be possible at the conference:

- **Oral presentation** - Take an advantage of oral presentation of your paper/ research on site and get the first hand remarks and comments from the audience. Encourage a live discussion regarding the presented topic and network with other researchers and academics in the field of education and related areas, from around the globe.
- **Video presentation** – Registered presenters who are not able to attend the conference in person may opt for this presenting format. Participants will watch either your recorded presentation or will be following it through a live stream. They will be able to ask the questions either in a real time through the internet connection or may fill in the reflection forms which we will be mailing back to you, if requested.
- **Poster presentation** - Participants will get familiar with your research/ paper through poster exhibition which will be available in the conference's venue during the entire length of the program. Presenters will have an opportunity to discuss and explain their research in direct contact to the audience. Alternatively, if required by presenters, reflection forms can be distributed to the participating delegates, which will be mailed back to you after completed by the conference's delegates.



Equipment that will be provided by the conference and setup in all presentation rooms (excluding poster sessions):

- Laptop\*
- LCD projector
- White board
- Microphone and sound system
- Internet access
- Limited printing facilities

\* Please, note that all electronic files should be written on CD ROM or USB flash drive.

### Proceedings:

Papers presented at the conference will be published in the official ISBN conference proceedings publication.

In order to have your paper published in the official conference proceedings, your submission should have been previously approved and registration arrangements completed.

Participants who have completed registration arrangements and wish their paper published in the official conference proceedings publication must submit their paper and/or abstract by June 1st 2018. Proceedings submissions should be sent by E-mail as MS Word attachment [iwcjaffna@gmail.com](mailto:iwcjaffna@gmail.com)

### Submissions' formatting:

- A4 size paper
- Single line space
- Margins: 2 cm on the left and 2 cm on the right
- Format: Align left
- No footers and headers allowed and no numbered pages
- Fonts:
  - Title: Times New Roman 14 bold
  - Subtitles: Times New Roman 12 bold
  - Text: Times New Roman 12
- First page:
  - Title of submission
  - Name/s of author/s
  - Affiliation/s of the author/s
  - E-mail address/es of the author/s
- Second page:
  - Abstract of maximum 300 words (or one page)
  - Key words (under abstract)
- Third page - Full paper (unless only abstract is intended for publication)
- Last page: References

**Deadline for proceedings submissions: June 20<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Submissions received after this date or/and in a format different than specified will NOT be published. We strongly recommend early submissions to allow enough time for a review and feed back in case there are changes to be made in formatting.



## Dates & Location

**Conference venue:** Jaffna Public Library, Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

**Conference dates:** 21st & 22nd July 2018.

### **Other important dates**

Applications accepted starting from commence from 1<sup>st</sup> May

Early registration deadline 30<sup>th</sup> may (entitle for 10% off)

Deadline for submissions 20<sup>th</sup> June

### **Accommodation:**

Our accommodation partner D Villa Guest House will coordinate your accommodation facilities around Jaffna city. Quality star hotels and various lodging facilities located in one of Jaffna's best commercial areas, with easy access to railway station, bus stand and the domestic airport.

IWC- SL 2018 participants are entitled to special discounted rate for a single or a double deluxe room, with breakfast and tax included.

Please, note that accommodation arrangements are to be made through [dvillajaffna@hotmail.com](mailto:dvillajaffna@hotmail.com) in order to avail on discounted group rate. Bookings made directly with the hotel will result in higher accommodation fee.

Alternatively, participants may arrange their accommodation in any other hotel according to their preference and budget.

### **Registration fees**

Authors	International Participants	Saarc Country's Participants (Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, the Maldives and Pakistan)	Sri Lankans Participants
1st author**	100 \$	50 \$	Rs.3000
co-authors attending the conference	120 \$	60 \$	Rs.4500
co-authors not attending the conference***	50 \$	25 \$	Rs.1000
Additional paper	50 \$	25 \$	Rs.1000
Observers	25 \$	15 \$	Rs.1000
Student observers****	20 \$	10 \$	Rs. 500

\* Onsite registration is subject to availability of spots. Due to limited space in the venue, we encourage early registrations as applications are being accepted and reviewed on a rolling admission basis as long as space is available.

\*\* If the 1st author of the paper is unable to attend the conference, the first co-author will be charged 1st author's admission fee.

\*\*\* Co-authors of the paper who are not attending the conference and wish to be listed in the authors' index in the official conference proceedings publication are requested to register at applicable fee.



\*\*\*\* Full time students attending the conference as observers only. Proof of full time student status may be required.

**Payment can be made only by direct transaction no other mode accepted**

Payment sent to the following Bank Account  
Hatton National Bank, Jaffna metro, Sri Lanka.  
Bank Code: 7083  
Branch Code: 016  
Shift Code: HBLILKLX  
Current A/C No: 016010004702  
Name of Account: Council of Non-Governmental Organization, Jaffna District

**Registration fee includes:**

- Conference kit
- Admission to opening ceremony
- Admission for cultural programme
- Admission to all sessions
- Coffee breaks and lunches during the conference
- Review of the paper, its presentation and publication in the official conference proceedings\*
- Certificate of attendance (Presented paper for presenters)

**Cancellation policy**

No refunds will be given for cancellation

**Conference Coordinator:**

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## Application Form

Applications are being accepted and reviewed on a rolling admission basis as long as space is available. Admission decision is made within 7 days, after the application has been submitted.

Title: Mr/ Ms/ Prof/ Dr:.....

First Name:.....

Last Name:.....

Gender:

Male/ Female:.....

Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

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Email:.....

Institution:.....

Address:.....

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City:..... State:..... Country:.....

Phone Number (Country and area code included)

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Applying as

Presenter/ Co-presenter/ Observer/ Student observer:.....

If you are applying as presenter/ author of the paper, please fill in the following fields:

Required type of presentation

Oral/ Poster/Video:.....

Title of your paper/ presentation (if you are applying as presenter):

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(Please attached scan copy of bank payment)

(Please send filled application form to conference email: [iwcjaffna@gmail.com](mailto:iwcjaffna@gmail.com))





## FAQ

### **When should I arrive?**

You should arrive to Jaffna and be at the Conference registration desk on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> of July 2018

### **When should I depart?**

Participants are not expected to depart before the afternoon of Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 2018 and expected to mark their fullest attendance during the Conference.

### **Where does the Conference take place?**

The Conference will take place at “locally and south Asian region historically remarkable icon of Jaffna public library” which is located in the heart of the commercial town of Jaffna, Sri Lanka.

Public Library,  
AB20, Jaffna 40000, Sri Lanka

### **Where will I be accommodated during the Conference?**

We offer you accommodation through, our accommodation partner “Dvilla guest house” in and around Jaffna, which is where the Conference will take place. Accommodation partner will assist you with quality hotels located in Jaffna’s best commercial areas, with easy access to main bus stand, Railway station and Domestic Airport.

### **Will I have to stay in the hotel?**

Either you can arrange your accommodation by your own or our accommodation partner will organize your stay with special rates.

### **What does the Conference fee cover?**

The conference fee covers admission to all sessions, coffee breaks and lunches in between the sessions, happy hour, presentations of submitted papers, copy of the official conference proceedings publication, certificate, conference supplies and accompanying materials.

### **Do you offer financial assistance to attend the conference?**

No, the conference is entirely non for profit and admission fees are projected solely based on the organizing cost of the event, hence there is no surplus that could potentially be used for this purpose. Instead, we encourage participants to search for funding from outside organizations and we provide accepted applicants with the letter of support to enhance their fundraising efforts.

For any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us at: [iwcjaffna@gmail.com/](mailto:iwcjaffna@gmail.com)  
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## About the Conference Venue

### Jaffna Public Library



Jaffna Public Library is located in Jaffna, Sri Lanka. It is one of Jaffna's most notable landmarks, and is run by the Jaffna Municipal Council. The library was built in 1933 and burnt in 1981. During the early 1980s, it was one of the biggest libraries in Asia, containing over 97,000 books and manuscripts. On the night of June 1, according to many eyewitnesses, police and government-sponsored paramilitias set fire to the Jaffna public library and destroyed it completely. Over 97,000 volumes of books along with numerous culturally important and irreplaceable manuscripts were destroyed. Among the destroyed items were scrolls of

historical value and the works and manuscripts of philosopher, artist and author Ananda Coomaraswamy and prominent intellectual Prof. Dr. Isaac Thambiah. The destroyed articles included memoirs and works of writers and dramatists who made a significant contribution toward the sustenance of the Tamil culture, and those of locally reputed physicians and politicians.

In 2001, rehabilitation of the library was completed, with new structure being built and new books received, although its old books and manuscripts were not replaced. It is Sri Lanka's second main public Library only rivaled by the Library in Colombo

The building's classical lines and beautiful proportions make it stand out architecturally. It contains lush gardens and has been modernized with new facilities such as free-wifi that was added in 2016.

For further details:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burning\\_of\\_Jaffna\\_Public\\_Library](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Burning_of_Jaffna_Public_Library)

## About Jaffna, Sri Lanka



Jaffna is the capital city of the Northern Province of Sri Lanka. It is the administrative headquarters of the Jaffna district located on a peninsula of the same name. Jaffna is Sri Lanka's 12th largest city. Jaffna is approximately six miles (9.7 kilometres) from Kandarodai which served as an emporium in the Jaffna peninsula from classical antiquity. Jaffna's suburb Nallur served as the capital of the four-century-long medieval Jaffna kingdom. Prior to the Sri Lankan civil war, it was Sri Lanka's second most populated city after the commercial capital Colombo. The 1980s insurgent uprising led to extensive damage, expulsion of part of the population, and military occupation. Since the end of civil war in 2009, refugees and internally displaced people have started to return to their homes and government and private sector reconstruction has begun.

Historically, Jaffna has been a contested city. It was made into a colonial port town during the Portuguese occupation of the Jaffna peninsula in 1619 who lost it to the Dutch, only to lose it to the British in 1796. And during the post-Independence civil war the rebel Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) occupied Jaffna in 1986. The Indian Peace Keeping Force (IPKF) briefly occupied the city in 1987. The LTTE again occupied the city from 1989 until 1995, when the Sri Lankan military regained control.

The majority of the city's populations are Sri Lankan Tamils with a significant number of Sri Lankan Moors, Indian Tamils and other ethnic groups present in the city prior to the civil war. Most Sri Lankan Tamils are Hindus followed by Christians, Muslims and a small Buddhist minority. The city is home to number of educational institutions established during the colonial and post-colonial period. It also has number of commercial institutions, minor industrial units, banks, hotels and other government institutions. It is home to many historical sites such as the popular Jaffna library that was burnt down and rebuilt and the Jaffna fort rebuilt during the Dutch colonial period.

**For fur the details:**

<https://lanka.com/about/destinations/jaffna/>