

LDA Conference 2016 – 4th to 7th August

Kussiya: Introduction to Culinary Ethnology in Sri Lanka

LDA conference committee is led by Professor K D Paranavitana, Professor Asoka de Zoysa, Mrs. Kamini De Soysa, Dr. Malathi de Alwis, and Dr. Ayesha Abdur-Rahman, with Ramla Wahab, Ninel Fernando and Srilal Perera. U. Peradeniya academic committee and coordinators: Professor Manoj Alawathukotuwa and Dr. Dulma Karunaratna, and special advisor Professor Sudharshan Seniviratne. Conference partners are the University of Peradeniya who will host the first and second days, and The Mount Lavinia Hotel who will sponsor the third day. LDA will collaborate with invited faculty and students from the Universities of Peradeniya, Jaffna, Oluvil, Batticalao, Colombo, Kelaniya, and Moratuwa. The final day will end with a Study Tour of Martin Wickremasinghe Folk Arts Museum, Koggala, Attapattu Walauve and Galle Fort.

Introduction to Culinary Ethnology in Sri Lanka

The 2016 theme is Kitchens (*kussiya, samahehelarrai, adupadi, cussini*), which will follow the historical development and culture of kitchens that embraces our multi-ethnicities. This involves the history, design and material culture that surrounds meals, manner in which kitchens functioned, tools and utensils, preparation of food, specialized cuisines influenced by indigenous and external factors, connected histories, trade routes, economics, colonialism, transmissions and hybrid fusions. Academics from overseas and Sri Lanka specializing in these inter-disciplinary studies have been invited to present papers. Papers sent in ahead of the conference will be considered for publication in the journal that LDA hopes to publish online and in hard copy. Additionally, funding provided, a free access digital archive and database in all three languages is proposed for study and research purposes. Academic sessions in Peradeniya and Mount Lavinia will be supported by study tours to historic homes and museums. Reconciliation and cooperativeness will be the overall objectives and invitees from the universities of Colombo, Peradeniya, Kelaniya, Moratuwa, Jaffna, Batticalao, and South Eastern University Uluvil will participate.

Tentative Program 4th to 7th August 2016

Pre-conference 3rd August –details to be announced

4th August. Day one at the University of Peradeniya will be the location for academic presentations.

5th August. Day two at the University of Peradeniya. Hosts for both days.

6th August. Day three is a 'Food Day' sponsored by the Mount Lavinia Hotel. Academic sessions will be interspersed by specially curated cuisines of Sri Lanka.

7th August. Day four is Study Tour day with visits to the Atapattu Walauve and Martin Wickremasinghe Folk Arts Museum, and tour of Galle Fort. Academic presentations and experiencing home cooked food in the Galle Fort in the afternoon. Return to Colombo.

End of Conference.

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