



# LOCAL APPROACHES TO INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW

**Practical Guide for SAIELN's 4th Biennial Conference**



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# About SAIELN

**South Asia International Economic Law Network (SAIELN) is a collaborative network of academics, practitioners and officials interested in the field of International Economic Law. SAIELN is committed to providing a platform for its members to articulate their views, brainstorm their ideas, and importantly, to nurture and develop the field of international economic law especially in the South Asia region. SAIELN's focus is to create an environment conducive to the exchange of ideas and the promotion of scholarship in this field. At the same time, SAIELN is global in its outlook and reach, and inclusive in its membership and activities. Scholars from any part of the world are welcome to join us and contribute to our activities. SAIELN also seeks to build on and expand the activities of Society of International Economic Law (SIEL) in promoting and enriching International Economic Law.**

**We are looking forward to furthering our global collaborations and welcoming you to Sri Lanka - Prof. James Nedumpara and Prof. Leila Choukroune, Co-founders and Co-Chairs, SAIELN.**

# About Open University of Sri Lanka

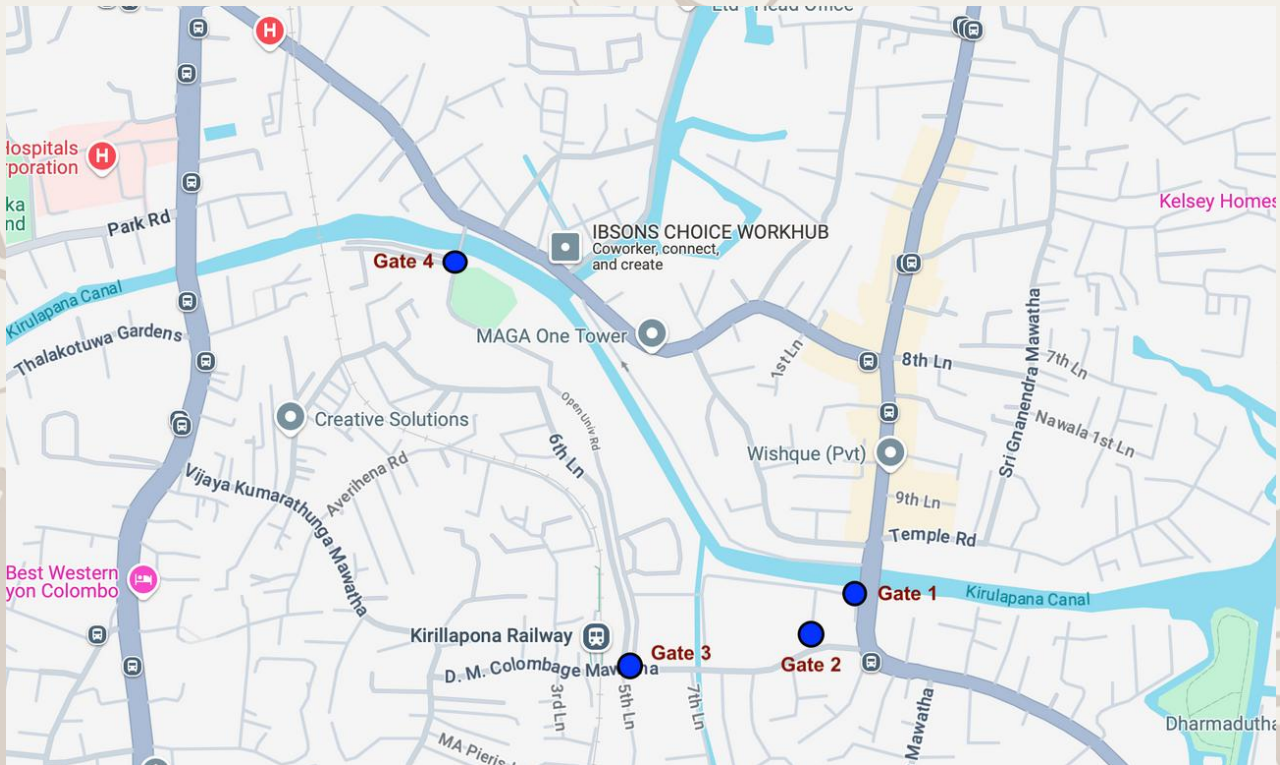
The Conference will be held at Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL), Nawala, Nugegoda, Sri Lanka.

The OUSL was established in 1980. OUSL is one of the most reputed national universities in Sri Lanka with 9 regional centers and 19 study centers across the country. OUSL is the sole institution to be recognised tertiary educational institution in Sri Lanka that offers students opportunities to pursue higher studies through the Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Methodology. On behalf of the OUSL, the Department of Legal Studies will host the SAIELN Fourth Biennial Conference in 2024.

The OUSL is in a beautiful, yet quiet suburb, nearly 5 kilometres from the heart of Colombo city. The guests can reach the OUSL via public transport and using taxi or Uber services. There are three entrances to the OUSL as you can see in the map below.



# How to reach OUSL



**Gate No 1 (Main Gate) – Nawala-Nugegoda Road**

**Gate No 2 – D.M Colomboge Mawatha (Nawala-Kirulapone Road)**

**Gate No 3 – D.M Colomboge Mawatha (Nawala-Kirulapone Road)**

**Gate No 4 – Nawala-Narahenpita Road**

**You can walk through all gates, but only Gate 3 and Gate 4 can be used by a vehicle to enter OUSL. OUSL has ample parking space; you can write to the relevant team with parking-related requirements or queries. The details are provided at the end of the practical guide.**

## Conference Venue

**The inaugural and panel sessions will take place in the Auditorium of the Faculty of Health Science, OUSL.**

# Arrival and Local Transportation

## Visa Information for International Participants

All international participants are requested to visit the following websites to learn more about the visa process. We have already issued a formal invitation letter to all our foreign participants.

[https://www.immigration.gov.lk/pages\\_e.php?id=14](https://www.immigration.gov.lk/pages_e.php?id=14)

<https://eta.gov.lk/slvisa/>.

## Local Transport

Bandaranaike International Airport (CMB), Katunayake, Sri Lanka is the main gateway for most of the participants of SAIELN 2024. Participants have various choices to get from the Airport to the hotel and to the conference venue.

We suggest you arrange your transport to the hotel by availing of cab services with any of the following service providers, which you can see after passing the arrival area of the airport:

- (i) UBER (<https://www.uber.com/lk/en/>)
- (ii) Pickme (<https://pickme.lk/>)
- (iii) Kangaroo (<https://kangarocabs.com/>)

Other pre-booking taxi services are also available at the airport premises, which you can see prior to leaving the arrival area of the airport. The same app-based taxi services can be used to travel to the conference venue.

# Accommodation

We are providing an indicative list of hotels (nearby OUSL). If you would like to book any of the hotels below, please contact the hotel directly.

<p><b>Hilton Colombo</b>  <b>Sir Chittampalam A. Gardner</b>  <b>Mawata, Colombo 02, Sri Lanka.</b>  <b>Tel: +94 11 2492492/+94 11 2437177</b>  <b>Fax:+94 11 2544657</b>  <b>E mail:colombo@hilton.com/</b>  <b>Website: <a href="http://www.colombo.hilton.com">www.colombo.hilton.com</a></b></p>	<p><b>Grand Oriental Hotel</b>  <b>No 2, York Street, Colombo 01. Sri Lanka.</b>  <b>Tel:+94 11 2320320 Fax:+94 11 2380433</b>  <b>Mobile: +94 112320440</b>  <b>E mail:gm@grandoriental.com</b>  <b>Website: <a href="http://www.grandoriental.com">www.grandoriental.com</a></b></p>
<p><b>The Kingsbury Hotel</b>  <b>48, Janadipathi Mawatha, Colombo 01,Sri Lanka.</b>  <b>Tel:+94 11 2421221/5421221 Fax:+94 11 24333251</b>  <b>E mail: <a href="http://www.thekingsburyhotel.com">www.thekingsburyhotel.com</a></b></p>	<p><b>Hotel Galadari</b>  <b>64, Lotus Road, Colombo 01, Sri Lanka.</b>  <b>Tel: +94 11 2544544 Fax:+94 11 2449 875</b>  <b>E mail: <a href="mailto:galadari@sri.lanka.net">galadari@sri.lanka.net</a></b>  <b>Website: <a href="https://www.galadarihotel.lk/">https://www.galadarihotel.lk/</a></b></p>
<p><b>Cinnamon Grand Colombo</b>  <b>No 77, Galle Road, Colombo 03. Sri Lanka.</b>  <b>Tel: +94 11 2437437 Fax:+94 11 2449 280</b>  <b>E mail: <a href="mailto:grand@cinnamonhotels.com">grand@cinnamonhotels.com</a> /</b>  <b>Website: <a href="http://www.cinnamonhotels.com">www.cinnamonhotels.com</a></b></p>	<p><b>Colombo City Hotel</b>  <b>No.33, Canal Row, Fort, Colombo, Sri Lanka.</b>  <b>Tel : +94 -845 -1541320 Fax : +94 -845 -1540490</b>  <b>Email: <a href="mailto:HH390@LANKAPURA.COM">HH390@LANKAPURA.COM</a></b></p>
<p><b>Renuka City Hotel</b>  <b>No 328, Gall Road, Colombo 3, Sri Lanka</b>  <b>Tel: +94 112573598</b>  <b>Email: <a href="mailto:renukaht@renukahotel.com">renukaht@renukahotel.com</a></b>  <b>Website: <a href="https://www.renukacityhotel.com/">https://www.renukacityhotel.com/</a></b></p>	<p><b>Cinnamon Red, Colombo</b>  <b>No 59 Ananda Coomaraswamy Mawatha, 03,Sri Lanka</b>  <b>Tel: +94112 145 145</b>  <b>Email:<a href="mailto:info@cinn">info@cinn</a></b>  <b>Web site: <a href="https://www.cinnamonhotels.com/cinnamon-red-colombo">https://www.cinnamonhotels.com/cinnamon-red-colombo</a></b></p>
<p><b>Queens Park Apartment (This is located at the walking distance from the OUSL)</b>  <b>No 30/114,DM Colombage Mawatha, Nawala Colombo,</b>  <b>Tel : +94777009575 +94777353473</b>  <b>Email : <a href="mailto:queensparkapartmentssl@gmail.com">queensparkapartmentssl@gmail.com</a></b>  <b>Web site: <a href="https://www.queensparkapartments.com/">https://www.queensparkapartments.com/</a></b></p>	

# Other Details

## Meals

All conference participants will be provided lunch as well as morning and evening snacks at the conference venue. The Open University of Sri Lanka will host a dinner for all guests and presenters on the second day (17th December).

## Weather

The weather in Colombo during December typically ranges from 25°C to 32°C, offering cool and pleasant conditions, making it an ideal time for sightseeing and outdoor activities.

## Publicity and Data Protection

We will be promoting this event through our social media platforms and websites. If you prefer that your photograph or video not be publicized, please send an email to Ms Isiri Fernando ([mbfer@ou.ac.lk](mailto:mbfer@ou.ac.lk)/ +94778304322)

## Important Note

- **Non-Smoking & Alcohol-Free Campus:** The Open University of Sri Lanka maintains a smoke-free and alcohol-free environment across its campus. We kindly ask all visitors to respect this policy.
- **Plastic-Free Initiative:** In line with the university's commitment to environmental sustainability, we are actively working towards becoming a zero-plastic campus. Please minimize your use of plastic during your visit.
- **Universal Adapter:** Please bring a universal adapter for charging your electronic devices, as the power outlets may differ from those in your home country.
- **Currency:** The local currency is Sri Lankan Rupee (LKR). We recommend exchanging sufficient currency for local expenses, if necessary.
- **Medications:** Please bring any essential medications, including basic over-the-counter medicines you may need during your stay. Our student volunteers will be available to assist in case of an emergency.
- **SIM Cards:** If you wish to use your mobile phone in Sri Lanka, you can purchase a local SIM card at stores like Mobitel, Dialog, and Hutch, which are available at the airport.

## WiFi

The Open University of Sri Lanka is a free wifi zone, and you will be provided with a code from the organizers that can be used to log in to the WiFi.

# Contact Details

You may also reach out to any member of our organizing committee for assistance. We will be around to assist you in navigating the venues and any issues that arise while you are at the venues. Alternatively, you can reach out to the following student coordinators whenever it is necessary:

## Presentation Related

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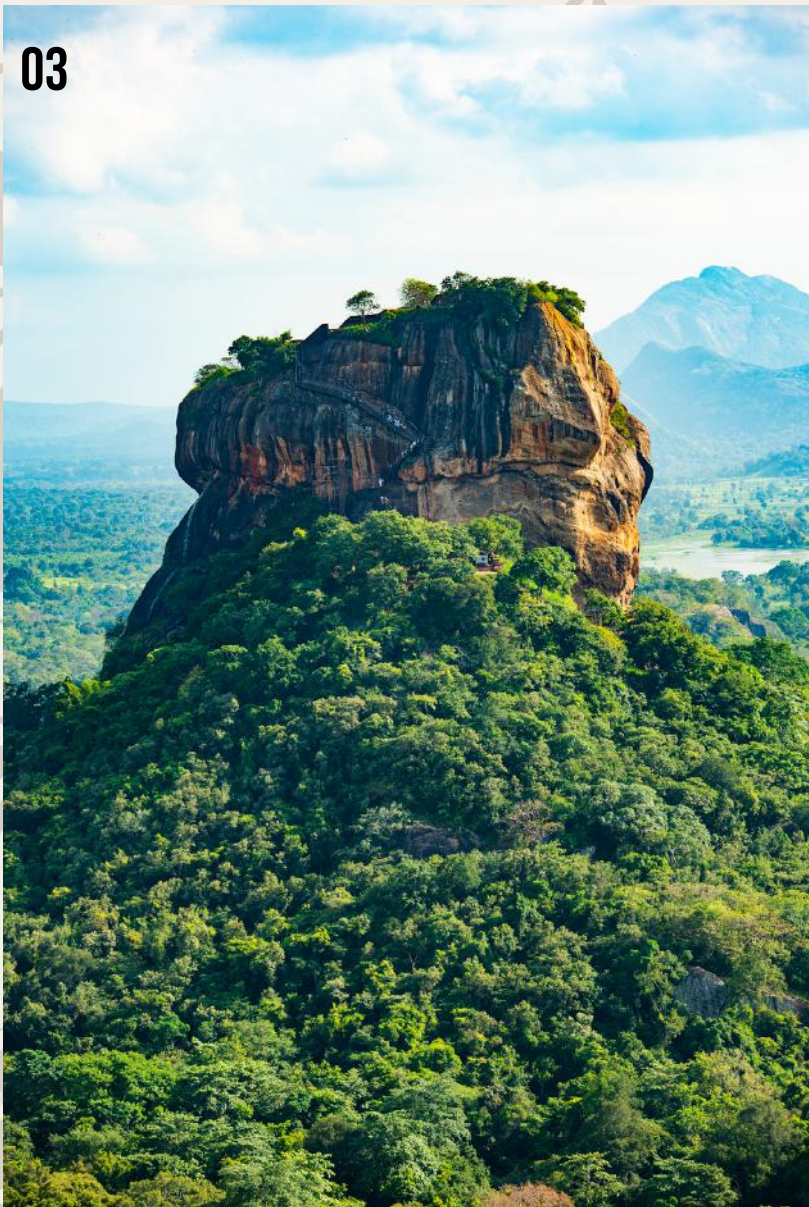
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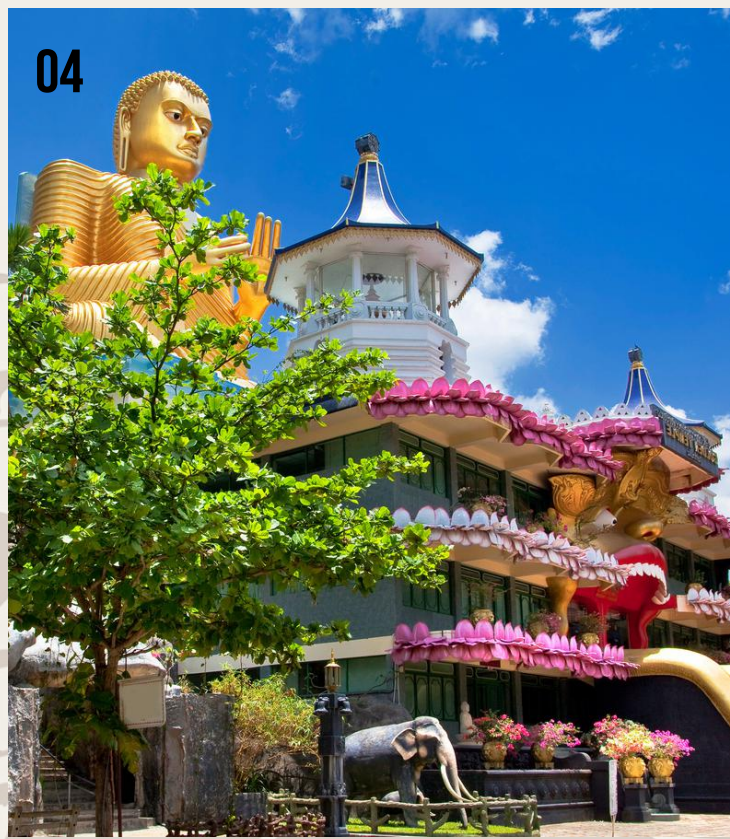
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2. City of Kandy
3. Sigiriya Rock
4. Dambulla Royal Cave Temple and Golden Temple
5. Gangaramaya Temple

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- 6. Colombo National Museum
- 7. Dutch Hospital and Shopping Precinct
- 8. Lotus Tower
- 9. Viharamahadevi Park
- 10. Independence Square

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Sri Lankan artist

**Our logo embodies the rich tapestry of Sri Lankan culture and heritage. The design mirrors the distinctive shape of Sri Lanka on the map, with tea leaves symbolizing the renowned Ceylon Tea. The sun and moon illustrate enduring tradition and prosperity, while the fishermen highlight Sri Lanka's unique fishing practices. The sea waves reflect the Indian Ocean and the island's precious gems. The coconut tree stands for the lush greenery and agricultural vitality of the country. Each element signifies a vital aspect of Sri Lanka's trade, investment, and intellectual property, making the logo a true emblem of the nation's identity.**

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