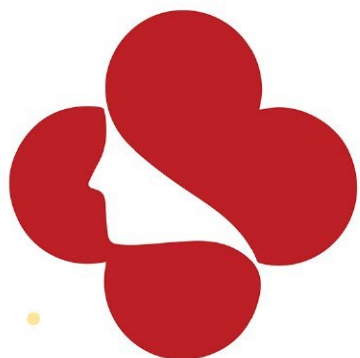




1st International Conference on **Women Thinkers and Scientists**

8 | 9 January 2027

Venue: University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka
(Hybrid Conference)

About the Conference

The First International Conference on Women Thinkers and Scientists brings together scholars, researchers, educators, practitioners, students, and policy-makers to explore the intellectual contributions and lived wisdom of Asian women. Across centuries, women in Asia have shaped philosophy, science, education, literature, culture, politics, social movements, healthcare, and community development. Yet many of these contributions remain underrepresented in mainstream knowledge systems.

This conference creates an interdisciplinary space to examine these contributions, recover overlooked perspectives, and encourage meaningful dialogue about women's roles in creating and transforming knowledge.

Conference Purpose

The conference aims to:

- Highlight the intellectual, scientific, philosophical, political, and cultural contributions of Asian women.
- Encourage interdisciplinary dialogue across academic and professional fields.
- Create greater visibility for women's knowledge, experiences, and perspectives.
- Explore indigenous and alternative knowledge traditions.
- Promote inclusive, gender-sensitive, and decolonial approaches to knowledge production.
- Connect established scholars with emerging researchers and students.
- Encourage research that contributes to more equitable and sustainable societies.

Women's Who Changed the Way We Think



Gargi Vachaknavi (c. 800–500 BCE)

Gargi was an ancient Indian philosopher and Brahnavadini associated with the Upanishadic tradition. In the Brihadaranyaka Upanishad, she is portrayed engaging in a profound philosophical debate with Yajnavalkya, asking questions concerning the nature of reality, the self (Atman), Brahman, and the ultimate foundation of existence.

Im Yunjidang (1721–1793)

Im Yunjidang was an important Neo-Confucian woman philosopher of late Joseon Korea. She argued that women possessed the same fundamental moral and intellectual capacity as men and could attain the status of a Confucian sage.



Helena Petrovna Blavatsky (1831–1891)

Blavatsky was a Russian-born philosopher, writer and spiritual thinker who became internationally influential through Theosophy. Her thought attempted to bring together ideas from Indian, Buddhist, Western and esoteric traditions.

Hiratsuka Raichō (1886–1971)

Hiratsuka Raichō was one of Japan's most influential feminist intellectuals and social thinkers. She questioned traditional assumptions about women's social roles and advocated women's autonomy and equality.





Pandita Ramabai (1858–1922)

Indian scholar, feminist, educator and social reformer.

She challenged gender inequality and promoted women's education and freedom.

Alexandra Kollontai (1872–1952)

Russian revolutionary, socialist thinker and feminist theorist.

She wrote extensively on women's emancipation, family, love and social equality.



Shin Saimdang (1504–1551)

Korean intellectual, poet, artist and calligrapher of the Joseon period.

She became an important symbol of women's intellectual and cultural achievement in Korea.

Qiu Jin (1875–1907)

Chinese revolutionary, writer and feminist thinker.

She advocated women's education, independence and social liberation.



CONFERENCE TRACKS

FIVE INTERDISCIPLINARY TRACKS

Track 1

Philosophy, Knowledge Systems, and Indigenous Wisdom

Sub-themes:

- Women's philosophy and epistemology
- Indigenous knowledge systems
- Feminist philosophy
- Ethics and moral traditions
- Oral histories and storytelling
- Decolonial and postcolonial perspectives
- Knowledge justice and inclusion

Track 2

Arts, Literature, Culture, and Heritage

Sub-themes:

- Literature and literary criticism
- Folklore and oral traditions
- Visual and performing arts
- Language and identity
- Cultural heritage preservation
- Creative industries
- Media and cultural representation



Track 3

Science, Technology, Education, and Innovation

Sub-themes:

- Women in STEM
- Artificial Intelligence and gender
- Indigenous science and traditional technologies
- Educational leadership
- Digital literacy and inclusion
- Innovation and entrepreneurship
- Future technologies and society

Track 4

Women, Politics, Governance, Human Rights, Leadership, Health, And Social Development

Sub-themes:

- Women in Politics, Leadership, and Governance
- Democracy, Citizenship, and Political Participation
- Women's Rights, Gender Equality, and Social Justice
- Feminist Movements and Activism in Asia
- Public Policy, Law, and Human Rights
- Women in Diplomacy, Peacebuilding, and Conflict Resolution
- Health, Well-being, and Social Development
- Community Leadership and Social Transformation
- Economic Empowerment and Inclusive Development
- Gender, Governance, and Sustainable Futures

Track 5

Sustainability, Environment, and Future Societies

Sub-themes:

- Ecofeminism
- Climate change and resilience
- Indigenous environmental knowledge
- Sustainable development
- Environmental governance
- Green innovation
- Future societies and sustainable futures



Important Dates

Events	Dates
Abstract Submission Opens	07 September 2026
Abstract Submission Deadline	07 October 2026
Notification of Acceptance	06 November 2026
Early Bird Registration Deadline	17 November 2026
Final Registration Deadline	15 October 2026
Conference Day	8 th & 9 th January 2027

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Submit your abstract through the official submission form:

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The Conference Welcomes:

- Academics and researchers
- Undergraduate and postgraduate students
- Philosophers and social scientists
- Scientists and technologists
- Artists, writers, and cultural practitioners
- Policy makers and development practitioners
- Representatives of governmental and non-governmental organizations
- Community leaders and activists

Fee Structure

Category	Sri Lanka		South Asian		Europe	
	Attendee	Presenter	Attendee	Presenter	Attendee	Presenter
General	Rs. 3000	Rs. 8000	\$30	\$ 100	\$ 50	\$ 175
Students	Rs. 2000	Rs. 5000	\$ 20	\$ 75	\$ 40	\$ 150



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