

VISTAS**JOURNAL OF THE FACULTY OF HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA****SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE PUBLICATION TO MARK THE 40TH
ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPEN UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA (OUSL)**

This publication will focus on the role of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in nation building efforts through the broad field of Humanities and Social Sciences with inspiration from Open and Distance Learning during the past forty years. The contributors are expected to focus on how the Open University has fulfilled its mission since its inception, in the broad areas of teaching, research, academic administration and national development and the lessons learned in making OUSL a center of excellence. The following are some suggestions for articles:

Revitalizing the multidisciplinary ethos in social science programmes

- Potential of ODL in empowering a heterogeneous community in post war reconciliation and reconstruction
- The scope of autonomous provincial education in facilitating overall national development needs
- Law, Justice and community empowerment through ODL
- Building pluralism and peaceful co-existence through education in language and literature
- ODL as an instrument for participatory development through postgraduate studies in humanities and social sciences

Call for Papers:

Prospective authors are invited to submit their papers to be considered for publication in VISTAS- Journal of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Open University of Sri Lanka.

Vistas is a peer reviewed journal which offers a distinctive integrated forum to discuss and disseminate new knowledge and research findings in all areas

related to Humanities and Social Sciences. It will provide an opportunity for both new and experienced scholars to publish their papers on line, as well as in print.

Deadline for Manuscript Submission: Open

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF PAPERS

Only original papers that have not been published will be considered for publication in the VISTAS journal. Authors are responsible for the originality and linguistic accuracy of contributions. The editorial board has the right to refuse publication of any paper.

How to Submit:

Every submission should have the following: Title page, Abstract, Biography of author/s, application and addresses (including email addresses).

Abstract: An abstract with 250-300 words should be sent with every paper.

Key Words: Include 4-5 key words

Biography of Author (s):

A short description of the author in 50-60 words, with contact information (mailing address and email) for each author, to be published at the end of the paper.

Corresponding Author:

The last name with initial/s and given name is required. The email address for correspondence should be clearly indicated.

Instructions to Authors:

Paper size: A4 (210*297mm).

Manuscripts should be typed (single spaced) using MS Word with a word count of 30006000.

The paper should have an introduction, review of related literature followed by objectives/research questions, details of research design. Methods of data collection and data analysis, findings, discussion and conclusion

Instructions on Formatting:

Margins	- Top 1", Bottom 1", Left 1.5", Right 1"
Font Size	- 12 Points
Font type	- Times New Roman
Paragraph	- Justified, No Indent
Line spacing	- Single
Headings and sub headings	- Bold, Headings (Font size 14 points) Sub headings (Font size 12 points) Numbered e.g. 1 1.1 1.1.2

References:

References should be cited according to guidelines of the publication manual of the

American Psychological Association (APA) – 6th Edition.
www.apastyle.org/manual/

Editor in Chief

VISTAS, Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences,
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences,
The Open University of Sri Lanka,
Nawala, Nugegoda,
Sri Lanka

Web: www.ou.ac.lk

E.mail: vistas@ou.ac.lk

Telephone: + 94 112881533