

Pre-Conference Webinar No. 1

Educating Transformation or Transforming Education?

iPURSE, the signature annual conference of University of Peradeniya, is scheduled to be held on 19th and 20th of August 2021 at the Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya. It promises to be a wonderful platform for researchers from a wide spectrum of disciplinary backgrounds to showcase their research outcomes. This webinar is part of a series of pre-conference webinars organized by the iPURSE Committee, together with the International Relations Office (InRO) of the University.

"The panel will initially focus on interrogating the current buzzword "transformation" to unpack its assumptions and expectations, addressing core questions such as for whom, where, and why such transformation is seen as desirable. There are clear potential dangers from valorizing "transformation", especially if it is uncritically tied to market forces or dominant paradigms, and such dangers should be carefully understood. This, broadly speaking, is what we mean by "educating" transformation. We will, therefore, seek to identify who determines the kind of transformation privileged, and whom this transformation includes and excludes, as well as how marginalization will take place as a direct result of its implementation. Moving on from this "deconstruction" of the key terms in the assigned main topic area, we will focus the key component of our presentations on what we consider to be the role and function of education, including in its most important role of nurturing the quality of making "judgments" relating to human affairs and how this may be developed in students and teachers. We believe that the ensuing discussion, including the question and answer session, would be the most important component of the panel's outcome."- Panelists

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