



# SLAAS

## THEME SEMINAR

80<sup>th</sup> Annual Sessions

*"Harnessing the Power of Sciences for Societal Transformation"*

# 2024



The Huge Implications of the Digital Transformation and Generative AI for Science, Society, and Education

**Professor Richard M. Hartshorn**

School of Physical and Chemical Sciences  
University of Canterbury  
New Zealand

Venue: CRYSTAL BALLROOM  
TAJ SAMUDRA, COLOMBO  
December 09, 2024  
from 8.00 am – 04.00 pm



Leveraging Science for Societal Transformation:  
Challenges of the Anthropocene - The Case  
of Plastics in Society

**Dr. Janaka de Silva**

Senior Programme Coordinator  
Ocean Team, Centre for Conservation Action  
International Union for the Conservation of Nature  
Gland, Switzerland



Persistent Organic Chemicals in the Waste Stream:  
An Obstacle to the Circular Economy?

**Professor Stuart Harrad**

School of Geography, Earth, and  
Environmental Sciences,  
University of Birmingham, UK



Opportunities and Challenges of  
Robotics for Societal Transformation

**Professor Lakmal Seneviratne**

Founding Director of the Centre for Autonomous  
Robotic Systems (KUCARS) at Khalifa University, UAE



Knowledge Co-production and Biodiversity Financing  
for a Transformational Economy

**Dr. Beria Leimona**

Senior Expert Landscape Governance and Investment  
World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF)  
Indonesia

Tickets are available @ **Rs. 3000/-**

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