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Abstract [10 points]

The abstract should be between 250 and 300 words. It summarizes the main aspects of the paper in a single paragraph. It should provide a concise overview of the study, including the research background or problem, purpose/objectives, methodology, key findings or expected findings, and conclusion/significance.

Keywords: [list up to not more than **five** keywords]

1. Introduction (10 points)

The extended abstract should be **1,500–2,000 words**, including the abstract and references. It should present the study in a concise and coherent manner and demonstrate its relevance to the theme and/or one of the conference tracks.

The extended abstract should include the following components:

- Introduction and research background
- Research problem and/or rationale
- Research objectives and/or research questions
- Brief review of relevant literature
- Methodology
- Key findings or expected findings
- Discussion and significance of the findings
- Conclusion and implications

The extended abstract should clearly demonstrate the **originality, relevance, and contribution of the study**.

The submission must be original and must not have been previously published, accepted for publication, or simultaneously submitted for publication elsewhere.

2. Font size, formatting and page limits

The entire extended abstract should be prepared using **Times New Roman** in **MS Word**. **KALAHAM** font may be used for Tamil text where necessary.

- Main text: **10-point font**
- Title: **12-point, bold**
- Author names and affiliations: **11-point**

- Abstract heading and section headings: **10-point, bold**
- Text alignment: **Justified**
- Format: **Single-column**
- Spacing: Leave **one blank line between paragraphs**
- File format: **Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx)**

The extended abstract should be formatted according to the template provided by the conference.

3. Word Limit and Page Limit

The extended abstract must contain **1,500–2,000 words, including the abstract and references.**

The extended abstract should normally **not exceed five A4 pages**, including tables, figures, and references.

Authors are requested to maintain the specified word and page limits. Submissions that substantially exceed the prescribed limits may not be considered for review.

4. Margins

The page should be formatted using the following margins:

Table 1: Paper size and margins

Paper Size	A4
Top margin	1 inch (2.54 cm)
Bottom margin	1 inch (2.54 cm)
Left margin	1.2 inch (3 cm)
Right margin	1 inch (2.54 cm)

5. Structure of the Extended Abstract

The extended abstract should be presented in the following order:

1. **Title**
2. **Author(s)**
3. **Affiliation(s)**
4. **Abstract**
5. **Keywords**
6. **Introduction**
7. **Brief Literature Review / Theoretical Background**
8. **Methodology**
9. **Key Findings and Discussion**
10. **Conclusion and Implications**
11. **Acknowledgements** (if applicable)
12. **References**

The sections may be adapted according to the nature of the research. For example, conceptual, theoretical, review-based, or policy-oriented papers may organize the content differently where appropriate.

Section headings and subheadings should be **bold, 10-point font, left-justified, and appropriately numbered.**

6. Tables

Tables may be included where they are necessary to present important information concisely.

All tables should:

- Be numbered consecutively using Arabic numerals.
- Have a clear and informative caption.
- Be referred to in the text.
- Be placed close to the paragraph in which they are first mentioned.
- Use a simple format with **only horizontal lines (three-line format).**
- Be clear and legible.

Table 2: An example of a table

An example of a column heading	Column A	Column B
And an entry	1	2
And another entry	3	4
And another entry	5	6

Authors are encouraged to include only tables that are directly relevant to the extended abstract.

7. Figures

Figures may include charts, diagrams, research frameworks, photographs, maps, or other relevant visual materials.

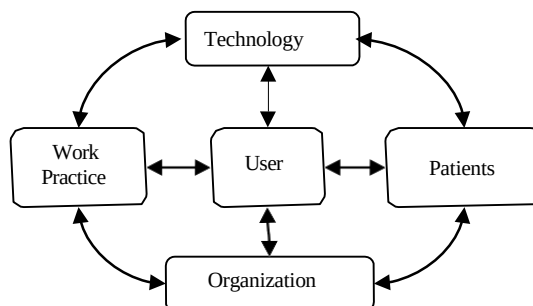
Figures should:

- Be numbered consecutively using Arabic numerals.
- Be referred to in the text.
- Be placed close to the paragraph where they are first mentioned.
- Be clear and legible.
- Have a resolution of at least **300 dpi** where applicable.
- Include a concise and informative caption.

The font used within figures should preferably be between **6 and 8 points** and should remain clearly readable. The caption of the figure should be placed above the figure.

Example:

Figure 1: The Research Framework



8. References and Citations

All in-text citations and references should follow the **APA 7th edition** style.

References should:

- Be listed alphabetically by the surname of the first author.
- Not be numbered.
- Include only sources cited in the extended abstract.
- Ensure that every in-text citation appears in the reference list and that every reference listed is cited in the text.

Authors should ensure that all references are accurate, complete, and consistently formatted according to APA 7th edition guidelines.

9. Headings and Subheadings

Section headings and subheadings should be:

- Bold
- 10-point font
- Left-justified

- Appropriately numbered
- Written with the first letter of major words capitalized where appropriate

The extended abstract should use a clear and consistent heading structure throughout.

10. Submission of Extended Abstracts

Extended abstracts should be prepared in Microsoft Word format (.doc or .docx) and submitted electronically via email to seuiars2027@seu.ac.lk.

All submissions must strictly adhere to the prescribed formatting and submission guidelines.

The abstracts of accepted extended abstracts will be published in the SEUIARS 2027 Book of Abstracts, which will be published with an ISBN.

11. Originality and Ethical Requirements

The extended abstract must present original academic work.

Authors are responsible for ensuring that:

- The work has not been previously published.
- The work is not simultaneously under consideration for publication elsewhere.
- All sources are appropriately acknowledged.
- All research involving human participants has received the necessary ethical approval where applicable.
- Appropriate consent and confidentiality procedures have been followed where required.
- Any use of data, images, or other materials belonging to others is appropriately acknowledged and permitted.

12. AI Declaration

Authors are required to complete and submit the **AI Declaration Form** along with their manuscript. The declaration should indicate whether generative artificial intelligence (AI) tools were used in the preparation of the manuscript and, where applicable, specify the nature and extent of such use.

Submission of the completed AI Declaration Form is a mandatory requirement for manuscript submission.

13. Review Process and Publication

All submitted extended abstracts will be evaluated by a panel of reviewers in the relevant disciplines.

Accepted extended abstracts will be considered for presentation at the conference and inclusion in the **Book of Extended Abstracts** or relevant conference publication, subject to the final decision of the conference committee.

14. Registration and Presentation

At least **one author of each accepted extended abstract must register for the conference and pay the applicable conference registration fee by the deadline announced by the conference committee.**

At least one author is expected to present the accepted work at the conference according to the programme and presentation guidelines issued by the organizing committee.

Only accepted submissions for which the required registration has been completed will be included in the final conference programme and relevant conference publication.

15. Acknowledgements

Acknowledgements, where applicable, should be presented under a separate heading titled **Acknowledgements**. Authors may acknowledge funding agencies, institutions, research assistance, facilities, or other forms of academic support relevant to the study.

16. Abbreviations

Abbreviations should be written in full when they first appear in the text, followed by the abbreviated form in parentheses.

For example: **English as a Second Language (ESL)**

The abbreviated form may then be used consistently throughout the remainder of the extended abstract.

17. Quotations

Direct quotations should be appropriately cited according to **APA 7th edition**.

For example:

“This is a sample of a quotation to be included in the extended abstract” (Interviewer 1).

Authors should ensure that all quotations are properly attributed and that the corresponding source is included in the reference list where applicable.

18. General Guidelines

Authors are requested to:

- Follow the prescribed template without unnecessarily modifying its formatting.
- Maintain the **1,500–2,000-word limit**.
- Use clear, concise, and academically appropriate language.
- Ensure consistency in headings, citations, tables, and figures.
- Proofread the extended abstract carefully before submission.
- Ensure that all author names and affiliations are correctly stated.
- Ensure that all necessary ethical requirements have been fulfilled.
- Ensure that the extended abstract clearly identifies its relevance to the conference theme and/or selected track.

Submissions that do not comply substantially with the prescribed guidelines may be returned to the authors for correction or may be excluded from the review process.

19. Reference Examples

Journal Article

Apostolakis, B. E. (1992). Warfare-welfare expenditure substitutions in Latin America: 1953–87. *Journal of Peace Research*, 29(1), 85–98.

Arunatilake, N., Jayasuriya, S., & Kelegama, S. (2001). The economic cost of the war in Sri Lanka. *World Development*, 29(9), 1483–1500.

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Barro, R. J., & Lee, J. W. (2010). *A new data set of educational attainment in the world, 1950–2010*. National Bureau of Economic Research. <http://www.barrolee.com>

Book

Martin, V., Hurn, S., & Harris, D. (2012). *Econometric modelling with time series: Specification, estimation and testing*. Cambridge University Press.

