



National Languages Processing Centre  
University of Moratuwa

# SNLP 2020

The Symposium on Natural Language Processing, SNLP, aims to foster the NLP based research work in Sri Lanka. The symposium will facilitate linguists, computational linguists, computer scientists by providing a knowledge-rich environment where participants can share and discuss their research and ideas.

SNLP2020 will be held online  
Date: 20th of October 2020  
Time: From 9 a.m to 1 p.m  
Keynote speaker: Prof. Asif Ekbal

The symposium consists of key-note speeches by international experts in NLP, presentations from participants and open discussions. We invite all NLP researchers and language enthusiasts to

- Share ongoing and completed research
- Share new research ideas
- Learn recent research and developments in NLP on national languages of Sri Lanka.

Researchers and language enthusiasts are invited to submit abstracts with not more than 150 words before 15th of October to [snlp@uom.lk](mailto:snlp@uom.lk)

Register via : <https://forms.gle/fGJC5rnWb876sbXx8>  
For more information: <https://www.mrt.ac.lk/web/nlp>  
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## Teaching Conversational Machines with Human Affects

Keynote at SNLP 2020  
on 20th October 2020  
at 9.35 a.m



Conversational Systems powered by Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Machine Learning have been at the forefront of Artificial Intelligence (AI) revolution during the last few years.

This talk will cover the recent research on affect grounded conversational Artificial Intelligence, especially on introducing politeness, emotion, sentiment and personalization to a dialogue agent.

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Join SNLP 2020 via  
Zoom  
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Prof Asif Ekbal has been pursuing research in Natural Language Processing (NLP), Information Extraction, Text Mining and Machine Learning (ML) for the last 12 years, and has made significant contributions in these areas.

He has authored around 160 papers in top-tier conferences like ACL, EMNLP, COLING, NAACL, and journals like ACM Transactions, IEEE Transactions, PloSOne.