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*Urgent  
SAR / LAW  
Pls bring this to  
the notice of  
staff & students  
23.07.19*

Dear Madam,

**INVITATION - DISCUSSION ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT POST 19A**

The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce will hold an informative discussion on the constitutional powers of the President post the 19th Amendment to the Constitution.

The current President came into power on an election promise that the Executive Presidency would be abolished. On April 28<sup>th</sup> 2015, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution (19A) was passed by Parliament with several amendments being introduced to the original Bill at the Committee stage.

This forum will discuss the impact of the 19A on the powers of a future President of Sri Lanka? Was there in fact a dilution of the powers of the President and an enhancement of the powers of the Prime Minister and other Institutions? Did the 19A place two drivers to navigate the Government "bus"? What would be a good model that will ensure that a future team of two at the apex in Government, whether from a single Party or a coalition will not become estranged?

This letter serves as an invitation the undergraduates of the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo to attend this programme, which is scheduled to be held on **Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> July 2019 from 3.00PM to 5.00PM (Registration @ 2.30 PM) at the Ground Floor Auditorium of The Ceylon Chamber of Commerce situated at No. 50, Navam Mawatha, Colombo 02.** The detailed flyer for the programme is enclosed herein.

We trust that the students will be directed to avail themselves of this great opportunity and we await your keen response in this regard.

Thank You.

Yours faithfully,

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## DISCUSSION ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS OF THE PRESIDENT POST 19A

The current President came into power on an election promise that the Executive Presidency would be abolished. On April 28th 2015, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution (19A) was enacted with several amendments being introduced to the original Bill, at the Committee stage in Parliament. What is the impact of the 19A on the powers of a future President of Sri Lanka? Was there in fact a dilution of the powers of the President and an enhancement of the powers of the Prime Minister and other Institutions? Did the 19A place two drivers to navigate the Government "bus"? What would be a good model that will ensure that a future team of two at the apex in Government, whether from a single Party or a coalition will not become estranged?



Friday,  
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3.00 P.M - 5.00 P. M



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