



**THE NATIONAL TRUST – SRI LANKA**

## **“Architectural Remains of the Inner City of Polonnaruwa”**

**By**

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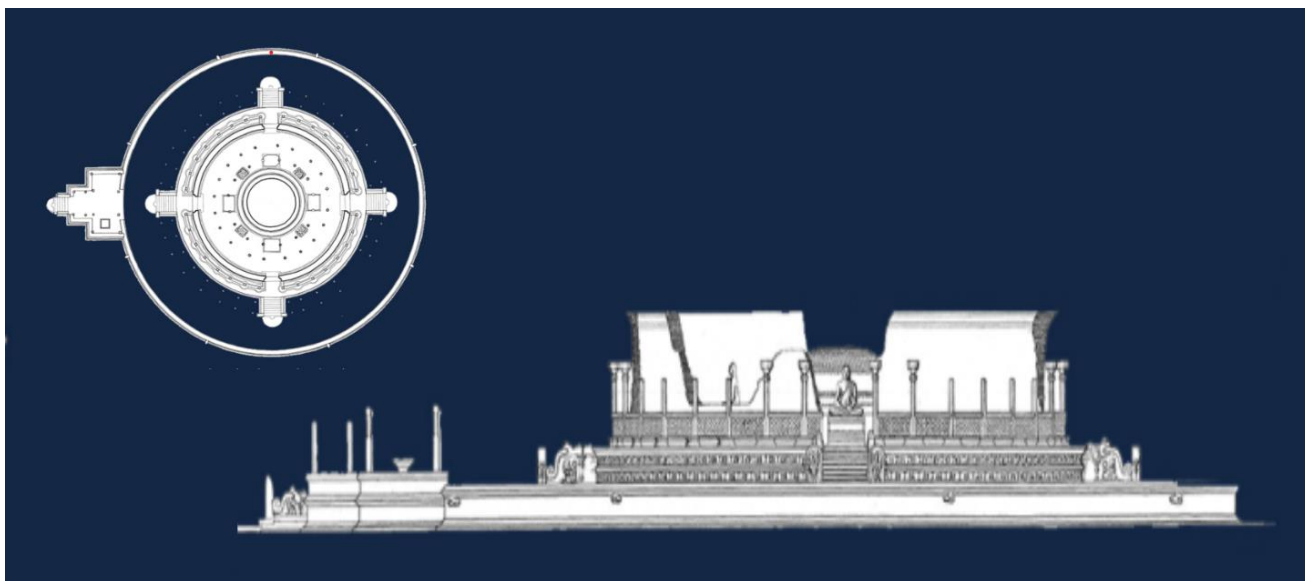
**The Monthly Lecture Series No: 171 of the National Trust**

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 6.00 pm**

**at the Auditorium of the College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka,  
No. 6, Independence Avenue, Colombo 7.**

(For those who join online: <https://www.youtube.com/live/3TlTHjdwnys>)

This lecture explores the distinctive architectural features of Polonnaruwa period structures found within the inner city or the citadel, focusing on three key areas: the Tooth Relic Square, the Parakramabahu palace precinct, and the Nissanka Malla palace precinct. Highlighting some of the finest examples of historical building types and landscaped settings—such as the *Watadage*, brick-vaulted image houses, Council chambers, and Water gardens—the lecture offers insight into the urban and royal fabric of the ancient capital. Based on a comprehensive documentation project conducted in the mid-1990s, and a recently published book by the University of Moratuwa, this presentation brings to light the architectural legacy and cultural significance of Polonnaruwa’s inner city remains.



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