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ACADEMIC/PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Degree - **University of Cambridge, U.K.** - February 1995 (Specialized in International Environmental Law)
- Master of Law (LL.M.) Degree - **University of Cambridge, U.K.** - June 1988, 1st Class Honors (US equivalent – *summa cum laude*) (Specialized in Public International Law)
- Attorney-at-Law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka - October 1986, 1st Class Honors (US equivalent – *summa cum laude*) and 1st in order of merit, **Sri Lanka Law College, Colombo, Sri Lanka.**

PRESENT OCCUPATION

August 2006 to date - Associate Director, **Global Legal Studies Center** & Senior Lecturer, **University of Wisconsin Law School, USA**

- **Teaching** a course on international law each semester – courses taught: seminar on international environmental law (spring) and climate change, human rights and the environment (fall)
- **Supervising** students enrolled in directed research/directed reading
- **Advising** students on international programs/internships/courses in international law and working with students on the annual symposium of the Wisconsin International Law Journal (WILJ) and **Faculty Advisor**, Wisconsin International Law Society, UW Law School
- **Coordinating the study abroad program of the law school and international visitors** (including incoming and outgoing students and coordinating ten exchange programs, one study abroad program, the internship program and liaising with wider-campus entities)
- **Coordinating the activities of the Global Legal Studies Center** including the research project on “Remaking the Developmental State,” the research project on “Role of Law in Developing and Transition Countries,” and the “Law and the New Developmental State”, preparation of grant proposals, budget preparation and budget management, organizing lectures, conferences, workshops and outreach activities for CLE credit

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- January 2003- August 2006 - Lecturer, Adjunct Faculty, University of Wisconsin Law School, USA
 - Spring 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003 - International Environmental Law seminar
 - Fall 2004 - Assistant to the Transnational Law course taught by Professor Gregory Shaffer
 - Fall 2003 - Assistant to the International Law course taught by Professor David Trubek
- August 1995 – January 2002, Senior Lecturer (US equivalent - Associate Professor) Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka. Taught Public International Law, Environmental Law (including International Environmental Law), Humanitarian Law, Legal Method and Criminal Law
- 1997 – 2001- Visiting Lecturer, LL.M. program (Public International Law component) Faculty of Law, University of Colombo - taught the course on International Organizations
- 1996 – 2000 - Visiting Lecturer, MA in International Relations (Public International Law), Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo
- 1996 – 2001- Visiting Lecturer, Postgraduate Institute of Management, Sri Jayewardenapura University, Colombo (environmental management component)
- Examiner – Diploma in Human Rights, Center for the Study of Human Rights, University of Colombo

OTHER ACADEMIC DUTIES

- **Supervisor** of students doing directed research on international environmental law, University of Wisconsin Law School, 2005, 2008

- **Research supervisor** - four Master of Philosophy (M.Phil) candidates, one PhD candidate, one MA (in International Relations) candidate, and one MBA (Master of Business Administration) candidate, University of Colombo/University of Sri Jayawardenapura
- **Examiner**, LL.M examination and dissertations, University of Colombo
- **Examiner**, Diploma in Human Rights, Center for the Study of Human Rights, University of Colombo

ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES

- Acting Head/Department of Law, University of Colombo, December 1998
- Coordinator, M.Phil/Ph.D degree program, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, 1996/97
- Student counselor
- Member of the Faculty Board and the Higher Degrees Committee, Faculty of Law, 1995-2002'
- Member, Senate, University of Colombo, 1997
- Member, Committee on Future Development of the Faculty of Law, 2000

RESEARCH/ADVOCACY EXPERIENCE

- June 2003 – to date: Lead Counsel, Human Rights and Poverty, **Center for International Sustainable Development Law**, Montreal, Canada. Activities include:
 - Designing and implementing the human rights program
 - Supervising researchers and reviewing their work
 - Publications
 - Preparing grant proposals and liaising with donors
 - Presenting papers at various fora
- November 2000-July 2001: Visiting Fulbright Scholar, **George Washington Law School, USA**
- September-November 2000: Visiting Fulbright Scholar, **New York University Law School, USA.**
- May 1995 – January 2002: Consultant, **Law & Society Trust, Colombo** (A human rights NGO engaged in providing equal access to justice through the law). Activities included:
 - Coordinator, *Sri Lanka: State of Human Rights Reports*
 - Editor, *LST Review* (monthly publication of the Trust carrying articles on civil and political rights, economic, social and cultural rights, constitutional law, public international law, and the impact of economic liberalization on human rights)
 - Representing the Trust and presenting papers at various international and national fora
 - Preparing grant proposals, networking with other NGOs and donor agencies
 - General advisor of all research activities of the Trust
 - Edited several publications of the Trust
 - Coordinated several events including conferences, workshops, seminars and lecture series on various issues relating to public international law, international human rights law, equal opportunity law, draft Fundamental Rights Chapter, economic liberalization and socio-economic rights, gender justice and children affected by the armed conflict
- 1995 – present: **Independent Consultant** to FAO/UNDP, Colombo; WHO, Geneva; International Resources Group Ltd, USA; USAID/Asia Foundation; and the National Development Council, Colombo, and undertook the following specialized assignments:
 - 2001, **Legal Expert**, Issues of Liability and Compensation for the proposed Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, WHO. Prepared a paper on issues of liability and compensation and attended the experts' group meeting in Geneva
 - 1998, **Legal specialist/national consultant** (FAO/UNDP) on "Sustainable Management of Land Resources in Sri Lanka." The statutes on land use and land resources were surveyed, inconsistencies identified and recommendations made for a better legal framework for the sustainable management of land resources

- 1997/98, **Legal consultant/EIA and Institutional Lawyer**, Institutional Strengthening for Environmental Assessment/International Resources Group (ISEA/IRG project). Prepared the chapter on “Legal Aspects of Environmental Assessment in Sri Lanka” for the final report
- 1996/97, **Team Leader (Legal)**, “Citizens’ Participation in Democracy Project – Legal Component” project undertaken for USAID/Asia Foundation, Colombo, by the Law & Society Trust
- 1996/97, **Legal consultant**, Environmental Impact Assessment team for the proposed Colombo-Katunayake Expressway. Prepared the section on "Legal Aspects Relating to Environmental Impact Assessment under the National Environmental Act"
- Feb 1989-Sep 1990: **Senior Law Officer/Head-Environmental Law Division**, Environmental Foundation (A public interest law firm specializing in the field of environmental law):
 - In charge of the Environmental Legal Aid Clinic - handling and processing public complaints and giving legal advice on environmental issues and litigation
 - In charge of the Environmental Legal Education Program - conducting seminars on environmental law for different target groups
 - Legal research on environmental law
 - Drafting environmental legislation - prepared draft legislation on hazardous waste
 - Presenting papers and representing the Foundation at seminars, conferences and workshops
- April - August 1989: **Research Assistant** to Professor Erik Jensen, B.A., J.D., LL.M. who authored a book entitled “An Introduction to International Law in Sri Lanka” (Open University, Sri Lanka). Wrote the chapter on International Environmental Law and assisted with the chapters on Law of Armed Conflict and Use of Force, and Peaceful Settlement of Disputes, in addition to editing the book
- Oct 1986-August 1987, **Professional Assistant**, Messrs. F.J. & G de Saram, Attorneys-at-Law, Colombo
- March-Sept 1986, **Apprentice (intern)**, Messrs. Julius & Creasy, Attorneys-at-Law, Colombo

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Exceptional Achievement Award, Sri Lanka Foundation, USA, 2012
- Fulbright-Hays Senior Research Scholar award 2000-2001, awarded by the United States-Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission.
- Overseas Research Students Award (ORS) awarded by the Committee of Vice Chancellors and Principals of the Universities of the United Kingdom in 1991, 1992 and 1993.
- Benefactors’ Studentship awarded by St. John’s College, Cambridge, 1990-1993.
- Mary Sparke Graduate Scholarship awarded by Newnham College, Cambridge, May 1988 on the results of the LL.M examination.
- Anne Jemima Clough Prize awarded by Newnham College, Cambridge, May 1988 on the results of the LL.M examination.
- Overseas Development Administration (ODA) Scholarship awarded by the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust, U.K., June 1987.
- Fellowship awarded by the United Nations to attend the International Law Seminar in Geneva, June 1996.
- Fellowship awarded by the Danish Center for Human Rights, Copenhagen, to follow their Human Rights course, January-February 1997.
- Best student award, October 1985, Sri Lanka Law College, Colombo.
- Sir Lalitha Rajapakse Memorial Prize, October 1985, awarded to the best student, Sri Lanka Law College, Colombo.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- *Emerging Principles of International Environmental Law*, Transnational Publishers, New York (2006)

- Consultant editor, *Sri Lanka: State of Human Rights 2003* (Law & Society Trust, Colombo, 2003)
- Editor, *Sri Lanka: State of Human Rights 2002* (Law & Society Trust, Colombo, 2002)
- Editor, *Towards Substantive Equality: An Introductory Guide* (Law & Society Trust, Colombo, 2001)
- Editor, *People's Choice: An Evaluation of the 1999 Presidential Election* (Law & Society Trust, Colombo, 2000)
- Editor, *Human Rights and Equal Opportunity* (Law & Society Trust, Colombo, 1999)
- 7. Consultant Editor, *Infrastructure Development in Sri Lanka: Regulation, Policy and Finance* (Euromoney Publications, Jersey, 1997)
- *Towards Legal Protection of Tropical Forests*, Sri Lanka Environment Congress, Colombo (1990)

BOOK CHAPTERS

- "International Environmental Law and Soft Law: A New Direction or a Contradiction?" in NON STATE ACTORS, SOFT LAW, AND PROTECTIVE REGIMES (Cambridge University Press, 2012, forthcoming)
- "Judicial Protection of Human Rights" in *Sri Lanka: State of Human Rights 2010* (Law & Society Trust, Colombo, 2012)
- "Whither Sustainable Development in South Asia? The Emergence of Sustainable Development Jurisprudence in South Asia" in SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES IN THE DECISIONS OF INTERNATIONAL COURTS AND TRIBUNALS 1992-2012 (Oxford University Press, forthcoming)
- "Climate Change, Differentiated Responsibilities and State Responsibility: Devising Novel Legal Strategies for Damage Caused by Climate Change" in CLIMATE LAW AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: LEGAL AND POLICY CHALLENGES FOR THE WORLD ECONOMY, 37 (Benjamin Richardson *et al.*, eds., Edward Elgar, 2009)
- "International Human Rights Law and Poverty Eradication" in *Sustainable Justice: Reconciling Economic, Social and Environmental Law* (MC Cordonier Segger & CG Weeramnatry eds., 2005)
- "Sustainable Development and Right to Health" in *Sustainable Justice: Reconciling Economic, Social and Environmental Law* (MC Cordonier Segger & CG Weeramnatry eds., 2005)
- "Water Tenure Reform and Public Access to Water as a Basic Need" in *Sustainable Justice: Reconciling Economic, Social and Environmental Law* (MC Cordonier Segger & CG Weeramnatry eds., 2005)
- Co-author, "The Tobacco Convention: When WHO Meets the WTO" in *Sustainable Justice: Reconciling Economic, Social and Environmental Law* (MC Cordonier Segger & CG Weeramnatry eds., 2005).
- "International Human Rights and Poverty Law in Sustainable Development in *Sustainable Development Law: Principles, Practices & Prospects* (MC Cordonier Segger and A Khalfan eds., 2004)
- "Judicial Protection of Human Rights," in *Sri Lanka: State of Human Rights 2002* (Law & Society Trust, Colombo, 2002)
- "Integrity of the Person," in *Sri Lanka: State of Human Rights 2000* (Law & Society Trust, Colombo, 2000).
- "Judicial Protection of Human Rights," in *Sri Lanka: State of Human Rights 2000* (Law & Society Trust, Colombo, 2000).
- "Human Rights and the Elections" in *People's Choice: An evaluation of the 1999 Presidential Election* (Law & Society Trust, Colombo, 2000)
- "Integrity of the Person," in *Sri Lanka: State of Human Rights 1999* (Law & Society Trust, Colombo, 1999)
- "Judicial Protection of Human Rights," in *Sri Lanka: State of Human Rights 1999* (Law & Society Trust, Colombo, 1999)
- "An Overview of International Human Rights Law," in *Human Rights and Equal Opportunity* (Law & Society Trust, Colombo, 1999)
- "Judicial Protection of Human Rights," in *Sri Lanka: State of Human Rights 1998* (Law & Society Trust, Colombo, 1998)
- "A Commentary on the Fundamental Rights Chapter," in *Sri Lanka: State of Human Rights 1998* (Law & Society Trust, Colombo, 1998)
- "Integrity of the Person," in *Sri Lanka: State of Human Rights 1998* (Law & Society Trust, Colombo, 1998)
- "Environmental Impact of Infrastructure Development Projects" in *Infrastructure Development in Sri Lanka: Regulation, Policy and Finance* (Euromoney Publications, Jersey, 1997)
- "Judicial Protection of Human Rights," in *Sri Lanka: State of Human Rights 1997* (Law & Society Trust, Colombo, 1997)

- “Environmental Rights and Human Rights,” in *Sri Lanka: State of Human Rights 1997* (Law & Society Trust, Colombo, 1997)
- Co-author, “Judicial Protection of Human Rights,” in *Sri Lanka: State of Human Rights 1995* (Law & Society Trust, Colombo, 1996)

ARTICLES/CASE NOTES/BOOK REVIEWS

- Book Review, *Environmental Justice and the Rights of Unborn and Future Generations: Law, Environmental Harm and the Right to Health*, Laura Westra, (Earthscan, London, 2006, paperback edition, 2008), *JOURNAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT* (Edward Elgar, 2010)
- *Climate Change, Human Rights and Forced Migration: Implications for International Law*, 27 *WISCONSIN INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL*, 607 (2009)
- *Global Climate Change: Can Human Rights (and Human Beings) Survive this Onslaught? 20* *COLORADO JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY*, 35 (2008)
- Sustainable Development, Environmental Protection, and Human Rights: A Necessary Linkage?, – Proceedings of the Canadian Council on International Law Annual Conference on Fragmentation: Diversification and Expansion of International Law (2006)
- “Sustainable Development and Terrorism: International Linkages and a Case Study of Sri Lanka”, 30 *William and Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review* 273 (2006).
- “The Public Health Impact of Global Environmental Problems and the Role of International Law,” 30 *American Journal of Law and Medicine* 283 (2004).
- “The Right to a Healthy Life or the Right to Die Polluted?: The Emergence of a Right to a Healthy Environment Under International Law,” 16 *Tulane Environmental Law Journal* 65 (2002)
- Book Review: *Evolution and Status of the Precautionary Principle in International Law* (Arie Trouwborst), 96 *American Journal of International Law* 1016 (October 2002).
- “Sustainable Development, Myth or Reality?: A Survey of Sustainable Development under International Law and Sri Lankan Law,” 14 *Georgetown International Environmental Law Review* 265 (2001).
- “Sustainable Development: Its Evolution and Scope under International Law and Sri Lankan Law,” *Mooter* (2000) (Sri Lanka Law College, Colombo).
- “Human Rights Community Hails the House of Lords’ Judgment on General Pinochet,” Case Note, 11 *Sri Lanka Journal of International Law* (1999).
- “Recent Trends in International Environmental Law,” 10 *Sri Lanka Journal of International Law*, (1998).
- “Recent SAARC Initiatives in Eco-Legal Development,” *SAARCLAW Journal* (1998).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- “The Role of Human Rights Law in Protecting Environmental Rights in South Asia” in *ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS: EMERGING POSSIBILITIES FOR SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION* (forthcoming)
- *CLIMATE CHANGE, HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT: CHALLENGES FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW* (book proposal submitted to Routledge)

OTHER REPORTS AND PAPERS

- Prepared the report on the Consultation with the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and Asian Human Rights Scholars and Activists organized by the Law & Society Trust, Geneva, 1999
- Prepared a paper on “Whither Environmental Law in Sri Lanka: Tracing Fifty Years of Environmental Law in Sri Lanka” for the conference on “Fifty Years of Law and Justice in Sri Lanka” organized by the Law & Society Trust, November 2000
- Prepared the workshop report on “International Treaty Bodies and Domestic Application of Human Rights” workshop organized by Forum Asia, Thailand, and Law & Society Trust in Bangkok, Thailand, December 2001
- Contributed to the paper on “Sustainable Livelihoods in Fragile and Post-Conflict States: Legal and Judicial Reform and Conflict Prevention,” prepared by CISDL for Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), 2003
- Contributed to the CISDL report on “Desertification, Sustainable Livelihoods and Land Tenure Reform in the Drylands,” M.C. Cordonier Segger, C. Deere & S. Atapattu, with C. Huggins, ACTS, for United Nations Development Programme Global Drylands Initiative, Nairobi, Kenya, 2003

PAPERS PRESENTED

- December 1996: "Environmental Impact of Infrastructure Development Projects: Laws in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh" presented at the Regional Law & Economy Conference organized by the Law & Society Trust in Dhaka, Bangladesh
- July 1998: Coordinator and Panelist, "Law and Development Session" of the Conference entitled "Transition: The Post-Independence Changes and the Future: Critical Issues of Law and Justice in South Asia" organized by the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo to mark its 50th anniversary
- October 1998: "Recent SAARC Initiatives in Eco-Legal Development," presented at SAARCLAW Conference held in Colombo
- February 2001: "Sustainable development and the role of NGOs in Sri Lanka" presented at the Conference on "Building the Model South Asian Law Firm" organized by the South Asian Law Students Association, Washington DC at the George Washington University Law School
- December 2001: "Internationalization of Environmental Protection" presented at the Conference on *Legal Education for the 21st Century*, organized by the Commonwealth Legal Education Association (CLEA), Colombo, Sri Lanka
- June 2002: "Sustainable Development and Right to Health: A Case Study of Tobacco" presented at the health law panel at the International Conference on *Sustainable Justice 2002: Implementing International Sustainable Development Law*, organized by the Center for International Sustainable Development Law, in Montreal, Canada. Also chaired the session on International Human Rights Law.
- April 2004: "Who Owns Water? Recent Developments in International Sustainable Development Law on Access to Water and Human Rights" prepared for the 12th session of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development and presented at a side event organized by CISDL to coincide with the CSD session, New York
- October 2005: "Sustainable Development, Environmental Protection and Human Rights: A Necessary Linkage?" presented at the 34th Annual Conference of the Canadian Council on International Law on *Fragmentation: Diversification and Expansion of International Law*, Ottawa, Canada
- February 2005: "Global Terrorism and its Impact on Sustainable Development: Exploring Linkages Between Sustainable Development, Security and Terrorism," 2005 Environmental Law and Policy Review Symposium, organized by William & Mary School of Law, presented a paper on "Sustainable Development and Terrorism: International Linkages and a Case Study of Sri Lanka."
- June 2005: "Local Law for the Global Commons: Recent Innovations in Domestic Implementation of Sustainable Development Treaties," International Law Seminar organized by Center for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL), International Law Association (ILA) and International Development Law Organization (IDLO), Montreal, Canada
- June 2006: 72nd Biennial Conference of the International Law Association on the theme "The World is Here", Toronto, Canada, presented a paper for the International Experts Panel on "Public Participation and Access to Information and Justice in International Law on Sustainable Development."
- July, 2007: International Conference on "Law and Society in the 21st Century: Transformations, Resistances, Futures," organized by the Law and Society Association and Research Committee on Sociology of Law, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany, presented a paper on "Global Climate Change: Can Human Rights (and Human Beings) Survive this Onslaught?" at the panel on "Legal Change and Climate Change."
- October 2007: Workshop/consultation on Climate Change and Human Rights: Mapping the Overlap" organized by the International Council on Human Rights, Geneva, presented a short paper on "Climate Change and Migration"
- May 2008: Montreal, Center for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL) annual meeting and Seminar on Socio-Economic Rights & Human Security: Sustainable Development Law, presented a paper on "From Human Security to Sustainable Development: A Theoretical Framework for the Realization of Socio-Economic Rights."
- September 2008: Midwest Law and Society Retreat, UW-Madison, presented a paper on "Indigenous Peoples and Global Climate Change: A Human Rights Approach to an Environmental Problem?"

- September 2008: Ottawa, Canada - IUCN conference on “Climate Law in Developing Countries post-2012: North and South Perspectives,” presented a paper on “Climate Change, Differentiated Responsibilities and State Responsibility: Devising Novel Legal Strategies for Damage Caused by Climate Change.”
- December 2008: Workshop on “Role of Law in Developing and Transition Countries,” UW Law School, part of the Research Circle on Role of Law in Developing and Transition Countries, made a presentation on the “Role of Law in Sri Lanka.”
- March 2009: Symposium on “Global Climate Change and Sustainable Development: Challenges and Opportunities for International Law,” organized by the Global Legal Studies Center and the Wisconsin International Law Journal, held at UW Law School, presented a paper on “Climate Change, Human Rights and Forced Migration: Implications for International Law.”
- April 2009: Conference on “Climate Change in South Asia: Governance, Equity and Social Justice,” presented a paper on “Climate Change in South Asia: Towards an Equitable Legal Response within a Framework of Sustainable Development and Human Security,” Rutgers University, New Jersey.
- May 2009: CISDL International Legal Symposium on “Treaty Regimes in Practice: Domestic Implementation of International Law on Sustainable Development”, Montreal, Canada, made a presentation on “Domestic Incorporation of Socio-Economic Rights: Some Trends.”
- December 2009: Workshop on Reconceptualizing Law and Human Rights, UW Law School, presented a paper on “Using the Human Rights Framework to Prevent Environmental Damage.”
- April 2010: Conference on “Laws Locations: Textures of Legality in Developing and Transitional Societies,” UW-Madison, presented a paper on “The Role of Human Rights Law in Protecting Environmental Rights in South Asia.”
- May 2010: Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, presented a paper on “The Role of Human Rights Law in Protecting Environmental Rights in South Asia” at the panel on “Reconceptualizing Human Rights.”
- August 2010: International Conference on “The Creation of International Law: An Exploration of Normative Innovation, Contextual Application, and Interpretation in a Time of Flux,” organized by the University of Oslo, Norway (invited speaker) which seeks to create a network for women scholars in international law, presented a paper on “International Environmental Law and Soft Law: A New Direction or a Contradiction?”
- April 2011: Conference on Rights and Their Translation Into Practice: Toward a Synthetic Framework organized by University of Arizona (invited speaker), presented a paper on “The Role of Human Rights Law in Protecting Environmental Rights in South Asia”
- April 29-30, 2011: Workshop on “Social Life of Legal Innovations,” UW-Madison, made a short presentation on “Climate Change and State Responsibility: Devising a Novel Liability Regime for Global Environmental Problems”
- April 20, 2012: Expert panel organized by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), UN headquarters in New York, on the theme “The Contribution of Law to the Rio+20 Agenda” and presentation on “Principles of Sustainable Development in Human Rights Courts and Tribunals.”

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES/TRAINING WORKSHOPS/SEMINARS/MEETINGS ATTENDED (in addition to those listed under papers presented):

- "Green Energy Conference" held in Montreal, Canada, September 1989
- "Bridging the Gap Conference" held in Vienna/Budapest, March 1990. Addressed the plenary on "North-South Dimension"
- International Seminar on Environmental Law held at University of Marburg, Germany, July 1991
- Represented the Law & Society Trust on the NGO Delegation to Denmark and Norway, July 1995
- South Asia Conference on “International and Regional Trade: Implications of Non-Cooperation” organized by Consumer Unity and Trust Society, India in Katmandu, Nepal, December 1995.
- United Nations International Law Seminar, Geneva, June/July 1996
- Human Rights Training Program organized by the Danish Centre for Human Rights, Copenhagen, January/February 1997
- Consultation with the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and Asian Human Rights Scholars and Activists organized by the Law & Society Trust, Geneva, April 1999 and prepared the consultation report

- International Seminar on "Multilateral Trade, Investment and Competition Policy - The Current Status and Future Agenda" organized by the Consumer Unity and Trust Society, Jaipur, India, July 1999
- Three Freedoms Workshop (Freedoms of Assembly, Association and Expression) organized by ADHOC, in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, November 1999
- "From Seattle Ministerial to UNCTAD-X: Issues of Concern," organized by the Consumer Unity and Trust Society, India in Delhi, January 2000
- Policy level meeting of South Asia Watch on Trade Economics and the Environment and International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development in Nepal, March 2000
- International seminar on "Food Security, Globalization and Sustainable Development" organized by South Asia Watch on Trade Economics and the Environment, Nepal in Katmandu July 2000
- International workshop on "A research agenda for South Asia on International Trade Issues" organized by the Consumer Unity and Trust Society, India, in Katmandu, July 2000
- "Immigration and Multiculturalism" Fulbright Scholars Conference, Washington DC, February 2001
- "International Treaty Bodies and Domestic Application of Human Rights" workshop organized by Forum Asia, Thailand, and Law & Society Trust in Bangkok, Thailand, December 2001 and prepared the conference report
- North American Consortium on Legal Education conference on NAFTA and the Environment, organized by the George Washington University Law School, May 2003 – Chaired the first session
- *Speaking Law to Power: International Law and Foreign Policy*, Wisconsin International Law Journal Symposium honoring Professor Richard Bilder, University of Wisconsin Law School, March 2004
- Annual Research Meetings of the Center for International Sustainable Development Law, Montreal, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012

REVIEWS DONE

- Working paper series on "Legal Empowerment for Sustainable Development," CISDL, 2011
- Submission on "Future Generations Critique (environment and indigenous children)" for the McGill International Journal of Sustainable Development Law & Policy
- Evaluation of funding Proposal Titled: Shifting the Environmental Governance Paradigm: Adaptive Management Methodologies in the United States for the National Science Foundation, Oct 2010
- Evaluation of funding proposal for a research project on "International Law on Migration and the Environment" submitted to the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) at the request of NWO, 2012
- Book proposal Routledge Handbook of International Environmental Law edited by Shawkat Alam, Jahid Hossain Bhuiyan, Tareq M.R. Chowdhury and Erika J Techera at the request of Routledge publishers, UK
- Center for International Sustainable Development Law (CISDL) working paper series on "Legal Empowerment for Sustainable Development" (edited 3 papers)
- CISDL/IDLO Compendium on Legal Best Practices - Sustainable Water Resources Management in Developing Mega Cities, at the request of CISDL
- Submission entitled "Greening Constitutions with Environmental Rights: Testing the Isomorphism Thesis" for Review of Policy Research published by the Policy Studies Organization on behalf of the Science, Technology and Environmental Politics section of the American Political Science Association, 2011
- Book proposal on Human Right to a Good Environment at the request of Routledge-Cavendish publishers, England, 2010
- Book proposal on International Environmental Law: A Transboundary and Comparative Perspective at the request of Aspen Publishers, England, 2010

- Article on “Counter(measure)ing Climate Change : The ILC, Third State Countermeasures and Climate Change” at the request of McGill International Journal of Sustainable Development Law and Policy (as a member of the Advisory Board), Canada, 2009
- Article on “Conceiving Climate Change in terms of Human Rights: Creating Connections to Enforce International Environmental Law” at the request of the Melbourne Journal of International Law, Australia, 2009
- Article on “Climate Change and Racism” at the request of the author, 2009
- Reviewed and commented on the paper on “Legal and Political Status of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples: Implications for Canada,” prepared by CISDL, 2006
- Reviewed and commented on the paper on “Gender, International Law and Justice” for CISDL, 2006

APPOINTMENTS TO INTERNATIONAL/NATIONAL LEVEL BODIES

- Fellow, Cambridge Commonwealth Society, U.K.
- Member, Working Group on Environment and Development, National Development Council and member, Subcommittee on Environmental Law, 1997, which was appointed under a directive by the President of Sri Lanka to study and revise the proposed National Environmental Protection Act
- Expert Group on the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, Ministry of Transport, Environment and Women's Affairs, Sri Lanka, 1998
- Board of Development Studies, Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Colombo
- Executive Committee, Sri Lanka Environmental Assessment Association, Colombo
- Vice President and founding member, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics and the Environment (SAWTEE), Katmandu, Nepal
- Member, working group on non-adversarial court system for children, National Child Protection Authority, Sri Lanka
- Invited to join the roster of consultants to the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), Nairobi, Kenya

APPOINTMENTS TO EDITORIAL BOARDS

- Editorial Board, Colombo Law Review, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo
- Editorial Board, Sri Lanka Journal of International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo
- Editorial Board, Nadarajah Felicitation Volume, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo
- Editor/Advisor, Legal Empowerment for Sustainable Development Paper Series, CISDL

AFFILIATIONS/ADVISORY BOARDS

- Lead counsel, Poverty and Human Rights, Center for International Sustainable Development Law, Montreal, Canada
- Advisory Board, McGill International Journal of Sustainable Development Law and Policy, McGill University, Canada, 2004 to date
- Exchange Coordinators' Committee, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Faculty Committee on Study Abroad, University of Wisconsin Law School
- South Asia Legal Studies Working Group, UW-Madison
- Affiliated Faculty, Human Rights Initiative, UW-Madison
- Affiliated Faculty, Center for South Asia, UW-Madison
- Innovative Inter-disciplinary Staff Collaborative, UW-Madison
- Affiliate, Center for World Affairs and the Global Economy (WAGE), UW-Madison
- Study Abroad Subcommittee for University International Travel Committee, UW-Madison
- Faculty Advisor, International Law Students Association, UW Law School

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

- Drafted the syllabus for the introduction of an environmental law course at the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, 1990 and worked with faculty board to get the course approved
- Coordinated a series of discussions on amendments to the Draft Constitution and prepared the report which was presented to the Minister of Justice, Sri Lanka, 1997
- Attended a series of discussions on the proposed Equal Opportunity Bill including meetings with the Minister of Justice, Sri Lanka, the diplomatic community and civil society groups, 1999

- Participated in the World Bank and Ministry of Justice (Sri Lanka) project on Revising the Commercial and Economic Law curricula of Law Schools in Sri Lanka, 1999-2000
- Included in the *Who's Who in Public International Law* published by Crestwall Publishers, Cambridge, UK.
- Short listed as a finalist for the Junior Fellowship program by the Carnegie Fellows Program, 2004

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY: English and Sinhala (mother tongue) - excellent, French – fair (Alliance Francaise de Kandy, Diploma in French 1981), Spanish (beginner)

COMPUTER PROFICIENCY: A good working knowledge of MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint and carrying out web-based research

COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTEER WORK

- Resident Manager, Division of University Housing, UW-Madison (August 2005 – August 2006)
- Extern (Volunteer) at Environment Unit, US Department of Justice, Madison, Wisconsin – legal research and drafting legal documents (October 2002 – February 2003)
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