

## Curriculum Vitae

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#### AFFILIATION

- Adjunct Professor, Department of Political Science, Temple University, Philadelphia, USA, 2009-
- Adjunct faculty, Department of Political Science, International Area Studies, Drexel University, Philadelphia, USA, 2009-
- Visiting Scholar, Department of Political Science, Temple University, Philadelphia, USA, Visiting Faculty, 2005-2009.
- Visiting Scholar, Department of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA, Visiting Faculty, 2004-2005.
- Research Assistant, Ethics and Public Policy Center, Washington DC, USA. 2003-2004.

#### PROFESSIONAL OVERSEAS EXPERIENCE

- Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of History, Nanjing University, P.R. China, 2002-2003.
- Lecturer in Political Science, South Eastern University, Sri Lanka, Faculty, 1995-2002.
- Lecturer in Political Science, Eastern University, Sri Lanka, Faculty, 1994-1995.
- Lecturer in Political Science, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, Faculty (part-time), 1994-1996.
- Lecturer in Political Science, Eastern Affiliated University College, Sri Lanka, Faculty (part-time), 1994-1996.

#### EDUCATION

- **Nanjing University, Nanjing, P.R. China**  
Doctoral Degree in World History, **July 2002**  
Dissertation: "Ethnic Conflict in Sri Lanka: Historical Overview." The Dissertation discusses the origin and development of the ethno-political conflict in Sri Lanka. I employed the rational choice theory to explain Sri Lanka's protracted ethnic conflict.
- **Beijing University, Beijing, P.R.China**  
Masters Degree, International Politics, **July 1998**  
Thesis: "Asian Perspectives of Human Rights with Special Reference to the Chinese Position." The thesis explores Asian perspectives on human rights. It especially analyzes

the roots and reasons for China's vulnerability to maintain universal human rights standards. *The thesis won the best overseas student award for 1998.*

- **University of Peradeniya, Peradeniya, Sri Lanka**  
Special Bachelors Degree (Honors) in Political Science, **March 1994**. Magna cum Laude; winner of the *Wickramasinghe Gold Medal for best performance in Political Science, class of 1994.*

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

- Ethnic Politics and Nationalism (1201) and Foreign governments and Politics (3201), *Temple University, USA, 2009-*
- Politics and Society of Sri Lanka, Pakistan and India (IAS 360), *Drexel University, USA, 2009-*
- South Asian Politics and History, *Nanjing University, China, 2002-2003.*
- Comparative Politics and Ethnic Conflict and Politics in Sri Lanka, *South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, 1994-2002.*
- Comparative Politics and International Politics, *Eastern University, Sri Lanka, 1993-94.*
- International Politics, *Colombo University, Sri Lanka, 1993-95.*
- Sri Lanka Studies, *Eastern Affiliated University College, Sri Lanka, 1993-94.*

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- **Religion and Politics in South Asia, 2009-**  
The objectives of this research are to understand the interaction between religion and politics in South Asia and to examine recent gains made by extremist religious groups. It would also examine consequences of politicization of religion on regional peace and liberal values.
- **Ethnic Relations, Conflict and Symbolic Politics in Sri Lanka, 2004-present**  
The study looks at how the elites employ ethnic emotions or symbols for electoral purposes. In particular, my research focuses on how the vote-seeking strategies of the Sinhalese elites marginalized the minority Tamils that led to the ethnic conflict.  
Department of Political Science, Temple University, USA.
- **Islam and West, 2002- present**  
While examining the current instability, this study looks at the past to discover roots of the conflict. It also suggests some measures to ease tensions between the West and the Islamic world.  
Individual Research
- **The Rise of Extremist Religious Nationalism in South Asia: Towards a Policy-Relevant Analysis, 2004-2005.**  
The primary objective of this analysis is to examine the nature and agendas of extremist religious nationalism in South Asia. The Harvard University's International Area Study funded the project. Ethics and Public Policy Center, South Asian Studies Unit, Washington DC, USA.
- **Ethnic Conflict and Ethnic Relations in Sri Lanka, 1998-2002**  
The study attempts to identify the roots of the Sinhala-Tamil conflict based on comprehensive historical analysis.  
*Department of History, Nanjing University, Nanjing, P.R.China.*
- **Human Rights in China, 1996-1998**  
The research extensively investigated human rights records in China after the reform in 1978.

- Department of International Politics, Beijing University, Beijing, P.R. China.
- **Ethnic Minority Voting Behavior, 1994**  
This study looked at the voting behavior of Sri Lanka's minorities in Sri Lanka's electoral politics. It identified economic and social factors that influence minority voting behavior and also discussed the political psychology of the minorities of Sri Lanka.  
**Department of Political Science, University of Peradeniya, Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.**

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Refereed Journal Articles**

#### **Published**

- "Eastern Muslims of Sri Lanka: Special Problems and Solutions." *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, Vol. 44, No 4, August 2009, pp. 404-427.
- "Ethno-Political Conflict in Sri Lanka." *Journal of Third World Studies*, Vol 25, No.2, fall 2008, pp.135-152. (Coauthored with Ben Stavis).
- "Symbolic politics, Sri Lanka elections and the Consociational solution." *Asian Affairs*, (Hong Kong Edition) No 27, April 2006, pp. 28-43.
- "Elite Mobilization and Symbolic Politics." *Polity*, Vol. 3, No. 1 & 2, 2006, pp.20-27.
- "Violent Muslim Mobilization in Sri Lanka." *Polity*, Vol. 2, No.5 &6, 2005, pp.14-18.
- "Why the Muslim World is Rebellious?" *Indian Journal of Secularism*, Vol. 8, No. 4, January-March 2005, pp. 82-106.
- "Conflict and Constitutional Solution in Sri Lanka." *Indian Journal of Asian Affairs*, Vol.17, No.2, December 2004, pp. 23-42.
- "The Ethnic Conflict in Sri Lanka: A Historical Overview on the Sinhalese and Tamil Relations and Conflict in the British Colonial Administration," *Journal of Faculty of Arts & Culture of South Eastern University of Sri Lanka*, Vol. 1, January-June, 2001, pp.14-25.
- "Ethnic Relations between Sinhalese and Tamils before the Western Colonization in Sri Lanka," *Journal of Social Justice*, Vol. 35, No.4 (156), 2000, pp.5-8.
- "Ethnic Conflict in Sri Lanka," *Journal of Nanjing University*, Vol.37, No 5, 2000, pp.76-82.

#### **In Progress**

- Identity crisis of Uigur Muslims in China
- Extremist Religious Nationalism in South Asia.
- The Crisis of Identity: A Study on the Muslims of Sri Lanka.

### **Book Reviews**

#### **Published**

- *The History of Sri Lanka. Journal of Third World Studies*, Vol 24, No. 2, 2007. Available at [http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi\\_qa3821/is\\_200710/ai\\_n21100172/pg\\_1?tag=artBody;col1](http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_qa3821/is_200710/ai_n21100172/pg_1?tag=artBody;col1)
- *The Separatist Conflict in Sri Lanka: Terrorism, Ethnicity, Political Economy. Asia Policy*, No. 8, July 2009, pp, 160-173. Available at, [http://www.nbr.org/Publications/Asia\\_policy/AP8/AP8\\_Reviews.pdf](http://www.nbr.org/Publications/Asia_policy/AP8/AP8_Reviews.pdf)

### **Chapters in Edited Books**

#### **Published**

- Ethnic Conflict in Sri Lanka: The Dilemma of Building the Unitary State in Conflict and Peace in South Asia, ed. B.M. Jain (Emerald, 2008), pp.131-153. Chapter URL: [http://www.emeraldinsight.com/10.1016/S1572-8323\(08\)05009-1](http://www.emeraldinsight.com/10.1016/S1572-8323(08)05009-1)

#### **In Press**

- Religion and Politics in Sri Lanka, ed. Ali Riaz (Routledge, 2010). This volume would explore the interplay between religion and politics in contemporary South Asia. There will be five country studies (Pakistan, Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka and Nepal) and an overview. (<http://www.routledgeasianstudies.com/books/Religion-and-Politics-in-South-Asia-isbn9780415778008>)
- Muslim factors: Some thoughts in 60 years of “independence,” ed. Ana Pararajasingham (Switzerland, 2009)

### **Books**

#### **Published**

- *Political Science Theories, Text Book for the General Certificate Examination of Advance Level Political Science Students (Colombo: Prishanmi Creations, 1996) ISBN 955-9174-01-0*

#### **In Press**

- *Ethnic Conflict in Sri Lanka: A Historical Overview* (Colombo, South Eastern Research Publication, 2009)

### **Selected Articles in popular newspapers and Op.Eds**

- Sri Lanka's nightmare, *Washington Times* (USA), December 02, 2006, accessible at, [http://www.washtimes.com/op-ed/20061202-102111-8495r\\_page2.htm](http://www.washtimes.com/op-ed/20061202-102111-8495r_page2.htm)
- Partition Wins when Polity denies Meaningful Power Sharing, *Monsoon Journal*, (Canada), Vol 1 (7), December 2006, accessible at, [http://www.monsoonjournal.com/files/MJ\\_Dec2006\\_Web.pdf](http://www.monsoonjournal.com/files/MJ_Dec2006_Web.pdf)
- Are Latin America's socialist leaders delivering to the poor?, *The Sunday Times* (Sri Lanka), Sunday January 14, 2007
- Are eastern Muslims Jihadists – and practising violence?, *The Sunday Times* (Sri Lanka), Vol 42 (12) Sunday August 19, 2007, accessible at, <http://www.sundaytimes.lk/070819/News/nws19.html>
- Fear of partition may lead to peace, *Tamil Guardian* (UK), Wednesday October 24, 2007, P.12, accessible at, <http://www.tamilguardian.com/tg359/p12.pdf>
- East: Stability on cliffhanger after election, *The Sunday Times*, (Sri Lanka) May 18, 2008, accessible at, <http://www.sundaytimes.lk/080518/News/news0017.html>
- Why Tamil-Muslim unity crucial for peace, *Tamil Guardian* (UK), Wednesday September 24, 2008, P.9, accessible at, <http://www.tamilguardian.com/tg382/p9.pdf>
- Sri Lanka's choices: positive accommodation or partition of the island? (Sri Lanka) Vol 15, No 36, March 15, 2009, accessible at, <http://www.thesundayleader.lk/20090315/viewpoint.htm>
- Presidential Elections, the Sinhala mindset and the future of Sri Lanka " the Sunday Leader, Jan 24, 2010, accessible at <http://www.thesundayleader.lk/2010/01/24/presidential-elections-the-sinhala-mindset-and-the-future-of-sri-lanka/>

### *Selected Web Publications*

- Inclusion is effective nationalism, <http://www.tamilnet.com/art.html?catid=79&artid=29769>
- Timothy Samuel Shah and A.R.M. Imtiyaz, "A Brief on Sri Lanka's Proposed Anti-Conversion Legislation: Information, Observation and Analysis" (Washington, D.C.: LankaLiberty.com), <http://www.lankaliberty.com/reports/index.html>.
- Will Sri Lanka Defeat Symbolic Politics? <http://123srilanka.com/articles/directory.php?id=193>
- Why Do They Oppose? What Can You Do? [http://www.tamilweek.com/WhyOppose\\_WhatCan\\_0028.html](http://www.tamilweek.com/WhyOppose_WhatCan_0028.html)
- International Pressure and the Conflict in Sri Lanka <http://www.sangam.org/articles/view2/?uid=961>
- Why the Oppressed Ethno-Political Group Needs Strong Leadership? [http://www.asiantribune.com/show\\_news.php?id=11542](http://www.asiantribune.com/show_news.php?id=11542)
- Proposed Anti-Conversion Legislation: A Road to Theocracy [http://lankasun.com:8000/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=8100&Itemid=43](http://lankasun.com:8000/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=8100&Itemid=43)

## ENCYCLOPEDIA

- Ethno-political Conflict in Sri Lanka, Encyclopedia of Britannica, 2009  
<http://www.britannica.com/bps/additionalcontent/18/35011436/ETHNOPOLITICAL-CONFLICT-IN-SRI-LANKA>
- Sri Lankan Muslims in America in Encyclopedia of Asian American Folklore, ed. Jonathan H.X. Lee and Kathleen Nadeau (Greenwood Press 2010), in press.

## PRESENTATIONS

- “Theoretical Understanding of the Ethno-Political Conflict in Sri Lanka,” at the 39<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Northeastern Political Science Association, November Philadelphia, USA-November 15-17, 2007.
- “Symbolic Politics, Elite Mobilization and Elections in Sri Lanka,” at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of International Association for Conflict Management, Montréal, Canada-June 25-28, 2006.
- “Why the Muslim World is Rebelling?” at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of International Association for Conflict Management, Seville, Spain - June 12-15, 2005. Earlier version of this paper has been published in the Indian Journal of Secularism in 2004.
- “Islam and Democracy,” at the 10<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Asian Development Studies, USA, April 15-16, 2004.
- “Ethnic Conflict in Sri Lanka,” at the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of International Association for Conflict Management, Melbourne, Australia, June 15-18, 2003.
- “Islam and West,” at the 2nd Asia Pacific Mediation Forum, Singapore, November 19-22, 2003.
- “British Colonization: Origin of the Racial Conflict in Sri Lanka (1796—1947),” at the 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Sri Lankan Studies, Sri Lanka, November, 28-30, 2003.
- “Sri Lankan Ethnic Conflict and Unitary Structure,” at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of International Association for Conflict Management “*Towards a Dialogue between Conflict Theories and Practices across Paradigms and Cultures*,” Cergy, France, June 24-27, 2001.

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOP

- “Is God winning in South Asia?” International Area Studies, Drexel University, USA, November 18, 2009.  
<http://www.drexel.edu/news/digest/default.aspx?d=11%2F16%2F2009&id=5698>
- “Sri Lanka Muslim Diaspora Some Observations on Religio-Identity Trends and Ethnic Relations,” Oakham House, Room D, Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada, September 26, 2008.

- “25 Years after July,” Ontario Federation of Labor Auditorium, Toronto, USA, September 14, 2008.  
The abstract can be accessible at  
[http://www.sundaytimes.lk/080921/News/sundaytimesnews\\_26.html](http://www.sundaytimes.lk/080921/News/sundaytimesnews_26.html)
- “Tamil-Muslim Relations and Unity for Peace,” Steelworkers’ Hall in Toronto, September 13, 2008. The paper can be accessible at  
<http://federalidea.com/fi/Tamil%20Muslim%20Relations.pdf>

### ***WORK IN PROGRESS***

- Elite Mobilization and Ethnic Conflict in Sri Lanka
- Choices and Crisis: A Study of Muslim Political Leaders in Sri Lanka.
- Ethnic Nationalism: A Study of Xinjiang Secessionist Movement in China.

### **LANGUAGES**

- English and Tamil (Advanced proficiency)
- Mandarin Chinese and Sinhala (Proficient)
- Arabic (Five years of study – working knowledge)

### ***HONORS AND AWARDS***

- Wickremasinghe Gold Medal for Political Science , University of Peradeniya , 1994.
- Best overseas student, Masters Degree thesis award, Beijing University, 1998.
- Sri Lankan government undergraduate merit scholarship, 1990.
- Chinese government postgraduate full fellowship, 1996 & 1998.

### ***SPECIALIZED SKILLS***

- Specialist skills in research, information processing and problem solving
- Advanced analytical skills and writing abilities
- Experience in working as a team member
- Operating knowledge of Microsoft Office software packages
- Excellent communication and negotiation skills

### ***MEMBERSHIP***

- Member, the American Political Science Association (APSA) USA.
- Consultant for Sri Lanka Religious affairs, Becket Fund for Religious Freedom (NGO in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations), Washington DC, USA, 2004-2006.  
(<http://www.lankaliberty.com/reports/Anti-ConversionLegislationBrief.doc>)
- Member, the International Association for Conflict Management, USA.

- Member, the Asia Pacific Mediation Forum, Australia.
- Member, World Mediation Forum, Argentina.
- Founder and President, South Eastern Research Forum of Sri Lanka, 1996-1997.

#### CERTIFICATIONS

- Intermediate Qualified Certificate, Library and Information Science, Sri Lanka Library Science Association.
- Diploma in Journalism, Open University, Sri Lanka.

#### EDITORIAL

- Member of Advisory board for the Defense Journal. [www.defensejournal.biz](http://www.defensejournal.biz)
- Chief-Editor of Vidivu, Tamil language magazine, 1992-1996.
- Regular contributor to Asian Tribune [www.asiantribune.com](http://www.asiantribune.com) and Tamil week [www.tamilweek.com](http://www.tamilweek.com)

#### VOLUNTEER

- Served as liaison between administration, staff, and volunteers.
- Work dedicatedly to help war-affected refugees in the North and East Region of Sri Lanka.

#### ACTIVITIES

- ***Regular attendant of the Soloman Asch Center's Tuesday Lunch Seminar, University of Pennsylvania, 2003-***
- ***Research assistantship to the Soloman Asch Center's project on the Sri Lankan refugees, fall 2003.***
- ***Columnist for the Sri Lanka Tamil National newspapers "Thinakaran, Virakesari, and Sari Nigar" (1990-1996).***
- ***Active participant in non-government organizations that are involved with the mediation and conflict resolution in Sri Lanka.***
- Member, Senior Student Council, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, 1996-2000.
- Chaired the Session "*Management of Protracted Ethno-Political Conflicts*" at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual conference of International Association for Conflict Management, Cergy, France, June 24-27, 2001.
- Participant of the 4<sup>th</sup> e-symposium on Conflict Prevention, January 22-30, 2004.

#### MEDIA APPEARANCES

- Sri Lanka after the LTTE, TBC Radio, [www.tbucuk.com](http://www.tbucuk.com) (London)-Tamil, live interview from 3 -5PM (London time), June 13, 2009.

- The Current Ethnic Crisis in Sri Lanka, Part 3, SBS Radio (Australia)-Tamil, <http://www.radio.sbs.com.au/language.php?news=highlights&language=Tamil>, November 10, 2007.
- The Current Ethnic Crisis in Sri Lanka, Part 2, SBS Radio (Australia)-Tamil, <http://www.radio.sbs.com.au/language.php?news=highlights&language=Tamil>, November 3, 2007.
- The Current Ethnic Crisis in Sri Lanka, Part 1, SBS Radio (Australia)-Tamil, <http://www.radio.sbs.com.au/language.php?news=highlights&language=Tamil>, October 27, 2007
- “Economic Reform in China,” Sri Lanka Broadcasting Cooperation. Discussion on the political reform and democracy in China, January 2000.
- “Towards Federal Constitution,” Sri Lanka Broadcasting Cooperation. Interview was focused on a political solution to the ethnic civil war in Sri Lanka, December 1999.