

Rajeewa Suresh Jayasinghe (Ph.D.) **Curriculum Vitae**

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Academic Qualifications:

- Obtained a Ph.D. in Modern History from the *Centre for Historical Studies (CHS)* at the Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, India, 2003.

Title of the thesis:

From Crown Colony to Nation State: The Transfer of Power in Sri Lanka (Ceylon), 1931-1948.

- Obtained a Masters Degree in Modern History from the *Department of Asian Studies* at the University of Texas at Austin, USA, 1998.

Title of the thesis:

The Transfer of Power from the British Colonial State to the Sri Lankan Nation State, 1931-1948.

- Obtained a First Class Honours Degree (*Summa Cum Laude*) in History from the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, 1992.
- Obtained a Diploma in International Affairs at the *Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies (BCIS)*, Colombo Sri Lanka, 1989.

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Awards & Scholarships:

- Awarded the **SAARC Scholarship** by the Indian Government to pursue a Ph.D. at the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India from August 2000.
- Awarded the **Fulbright Scholarship** by the United States Government to pursue an MA at the University of Texas at Austin, USA from August 1996.
- Winner of the **Honourable Performance Award** on the 11th course on American Civilization conducted by the American Study Research Centre (ASRC), Hyderabad, India held from the 30th December 1993 to 30th January 1994.
- Recipient of the **Hilda Obeysekera Scholarship**, 1994. Endowed from the University of Peradeniya Scholarship Fund for post-graduate research.
- **Chulalongkorn Prize for History**: endowed in 1980 and awarded to the candidate with the highest aggregate (not less than 65%) on the performance at the Special Arts Degree Examination on the History of South East Asia from 1500 at the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.
- **Asoka Prize for History**: endowed by the High Commission of India in 1953 and awarded on the basis of the Special Arts Degree Examination at the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.
- **F.H.M. Corbett Prize for Ceylon History**: endowed by D.R. Wijewardena and awarded to the most competitive student in Ceylon History at the Special Arts Degree Examination at the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.
- **Mabel Jayasuriya Prize for History**: endowed by S.E.M. Jayasuriya in 1953 and awarded to the best student in Sri Lankan History at the Special Arts Degree Examination at the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.

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- **Recipient of a University Scholarship:** endowed from the University of Peradeniya Scholarship Fund and awarded on the results on the final examination in each faculty at the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka.
- **Prize for Best Results in the Humanities and the Social Sciences** at Trinity College, Kandy awarded at the College Prize Giving, 1987. (Secondary Education).

Work Experience:

- Senior Lecturer, Grade II of the Department of History of the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, 1998 to date.
- Senior Lecturer (visiting) of the American College of Higher Education, Kandy, Sri Lanka on American History, National Government and International Relations, 1999 to date during weekends.
- Unit Author for the Certificate Course in Social Sciences of the Department of Social Studies for the Open University of Sri Lanka, 01.04.2008 to 30.10.2008
- Research Associate and Assistant Director (Research) of the International Centre for International Studies (ICES), Kandy, Sri Lanka, 2003-2008.
- Consultant to Transparency International (TI), Colombo to review a training course and development of teaching material for its course on "Integrity in Local Government", September 15 to November 15, 2008.
- Teaching and assisting the Intercollegiate Sri Lanka Education (ISLE) Programme affiliated with the University of Peradeniya. The ISLE members are Bates, Bowdoin, Carleton, Colby Grinnell, Holy Cross, Swarthmore and Whitman College which rank high in the list of the Liberal Arts Colleges in the United States.

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Publications (Forthcoming) & Presentations:

- "Civil Society Organizations in Sri Lanka: Their Inherent Strengths and Weaknesses" in *Modern Sri Lanka Studies* Vol. II (New Series), No 02, 2007, University of Peradeniya, pp. 43-59.
- Presented a Paper titled *Civil Society in Sri Lanka: Strengths and Weaknesses* at the Peradeniya University Research Sessions (PURSE) held at the Faculty of Science, 18th December 2008
- Presented a paper titled *An Introduction to Conflict Studies* at the 4th Conference of the Association for the Study of Australasia in Asia (ASAA) held at Hotel Suisse, Kandy, 2nd – 5th December 2008
- Presented a paper titled *Evolution of the Ethnic Conflict in Sri Lanka: Historical Perspectives* in an International Workshop titled "Ethnicity in Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Thailand: Historical Perspectives and Contemporary Issues" in Bangkok at Chulalongkorn University & Ubon Rajathanee University in Thailand, September 5th-9th, 2007
- Presented a paper titled *Sri Lanka's Foreign Relations in the Context of Violent Conflict* in an International Conference titled "Violent Conflict, Terrorism and Nation Building: National and International Responses in Sri Lanka and other South Asian Countries" in Kandy at Hotel Citadel, Sri Lanka, August 3-4, 2007
- Attended an International Conference titled *Civil Society & Democratic Space in South Asia: Civic Interactions, Economic Development and Regional Peace* in New Delhi, India, organized by the Centre for Policy Affairs, January 2006. Title of the paper presented: *Regional Disparity and Civil Society in Sri Lanka*.
- Attended a seminar/workshop titled *Asia Together* in Goa, India, 2004.
- Attended a conference titled *Conflict Resolution* organized by the International Centre for Ethnic Studies, Kandy at Hotel Topaz, Kandy Sri Lanka and presented a paper on *An Introduction to Conflict Studies*, 2004.

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- Participant of the American Civilization program conducted by the American Study Research Centre (ASRC), Hyderabad, India held from 30th December 1993 to 30th January 1994.
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- Conference paper titled Conflict Resolution organized by the International Centre for Ethnic Studies, Kandy at Hotel Topaz, Kandy Sri Lanka and presented a paper on *An Introduction to Conflict Studies*, 2004. Title of the paper presented: *Conflict Case Studies: A Toolkit*.
- A chapter titled The History of Local Government in Sri Lanka in a forthcoming ICES publication titled *Local Government Reform in Sri Lanka: Anticorruption/Governance/Civil Society Strengthening*.

Personal Data:

Date of Birth: 18.09.1966

Sex: Male

Nationality: Sri Lankan

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Civil Status: Married

School Attended: Trinity College, Kandy, Sri Lanka

Sports:

- Awarded *Full Colours* by the University of Peradeniya for Table Tennis, Weight Lifting, and Wrestling, 1989/90, 1990/91.

Special Interests:

- Travelled in Nigeria (1982), Italy (1982), India (1994, 2000-2003, 2004, 2006), United States (1996-1998).
- Aspiring Musician: Guitar & vocals.

Offices Held:

- Secretary, Old Trinitians Sports Club (OTSC), September 2008/09.
- Faculty Representative in the Sports Council of the University of Peradeniya, 2007 to date.
- Senior Treasurer of the History Association (*Curia Historica*) of the University of Peradeniya, 2004 to 2008.
- Guest Editor of the *Ethnic Studies Report* (ESR) of the International Centre for Ethnic Studies, Kandy, 2007.
- Bulletin Editor of the Lions Club of the Hill Capital, Kandy, 2007 to date
- Faculty Representative for the Career Guidance Unit of the University of Peradeniya, 1994-1996.