

CURRICULUM VITAE

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1. ACADEMIC ACCREDITATION

M.A. (South Asian Studies), School of Oriental and African Studies (University of London. (November 1995). Certificate from Summer School on Forced Migration, Oxford under Refugee Studies Programme – July 1998.

2. PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Consultant – International Centre for Ethnic Studies (1984 to date)
- Chairman / Board of Management – Institute of Human Rights (1994 – to date)
- Executive Director – Consortium of Humanitarian Agencies (Nov. 1996 to date)
- Member, National Co-ordinating Committee on Relief, Rehabilitation and Reconciliation (NCCR)– (June 2002 to date)
- Consultant (Subject matter: internally displaced persons in SAARC& ASEAN)- Brookings Institute (December 2002-)
- Member, Advisory Committee, Human Rights Commission (Sri Lanka), project on Minority Rights (November, 2002)

3. SIGNIFICANT WORKSHOPS / CONFERENCES ATTENDED

10th Young Professional's Conference in 1994 – Penang, Malaysia; UN Sub-commission on minorities (presented paper), May 1995; Council of Asian Liberal & Democrats (CALD) – General Assembly in 1997, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Conference of Scholars & Other Professionals working on Refugees and Displaced Persons in South Asia – February 1998, Dacca, Bangladesh (presented paper on Sri Lanka); 2nd Asia-Pacific PARinAc Conference – March 1998, Tokyo, Japan (presented country paper on Sri Lanka); Winter Workshop on Sources of Conflict in South Asia – 'Ethnicity, Refugees, Environment – March 1998, Hikkaduwa, Sri Lanka; South Asia and Eastern Neighbours: Building a relationship in the 21st century – presented paper on management to diversity and its implications for regional civil society, April 1998, New Delhi; The Role of the Ombudsman in Sweden & Sri Lanka Workshop by the Centre for Policy Alternatives, April 1998, Colombo, Sri Lanka; Workshop on Capacity Building & Strategic Planning for Building up Capacity for Post Conflict Rehabilitation, Revival and Development, organised by MARGA Institute / Consortium of Humanitarian Agencies / University of Colombo, Sri Lanka & University of York / Norwegian University of Science & Technology, presented paper on "Humanitarian Concerns"; UNHCR – Sri Lanka 1999 planning workshop, held in September 1998, in Kandy, presented paper on "International Humanitarian Assistance in the Context of Recovery Strategies"; Workshop on Sources of Conflict in South Asia- Ethnicity, Refugees, Environment; held in March 1999, in Nepal, organised by Regional Centre for Strategic Studies (RCSS), delivered a lecture on

“The Plight of Refugees & Displaced Persons in Sri Lanka”; Founding Convention – South Asian Initiative for Human Rights held in July 2000 in Rajasthan, India; Audit of Peace Process in Sri Lanka – organised by South Asia Forum for Human Rights, held from 31st August to 2nd September, 2000, in Bangkok, Thailand; Rights of Minorities organised by the Freidrich Naumann Stifftung held in September, in Berlin, Germany; International Colloquy on the Guiding Principles of Internal Displacement held in September, in Vienna, Austria, organised by the Govt. of Austria / The Brookings Institution & The UN; Consultative meeting on Integrating Peace Building and Conflict Prevention into Development Practice: Toward a Global Applied Research Network held in November in Ottawa, Canada, organised by IDRC; UN Preparatory meeting for Africa – World Conference on Racism, held in January 2001, Dakar, Senegal; South Asia Forum at Wilton Park held in May, 2001 at Wiston House, Sussex, UK; National reconciliation in Lebanon, November 2001; Conference on South Asian’s for Human Rights titled “Including the Excluded – a South Asian Vision”, on 11th & 12th November, 2001 in New Delhi, India; Workshop on the “Development of Human Rights Training for Humanitarian Actors” on November 2001 organised by ICVA in Geneva; International Visitor Programme on NGO Management, August 17-September 07, 2002 in USA; Expert Group Meeting on Internally Displaced Persons, May 19 – 21, 2003 in London, UK; Wilton Park South Asia Forum - Conflict Prevention and Peace-Building in South Asia: What needs to be done?, July 28 – August 1, 2003, Winter Workshop - December 2003 in Calcutta. Panelist in roundtable on When Does Internal Displacement End in Geneva, 27th September 2004.” “10 years of guiding Principles on Internal Displacement” Conference in Oslo on 16 – 17th October 2008; ‘Dialogue on Protection Strategies for People in Situations of Forced Migration’ Organized by MCRG held in Collaboration with the UNHCR, as a Special Part of the Sixth Annual Winter Course on Forced Migration, held in Kolkata on 14-15 December, 2008

4. OTHER AFFILIATIONS/ ASSIGNMENTS

Member of the Institute of Commonwealth Studies of the School of Advanced Study, University of London; Co-ordinator of Cambodian Human Rights Task Force (a project of UNTAC - United Nations Transitional Authority of Cambodia) to co-ordinate the work jointly, of Human Rights NGOs for Cambodian elections in May 1993; Co-ordinated fact finding missions for ICES in areas affected by massacres of civilians in North Central Province in Sri Lanka; Member core-group - Children: Zones of Peace. A call for action, UNICEF initiated project (ongoing); Regional Focal Point for PARinAC (South Asia), partners of UNHCR; Member, Presidential Task Force on Human Disaster Management, Member of Board of Directors, Hayleys Photoprint (pvt) Ltd.; Visiting Lecturer on Diploma in Human Rights ‘98/99 Course at the University of Colombo; Member of the Eminent Persons Group on Refugee and Migratory Movements, Sri Lanka (supported by UNHCR). Consultant Asia Pacific Forum of National Human Rights Institution; Senior Researcher of the International Centre for Ethnic Studies, up until May 2007; Chairman of the Institute of Human Rights; Member of the Board of Management, Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies; Member of the Board of Directors, Resettlement Authority of Sri Lanka and Member of the Advisory Committee to the Minister of Disaster Management and Human Rights, Sri Lanka