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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- 2020 – Present General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Sri Lanka –
PhD Candidate in Intelligence and Counterterrorism
- 2021– 2021 Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies, National
Defence University, Washington -
Executive Seminar 01 – 22 on “New and Emerging Security
Challenges”
- 2014 – 2015 S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, NTU Singapore–
M.Sc. in Strategic Studies (GPA: 4.06)
- 2014 – 2015 S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, NTU Singapore –
Certificate in Terrorism Studies
- 2009 – 2013 University of London, London school of Economics (LSE),
United Kingdom –
B. Sc. International Relations (Second Class Honors – Lower
Division)
- 1994 – 2007 Visakha Vidyalaya, Sri Lanka -
Ordinary Level and Advance Level

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

2019 – 2019	Australian High Commission, Sri Lanka - Social Media Intelligence and Training Programme
2019 – 2019	Embassy of The United States of America, Sri Lanka (Overseas Training Programme), - Women in Intelligence Senior Executive Seminar (WISES)
2013 – 2013	Peace Building and Development Institute, Sri Lanka – Certificate in Mental Health and Psychosocial Support
2011 – 2011	European Commission and with the collaboration of Save the Children, Sri Lanka - Certificate for Introduction to Household Economy Approach
2010 – 2010	MDF-South Asia Adversary, Sri Lanka – Certificate in Project Cycle Management

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH

2018 – Present	Bandaranaike International Diplomatic Training Institute, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka – Guest Lecturer <i>Lecture Details:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conduct lectures related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Jihadist Thought and Practice b. Afghanistan and Security concerns in South Asia c. State and Non – State Actors in International Relations
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2019 – Present

Military Intelligence Training School in Sri Lanka
Guest Lecturer in the ‘Counter Violence Extremism Course’
Conducts lectures under the following topics:

- Definition of terms
- Extremism and violent extremism
- Fundamentalism
- Radicalization process
- Use of social media and internet in radicalization
- Why do people become radicals?
- Psychological signs of radicalization
- Divide and conquer
- PESTLE analysis

2020 – Present

General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Sri Lanka-
Permanent Lecturer in Terrorism Studies, Intelligence and Political
Science in Faculty of Defence and Strategic Studies

Core Skills Set:

- Coordinator of the Ambassador’s Forum organized by the Faculty of Defence and Strategic Studies on 8th March 2021
- Faculty Coordinator of 14th International Research Conference 2021
- Faculty of Defence and Strategic Studies Focal Point on MOUs signed between National Defence University Pakistan and National Defence University Malaysia
- Moderator of the ‘Discussion on Ukraine Crisis’ on 4th March 2022
- Member of the Editorial board of Journal of Defence and Policy Analysis
- Faculty Editor of 15th International Research Conference 2022

2020 – present

General Sir John Kothalawala Defence University, Sri Lanka

Visiting Lecturer in the *MSc Security and Strategic Studies*

conducted by the Faculty of Graduate Studies

Conducts lectures on the following modules:

a. Countering Terrorism: Theory and Practice

- Defining terrorism
- What makes a terrorist?
- Internationalization of Terrorism
- Counter terrorism

b. Intelligence and National Security

- What is intelligence?
- Post 9/11 world of intelligence
- Intelligence agencies
- Intelligence and information warfare
- Intelligence failures

c. Contemporary Challenges to Defence and Security in Sri Lanka

- International Interventions and Sri Lankan Post-war Peace Process
- Post-war Strategic Environment of Sri Lanka
- Civil- Military Relationship in Post-conflict Sri Lanka
- Balancing the regional powers (India and China and US interest in the region through foreign policy)
- Threats from Inter-regional States (Tamil Nadu, South India) and Cross-border Fishing
- Trans National Government of Tamil Elam (TGTE)
- Impact of Diaspora in Post-war Sri Lanka

2020 – Present

Bandaranaike Center for International Studies (BCIS)

Visiting Lecturer - Postgraduate Diploma / Higher Diploma in International Relations programme for Academic Year 2019(B)

Conducts lectures under the following topics:

- Pre-1945 international system
 - Eurocentrism
 - Inter-war period
 - Impact of the Second World War
- Advent of the Cold War
 - Stages of the cold war and superpower relations
 - Cold War confrontations
 - Collapse of the Soviet Union and its implications for world politics

2021 – Present

Institute of National Security Studies Sri Lanka (INSSSL)

Research Fellow

- Project Consultant/Project Leader – Propaganda War and National Security
- Editor in Chief of the Proceedings of Colombo Conclave 2021

2022 – Present

Army War College – Sri Lanka

Visiting Lecturer

Conducts lectures under the following topics:

- World political map, ongoing conflicts and new age of terror
- Analytical writing
- National values, interests, concepts of national security and defence policy

NATIONAL SECURITY AND RESEARCH

2015 – 2020

**Directorate of Military Intelligence -
Intelligence Analyst/Advisor to the Director MI on
counterterrorism/extremism and geopolitics (Major Retd)**

Core Skill Set:

- Advisor/consultant to the Director on counter terrorism/ countering violent extremism and geopolitics.
- Expertise in ‘extremism’ and ‘foreign intelligence’
- Head of ‘Extremism’ and ‘Foreign Intelligence’ Desks (especially during the Easter Sunday Attacks).
- Intelligence Analyst/2nd in Command in an intelligence operation related to Islamist extreme content in social media conducted as an international joint operation.
- Analyze new security threats related to internal and external security.
- Gather, analyze and evaluate information from various sources (local and international elements)
- Determine the significance and reliability of the collected information
- Compile information, analyze findings, conceptualize and interpret while delivering comprehensive reports based on data
- Monitor local, regional and international security trends
- Analyze and provide inputs for special reports from Ministry of Defense and Ministry of Foreign Affairs pertaining to national and international security.
- Engage in collective information sharing internally and externally
- Preparation of necessary reports and Third Party Notes (TPNs) to diplomatic missions on information sharing.
- Instructor in international relations/ extremism/ terrorism/ intelligence studies.

HUMANITARIAN, RECONCILIATION AND REHABILITATION

2015 - 2016

**United Nations Information Center, UNO HQ Sri Lanka –
Programme officer (Intern)**

Core skill set:

- Administrative assistance
- Programme assistance
- Data collection
- Data distribution and report writing

2013 – 2014

RedR Lanka, Sri Lanka –

Programme Officer

Core skill set:

- Donor relations
- Project cycle management
- Conference handling
- Reporting to relevant authorities
- Supervised two interns
- Negotiated with the Disaster Management Center (DMC) in Sri Lanka and arranged the
- Chief organizer of the International Annual General Meeting of RedR International collaborating with the DMC

2013 - 2013

Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund Deutschland, Sri Lanka –

Information Reporting Officer

Core skill set:

- Project cycle management
- Reporting relevant stakeholders
- Monitoring and evaluation,
- Donor relations (ECHO, EU and UNO)

2012 – 2013

CARE International, Sri Lanka –

Monitoring and Evaluation Officer

Core skill set:

- Maintain and manage data bases.
- Assist in capacity building of the staff in M&E.
- Assist in learning knowledge management and having initiatives.
- Participated in the annual case study competition of CARE International.

2011 – 2012

ZOA Refugee Care, Sri Lanka –

Junior Project Officer

Core skill set:

- Project cycle management,
- Donor relations,
- Implementation of reconciliation and rehabilitation projects (long-term and short-term)
- Field work in conflict zones and war affected areas in Sri Lanka as a humanitarian worker.
- Focal point for 10 projects (long term and short term) connecting the field and the donors (such as USAID, AUSAID, ECHO, CRWRC etc).
- Representative for UNDP, UNHCR and UN-OCHA
- Worked closely with the Presidential Task Force (PTF) and in Manik Farm-one of world's largest IDP Camps

2011 – 2011

Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund Deutschland, Sri Lanka –
Intern for the ASB-LST Peace and Rights Collaboration

Core skill set:

- Logframe development,
- Project cycle management,
- Community development,
- Peace building,
- Networking and stakeholder management

2010 – 2010

Management for Development Foundation, Sri Lanka –
Assistant Consultant

Core skill set –

- Data collection and workshop facilitation

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

2021 - 2021

Institute of national Security Studies, Sri Lanka –

Guest Speaker, addressing the Defence community in Sri Lanka on ‘How to Fight LTTE’s Campaign of Lobbying, Litigation and Law Making’, chaired by General Kamal Gunaratne, Secretary of Defence.

2021 – 2021

Institute of National Security Studies, Sri Lanka-

Guest Speake, addressing the Intelligence Community in Sri Lanka on ‘New Security Dimensions Relating to Islamist Extremism in Sri Lanka’ at the Ministry of Defence.

<http://www.insssl.lk/index.php?id=291>

2021 - 2021

Institute of National Security Studies, Sri Lanka-

Panelist on ‘Atrocities on Peace and Humanity: Role of the LTTE’.

<http://www.insssl.lk/index.php?id=275>

2019 – 2019 Chairperson of the ‘Close – Door Meeting on Regional Intelligence Coordination’ organized by United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and Ministry of Defence from 6th to 7th July 2019.

2019 – 2019 **Bandaranaike International Diplomatic Training Institute, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka –**
Guest speaker on delivering “Cumulative Extremism and Reciprocal Radicalization in Post War Societies: The Sri Lankan Perspective”
<https://twitter.com/BidtIlk>

AWARDS

- ‘**Student Research Assistant Study Award**’ awarded by S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
 - *Worked as a Student Research Assistant on religious extremism/political violence and counterterrorism*

RESEARCH AND SUPERVISION

Articles

- Jayaratne, Sinduja Umandi W. "Analyzing the Impact of Daesh on Terror Groups in South Asia - Case of Sri Lanka." *Journal of Bandaranaike International Diplomatic Training Institute*, no. 1 (2019): 127-140.
- Jayaratne, Sinduja Umandi Wickramasinghe. *Why The World Should Not Forget Threat Of Jihadism Amidst COVID-19 – Analysis*. 03 26, 2020. <https://www.eurasiareview.com/26032020-why-the-world-should-not-forget-threat-of-jihadism-amidst-covid-19-analysis/>
- Jayaratne, Sinduja Umandi Wickramasinghe. *Is There A Clash Of Civilization Between The West And Islam? – Analysis*. 04 17, 2020. <https://www.eurasiareview.com/17042020-is-there-a-clash-of-civilization-between-the-west-and-islam-analysis/>

Book Chapters

- Book Chapter (co-author Lt Commander Chaminda Walakuluge) on ‘Countering Violent Extremism: Critical Analysis of Singapore and Sri Lanka’. (Upcoming)

Conferences

- Re-Thinking the Sri Lankan Approach of Countering Islamist Violent Extremism, *13th International Research Conference*, 2020. Sri Lanka
- Non Kinetic Next Generation War in Sri Lanka: Importance of Countering Double Front Propaganda from LTTE and ISIS, *14th International Research Conference*, 2021. Sri Lanka
- Analyzing the Necessity of Intelligence Reform in Post War Sri Lanka, *3rd International Conference*, 2021 in United States of America.
- Why Sri Lankan Intelligence needs a reform in the present context, *Special Joint Conference organized by FDSS KDU and Massey University in New Zealand* under the theme ‘Twenty years of War on Terror and Beyond’. (24th November 2021)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Special Projects: Team member of the “P2P Challenging Extremism: A CVE Youth Initiative” organized by the Department of States, USA and The White House (Challenging extremist ideology, especially targeting ISIS)

Languages: English, Sinhala (native)

Interests: Reading, Dancing (Bronze medalist in Latin American and represented Sri Lanka in 2001 in the International Dancers’ Competition in Kathak and oriental dancing held in Taiwan), Travelling, Voluntary work

Volunteerism:

- Administrative Secretary of the Mexican Youth Forum of SUNFO (Sri Lanka United nations Friendship organization)
- Represented the World Youth Conference 2014
- Student assistant in EDUCATION FAIR UK 2011 under British Council Sri Lanka
- Voluntary Project Secretary – Sri Lanka Saukyadhana Movement

REFERENCES

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I hereby assure you that the above particulars are true and correct and I shall always endeavor to give you entire satisfaction in the discharge of my duties as efficiently as possible with devotion and diligence.

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