

Asanga Tilakaratne **Curriculum Vitae**

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Date of Birth: June 8, 1952 (male, married. 01 child)

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Work Address: Buddhist Studies Program, University of Colombo, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Academic Qualifications:

Doctor of Philosophy in Comparative Philosophy. May 1992: University of Hawai'i at Manoa, USA. Thesis Topic: *Transcendence, Ineffability and Nirvana: An Analysis of the Relation between Religious Experience and Language According to Early Buddhism* (1986-1992).

Master of Arts in Western Philosophy: August 1986. University of Hawai'i at Manoa, USA. (1984-86).

Bachelor of Arts (Hons.) Buddhist Philosophy (main) and Pali (subsidiary). First Class Pass, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka. 1982. Studied Sanskrit in the first year and had an A pass.

Tripitakavedi: Tripitaka, Pali, Sanskrit, Sinhala, English, Tamil and Tarka-nyaya. First Class Pass. 1969-1974. Buddha Sravaka Bhiksu University, Anuradhapuraya, Sri Lanka.

Pracina Pandita: Pali, Sanskrit and Sinhala 1975. Oriental Studies Society, Sri Lanka.

Certificate of Counselling: Paul VIth Centre, Colombo. 1984.

Areas of Specialization: Pali Canon, Early Buddhism, Buddhist Philosophy and Logic, Indian Philosophy, Philosophy of Language, Philosophy of Religion,

Areas of Competence: Early Western Philosophy, Modern Western Philosophy, East Asian Philosophy, Vedanta, Wittgenstein, Kant, Frege and Nagarjuna.

Academic Distinctions

Placed island-first in order of merit at Pracina Prarambha (beginner) (Oriental Studies Society OSS) Examination: 1968.

Placed island-first in order of merit at Pracina Madhyama (intermediate OSS) Examination: 1971.

Entered Buddha Sravaka Bhiksu University as the first in order of merit in an island-wide entrance examination and retained the stand throughout all five years, and graduated with first class pass: 1974.

Placed island-first at GAQ examination held by University of Peradeniya, External Examinations Branch and was awarded internal studentship as a recognition of the merit: 1978.

First-ever First Class Hons. Degree awarded by University of Peradeniya to an external student: 1982.

Prizes

Prize for the subject of Pali in all three Prarambha, Madhyama and Avasana (final) examinations of Oriental Studies Society (OSS), Colombo: 1968, 1971, 1975.

Gunapala Senadheera Prize for the student who scores highest in the final degree examination of Buddha Sravaka Bhiksu University, Anuradhapura: 1974.

Fellowships

East West Center Fellowship awarded by East West Center, Honolulu, Hawai'i, USA to outstanding graduate students from Asia and Pacific: 1984-86.

Commonwealth Fellow at Oxford University and Visiting Scholar at Wolfson College: October 1999- September 2000.

Visiting Professor, Department of Sociology, Yonsei University, Korea, 2007-2008 academic year.

Work Experience: Present

Professor of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Colombo, Colombo & Coordinator of the Buddhist Studies program (from January 2009 onwards).

Founder & Joint Secretary: Sri Lanka Association of Buddhist Studies (SLABS) from its inception in August 2002.

Founder Chairman: Damrivi Foundation (A non-governmental organization working for economic, social and spiritual development), Colombo, Sri Lanka (Founder chairman since 2003-)

Assistant Editor (from 2001): *Dialogue*. Journal published by the The Ecumenical Institute for Study and Dialogue, Colombo. Chief Editor: Dr. Alloysius Peiris, S.J.

Contributing Editor: *International Journal of Buddhist Thought and Culture*, International Association of Buddhist Thought and Culture, Dongguk University, Korea. (2007 onwards)

Member of Advisory Committee: *The Mahachulalongkorn Journal of Buddhist Studies*, Maha Culalongkorn University, Thailand.(2008 onwards)

Member and Sri Lanka Representative: International Program Committee and Representative of Sri Lanka of South and Southeast Asian Association for Study of Religion. (SSEASR). (2007 onwards)

Work Experience: Past

Director: Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies (University of Kelaniya), Colombo, Sri Lanka- 11th December 2003-10th December 2006.

Senior Professor (since 15th January, 2006)

Professor (since January 1998)

Senior Lecturer (since July 1992)

Head of the Department of Buddhist Philosophy (1993-2007)

Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies (University of Kelaniya), Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Teaching career: I have been teaching subjects related to philosophy, logic and critical thinking and Buddhist philosophy since 1986 from when I first joined the University of Hawaii, Department of Philosophy as a PhD student. During 1984-86, I completed my Masters as a Grantee of East West Center and during these two years my teaching career was interrupted. Ever since I joined the Department of Philosophy as a Graduate Student I have been first teaching as a Teaching Assistant and since 1989 (till 1992 July) I was teaching undergraduate courses both at University of Hawaii, Philosophy and Religion Departments and at Chaminade University, Hawaii. I joined Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies in July 1992 as a Senior Lecturer and ever since I have been teaching at the Institute uninterrupted (except Sept.1999-Sept.2000 when I was a Senior Commonwealth Fellow at Oxford University, UK). Meanwhile, I have also been teaching intermittently as Visiting Lecturer at University of Ruhuna, Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, University of Peradeniya and University of Colombo during this period. In the academic year 2007-2008 I was a visiting professor in the Department of Sociology at Yonsei University, Korea. I taught graduate courses on Weber, sociology of religion and

Theory of justice and undergraduate courses on South Asia religion. After joining University of Colombo as professor of Pali and Buddhist studies I have been teaching undergraduate courses on Buddhist epistemology, Buddhist logic, ethics and Western philosophy.

Courses Taught at the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies:

The Indian religious Background and Emergence of Buddhism: Postgraduate Diploma; English and Sinhala mediums: 1993-94.

Buddhist Social Philosophy: Postgraduate Diploma; English medium, 1995 onwards.

Philosophy of Religion and Buddhism: MA; English and Sinhala mediums, 1993-95.
Buddhist Logic and Epistemology: MA; Sinhala and English mediums, 1995 onwards.
Nagarjuna's Philosophy of Emptiness: MA; English and Sinhala mediums, 1997 onwards.
Studies in the Buddhist Concept of Justice: MA 2001.
Vinaya and Modern Legal Philosophy 2001 onwards

Member of University Grants Commission Committee for Postgraduate Studies (2003-2006)

Member of coordinating Committee for National Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences (2003-2006) **and Member of the Interim Board of Management of the same Institute** (2005-2006).

Member of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Kelaniya (2003-2006).

Member of the Editorial Board: Indian International Journal of Buddhist Studies, B.J.K. Institute of Buddhist and Asian Studies, Varanasi, India. (2005-)

Member of the Board of Management and Academic Boards (1993-Oct. 2007): Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, Colombo.

Member of the Senate (1993 onwards): Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, Colombo. Reappointed 2001-2006.

Acting Director: Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, Colombo: From April 21st to July 17th of 1993 and November 22nd to December 06th of 1993.

Visiting Lecturer: Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, Homagama:
Courses Taught: Western Philosophy: 1997. Special 2nd year. English medium.
Buddhism and Contemporary Religions: 1997 & 1998 MA English and Sinhala medium.
Buddhism and Contemporary Problems: 1996. Final year special degree. English medium.

Visiting Lecturer: University of Colombo: Department of Buddhism and Pali. 1997 & 1998, 2001, 2002 and 2003.

Courses Taught:

Buddhist Social Philosophy: general degree final year. 1997-98.

Buddhist Culture in South and South-East Asia: general degree 2nd year. 1997-98.

Mahayana Buddhism: final year. 1998.

Social Philosophy of Buddhism: general degree first year students: 2001.

Buddhist Political and Economic Philosophy: general degree final year students: 2001.

Council Member: The World Buddhist University, Bangkok, Thailand; 2000-2005.

Member of the Senate: Buddha Sravaka Bhiksu University, Anuradhapura, Sri Lanka: 1998-1999 (resigned in September 1999 in order to leave for Oxford University)

Member: Buddhist Advisory Committee and Syllabus Committee for Religions (1998-99) National Institute of Education (NIE), Maharagama Sri Lanka.

Member of Co-ordinating Committee : for developing a curriculum for Conflict Resolution and Peace Studies: Centre for Policy Research and Analysis, University of Colombo, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Visiting Lecturer. University of Peradeniya: 2001. Buddhism and Philosophical Problems: The final year students.

Visiting Lecturer: Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Ruhuna, Matara, 1994-1997. Courses Taught: Social and Philosophical Background of Buddhist Culture: special first year: 1994 onwards: Sinhala medium. Evolution of Buddhist Nikayas 1994. Special 2nd year. Sinhala medium. Contemporary Sri Lankan and World Buddhist Culture: 1995 onwards. Final year; Sinhala medium. Guided the research paper of final year students who specialised in Buddhist Culture and Pali; 1995-96; Sinhala medium.

Visiting Lecturer: Postgraduate institute of Archaeology, Colombo Sri Lanka: Early and Medieval Pali Literature for MSc in Archaeology.

Visiting Lecturer: Vidyodaya Ayatanaya, Buddhist and Pali University, Colombo. 1994 –1997. Courses Taught: Buddhist Social Institutions 1994-96. Special first year. English medium. Studies in Buddhist Aesthetics: 1995-96. Special 2nd year. English medium.

President: East West Center Association: Sri Lanka Chapter (EWCA-SLC) from June 2013; **Secretary** from February.1993 - November 1997.

Instructor: Department of Philosophy, University of Hawai'i at Manoa: 1988-1992. periodically. Courses Taught: Introduction to Philosophy (phil.100) Introduction to Logic (phil.110)

Instructor: Department of Philosophy, Charminade University, Honolulu, Hawai'i. Courses Taught: Mathematical Logic (phil.100); Critical Thinking (phil. 110)

Instructor: Department of Religion, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, Honolulu, Hawai'i. Course taught: Introduction to World Religions (rel.110)

Graduate Teaching Assistant (Instructor in 'Philosophy for Children' Program). Department of Philosophy, University of Hawai'i at Manoa. 1985-1988. Work involved instructing and training public school teachers in teaching children critical thinking.

Visiting Lecturer: Aquinas college of Higher Education, Colombo, Sri Lanka. 1982-1984.

Course Taught: Sinhala Literature for GAQ examination

Visiting Lecturer. Pinvatta Ayatanaya of Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka. 1983-84. Course Taught: Pali Literature.

Research Assistant: Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies (University of Kelaniya) Feb. 1982 - June 1984. Work involved gathering and organizing historically and culturally significant materials from Pali commentaries.

Research Assistant: Encyclopaedia of Buddhism, Ministry of Cultural Affairs, Colombo, Sri Lanka. Sep.1979-Jan.1982. Work involved translating Pali commentaries into English.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

Organized with the support of the board and volunteers and raised funds: 5th International Buddhist academic conference of Sri Lanka Association of Buddhist Studies (SLABS), September 6-8, 2013 at Sambuddhatva Jayanthi Mandira, Colombo 05. **Presented a paper** on “Gilgamesh and Siddhartha: Quest for Immortality”.

Paper Presented: at Global Symposium 2013, Saitama, Japan, January 22-23: ‘Tradition and Modernity: Thinking Asia across Frontiers’ on “Buddhist foundations for meaningful co-existence among individuals, societies and nations”

Paper Presented: at International Conference on Buddhism and Society at Central University of Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, varanasi, India, 13-15, January, 2013, on “Socio-historical approach to Buddhism, Buddhist social theory/philosophy and Buddhist social activism: Towards clarification of some theoretical issues”

Paper Presented: International Seminar on Buddhist Cultural Heritage at Sitagu International Buddhist Academy, Myanmar, 15-17, December, 2012, on “ The Buddhist Heritage of Sri Lanka.”

Paper Presented: Seventh Biennial Conference on ‘Cross Cultural Transmission of Buddhist Texts: Critical Edition, Transliteration and Translation’ at K.J. Somaiya Centre for Buddhist Studies, Mumbai, India, 5-7 December, 2012, on “Buddhaghosa, mahaviharavasinam vacanamagga and ‘indeterminacy of translation’ ”

Chaired a session: at “Dharma/Dhamma Conference, Organized by Mahabodhi Society, India and the Government of India, September 24.29, 2012.

Paper Presented: at The International Conference to Commemorate the 100th Birth Anniversary of the Great Patriarch Sangwol Wongak (Geumgang University, Korea Nov. 12-14 2011) on “Religious Ethics and the New World Order: A Buddhist Critique and Reconstruction”.

Invited Lecture on “A Review of the State of Buddhism in the West” on the UK Buddhist Day at Sri Saddhatissa International Buddhist Centre, Kingsbury, London, 17 July, 2011.

Conducted 05 Seminars (each 2 hours) on “Reflections on the Dhamma: A Conceptual and Philosophical Approach” at Sri Saddhatissa International Buddhist Centre, Kingsbury, London, July 25-29, 2011.

Keynote speech on “The turning of the Wheel of the Dhamma in the West: Significance of the Sambuddhatva” at 2600th Sambuddhatva Jayanti celebrations, Sri Saddhatissa International Buddhist Centre, London, 12th June 2011.

Presented a paper and chaired a session: at the International Buddhist Conference held at Sri Lanka International Buddhist Academy (SIBA). Pallekelle, Sri Lanka, organized by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) in commemoration of the 2600th Sambuddhatva Jayanti, March 20-21, 2011, on “Contemporary Indian Interpretations of Buddhism Interpreted”.

Made a presentation: (with Dr. Ms. Yuki Sirimane) on “Effectiveness of culturally appropriate psychological interventions to cope with stressful situations in humanitarian emergencies: Tsunami experience” at the National Workshop on Evidence Based Practices in Mental Health at Primary Care Level and in the Community, held at Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies (BCIS), Colombo, on 28th February, 2011.

Made a presentation: on “Understanding Mind From a Theravada Perspective” at the International Conference on Science, Spirituality and Education held at Namgyul Institute of Tibetology, Gangtok, Sikkim under the auspices of the Government of Sikkim during 20-23 December, 2010.

Organized the workshop on: The Power of the Word: Socio-Philosophical Dimension of Buddhism and presented a paper: on “Power of the word: socio-philosophical dimension of Buddhism” at the workshop held at Damrivi Foundation Centre, Havelock town, Colombo on 15th December, 2010.

Presented a paper: on “The Political Metaphor in the Life of the Buddha” at the 4th Bi-annual International Conference of the Sri Lanka Association of Buddhist Studies [SLABS) held at Sri Lanka International Buddhist Academy (SIBA), Pallekelle, Kandy, during 10-12, December, 2010.

Presented a paper: on: “The Significance of the Commission into Writing the Tripitaka at the Aluvihara in the 1st Century BCE” at the International Conference organized by the World Fellowship of Buddhists (WFB), at Cinnamon Grand Hotel, Colombo on 16th November, 2010.

Delivered 04 (two hour) lectures on ‘Methodology of Abhidhamma’ at Somaiya Vidyavihar, Mumbai Oct. 01-07, 2010.

Delivered 08 (two hour) lectures on ‘Language and Logic in a Buddhist Perspective’ at Department of Pali, Pune University, September 15-30, 2010.

Presented a paper: on “Is Samatha Indispensable for Vipassana?” at the International Conference on Buddhist Meditation Traditions, organized by Somayya Vidyavihar, Mumbai, India during 3-5 September, 2010.

Chaired the round-table: on Buddhaghosa and the Theravada Tradition at the conference on Buddhist Meditation Traditions, organized by Somayya Vidyavihar, Mumbai, India during 3-5 September, 2010.

Reviewed the abstracts and Chaired the session on Culture and Religion at Annual Research Symposium of Sabaragamuwa University, August 2-28, 2010.

Reviewed the abstracts and Chief Moderator of the session on Engaged Buddhism at International Vesak Day Celebration conference, Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, Thailand, May 24-26, 2010.

99th Sri Sumangala Commemoration Oration on ‘The Ven. Hikkaduwe Sri Sumangala and Buddhist Renaissance’ Vidyodaya Pirivena on 29th April 2010.

Lecture at Patthana Maha Sabha Centre, Narahenpita on ‘How to study Abhidhamma’ on 3rd April 2010.

Presented a paper: on “In What Sense Buddhist philosophy is Philosophy” at the Asian Philosophical Congress held at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India during 6-9 March, 2010.

Suvineetha Gunasekera Memorial Lecture (Department of Sociology, University of Colombo) on ‘Is justice applicable to family? At National Library Auditorium, 26th March, 2010.

Presented a paper: on “Why there is no one Revered Text in the Theravada Tradition?” at the International Conference, Department of Pali, Pune University, India, during 21-23, December, 2009.

Delivered an invited lecture: on “Language and the Nature of Religious Experience” at the Centre for Asian Studies, Gajamadah University, Jakarta, Indonesia, on 8th June, 2009.

Presented a paper & Chaired a session at 3rd South and South East Asian Association for History of Religion (SSEASR) on “A New Trans-yanic Buddhism in the Making?” 03-06 June, 2009, Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia.

Presented a paper titled “The Theravada Standpoint in Meat Eating” at Korean Buddhist Research Institute, Dongguk University, Korea, November 2008.

Represented Sri Lanka and Damrivi Foundation as a faith-based organization and made a presentation: at Global Forum of Faith-based Organizations on Population and Development, Istanbul, Turkey, 20-21 October, 2008.

Keynote Speaker at the first summit of the International Association of Buddhist Universities and International academic seminar on Buddhism and Ethics, on

“Thinking of Foundations and Justification of Buddhist Ethics”, 13-15, September, 2008.

Invited Guest Lecture, Brain Korea 21 Project, at Dongguk University, Korea: presented a paper on “Some Key Aspects of Buddhist Philosophy of Education”, Nov. 29, 2007.

Presented a paper titled “Suffering of Life and Liberation in Theravada Buddhism” at the annual conference of Korean Buddhist Professors’ Association, held at Woljungs-sa, Ohdae Mountain, Korea, August 20-23, 2007.

Presented a paper titled “ The Early Vinaya Stand on Monastic Sexual Behaviour: A Study of the First Parajika of the Theravada Vinaya” at International Conference on Celibacy and Religious Enlightenment/Salvation, organized by International Centre for Korean Studies, Institute of Korean Culture, Korea University, Korea, August 2-3, 2007.

Presented a paper titled “Globalization and Religion in Asia: Is Religion an Equal Competitor?”, at Yonsei University Social Science Research Institute (SSRI) Spring Seminar on “Korea and Asia in Globalization: Culture, History and Politics”, 25th May, 2007.

Presented a paper: “Verification, Falsification and Search for Certainty in Knowledge: An Old Question Revisited” at Sociology Department Seminar, Yonsei University, 04th April, 2007.

Invited Guest Lecture: Korea Foundation Seminar, New Millennium Hall, Yonsei University, on “Multiple ways of studying religion: Is there one right way?”, 20th March, 2007.

Chairman: November 28, 2006.: The joint one-day conference of PGIPBS and Jin Guk Order, Korea. Worked as the Chairman of the Conference.

Coordinator, Resource Person & Presented a Paper: World Philosophy Day seminar organized by National Science Foundation, Colombo: presented a theme paper on “Critical Thinking and Logic: A View from Periphery”; worked in the steering committee and also worked as a resource person in the seminar, being the Discussant for the Key-Note Address of Prof. K. Ramakrishnan, November 21-22, 2006.

Coordinator & Presented a Paper: Sri Lanka Association for Buddhist Studies (SLABS) conference: took part in organizing and presented a paper on “ Pratiti Nirakrta of Dharmakirti” November 17-19, 2006.

Gave a Seminar on “Comparative Studies: Buddhist and western Philosophy” at Centre for Buddhist Studies, University of Hong Kong. September 27, 2006.

Read a Paper on “Xuan Zang (and Other Chinese Pilgrims) on the History and Religion of Sri Lanka” at 3rd International Conference on Xuan Zang, organized by Centre for Xuan Zang Studies, Academy of Social Sciences of China, held at Daichi Monastery, Chengdu, Sichuan Province, China. September 18-28, 2006.

Served as a Discussant at the Second Study Group meeting on Sri Lanka for the East West Center Washington Project on *State Building Challenges in Asia*, , Colombo, Sri Lanka. commented on the paper by Neil DeVotta on “Buddhist Nationalism and Ethnic Politics in Sri Lanka”. August 14-16, 2006.

Presented a paper on “Buddhism and Inter-religious Harmony” at the International Buddhist Conference, Kandy, Sri Lanka, 11-12, August, 2006.

Coordinator and the Chief Resource Person of Research project on “How mental health can be addressed in a gender-sensitive manner using Buddhist Philosophy”, funded by UNIFEM, and wrote the final report. February – April, 2006, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Presented a paper on ‘Dialogue Within: Dynamics of Interaction among the Buddhist Schools’ at the International Conference on Buddhism in the New Era: Chances and Challenges, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, July 15-16, 2006.

Represented Sri Lanka and served as a panelist: at the World Buddhist Forum, Hangzhou, China, April 13-16, 2006.

Paper Presented: at the seminar: "Scientific Implications of Some Key Buddhist Concepts" organized by Society for the Integration of Science and Human Values, " Three Characteristics of Existence and Dependent Arising; The Buddhist Naturalist View of Reality", December 17, 2005, Colombo.

Paper Presented: Conference on "Pali and Buddhist Studies: A View Towards the Future: Dec 10-11, BMICH, Colombo. Presented a paper on " Sociological and Anthropological Studies on Buddhism".

Paper presented: Pontificia Universita Gregoriana, Rome, Conference on " Nostra Aetate Today", September 25-28, 2005. Plenary speaker and presented a paper on "40 years of Nostra Aetate- A Buddhist Response"

Paper Presented: The XIVth Conference of the Institutional Association of Buddhist Studies. School of Oriental and African Studies, (SOAS) London, August 29- September 3, 2005. Presented a paper on : Personality Differences of Arahants and the Origins of Theravada"

Paper Presented: Ninth East West Philosophers' Conference on - Educations and their Purpose : A philosophical Dialogue Among Cultures, East West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA May 29- June 10, 2005. Presented a paper on " Enlightened Ignorance: Rethinking Education as a Means of Generating Knowledge"

Gandhara Week Celebrations in Pakistan March 28- April 3, 2005. Cultural tour in Pakistan, represented Buddhism, Pakistan.

Paper Presented: South and Southeast Asian Association for Study of Religion (SSEASR) January 27-30, 2005, India. Presented a paper on " Religious Conflicts and Religions Truths: Are Conflicting Truth claims Responsible for Religious Conflicts?"

Paper Presented: “Sociological and Anthropological Studies on Sri Lankan Buddhism”, at the international conference on ‘Exploring Theravada Studies: Intellectual Trends and the Future of a Field of Study’ organized by Asia Research Institute, on 12-14 August 2004, at the National University of Singapore.

Paper Presented: “Religious Tolerance: A Buddhist Analysis” at the international conference on ‘Buddhism for Twenty-First Century: An International Perspective’ on 25-29 August 2004, at Central institute of Buddhist Studies, Leh, Ladakh.

Paper Presented: “Peace Beyond Globalization: A Buddhist Perspective” at the International Conference on Building Spirituality and Culture of Peace beyond Globalization, organized by National Christian Council, Colombo, 13-16 August, 2003.

Paper Presented: “A Study of Contemporary Sinhala Buddhism in Sri Lanka” at the Workshop on Changing Ethnic Identities in Sri Lanka, organized by American Institute for Sri Lanka Studies, on the 14th June, 2003, Colombo.

Paper Presented: “Using Physical Power/Force and Inflicting Pain as Problems in Buddhist Ethics”, at Seminar on Buddhist Thought and Culture jointly sponsored by Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, Colombo, and Dongguk University, Korea; Colombo, on the 8th January, 2003.

Rapporteur: at International Conference on Buddha Sasana in Theravada Buddhist Countries: Issues and Way Forward, Sponsored by Ministry of Buddha Sasana, the Government of Sri Lanka; Colombo, 16-19, January, 2003.

Paper Presented: “From Smoke to Fire: How safe is the Passage? An Examination of Dharmakirti’s Karya-linga”, at Symposium on Buddhist Logic, Department of Philosophy, University of Peradeniya, Peradeniya, Sri Lanka; 22nd December 2002.

Member of the Panel of Judges: Annual Research Sessions, University of Peradeniya, Peradeniya, 2001, 2002 and 2003.

Paper Presented: “The Buddha and his Sangha” at the 3rd Buddhist-Christian Symposium organized by Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, held during Sept.27-Oct.3, 2002 in Tokyo, Japan.

Paper Presented: “The Role of the Sangha in the Conflict in Sri Lanka’ at International Conference on Buddhism and Conflict in Sri Lanka organized by the UK Association of Buddhist Studies, held at Bath Spa University College, Bath, UK, June 28-30, 2002.

Paper Presented: “The Buddhist Doctrine of Karma as a Theory of Justice” at International Conference on Buddhism in Global Perspective, organized by K.J. Somayya Centre for Buddhist Studies, Mumbai, India, Otani University, Kyoto, Japan and Nav Nalanda and Mahavihara, Bihar, India, March 13th-15th, 2002.

Participated and made a presentation: at State-of-the-art of Truth Commissions, Workshop for the Expert Public, Marga Institute and Berghof Foundation for Conflict Studies in Sri Lanka Office, Colombo; March 23rd 2002.

Invited Lecture: Spoke on Economic Crisis and Buddhism, at Sarvodaya International Workshop organized in association with Deer-park Initiative, USA, on contemporary social, political and economic crisis in Sri Lanka; October 27, 2001.

Reviewed “The Role of the Sangha in the Reconciliation Process in Sri Lanka. by Chandra R. de Silva and Tessa J. Bartholomuezs, on April 27, 2001, at Marga Institute, Colombo.

Invited Buddhist Guest and Chaired a group session: at International Conference on religious dialogue, held in Vatican City, Rome to mark the 2000 Millennium, October 23-27, 2000.

Paper Presented at Rissho Kosei Kai symposium on Lotus Sutra. July 10-15 1999 Bandaisan, Japan. Title of the paper: ‘Skill in Means in Buddhist Ethics’.

Paper Presented at Kelaniya-Taisho Joint Conference held in Kelaniya University, Sri Lanka during 21-23 January, 1999. Title of the paper: ‘Buddhist Studies and Research in Sri Lanka: 1871-1999’.

Paper Presented at NGO Consortium of Sri Lanka on ‘Role of Religion in the Present Ethnic Crisis in Sri Lanka’. 24-25 January, 1999.

Paper Presented: At the Seminar on ‘Religion in Sri Lanka since Independence’: The theme of the paper: ‘Buddhism in Sri Lanka since Independence’ at the Ecumenical Centre for Study and Dialogue, Colombo 05, Sri Lanka, October 31st 1998.

Professor KN Jayatilleke Memorial Lecture: on ‘KN Jayatilleke’s Interpretation of Nirvana Revisited’ July: 1998.

Paper Presented: Seminar on ‘Word and Silence in Buddhism and Christianity’ organized by Pontificium Consilium pro Dialogo Inter Religiones, Rome; held in Ashirvanam Monastery in Bangalore, India, July 8-11, 1998

Represented the Sri Lanka Buddhist Scholarship and Presented a Paper: at the Conference on Buddhist Studies and Research organized by the Center for Buddhist Studies, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand; Dec. 16-19 1997. The theme of the paper: ‘Buddhist Studies and Research in Sri Lanka 1971-1997’.

Paper Presented: Seminar on ‘Globalization and Religion’ organized by Ecumenical Institute for Study and Dialogue: 15th - 16th September, 1997. The theme of the paper: ‘Globalization: Buddhist Perspective to Economics’.

Discussant: Seminar on ‘Buddhism, Science and Realism’ at Institute of Fundamental Studies, Kandy, on May 9-11, 1997, jointly organized by Vidyarthi Association and Institute of Fundamental Studies.

Paper Presented: National Seminar on ‘Education for Peace, Tolerance, & National Reconciliation’ jointly organized by Sri Lanka Foundation and UNESCO New Delhi

Office; at Sri Lanka Foundation Institute; 26th-28th January, 1996. Topic of the paper: 'Rationale for Tolerance: A Critique and a Reconstruction'.

Paper Presented: Symposium on 'Wilhelm Geiger and Study of Sri Lanka' organized by German Cultural Institute, Colombo; July 21st- 23rd, 1995. Topic of the paper: 'Authentication of the Scripture: A Study of the Theravada Hermeneutics'. (published in *Wilhelm Geiger and Study of Study of History and Culture Sri Lanka* edited by Asanga Tilakaratne with Ulrich Everding, Colombo, 2000).

Paper Presented: 11th Congress of the International Association of Buddhist Studies held in Mexico City, Mexico; Oct 24-28, 1994. Topic of the paper: 'Saddha as an Aspect of Knowledge and its Significance in the Buddhist Religious Practice'.

Discussant: Symposium on 'Nature, Ethics and Cosmology: An Exchange between Anthropology and Philosophy'; organized by the Research Project on Indegenous Medicine and Cultural Survival, University of Peradeniya, June 24-28, 1994: at University of Peradeniya.

Sir Don Baron Jayatilleke Memorial Lecture YMBA Colombo Feb.13, 1994; Topic: Ethnic Conflict in Sri Lanka: Search for a Middle Position'.

Organiser cum Coordinator: International workshop sponsored by UNESCO on Buddhist Research and Information , Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, Colombo: Jan.21-23.1994.

Participant: Seminar on 'Buddhism and Christianity: Interaction between East and West' jointly organized by German Cultural Institute, Colombo and Institute of Fundamental Studies (IFS), Kandy; Dec. 18-19, 1993. at IFS, Kandy.

Paper Presented: at seminar on 'Health Care Allocation' sponsored by Centre for Medical Ethics, University of Oslo, Norway; Jan.29-31, 1993; Kandy, Sri Lanka. Topic of the paper: Health care Allocation: Some Buddhist Inputs.

Paper Presented: at Fo Kuang Shan International Buddhist Conference, Kaoshung, Taiwan; December 1990; Topic of the paper: Valuing Nature: How Buddhism Can Help (published in the proceedings).

Paper Presented: at First E. Lamotte Symposium, at L'universite de Louvain, Brussels; Sept 1989. Topic of the paper: 'Development of Sacred Language in the Buddhist Tradition'.

Paper Presented: at Western Conference for Association of Asian Studies (WCASS), August 1985. University of California, Long Beach; Topic of the paper: Robe and Ballot: Protestant Buddhism in Contemporary Sri Lankan Politics.

Represented Buddhism: at the 6th Assembly of World Council of Churches (WCC) held at University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada; August 1983.

Paper Presented: Buddhist Leaders' and Scholars' Conference: Colombo, Sri Lanka, September 1982: Topic of the paper: Buddhist Proposals for Development and Social Justice.

Member of the Buddhist Group: Seminar on Religious and Cultural Traditions in the Development of Human Rights in Sri Lanka; organised by Sri Lanka Foundation; Sept-Dec. 1980.

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

1. ***Minis Getalu Pilibanda Bauddha Vighaya (in Sinhala)*** (An Analysis of Human Problems from a Buddhist Perspective), 1979 (**State Literary award for the best publication of the category of Buddhism for 1979**). Reprinted 1984, 1992 & 2009.

2. ***Nirvana and Ineffability: A Study of the Buddhist Theory of Reality and Language*** pp. xi + 169. Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, Colombo, Sri Lanka. 1993.

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නිවන්මග (සංස්කරණය: ටෙනිසන් පෙරේරා: රජයේ මුද්‍රණාලය බෞද්ධ සංගමය) - 1995 පිටු 101 - 110

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පුදාදිනි: කන්දෙගෙදර ශ්‍රී සුමනවංස මහනාහිමි ගාස්ත්‍රිය උපභාරය (සංස්කරණය : නෙළුමිදණ්ඩේ විමලසාර හිමි) - 1995 පිටු : 81 - 100

11. “නූතනත්වයේ අභියෝග හා බුදුසමය”

දහමි අමා (දහමි පාසල් ගත සංචිතය, සංස්කෘතික කටයුතු පිළිබඳ දෙපාර්තමේන්තුව සංස්කරණය : ඩබ්ලිව්. පී. විරන්ත ආදිහ) - 1995 පිටු : 103 - 111

12. “යුද්ධය බොදු ඇසින්” දිනමිණ වෙසක් කලාපය (සංස්කරණය : තිලකරත්න

කුරැවිට බණ්ඩාර) - 1995 පිටු : 14 - 17

13. “අභිධර්මයෙහි ප්‍රභවය, ස්වභාවය, අන්තර්ගතය හා දර්ශනය සම්බන්ධ මහාවාර්ය වයි. කරුණාදාසගේ මත පිළිබඳ අධ්‍යයනයක්”
අභිධර්ම අධ්‍යයන සි/ස කරුණාරත්න සහ පුත්‍රයෝ - මරදාන. - 1995 පිටු : 247 - 265
(දෙවන මුද්‍රණය හා සංස්කරණය) 2012 පිටු : 281 - 300
14. “පටිච්ච සමුප්පාදය බෞද්ධ චින්තනයෙහි දාර්ශනික පදනම වන අයුරු”
සිංහල බෞද්ධයා සියවස අනුස්මරණ ශාස්ත්‍රීය සංග්‍රහය (සංස්කරණය : ආචාර්ය ඉත්තපාන ධම්මාලංකාර අනු නාතිමි, මහාවාර්ය කපිල අභයවංශ) මහාබෝධි සමාගම 2006 - පිටු : 19 - 32
15. “නිශ්ශබ්දතාවෙහි ආගමික අර්ථය පිළිබඳ විමසීමක්”
සමරපනා ධර්ම ශාස්ත්‍රීය ලිපි සංග්‍රහය. - 1997 පිටු : 31 - 38
16. “නාගාර්ජුන” (සිංහල විශ්වකෝෂයෙහි පළ කිරීම සඳහා පිලිගෙන ඇත). - 1997
17. “චලයෙන් හේතුව අනුමාන කිරීමේ අ/තාර්කිකත්වය : ධර්මකීර්තිපාදයන්ගේ කාර්ය ලිංගය පිළිබඳ විමර්ශනයක්
අන්වේෂණා පාලි හා බෞද්ධ අධ්‍යයන පශ්චාත් උපාධි ආයතනය, කොළඹ, - 1997 පිටු :124-133
18. “ඥානයෙහි අවාච්‍යත්වය පිළිබඳ ගැටළුව”
ශ්‍රී ලංකා ප්‍රවීණ භාෂෝපකාර සංගමය : ශාස්ත්‍රීය සංග්‍රහය, - 1999 පිටු : 135 - 147
19. “නාගාර්ජුන පාදයන්ගේ දර්ශනය අර්ථකථනය කිරීම පිළිබඳ ගැටළුව”
සම්භාෂා 1999, (පිරිවෙන් අධ්‍යාපන අංශය, අධ්‍යාපන අමාත්‍යාංශය, ඉසුරපොය, බත්තරමුල්ල.)
20. “දහම් දෙසීමෙහි ආගමික අර්ථය හා චේතිහාසික විකාශය”
සම්මුති 2, සංස්කරණය : තලගල්ලේ හේමසිරි ආදිහ, - 2002 පිටු : 50 - 70
21. ප්‍රස්තාවනාව
අභිධර්ම සමුච්චය, සිංහල පරිවර්තනය : හේන්පිටිගෙදර කුණාසිහ හිමි සර්වෝදය විශ්ව ලේඛා ආයතනය, රත්මලාන, - 2002 පිටු : Vii – Xii
22. ප්‍රස්තාවනාව
අභිධර්මාමෘතය, සිංහල පරිවර්තනය : හේන්පිටිගෙදර කුණාසිහ හිමි සර්වෝදය විශ්ව ලේඛා ආයතනය, රත්මලාන, - 2002 පිටු : Vii – Xii

23. විස්තරාතමක හැඳින්වීම
මහාකාශය පාලනවේදී, රාජකීය පණ්ඩිත නරමානේ බුද්ධරක්ඛිත හිමි, ශ්‍රී දේව ප්‍රකාශන - 2002
24. විස්තරාතමක හැඳින්වීම
සවණිය බුද්ධත්ව, දයාරත්න අංගේට්ටිගම, සුරිය ප්‍රකාශන - 2002
25. “ජනවාදික සට්ටනය විසඳීමේදී හික්ෂුන්ගේ කාර්යභාරය, (මුල් ඉංගිරිසි ලිපියෙහි පරිවර්තනය)
බුද්ධත්වය හා ශ්‍රී ලංකාවේ ජනවාදික සට්ටනය, සංස්කාරක : දිගල්ලේ මහින්ද,
 කොළඹ, - 2002 පිටු : 277-308
27. “අපරිමිත ස්තේහය පිළිබඳ බෞද්ධ පරමාදර්ශනය”
ඥානාලෝක සම්භාවනා ශාස්ත්‍රීය සංග්‍රහය (සංස්කරණය : හිලක් කාරියවසම්,
 උයන්වත්තේ ඤාණාලෝක උපහාර කමිටුව වේවැල්ලුව, කැලණිය) - 2003
28. විස්තරාතමක හැඳින්වීම : පිරිතෙහි පරිණාමය, කර්තෘ : ගැමුණුසිරි චගොඩගමගේ (කර්තෘ ප්‍රකාශන)
29. ලෝක බෞද්ධ අධ්‍යයන තුළ ශ්‍රී ලාංකික චේතනා හා පාලි අධ්‍යයන: අභියෝග, ගැටලු හා අනාගතය. ශ්‍රී ලංකා ප්‍රාචීන භාෂෝපකාර සමාගම, 2004 පිටු: 33.
30. “ගෝලීයකරණය හා හික්ෂුන්වහන්සේ”
 සාරථී : රත්කැරැව්වේ විමලධම්ම නාහිමි, අභිනන්ද, සංග්‍රහය, සංස්කාරක : කඩියාරේ සෝමානන්ද හිමි 2006
31. “ශ්‍රී ලාංකික බුද්ධත්වය යන්නෙහි අර්ථය කුමක්ද?”
මහාචාර්ය කුසුමා කරුණාරත්න අභිනන්දන, සංස්කරණය: අගලකඩ සිරි සුමන හිමි ආදිහු
 විජේසූරිය ග්‍රන්ථ කේන්ද්‍රය. 2007 පිටු: 428 - 440.
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 සම්භාෂා: නික්කඩුවේ සීටි සුමංගල නානිමි අනුස්මරණ කලාපය. සංස්කාරක: ප්‍රජා වලස්වැවේ කැණරතන නානිමි හා පී. රූපසිංහ පෙරේරා.
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 අතිධර්ම අධ්‍යයනය (දෙවන සංස්කරණය) : සී/ස ගොඩගේ සහ සහෝදරයෝ - මරදාන - 2012 පිටු 102 - 113

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 සීමාසහිත ගොඩගේ සහ සහෝදරයෝ (පුද්ගලික) සමාගම, කොළඹ. 2012 පිටු: XVII – XXXI
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 මහජන බැංකුව, කොළඹ පිටු: 25-27
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