

Asanga Tilakaratne **Curriculum Vitae**

Name: Asanga Tilakaratne, PhD

Emeritus Professor of Buddhist Studies, University of Colombo, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Editor-in-Chief, Encyclopaedia of Buddhism, Ministry of Buddha Sasana, Govt. of Sri Lanka: (2021 January onwards).

Formerly Senior Chair Professor of Pali and Buddhist Studies, Department of Buddhist Studies, University of Colombo, Colombo.

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

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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.

Fellowships and Awards

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.

Research Excellence Award (in Arts and Humanities Division): University of Colombo, 2013 (for 2012).

Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Directors Sri Lanka (CVCD) Excellence Awards 2014: Most Outstanding Senior Researcher in the Field of Humanities, Aesthetics and Social Sciences.

Honourary Life Membership awarded by All Ceylon Buddhist Congress (ACBC), 29th January, 2021.

Ananda Coomaraswamy Fellowship 2020: Sahitya Akademi, Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

Visiting Professor

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

Visiting Senior Lecturer at Department of Theology and Religion, University of Otago, New Zealand, February – May, 2015.

Khyentse Visiting Professor at Department of Pali, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Maharashtra, India, 16.09.2017 – 15.12.2017.

Visiting Professor at Sitagu International Buddhist Academy, Sagaing and Mandalay, Myanmar, from June 2018 to February 2019.

Visiting Professor (Foreign Faculty) at Nalanda University, Rajgir, Bihar, India: Spring Semester (January-May 2020)

On-going Work

Founder & Joint Secretary: Sri Lanka Association of Buddhist Studies (SLABS) from its inception in August 2002. **President** since 2018.

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

Chairman, East West Center Participants Association (EWCPA), Sri Lanka Chapter (since 2013)

Assistant Editor (from 2001): *Dialogue*. Journal published by 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 of the Advisory Board: Mahidol University Buddhist Journal, Thailand (2013).

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)

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND PROJECTS

Delivered Keynote Address at International Conference on Humanities (on “Knowledge of Values and value of Knowledge”), University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka on 29th July, 2021. (delivered in person)

Delivered a Lecture on Bhiksu Jagdish Kashayap at the International Conference on Jagdish Kashayap organized by Siddham: Institute of Indic and Intercultural Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi, on 10th April, 2021. (delivered on-line)

Delivered a Lecture on “Panna in the Threefold Training (ti-sikkha)” at Tibet House International Conference on Ti-sikkha, on 6th March, 2021. (delivered on-line)

Delivered the Keynote Speech at the inauguration of an anthology of papers [*Bauddha Jnanavibhagaya*, ed. Gonalagoda Nanda Himi & Dr. Namali Kumari Handagama] in commemoration of the 50th death anniversary of Professor K.N. Jayatilleke: Peradeniya University. 17th February, 2021. (delivered in person)

Delivered Annual Padmapani Lecture (2020): Tibet House, Delhi: on “Body, Mind and Purification: Reflections on the Body Factor in the Path”, on 19th January, 2021. (delivered on-line)

Served as the Buddhist Resource Person and Developed Six Lesson units at ‘Interreligious Cooperation for Peace: Joint Course Development Project by Globethics.net and Jesuit Worldwide Learning, Geneva, January-May, 2020.

Contributed Four Entries on (1) What is the Hinayana? (2) What is the role and focus of faith in Buddhism? (3) What is the role of ritual in Buddhism? And (4) What are the holy texts of Buddhism? to the project ‘Buddhism in Five Minutes’, executed and edited by Elizabeth J. Harris, to be published by Equinox, UK. May 2020.

Presented a Paper on “Theravada Concept of Mind” at ‘Seminar on Buddhist Psychology: Theory and Practice’, held at Department of Pali, Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, India, February 17-19, 2020.

Served as the Buddhist Expert and Presented a Paper on “Buddhism in Situations of Armed Conflict: Correspondences between Buddhism and International Humanitarian Law (IHL)” at Seminar on ‘Reducing suffering during armed conflict: The interface between Buddhism and International Humanitarian Law (IHL)’ organized by International Committee on Red Cross (ICRC) and Shan State Buddhist University, Taunggyi, Myanmar, February 8-9, 2020.

Delivered a Special Lecture on ‘Overview of Fourfold Mindfulness in Pali Sutra’ at the International conference on ‘Satipatthana Sutta: Theory and Practice in Theravada and Mahayana’, organized by Tibet House, New Delhi, India, 28-29, December 2019.

Keynote Speaker at the Symposium organized by *Social Affairs* Journal in collaboration with Faculty of Arts, Peradeniya University on ‘Academic Dependency and Indigenous Knowledge: The Role of Social Sciences’ [‘Knowledge, Reality and Ethics: A Buddhist Critical Response to Dominant Epistemological Frameworks and Suggestions for Alternatives’], 12-14, December 2019.

Invited Speaker at Royal Asiatic Society of Sri Lanka symposium on Common Heritage, [‘Influence of Buddhist values in the evolution Sri Lankan society’], 30 November 2019.

Special Guest and Invited Lecturer at Postgraduate Institute of Management (PIM), (University of Sri Jayawardenepura) inauguration of PhD program for 2019, 21 November 2019.

Chaired a Session, at 5th International Pali Conference, Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies, Peradeniya University, 30 October, 2019.

Keynote Speaker [‘Need for paradigm shift: A metta-based approach to business management’] at Faculty of Finance and Management International Research Conference, University of Colombo, 25 October, 2019.

Keynote Speaker at Peradeniya University International Research Sessions (iPURSE 2019) [‘Production of Knowledge in Humanities and Social Science’], 11-12, September 2019.

Presented a paper on ‘Implications of two dimensions of Buddhist practice on statecraft’ at International conference on ‘Reducing suffering during conflict: The interface between Buddhism and International Humanitarian Law (IHL)’ organized by Sri Lanka Red Cross (ICRC) at Dambulla, Sri Lanka, 4-6 September, 2019.

Delivered Professor K.N. Jayatilleke Memorial Lecture on ‘Paticca Samuppada as the universal Buddhist philosophical basis’ at Peradeniya University, 8 July 2019.

Conducted 02 graduate seminars on ‘Debating Methods of the *Kathavatthu*’ at Nalanda University, Rajgir, India, 8-10, April, 2019.

Delivered invited lecture at the inauguration of the English translation of ‘*Satyodaya Katha*’ [‘Dawn of Truth’] of Walpola Rahula Thera at Foundation Institute, Colombo 07, 29 March 2019.

Delivered Professor Bellanwila Wimalaratana First Memorial lecture at BMICH, Colombo, on ‘Attitudes and Behaviour toward Religious Multiplicity in Sri Lanka,’ 3rd March 2019.

Keynote Speaker at [‘An Examination of the Dependently Arisen Character of the Buddhist Monastic Life’] Centenary Celebrations of Ratmalane Sri Dharmarama Nayaka Thera of Vidyalanka Pirivena, Peliyagoda, Dec.2, 2018.

Keynote Speaker [‘Three Endangered Species of Theravada Studies’] at international conference of International Association of Theravada Buddhist Universities (IATBU) organized by Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, Homagama, Nov. 27-28, 2018.

Keynote Speaker [Dependent Origination from the Buddha to Nagarjuna] at international conference on ‘Breaking through Links, Independent Perspectives on the Buddhist Theory of Dependent Origination’, Shan State Buddhist University (SSBU), Shan State, Myanmar, Nov.12-13, 2018.

Made a presentation on ‘Some Buddhist Reflections on Liberation Theology and Dialogue’ and represented Buddhism at World Council of Churches Consultation on Interreligious Dialogue and Liberation, Siem Repp, Cambodia, August 27-28, 2018.

Presented a paper on “Analysis of Mind in Theravada Buddhist Philosophy“, India: Sarnath: at International Conference on Mind in Indian Philosophical and Schools of Thought and Modern Science, Central University of Tibetan Studies, December 30-31, 2017.

Delivered a lecture on ‘Emerging New Trends in Buddhism’ at Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Pune on December 14, 2017.

Delivered a lecture at Tilak Maharashtra Vidyapeeth, Pune on ‘Buddhism in Southeast Asia’ on December 09, 2017.

Delivered three invited lectures on ‘The Path of the Bhikkhu: From Ancient Benares to Modern Colombo’ at Somaiya Vidya Vihar, Mumbai on 23, 24, and 25 November, 2017.

Delivered Sri Sankaranarayan Memorial lecture on ‘Physical Purity and Salvation’ at Somaiya Vidyavihara, Mumbai on 11.11.2017.

Delivered a lecture on ‘Debates in the Theravada Buddhist Tradition’ at Dzongsar Tibetan Monastic College, Bir, Billing, Himachal Pradesh, India on October 15, 2017.

Made a presentation on “Anthropology and Sociology of Karma: How the Buddhist Society in Sri Lanka has Incorporated and Internalized the Idea of Karma” India, Patna (Ara, Bhojpur): at the seminar on Karma and Kripa, October 2-4, 2017.

Made a presentation on “Buddhism and Atheism“ at the international seminar on Atheism in Indian Philosophy, University of Pune, India, September 18, 2017.

Made a presentation on “Concept of Duality and Non-Duality in Theravada“ at International seminar on Theravada and Mahayana Philosophy of Ultimate Reality and its Practice, India, Tibet House, New Delhi, September 9-10, 2017.

Presented a paper on “Buddhist Philosophy of Environment“ Myanmar: Interfaith Dialogue for Peace, Harmony and Security – A global initiative for conflict avoidance and environment consciousness, August 5-6, 2017, Sitagu International Buddhist Academy (SIBA), Myanmar.

Presented a paper on “Theravada Buddhism”, Avila, Spain: at First World Encounter Teresian Mysticism and Interreligious Dialogue: Theravada Buddhism and Teresian Mysticism, at Universidad Dela La Mistica, Avila, Span, July 27-29, 2017

Made a presentation on “Jainism and Buddhism: Affinities that Overweigh Differences“ Sri Lanka: at International Conference on Jainism and Buddhism, University of Kelaniya, February 16 2017.

Made a presentation on inter-religious relations at: Consultation on Anglican – Lutheran – Buddhist Relations, Yangon, Myanmar, January: 16-20 2017

Keynote Speaker: Inauguration of *Buddhagama Handunaganima* by the Ven. Professor Belanwila Wimalaratana, Sri Lanka Foundation, December 22, 2016.

Keynote Speaker: Annual Research Sessions, Department of Sinhala, University of Colombo, November 10, 2016.

Chaired a session and made a presentation on ‘plurality of Religion and Peace’ at Iconarts 2016 (International Conference of Faculty of Arts), University of Colombo, October 13, 2016.

Chaired a session and made a presentation on ‘Buddhism and Nature’ at International Conference on the Humanities (ICH 2016), Faculty of Arts, University of Kelaniya, October 06, 2016.

Organized with the support of volunteers and raised funds for: the 6th International Buddhist academic conference of Sri Lanka Association of Buddhist Studies (SLABS), held at Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, Homagama, July 1- 3, 2016.

Made a presentation: on “A Buddhist perspective on inter-faith dialogue” at a seminar on Inter-faith Dialogue in Sri Lanka, Ecumenical Institute for Study and Dialogue, Colombo, March 19, 2016.

Invited lecture: on “Language, thinking, literature and meaningful living” at the inauguration of Diploma in Sinhala course, department of Sinhala, University of Colombo, February 22, 2016.

Presented a paper: on “Modernization, secularization, and the challenge of remaining relevant: Buddhism in Sri Lanka examined” at Institute of Dialogue with Cultures and Religions, Loyola College, Nungambakkam, Chennai, India, February, 15-18, 2016.

Delivered Sri Nehru Memorial Oration: Indian Cultural Centre (ICC), Colombo, November 30, 2015.

Made a presentation on “What Buddhism can offer to guide Kalinga-Lanka relations” at the seminar organized by Kalinga Lanka Foundation, Odisha, India, November 6-7, 2015.

Keynote address at Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, National Conference on Youth Contribution Social harmony, October 10, 2015.

Presented a paper: on “Ethics of religious conversion: A Buddhist analysis (with Sri Lanka experience in perspective)” at workshop on Towards a Buddhist understanding of

religious minority rights, Buddhist Federation of Norway, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo, Norway, August 21-22, 2015.

Presented a paper: on Buddhist Christian relations in Sri Lanka at the 11th conference on Buddhist Christian Relations in Asia organized by European Network of Buddhist and Christian Studies, St Ottelein, Munich, Germany, June 25, 2015.

Presented a paper: at Facolta Teologica Puglise, on “Buddhist Hermeneutics: A Historical and Philosophical Study”, Bari, Italy. 10th December, 2014.

Delivered keynote address: at International Buddhist Conference on Promotion, Preservation and Protection of Buddhist Cultural Heritage, Lumbini 15th November, 2014.

Delivered Anagarika Dharmapala 150th Birth Anniversary Memorial Lecture: on “Anagarika Dharmapala and his Global Vision of Buddhism” at London Buddhist Vihara, UK, on 22 September, 2014.

Delivered Keynote Address: at 2nd International Buddhist Conference on International Exchange of Buddhism in the Global Context, at Sri Lanka International Academy, Pallekelle, Sri Lanka, on 04 September, 2014.

Delivered Walpola Rahula Commemoration Oration: on “Walpola Rahula and Quest for the Ideal Theravada Bhikkhu”, at BMICH, Colombo, on 3rd July 2014.

Presented a paper: on “Dual Belonging from a Theravada Buddhist Perspective”, at Department of Religion, Bristol University, Bristol, UK, 26-27 June, 2014.(published as a chapter in the collection of papers by Ashgate, UK 2015).

Delivered Keynote Speech: at the National Conference-2013, on New Buddhist Trends and Empowering of Theravada Buddhism in Sri Lanka, at Bhiksu University, Anuradhapuraya, 27th December, 2013.

Paper presented: on “Buddhist Analysis of Mind for Counselling and Psycho-therapy” at the International Conference on Buddhist Meditation Practices and Buddhist Psychology Focusing on Emotions (cittanupassana), at International Theravada Buddhist University, Yangon, Myanmar, 14-16, December, 2013.

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. Also **Presented a paper** on “Gilgamesh and Siddhartha: Quest for Immortality”.

Chaired a session: at IAAH conference held at SLFI, August 21-23, 2013.

Chaired a session: Sri Lanka Colloquium on “Maritime Trade and Cultural Exchange” sponsored by Department of Archaeology, Sri Lanka, CNRS-ENS, Paris and Center for Buddhist Studies, Berkeley, at Sigiriya Village Hotel, August 9-11, 2013.

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.

Presented a paper (“thinking of the Role of the Bhikkhunis”) at the workshop on Sri Lanka Bhikkhuni Revival, organized by American Institute for Lankan Studies, Colombo, 28th and 29th April, 2012, Galle Face Hotel.

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.

Invited 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.

Member of the UGC appointed review panel: to review Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies, Sri Jayawardenepura University, Gangodawila (May 2010).

Sri Lanka contributor for the international research project –The Power of the Word: Socio-Philosophical Dimensions of Buddhism- in collaboration between K.J. Somaiya Centre for Buddhist Studies, Mumbai and Indian Council for Philosophical Research (ICPR) (2010-2012).

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 Woljung-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"

Participant: Gandhara Week Celebrations Cultural Study Tour: 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 13^t-15^t, 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.

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