

# ***CURRICULUM VITAE***

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## INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATION

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## ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Ph.D. Demography (Mahidol), MA in Economics (Colombo), PG Dip. Population Studies (Colombo)  
PG Dip.in Economic Development (Colombo), *BA (Hon, Colombo)*

## PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Accreditation as a Teacher in Higher Education (2002)

Staff & Educational Development Association, UK (SEDA: [www.seda.ac.lk](http://www.seda.ac.lk))

Recognized Programme at University of Colombo Sri Lanka

Certificate of Teaching in Higher Education\_(2002): University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

## EMPLOYMENT

Head - Department of Demography , University of Colombo (11/09/2013 to date)

Senior Lecturer Grade (30<sup>th</sup> April, 2009 to date)

Lecturer (01/06/2000 - 29/04/2009)

Department of Demography

Faculty of Arts

University of Colombo,

Colombo-03

Sri Lanka.

## UNDERGRADUATE & POSTGRADUATE TEACHING

- Demographic Techniques; Population Projection Methods; Advanced Population Data Analysis; Computer applications for Demographic analysis; Bio-statistics; Population Models; Population ageing; Migration Studies; Human resources & Labour Market Planning; Demography for Urban Policy and Planning; Applied Demography, Population and Reproductive Health; Research Methodology; Mortality Studies & Fertility studies

## ONGOING RESEARCH

- “Migration and Urbanization in Sri Lanka: Opportunities and challenges facing the urban population towards social and economic security. – Project No. AP/3/2012/CG/07. Under the University of Colombo Collaborative Research Grant 2012-2015.
- “Women’s Knowledge, perception and health seeking behavior related to their reproductive health issues in urban settlement communities in Colombo, Sri Lanka. – Project No. AP/3/2/2014/RG/15. Under University of Colombo Research Grants 2014-2017.

## RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

1. Fertility Transition in Sri Lanka: Is it a temporary phenomenon? *Journal of Biosocial Science*, Cambridge University Press (Fourth coming).
2. Social and economic differentials among households of urban migrants: Evidence from Kalutara District, Sri Lanka. *Sri Lanka Journal of Social Sciences, National Science Foundation, Sri Lanka*:Vol. 41(1) JA/16/SS/17 (forthcoming)- Co-Author
3. (2017) Ageing Population of Sri Lanka: Emerging Issues, Needs and Policy Implications- Thematic Report Based on Population and Housing- 2012, *UNFPA: Colombo, Sri Lanka*
4. (2015). Mobility, 20.4 Million: *Sri Lanka's Population at a Glance, UNFPA: Colombo, Sri Lanka*.
5. (2014). The children left behind by international migrants from Sri Lanka: victims or beneficiaries of globalization in Giorgia Dona and Angela Veale (eds) *Children, migration & globalization*, Palgrave- Co-author.
6. (2014). Feminization of ageing and Functional disability among Elderly: A Longitudinal study of the Kanchanaburi Demographic Surveillance System, Thailand. . *Sri Lanka Journal of Population Studies*, Volume 14(Co-author)
7. (2011). International migration and children left behind: Impacts on children's school enrolment in Sri Lanka. *Sri Lanka Journal of Population Studies*, 2011, Volume 12-13: 81-100 (Co-author)
8. (2011) Health issues pertaining to internal migration: A report prepared for the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka. 2011 (Co-author)
9. (2009), Gender Differentials in the Pattern and Determinants of International Labour Migration: Evidence from Sri Lanka. *Sri Lankan Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences*.2011. Vol.1 (2)
10. (2009). Chapter seven: Other population issues in *study guide on Population Issues* for undergraduates, Faculty of Arts, funded by the IRQUE project of the Ministry of Higher Education, Sri Lanka
11. (2008), International contract migration in Sri Lanka: Dynamics issues and policy implications. *Sri Lanka Journal of Population Studies*, Vol. 10: 40-56.
12. (2007), Trends and determinants of migration in Sri Lanka. *Economic Review* ,Vol.33 (4-9) (Co-author)
13. (2005), Patterns, determinants and consequences of Internal migration in Sri Lanka 1981-2001, *IWE Journal*, Institute of Workers' Education, Vol. 5 : 76-101.
14. (2004), Determinants of current attitudes to reproductive health among female labour migrants: A study of Katunayake Export processing Zone, *Sri Lanka Journal of Population Studies*, vol. 7: 36-51.
15. How popular is the Western Province among the migrant in Sri Lanka, *Demography of Sri Lanka, Issues and Challenges*. Department of Demography, University of Colombo, Colombo, 140-155 (Co-author)

## CONFERENCE PAPER PRESENTATIONS (2005-2014)

Perera Sunethra (2016). Population ageing and public policy in Sri Lanka: applied demographic perspectives, a paper presented at the Annual Research Symposium of the Department of Demography, University of Colombo, 8th December 2016.

----- (2016). Attitudes of female youth on sexual and reproductive health and their needs: A case of urban settlement communities in Colombo, a paper presented at international research conference, Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo (Co- authored).

----- (2016). Knowledge and attitudes towards menopause: Experience of post-menopausal women in Urban Settlement Communities Colombo, A paper presented at International Research Conference, Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo (Co- authored).

----- (2014). Internal migration patterns and issues in Sri Lanka. Paper presented at Annual Research Symposium 2014, Department of Demography, University of Colombo 17<sup>th</sup>, December, 2014

----- (2014). Health vulnerability among women prisoners in Sri Lanka. Fourteen national conventions of women's studies, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014, Center for women's research (CENWOR), Colombo (Co- authored)

----- (2014). Unmet desire for having additional children of Sri Lankan women. Paper presented at 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Sessions of Population Association of Sri Lanka, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2014 Colombo. (Co-authored)

----- (2014). Demographic compositions and employment issues of urban Settlement communities in Colombo district. Paper presented at Annual Research Symposium 2014, National Centre for Advanced Studies (NCAS), 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2014

----- (2013). The emerging patterns and issues of internal migration in Sri Lanka. Paper presented at 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Sessions of Population Association of Sri Lanka, 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2013 Colombo

----- (2013). Ageing and disability among institutionalized elderly in Sri Lanka; Paper presented at the *Annual Research Symposium-2013*, Faculty of Arts, and University of Colombo

----- (2013). Factors affecting children's education in urban settlement communities in Colombo; Paper presented at the *Annual Research Symposium-2013*, Faculty of Arts, and University of Colombo (Co-authored)

----- (2013). The impact of parental overseas migration on education of the children left-behind in Sri Lanka; Paper presented at the *International Conference on Migration (ICSOM): Sri Lankans on the Move* organized by the National Scientific Foundation, Sri Lanka, 23-25 January 2013 (Co-authored)

- (2012). Feminization of ageing and Functional disability among Elderly: A Panel study of the Kanchanaburi Demographic Surveillance System, Thailand. Paper presented at 2<sup>nd</sup> Asian Population Association Conference, 26<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> August, 2012: Bangkok, Thailand (Co-authored)
- (2012). The Pattern of Household Receiving Remittance in KDSS, Thailand Paper presented at 2<sup>nd</sup> Asian Population Association Conference, 26<sup>th</sup> -29<sup>th</sup> August, 2012: Bangkok, Thailand (Co-authored)
- (2012). Migration impact and patterns in Sri Lanka: A literature review and a data source with potential for household level gender analysis 2012 Annual Conference, Barcelona, June 27-29. (Co-authored)
- (2012). Fertility preferences among married women in Sri Lanka: the role of modern contraceptive technology, Annual Research Symposium 2012: Converging technology and sustainable communities, 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2012, University of Colombo. (Co-authored).
- (2010). The impact of remittances and gendered process of international migration on children left behind: A case study of Kalutara District, Sri Lanka. Paper presented at 12<sup>th</sup> *International Conference on Sri Lanka Studies* held on 18<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> March 2010, Colombo, organized by Asiatic Society of Sri Lanka and the Open University of Sri Lanka
- (2009). The impacts of transnational migration and household wealth on children's school enrolment in Sri Lanka: 9<sup>th</sup> *Asia Pacific Sociological Association (APSA) conference* 13-15, June 2009: Bali, Indonesia
- (2009). International migration and children left behind in Sri Lanka: The impact on children's education. Paper presented at *Annual Research Symposium*, Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo held on 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> December 2009
- Gender Differentials in the Pattern and Determinants of International Labour Migration: Evidence from Sri Lanka: NCAS Conference , 17<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> October 2008 : Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- Female internal labour migration, living conditions and vulnerability: a case study of Katunayake export processing zone Sri Lanka. Academic Workshop on Migration vulnerability and Security, SLFI , Colombo. 20-22, August, 2008
- Reproductive health of Katunayake FTZ migrant female workers: A study of their intimate relationships, contraceptive knowledge and sexually transmitted disease; Paper presented at 10<sup>th</sup> *International Conference on Sri Lanka Studies*, 16<sup>th</sup> -18<sup>th</sup> December 2005: University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka.
- Trends, characteristics and patterns of internal migration in Sri Lanka 1981-2001, Paper presented at 8<sup>th</sup> Annual sessions, Population Association of Sri Lanka, 15<sup>th</sup> October 2005: Colombo, Sri Lanka.

## WORKSHOP PARTICIPATED

Participated in the Asian Meta Centrer's Hands- on Workshop on modeling and projecting population organized by the Asian Demographic Research Institute (ADRI), from 5-12 April, 2017.

Participated in the Asian Population Forum 2016 organized by the Asian Demographic Research Institute (ADRI), from 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016 held in Gucun Park Hotel, Shanghai.

Participated in the South Asia Migration Research Network: Course 4: September 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
Negombo, Sri Lanka

Participated in the international training programme on Empowering Women through Social, Economic and Cultural Intervention, from 18<sup>h</sup> to 23<sup>nd</sup> July 2011 – Indonesia.

Parents' overseas migration and children left-behind in Sri Lanka- a paper presented at the Workshop on Transnational Parenthood and Children- Left- Behind in Oslo, Norway 20-21 November 2008.

## RESEARCH CONSULTANCIES

- Served as the Survey Manager for the IDRC funded project on “A Cross- Country Study on Urban Inequality and Poverty” conducted by the International Centre for Ethnic Studies, Colombo (2 rounds longitudinal survey done in 2013 and 2015/2016)
- Served as a consultant for the technical report on Population and Housing Census, 2012- Key Findings (writing chapter on Migration) conducted by the Department of Census and Statistics & the UNFPA (2014)
- Served as a consultant for the research project on ‘Health issues pertaining to internal migration’, conducted by the Department of Demography with the collaboration of Ministry of Health and funded by International Organization for Migration (IOM)- 2011

## MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Member of the Asian Population Association
- Member of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP)
- Life Member of Population Association of Sri Lanka (PASL)
- *Post Held:*
  - Vice President - 2017 to date
  - Council Member - 2015 to 2016
  - Secretary - 2013 to 2015
  - Treasurer - 2005/2006
  - Assistant Secretary - 2009/2010
  - Treasurer - 2010/2011