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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Economics, American University, Washington D.C.	*1996*
B.A. Honors (First Class) in Economics, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka	*1990*

DESIGNATIONS AND POSITIONS HELD

University of Peradeniya, Peradeniya, Sri Lanka
Department of Economics and Statistics

Professor of Economics	*April 2014 - present*
Programme Director, Master of Development Practice Programme	*September 2011 - May 2015*
Senior Lecturer	*April 1997 - April 2014*
Lecturer	*May 1991-April 1997*

Verite Research

Non-Resident Fellow	*February 2022 – present*
Member, Economic Policy Group	*June 2022 - present*

Poverty and Economic Policy (PEP) Research Network ,
PMMA Microeconomic Analysis Thematic research group

Research Fellow	*2020 - present*
Scientific mentor, Microeconomic and Gender Analysis	*Dec 2008 - present*

American University, Washington, D.C.

Adjunct professor and Visiting Scholar, Program in Gender Analysis in Economics (On sabbatical from University of Peradeniya)	*Jan 2018-May 2018*
Adjunct professor and Teaching Assistant (On study leave from University of Peradeniya)	*1991-1996*

The Brookings Institution, Center for Universal Education
Global Economy and Development

Echidna Guest Scholar (on sabbatical from University of Peradeniya)	*August 2015-December 2015*

Centre for Poverty Analysis, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Member, Board of Directors	*June 2016 – June 2019*
Subscribing Member	*Feb 2008 - present*
External Consultant/Associate	*2002- 2008*

Women and Media Collective

Consultant	*October – December, 2021*

UNDP Country Office, Sri Lanka

Team leader, Proposed National Human Development Report	*Feb 2016 – July 2018*

World Bank, Washington, D.C.

Short-term consultant	*1993-1996, 1997, 1998, 2001, 2019-20*

World Bank, Colombo, Sri Lanka

Short-term Consultant	*1998-1999, 2003-2004, 2005-2006, 2010*

University of California-Riverside, California, U.S.A., Department of Economics
Fulbright Research Scholar *March – August 2008*

UNDP Regional Centre, Colombo, Sri Lanka *2008*
Short-term Consultant

University of Warwick, U.K., Department of Economics
Visiting Scholar *April-May 2006*

World Food Program, Colombo, Sri Lanka
Short-term Consultant *2000*

Over 30 years of experience in development policy oriented research and publications in the areas of poverty and inequality analysis, gender and labor economics, child nutrition, human development and education.

PROFESSIONAL HONORS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Fellowship Awards

- Visiting Scholar, Program in Gender Analysis in Economics, American University, 2018
- Global Echidna Scholar, Center for Universal Education, The Brookings Institution, 2015
- Fulbright Research Grant Awardee, 2007-2008.

Awards for Research Excellence

- University of Peradeniya recognition award for excellence in research, 2022 (Tier 4* status based on the transparent research performance scheme stipulated in the UGC circular 05/2018)
- Won second prize for Best Research on "Women's Rights, Security and Development: Challenges and Opportunities" at the Eighth Annual Awards Competition, Global Development Network 2007
- Won Award for Best Research on "Escaping Poverty" at the First Annual Awards Competition, Global Development Network, 2000

Competitive Research Grants and Conference Travel Grants

- ***Understanding the Care Economy for Gender Transformative Policy and Action in Sri Lanka Project*, Research lead for Verite Research Project funded by Co-Impact**
- ***Care Economies in Context Project* in collaboration with the University of Toronto, PI for sub-grant from the Social Science Research Council of Canada**
- ***Care Economies in Context Project* in collaboration with the University of Toronto, PI for subgrant from Open** Society Foundations
- New Venture Fund/Echidna Global Scholars Grant Awardee 2016-2017
- AAEA Trust Fund LI-LMIC Travel Grant Awardee, 2013.
- Poverty and Economic Policy (PEP) Research Network Research Grant Awardee, 2005-2007
- Visiting Scholar, Department of Economics, University of Warwick, United Kingdom. April 23 – May 14, 2006 (Study visit under the auspices of PEP research network grant)

Awards for Academic Achievement (Graduate)

- Simon Naidel Award for Best Student in Economic Theory, American University, 1995
- Dissertation Fellowship Award, American University, 1994
- Graduate Fellowship Merit Award, American University, 1991-1993
- Hurst Scholar Award, American University, 1991-1993

Awards for Academic Achievement (Undergraduate)

- University Scholarship for Highest Marks in Final Examination, University of Peradeniya, 1990
- M.F. Khan Prize for Best Student at General Arts Qualifiying Examination, University of Peradeniya, 1985
- Pettah Library Prize for Best Student in English (literature and language) at General Arts Qualifying Examination, University of Peradeniya, 1985

COMPETITIVE EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT GRANT

- Led an initiative to develop and implement Gender Economics curricula at the postgraduate level. Instrumental in obtaining a grant to the Post Graduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Peradeniya, from Open Society Foundation to do the same.
- Led a multidisciplinary team to win a MacArthur Foundation Seed Grant to launch a Global Master's in Development Practice Programme at the University of Peradeniya. Our proposal was one of 15 successful proposals from over a hundred received by the Foundation from across the globe. http://www.macfound.org/media/article_pdfs/MDP_INFO.pdf

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH

Books

- *Human Capital and Gender Inequality in Middle Income Countries: Schooling, Learning and Socioemotional Skills in the Labour Market*, (2022) by Routledge, London. https://www.routledge.com/Human-Capital-and-Gender-Inequality-in-Middle-Income-Countries-Schooling/King-Gunewardena/p/book/9780367774929
- *Poverty Measurement: Meanings, Methods and Requirements*, Colombo, Centre for Poverty Analysis, 2004.

Chapters in Book

- "Gender Equality in Sri Lanka's Economy" (2024) in Ruwanpura, K. and A. M. Saleem (eds.) *Routledge Handbook of Contemporary Sri Lanka*. London, Routledge.
- **"Valuing Unpaid Care Work in Six Districts in Sri Lanka: Based on the WMC-SSA Time Use Survey" (2023) in Kottegoda, S. and P. Peiris (eds.) *Working Hours: Exploring Gender Dimensions of Unpaid Care Work in Sri Lanka.* Colombo: Women and Media Collective (Co-authored with Ashvin Perera)**
- "Spatial Inequality" in Kelegama, S. and D. Gunewardena (eds.) *Economic and Social Development under a Market Economy Regime in Sri Lanka, Buddhadasa Hewavitharana Felicitation Volume 2*, 337-366, Colombo: Vijitha Yapa Publications, 2012. (Co-authored with Thusitha Kumara).
- "Determinants of Child Weight and Height in Sri Lanka: A Quantile Regression Approach" in Indrani Dutta, David Lawson and Mark McGillivray (eds.), *Health, Inequality and Development,* Palgrave, Houndsmill, Basingstoke and United Nations University. 2011. (Co-authored with Harsha Aturupane and Anil Deolalikar)
- "An Analysis of Gender and Ethnic Wage Differentials among Youth in Sri Lanka" in Ramani Gunatilaka, Marcus Meyer and Milan Vodopivec (eds.) *The Challenge of Youth Employment in Sri Lanka.* World Bank, Washington, D.C. 2010.
- "Exploring Gender Wage Gaps in Sri Lanka: A Quantile Regression Approach" in Ravi Kanbur and Jan Svejnar (eds.), *Labour Markets and Economic Development,* Routledge Studies in Development Economics, Routledge, London. 2009. (Co-authored with Darshi Abeyrathna, Amalie Ellagala, Kamani Rajakaruna and Shobana Rajendran)
- "Labour Market, Informal Economy and Earnings during Rapid Economic Growth: The Case of Ho Chi Minh City" in Hy V. Luong, (ed.) *Urbanization, Migration and Poverty in Ho Chi Minh City: A Vietnamese Metropolis in Comparative Perspective.* National University of Singapore Press. 2009. (Co-authored with Hy V. Luong).
- "Women in the professions" in Kiribamune, Sirima, ed., *Reconciliation of roles: women, work and family in Sri Lanka.* I.C.E.S., Sri Lanka Studies Series No. 3. New Delhi: Navrang Publishers, 1992.

Ph.D. Dissertation

- *An Analysis of Income Inequality in a Developing Country: Sri Lanka 1985/86 and 1990/91.* Unpublished Ph.D. Dissertation, Washington, D.C.: The American University, 1996.

Journal Issues edited

Special Issue: Special Symposium: Promoting youth and female entrepreneurship in developing countries. (Co-edited with Abdoulaye Seck). *Review of Development Economics,* vol 24, Issue 3: Pages i-iii, 713-1192

Journal Articles

- "Heterogeneity in entrepreneurship in developing countries: Risk, credit, and migration and the entrepreneurial propensity of youth and women." (Co-authored with Abdoulaye Seck), *Review of Development Economics,* vol 24, Issue 3: 713-725 (August 2020).
- "Disability and poverty in Sri Lanka: a household level analysis" (Co-authored with Thusitha Kumara), *Sri Lanka Journal of Social Sciences,* 40(1): 53-69 (2017)
- "A Cohort Analysis of Gender Wage Differentials in Sri Lanka: 1996-2004" (Co-authored with Ashani Abayasekara), *Modern Sri Lanka Studies*, vol V, 1 & 2 (2014).

- "Reducing the Gender Wage Gap in Sri Lanka: Is Education Enough?" *Sri Lanka Economic Journal,* vol 3, 2 (2003): 177-207.
- "Sources of Ethnic Inequality in Viet Nam" (Co-authored with Dominique van de Walle), *Journal of Development Economics,* vol 65 (2001): 177-207.
- "Does Ignoring Heterogeneity in Impacts Distort Project Appraisals? An Experiment for Irrigation in Vietnam" (Co-authored with Dominque van de Walle), *World Bank Economic Review* vol 15 (2001): 141-164.
- "Some Aspects of Poverty in Sri Lanka: 1985 - 1990" (Co-authored with Gaurav Datt). *Sri Lanka Economic Journal* (September 1995).

Published Working Papers

- "Women's Access to Quality Work: A Cross-Country Analysis" (Co-authored with Abdelkarim Araar, Nisha Arunatilake, Marzia Fontana, Priyanka Jayawardena, Usha Perera). 2024. PEP Working Paper Series 2024-08. ISSN 2709-7331.
- "More than Schooling: Understanding Gender Differences in the Labor Market When Measures of Skill Are Available". (Co-authored with Elizabeth King and Alexandria Valerio). 2018. Policy Research Working Paper No. 8588. World Bank, Washington, DC.
- "Why aren't Sri Lankan Women translating their educational gains into workforce advantages?" 2015 Echidna Global Scholars Working Paper, Center for Universal Education at Brookings, The Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.
- "The Determinants of Child Weight and Height in Sri Lanka: A Quantile Regression Approach." (Co-authored with Harsha Aturupane and Anil B. Deolalikar). UNU-WIDER Research Paper RP2008/53
- "Glass Ceilings, Sticky Floors or Sticky Doors? A Quantile Regression Approach to Exploring Gender Wage Gaps in Sri Lanka" (Co-authored with Darshi Abeyrathna, Amalie Ellagala, Kamani Rajakaruna and Shobana Rajendran), PEP PMMA Working Paper 2008-04.
- "Absolute and Relative Poverty in Sri Lanka: Evidence from the Consumer Finance Survey 2003/04", (Co-authored with Arunika Meedeniya and Shivapragasam Shivakumaran), Working Paper Series 2007. Centre for Poverty Analysis, 2007.
- "Consumption Poverty in Sri Lanka 1985-2002", Working Paper Series 2007. Centre for Poverty Analysis, 2007.
- "Improving Poverty Measurement in Sri Lanka", Working Paper Series 9-2005, Centre for Poverty Analysis, September 2005.
- "Some Aspects of Poverty in Sri Lanka: 1985 - 1990" (co-authored with Gaurav Datt). *World Bank Poverty Research Working Paper.* 1997.

Conference and Seminar Papers and Presentations/Webinars

- **'Valuing Unpaid Care Work in Sri Lanka using the National Time Use Survey 2017', presenter, Working with Time Use Studies: Revaluing Care Seminar, Duke University, September 27, 2024 (online).**
- **Speaker, Roundtable on 'Progress in the Care Economies in Context, Asian Region', 2024 International Care Conference: Korea's Demographic Crisis and Care Economy: Gender, Migration and Digital Community, Seoul National University, Centre for Transmigration and Social Inclusion, Seoul, Korea, September 9-11, 2024**
- **Discussant, Session on 'Transnational Care: Korea's Policy on Migrant Domestic Workers', 2024 International Care Conference: Korea's Demographic Crisis and Care Economy: Gender, Migration and Digital Community, Seoul National University, Centre for Transmigration and Social Inclusion, Seoul, Korea, September 9-11, 2024**
- Presenter, 'Exploring Gender Gaps in Female Labor Force Participation and Wages In Sri Lanka', Regional Conference on Gender Economics in Asia 2024, Foreign Trade University, Hanoi, Vietnam, August 8-9, 2024
- Invited Participant, NBER Summer Institute Gender Sessions, Cambridge, Massachusetts, July 23-24, 2024.
- Presenter, 'Exploring Gender Gaps in Female Labor Force Participation and Wages In Sri Lanka', 32nd International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFE) Annual Conference, Sapienza University, Rome, Italy from July 2-6, 2024
- **Presenter, Valuing Unpaid Care Work in Sri Lanka using the National Time Use Survey 2017, Annual BIDS Conference on Development (ABCD) 2023, Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies, December 8, 2023 (Online)**
- Presenter, 'Targeting Assistance: Electricity consumption as a proxy for poverty", Martin Ravallion Symposium of Poverty and Inequality, Kolkata, 9-10 November 2023
- **Presenter, 'Estimating the Paid Care Sector in Sri Lanka', 31st International Association for Feminist Economics (IAFFE) Annual Conference, University of Cape Town, South Africa, 5-8 July 2023.**

- **Presenter, 'Valuing Unpaid Care Work in Sri Lanka using the National Time Use Survey 2017', Allied Social Scientists Association (ASSA) Annual Conference, Paper Session: Caring Labor, Wellbeing and Gender Inequalities, New Orleans, January 7, 2023**

- Presenter, 'Do socioemotional skills reduce gender inequality? A study of thirteen middle income countries', 10th Annual International Conference on Sustainable Development, Session: Amplifying all Voices for SDG Achievement: Integrating Gender Perspectives into SDG Implementation. September 19-20, 2022. (Online).
- Keynote Speaker 'Gender Economics and a Recovering Economy', Sri Lanka Forum of University Economists, Chair Transfer Ceremony, March 25th, 2022
- Panelist, 'Building forward together to eradicate child poverty and vulnerability in Sri Lanka', UNICEF, Sri Lanka, Oct 28, 2021
- Discussant, 'COVID-19 and the Economy: Which Way Now for Sri Lanka?' Pathfinder Foundation, Sept 22, 2021
- Discussant, 'Equity in Recovery: Addressing Sri Lanka's Social Protection and Food Security Needs', launch of the State of the Economy Report, IPS, October 10, 2021
- Why Gender Matters: The contribution of gender perspectives to economic theory and development research" Centre for Banking Studies, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, September 2020
- "More than schooling: understanding gender differences in the labor market when measures of skill are available". Pathways to Gender Equality Conference, American University Department of Economics, Program on Gender Analysis in Economics and Institute for Women's Policy Research, Washington, D.C. Nov 2-3, 2018.

- "More than schooling: understanding gender differences in the labor market when measures of skill are available". Center for Universal Education, The Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C., May 2, 2018.
- "Gender Differences in Labor Market Returns to Schooling and Skills in Middle Income Countries" American University Department of Economics, Program on Gender Analysis in Economics and Institute for Women's Policy Research, Gender Seminar Series Spring 2018, American University, Washington, D.C., February 26, 2018.
- "Much more than schooling: understanding gender differences in the labor market when measures of skill are available". Verite Research, Colombo, March 2017.
- "Much more than schooling: understanding gender differences in the labor market when measures of skill are available". Brown Bag Lunch seminar, World Bank, Washington, D.C. December 12, 2016.
- "Why aren't Sri Lankan women translating their educational gains into workforce advantages?" 17th Annual GDN conference on Education for Development, Lima, Peru, 17-18 March 2016.
- "Girls' education and labor market empowerment: What do we know and what do we need to know?" Fall Semester Seminar Series, Economics Department and Program on Gender Analysis in Economics, American University, October 2015.
- "Girls' education and labor market empowerment: What do we know and what do we need to know?" International Conference on Sustainable Development, Columbia University, September 2015.
- "Glass Ceilings, Sticky Floors or Sticky Doors? A Quantile Regression Approach to Exploring Gender Wage Gaps in Sri Lanka", Spring Semester Gender Seminar Series, Program on Gender Analysis in Economics, American University, May 2014.
- "Child Growth and Nutrition in Sri Lanka". Paper presented at NUS Economics Department Seminar Series, Singapore, April 2014.
- "Child Growth and Nutrition in Sri Lanka". Paper presented at AAEA conference, Washington, D.C. August 2013.
- "Child Growth and Nutrition in Sri Lanka". Paper presented at CIRPEE's Mini Conference on Development, Quebec City, Canada. April 29-30, 2011.
- "Child Growth and Nutrition in Sri Lanka". Paper presented at CIRPEE's Mini Conference on Development, Quebec City, Canada. April 29-30, 2011.
- A Cohort Analysis of Gender Wage Differentials in Sri Lanka: 1996-2004. Paper presented at Twelfth National Convention on Women's Studies, CENWOR, July 2-5, 2010. Co-authored with Ashani Abayasekara (paper presented by Ashani Abayasekara).
- "Glass Ceilings, Sticky Floors or Sticky Doors? A Quantile Regression Approach to Exploring Gender Wage Gaps in Sri Lanka" Presented at the Eighth Annual Global Development Medals and Awards Competition, GDN, Brisbane, January 30, 2008. Co-authored with Shobana Rajendran, Darshi Abeyrathna, Kamani Rajakaruna and Amalie Ellagala

- "Are there disparities in ethnicity by wages in Sri Lanka and why?" in "Does Inequality Matter? Exploring the Links Between Poverty and Inequality" Seventh Annual Research Symposium on Poverty Research, Colombo: Centre for Poverty Analysis. 2007
- "The Determinants of Child Weight and Height in Sri Lanka: A Quantile Regression Approach", Paper to be presented at WIDER conference on Advancing Health Equity, Helsinki, Finland, 29-30 September 2006. Co-authored with Anil Deolalikar, and Harsha Aturupane. (Paper presented by Anil Deolalikar).
- "Exploring Gender Wage Gaps in Sri Lanka: A Quantile Regression Approach", Paper presented at the 5th General Meeting of the Poverty and Economic Policy (PEP) Network, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, June 18-22, 2006.
- "The Gender Wage Gap in Sri Lanka: A Descriptive Analysis" Paper presented at Sixth annual Cenwor Research Symposium, held in Colombo, Sri Lanka in March 2006. Co authored with Shobana Rajendran, Darshi Abeyrathna, Kamani Rajakaruna and Amalie Ellagala
- "The Gender Wage Gap in Sri Lanka", Paper presented at the second meeting of the Gender Network (Phase III), ISST, Jaipur, India, February 1-3, 2006.
- "Quantitative and qualitative approaches to poverty measurement" Paper presented at the Regional Conference on Poverty Monitoring, Manila, March 23-26, 2004.
- "Urban Poverty and the Informal Economy", Paper presented at the Social Science Research Council conference on "Poverty and Socio-Economic Mobility in the Context of Rapid Urbanization" Ho Chi Minh City, February 24-28, 2004.
- "Child Malnutrition in Sri Lanka", Background paper for project on monitoring Millenium Development Goals (MDGs) in Sri Lanka, Peradeniya, December, 2003.
- "Regional Patterns in poverty in Sri Lanka: What does the data tell us?", Paper presented at the "National Symposium on Poverty Alleviation", Gannoruwa, Peradeniya, May, 2003.
- "Urban Poverty in South Asia". Presentation at "Poverty Reduction and Social Progress: New Trends and Emerging Lessons" World Bank/BIDS South Asia Regional Consultation on WDR 2000/1. Dhaka, Bangladesh, April 1999.
- "Patterns of Development, Inequality and Growth". Paper presented at EDI workshop on "Economic Growth and Poverty Reduction: Theory, Evidence and Implications for South Asia." Colombo, Sri Lanka, October 1998.

Background papers

- ***Valuing Unpaid Care Work in Sri Lanka using the National Time Use Survey 2017: First Estimates.*** **Draft Working Paper. Co-authored with Ashvin Perera.**
- **Economic Value Assessment of the Women and Media Collective Study on Unpaid Care Work. Co-authored with Ashvin Perera.**
- "The Gender Wage Gap in Sri Lanka." Revised Interim Report, Poverty and Economic Policy (PEP) Network. March. 2006. Co-authored with Shobana Rajendran, Darshi Abeyrathna, Kamani Rajakaruna and Amalie Ellagala.
- "Analysis of Wage Inequality Among Youth in Sri Lanka based on Quarterly Labour Force Data: 1996-2004", Background Paper for the Youth Employment Network Working Group on Employment Creation and Equal Opportunity, February 2006.
- "Consumption Poverty In Sri Lanka: 1985-2002: An Updated Analysis of Household Survey Data", Interim Report for PAM Programme, Centre for Poverty Analysis, Sri Lanka, 2006.
- "Child Malnutrition in Sri Lanka", Background paper for project on monitoring Millenium Development Goals (MDGs) in Sri Lanka, Peradeniya, December, 2003.
- "Consumption Poverty in Sri Lanka, 1985-1996: a profile of poverty based on household survey data". Background paper prepared for Policy Framework for Poverty Alleviation in Sri Lanka. Colombo, April 2000.

OTHER RESEARCH PROJECTS/NATIONAL CONTRIBUTION

- **Team Leader, *Understanding the Care Economy for Gender Transformative Policy and Action in Sri Lanka Project*, Co-Impact funded project with Verite Research, Sri Lanka.**
- **Team Leader (Sri Lanka) Care Economies in Context, Centre for Global Social Policy, University of Toronto, https://cgsp-cpsm.ca/projects/care-economies-in-context/**
- Team Leader, Gender Pay Gap in Sri Lanka: A Statistical Review with Policy Implications, International Labour Organization, 2024.
- Member, Pathfinder Appointed Study Group Recommendations to President, A New Economic Vision for Post-Covid-19 Sri Lanka, https://lki.lk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Pathfinder_Beyond_The_Box_A_New_Economic_Vision_for_Post_Covid_19-SL.pdf

- Team Leader, co-lead author and contributor, National Human Development Report Project, UNDP/UNFPA/UNWomen/ ILO/UNICEF.
- Team Leader and lead author, New Evidence on Girls' Education and Workforce Outcomes Project, Verite Research, Center for Girls Education, the Brookings Institution, and the World Development Report 2018, World Bank and funded by New Venture Fund/Echidna Foundation.
- Analysed quarterly labour force survey data from 1996-2004 to explore the gender wage gap in Sri Lanka. (PEP Research Network Grant).
- Analysed quarterly labour force survey data from 1996-2004 to explore ethnic and gender wage differentials and determinants of wages among youth in Sri Lanka, for ILO policy paper.
- Contributed to design of proposal to conduct a multi-topic panel survey to examine the multidimensionality and dynamics of poverty for the Centre for Poverty Analysis, Colombo.
- Analysed household survey data to produce consistent estimates of poverty and poverty profile for Sri Lanka, 1985-2002, commissioned by the Centre for Poverty Analysis.
- Produced handbook/review on good practice in poverty measurement, and paper on improving poverty measurement in Sri Lanka, drawing on current best practice, for the Centre for Poverty Analysis, Colombo.
- Analysed Demographic and Health Survey data (2000) and Sri Lanka Integrated Survey 1999, for World Bank sponsored project on monitoring Millennium Development Goals in Sri Lanka.
- Researched issues relating to economic reform, growth, ethnicity and living standards in Vietnam using integrated survey data from Living Standards Measurement Survey for Vietnam, for the Development Research Group, World Bank, Washington, D.C.
- Constructed poverty and food consumption indices by DS division, and season, for Sri Lanka using 1995/96 Household Income and Expenditure Survey, for World Food Programme, Colombo.
- Constructed a poverty profile and poverty comparison for Sri Lanka using 1995/96 and 1990/91 Household Income and Expenditure Surveys and the 1985/86 Labour Force and Socioeconomic Survey, and served on the technical team assisting in formulating a policy framework for poverty alleviation, Sri Lanka.
- *Team Member,* UNDP National Human Development Report Project, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- Analyzed labor force data (with a focus on rates of return to education) for project on labor markets in Indonesia using labor force survey (SAKERNAS) data of the Bureau of Statistics of Indonesia for the East Asia and Pacific Country Department, World Bank, Washington, D.C.
- Analyzed household expenditure data to assist in public policy recommendations for the Country Management Unit, South Asia Country Department, World Bank, Washington, D.C.
- Performed statistical analysis for the World Bank's poverty profile on Sri Lanka, using household survey data of the Department of Census and Statistics of Sri Lanka, for the Poverty and Human Resources Division, Policy Research Department, World Bank, Washington, D.C.

TEACHING

Undergraduate Courses taught at University of Peradeniya

• Gender Economics	2001- to present
• Labour Economics	2002 – to present
• Research Methods in Economics	2002 – 2007
• Development Economics	1998 – 2002, 2007/08

Postgraduate Courses taught at University of Peradeniya

- Foundations of Sustainable Development
- Microeconomics of Development and Policy Analysis
- Development Economics
- Gender and Development
- Gender Analysis in Microeconomics

CURRICULUM DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

- Project leader, initiative to introduce a Gender Economics track at Graduate level at the University of Peradeniya with capacity building from American University, Open Society Foundation Grant
  I led the curriculum design and development effort for the introduction of a Gender Economics track in four graduate degrees at the University of Peradeniya, undertaken with support from the American University, Washington, D.C. and under the generous sponsorship of Open Society Foundation.
- Programme Coordinator, Master of Development Practice and Project Coordinator, MacArthur Foundation Seed Grant

I led the curriculum design and development effort for, and implement this innovative professional degree programme that brings together the interdisciplinary knowledge and practical skills of over 40 academics and development experts from the health sciences, social sciences, management and natural sciences to equip cohorts of about 20 development practitioner-students with the knowledge, training, skills and perspectives required to design and manage integrated development interventions to support sustainable and inclusive development

- Postgraduate Course Coordinator, Master's Level Teaching of *Development Economics*
  Designed curriculum, organize lecture schedule and taught lectures in Development Economics at Master's level
- Member, Departmental Higher Degrees Committee
  Contribute to design and review of graduate programmes and curricula, develop and implement criteria for admission of graduate students.
- Member, Faculty Committee to review Semester/Course Unit System 2006
  Contributed to review of the Undergraduate Semester/Course Unit system after implementation through two complete cohorts—incorporating feedback from consultations with students, faculty and administrators
- Faculty of Arts Co-coordinator of the transition to the course unit system, 1999/2000
  Helped facilitate the transition from a trimester, year-end examination system of evaluation to a semester, course unit system; provided student advising services and liasing with department
- Member, Faculty Committee to design Semester/Course Unit System, 1999
  Contributed to the design of the new Semester/Course Unit system

EDITORIAL BOARDS

- Member, Editorial Board, Second International Research Conference of the Sri Lanka Forum of University Economists
- Member, Editorial Board, E-journal of the Department of Economics and Statistics (from inception to 2012)

SHORT-TERM COURSES DESIGNED AND/OR TAUGHT OUTSIDE HOME INSTITUTION

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International Labour Office

- *Using the evidence of Gender Pay Gap research study,* Colombo, Sri Lanka. December 19, 2023. A one hour capacity building workshop session on this topic delivered to National Institute of Labour Studies (NILS) participants.

Poverty and Economic Policy Research Network

- *Gender Equality and Inclusion (GEI) Online Training Course development,* April 2023-April 2026. I led a team of 9 experts from 4 continents in designing a 17 module self-paced, interactive, bilingual online course to strengthen researchers' capacity to integrate GEI principles in their research. The course is now launched at Gender Equality and Inclusion (GEI) online training | PEP
- *Gender Analysis and Economic Policy Research, PEP Research Network and University of Laval Online Course,* January-April 2021
- *Gender Analysis, One-day workshop (Co-taught with Marzia Fontana),* Saly, Senegal, September 2019

World Bank Institute, South Asia Region Teaching Programmes and Workshops

- *Economic Policies for Growth and Poverty Reduction in Sri Lanka*, Passara, Sri Lanka, April 2005
- Economic Growth and Poverty Reduction, Kathmandu, Nepal, September 1999.
- Economic Growth and Poverty Reduction: Theory, Evidence and Implications for South Asia, Colombo, Sri Lanka, October, 1998

Exchange/study abroad programmes:

- "Improving Living Standards in Sri Lanka: Nature, Policies & Setbacks" in *2005 South Asian Study Abroad Programme,* ICES, Kandy, Sri Lanka and Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, USA, October 2005
- "The Political Economy of Development in Sri Lanka: poverty issues" in *Sri Lanka Study Programme*, ICES, Kandy, Sri Lanka and Tulane University, USA, 2004 and 2005.