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**Date of Birth:** November 8, 1973

**School:** Mahanama College, Colombo 3, Sri Lanka.

## **Research Interests:**

Conflict resolution, power dividing, multiple majorities approach, terrorism and political violence, suicide terrorism, terrorist communication, national security, global security, law, political communication, and mass media.

## **Higher Educational Qualifications:**

- ◇ **Fulbright Scholarship (2011)** – National Security, University of Delaware, USA
- ◇ **MSc. Global Security (2003-2004)** – (Degree Total – 67) - Cranfield University (The Royal Military College of Science), Shrivenham, United Kingdom  
*Dissertation – ‘Defusing Human Bombs: an effects-based approach to counter suicide terrorism.’*
- ◇ **Attorney-at-Law (1999-2002)** - (First Class) The Law College of Sri Lanka

## **Research Experience:**

- ◇ **2004 – 2005 – the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, UK**– Suicide terrorism  
*(Defusing Human Bombs: An Effects Based Approach to Counter Suicide Terrorism)*
- ◇ **2005-2009 – University of St. Andrews (Centre of Studies of Terrorism and Political Violence), Scotland, UK.** – *Terrorist Use of Media and the Media Coverage of Terrorism.*

## **Recent Conferences Attended:**

- ◇ **17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019 – as the country representative for the 4<sup>th</sup> AsiaEurope Counter Terrorism Dialogue, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

## **Professional Experience:**

- ◇ **FROM 2009 to the Present, Attorney-at-Law, The Supreme Court of Sri Lanka, Colombo.**
- ◇ **FROM DECEMBER 2018 – November 2019** - Chairman, National Media Centre, Ministry of Defence, Sri Lanka

- ◇ **FROM DECEMBER 2018 – 17 NOVEMBER 2019** – Senior Director – (Strategic Planning) to the President of Sri Lanka, President’s Media Division, Sri Lanka.
- ◇ **OCTOBER 2018 – DECEMBER 2018** – Director - Editorial, Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Limited (*Lake House*), Sri Lanka
- ◇ **MARCH 1995 TO SEPT 2000** – Member of Parliament, Parliament of Sri Lanka, Sri Jayawardhanapura - Kotte
- ◇ **SEPTEMBER 1990 TO MARCH 1995** – Member of the Editorial Board (News) - *Lankadeepa* Newspaper – Sri Lanka, No. 8, Hunupitiya Cross Road, Colombo 2, Sri Lanka

#### **Additional experience - related to Politics/Political Communication**

- ◇ **The Head, National Security Study Group** - Sri Lanka Freedom Party, Sri Lanka. **(since 2023)**
- ◇ **Central Committee Member** – Sri Lanka Freedom Party, Sri Lanka. **(since 2023)**
- ◇ **Member** - General Election Campaign Committee, The United People’s Freedom Alliance, Sri Lanka. **(2015)**
- ◇ **Convener** – Samagi Balawegaya, Sri Lanka. (a socio-political movement) **(2013-2014)**
- ◇ **Coordinator** - Media Committee, The United National Party, Sri Lanka. **(2012 -2014)**
- ◇ Member - The United National Party, Sri Lanka. Media Committee **(1996 – 2000)**
- ◇ The Director Information (acting) – The United National Party, Sri Lanka. **(1995 - 1996)**

#### **Selected Publications:**

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