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EDUCATION

Monash University

PhD in Economics

Australia
Expected April 2026

Paper 1: Nation Building Through Harmonizing Ethnic Groups: The Role of Information and Emotional Nudges

Paper 2: Improving Gender Norms in the Workplace (with Emily Beam and Joshua D. Merfeld)

Paper 3: Shifting Subjective Expectations through Gender Norms Training (with Emily Beam and Joshua D. Merfeld)

University of South Carolina

Master of Arts in Economics ; GPA : 3.625 / 4.0

USA
2020

University of Colombo

Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Economics ; GPA : 3.61 / 4.0

Sri Lanka
2017

RESEARCH VISITS

University of California, Berkeley

Visiting Student Researcher under the supervision of Edward Miguel

USA
Fall 2024

WORK EXPERIENCE

Monash University

Teaching Associate

Economics of International Trade: S2 : 2022 (Weighted Score: 98/100)

Research Assistant (Centre for Development Economics and Sustainability)

Australia
August 2022 - present
Evaluation Report
October 2023 - present

University of Colombo

Lecturer (Probationary)

Temporary Assistant Lecturer

Sri Lanka
Oct 2018 - March 2022
July 2017 - July 2018

Institute of Policy Studies of Sri Lanka

Project Intern

Sri Lanka
Nov 2016 - April 2017

PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS

2025 ASSA Annual Meeting, California, USA

January 2025

UC Berkeley Development Lunch Seminar, California, USA

October 2024

CDES Sustainable Development Conference 2024, Prato, Italy

June 2024

13th Summer School, Italian Association of Development Economists, Italy

June 2024

19th Australasian Development Economics Workshop (ADEW), Melbourne

June 2024

14th Australasian Public Choice Conference, Melbourne

December 2023

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Staff and Educational Development Association (SEDA)

Certificate in Teaching in Higher Education

UK
March 2023

SKILLS AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Designing, Running & Managing RCTs and Field Experiments, Development Economics, Trade Economics, Econometrics, Computational General Equilibrium Modelling, Programming: Python and \LaTeX ; Scientific Computing Environment: MATLAB; Statistical Computing: SPSS, Stata, R and E-Views

GRANTS, AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Field Work : Euro 50,000 from the Diligentia Foundation, Germany, 2024
- Field Work : Euro 20,000 from Technical University of Munich, Germany, 2024
- Study Away at UC Berkeley: AUD 8,000 from Monash Business School, 2024
- Field Work : AUD 25,000 from Monash Business School, 2023
- Co-funded Monash Graduate Scholarship, 2022

- **Monash International Tuition Scholarship** , 2022
- **Fulbright Masters Scholarship** to pursue Masters in USA in 2019
- **Dean's Purple Letter for achieving high students' feedback in the Student Evaluation of Teaching and Units (SETU) at Monash Business School**
- Gold Medal for the **"Most Outstanding Student at Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo"** , at the General Convocation of University of Colombo, 2017
- **"Best of the Best Paper Award in South Asia – Mahabub Ul Haq & Amartya Sen Award"** at 13th South Asian Economics Student's Meet 2016, Kathmandu, Nepal.
- **"Prof. A.D.V de S. Indraratna Scholarship"** in recognition of performance at the First Examination in Arts and pursuance thereafter of a Special Degree in Economics in 2015

PUBLICATIONS

- Beam., Merfeld, J., & Wickremeratne, N. (2025). Improving Gender Norms in the Workplace. *Journal of Development Economics*. (Pre-Results Review).

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Bridging Divides: Promoting Ethnic Harmony in Sri Lankan Schools through Pen-Pal Programs (with Andreas Pondorfer, and Matthias Sutter)
- Sports as a Unifier (with Ashani Amarasinghe)
- Sports and Fertility (with Shamma Alam, Claus Portner and Ashani Amarasinghe)

OTHER PUBLICATIONS (PRE-DOCTORAL)

- Senarath, S., Rajapakse, P., Robbe, J.J.V., Wickremeratne, N., Subasinghage, M. (2022) 'Being Naked - et Quo hinc?: Developing a 'Skin-in-the-Game' Solution for Credit Default Swaps', *International Journal of Financial Studies*, 10(4), 94. Available at: [Link to Publication](#)
- Wickremeratne, N., Patabendige, R.J. (2021) 'The Role of Progressive Income Tax in relation to Economic Development', *International Journal of Sciences: Basic and Applied Research (IJSBAR)*, 58(2), pp. 133-143. Available at: [Link to Publication](#)
- Wickremeratne, N. (2020) 'Augmented Solow Growth Model with Human Capital in the Case of Asia', *Journal of Economics Management and Policy*, 1(1), pp. 24-27. Available at: [Link to Publication](#)
- Wickremeratne, H.N.M. (2020) 'The Global Production Sharing and Economic Development: The Nexus of Preferential Trade Agreements and Unilateral Trade', (Master's thesis). Available at: [Link to Publication](#)
- Wickremeratne, N. (2020) 'Consumers' Willingness to Pay for Green Products in Sri Lanka', *Journal of Business and Social Science Review*, 1(1), pp. 25-33. Available at: [Link to Publication](#)
- Premaratna, S.P., Rathnayaka, I.W., Dilrukshi, M.H.S., Wickremeratne, N. (2020) 'Impact of Ecological and Socio-economic Factors on Sustainable Development in Developing Countries: Econometric Analysis of panel data from South Asian, African and Latin American Regions', *Sri Lanka Journal of Banking and Finance*, 3(1), pp. 47-61. Available at: [Link to Publication](#)
- Wickremeratne, N., Dunusinghe, P. (2018) 'Youth Not in Education, Employment and Training (NEET) in Sri Lanka', *Advances in Economics and Business*, 6(5), pp. 339-352. doi: 10.13189/aeb.2018.060508. Available at: [Link to Publication](#)
- Gunuruwan, T.L., Wickremeratne, N. (2018) 'Sri Lankan Economic Sovereignty: Insights of Potentially Alarming Trends', *Sri Lanka Journal of Economic Research*, 6(1), pp. 111-124. Available at: [Link to Publication](#)

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