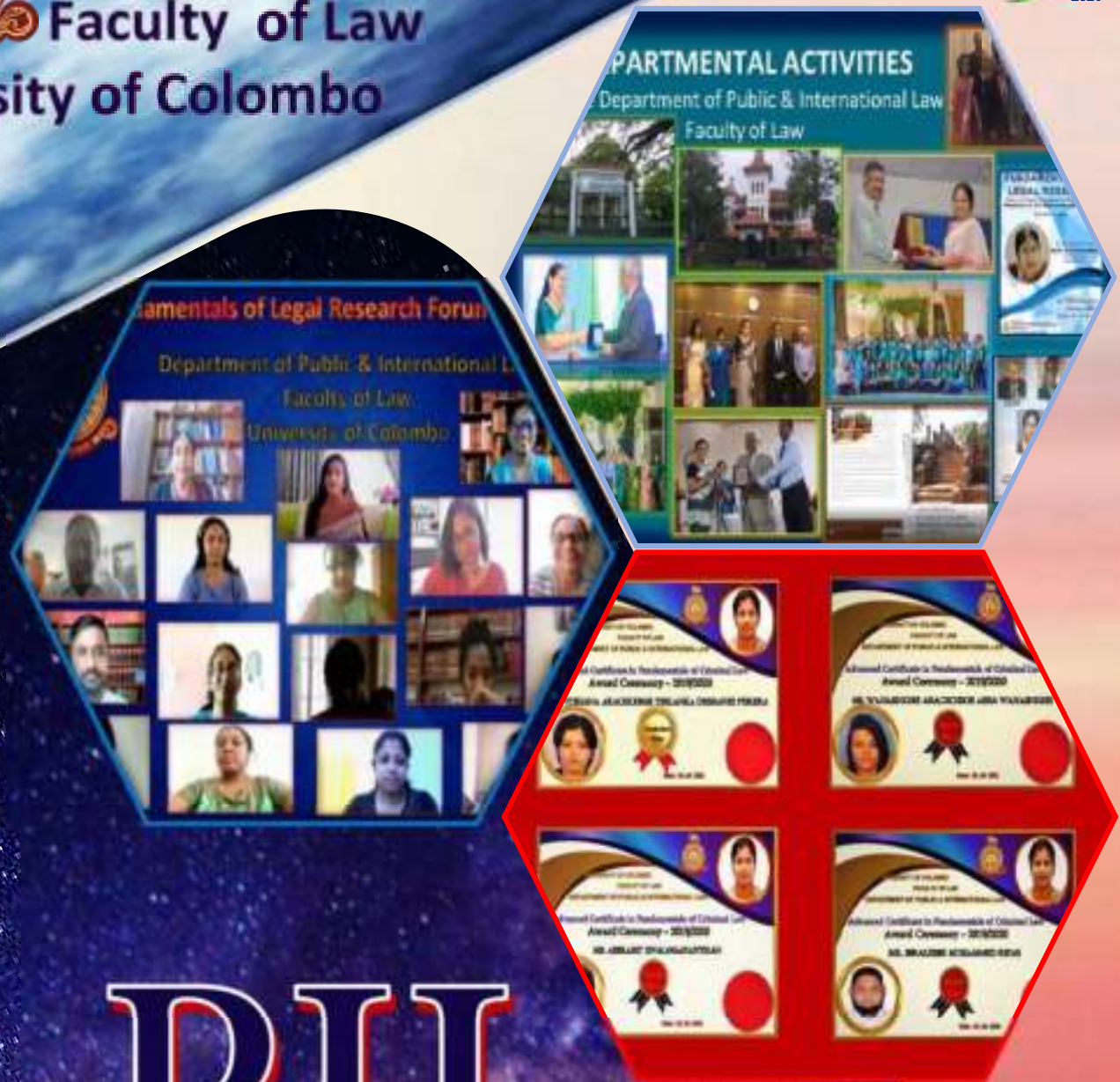




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**Message from Head of the Department of Public & International Law**

As the Head of the Department of Public & International Law I pen this message with great pleasure to the inaugural "PIL-Bulletin" published by the Department. This e-bulletin is planned to publish bi-annually to cover Departmental Events, Research Forums, Awards, Achievements, New Appointments, Promotions, Newest Publications & Research, Other News and Announcements. This volume includes information from January to June 2021.

I am happy to announce that the Academic and Non-Academic staff of the Department contribute to their fullest capacity to make the flag of the PIL Department flying very high. The information included in this bulletin attests the fact that the academic activities, research and extra-curricular activities conducted by the staff of the Department are outstanding. I wish all the best to the Department for keeping this momentum created through its unique endeavours.

GOOD LUCK !!!

Prof. Wasantha Seneviratne

Head of the Department of Public & International Law

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DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

1.1 Awarding Ceremony of Advanced Certificate Courses -2019/2020



The Department of Public and International Law, Faculty of Law of the University of Colombo conducted courses on Fundamentals of Criminal Law, International Criminal Law, and Environmental Law in the year 2019. Prof. Jeeva Niriella coordinated the course on Fundamentals of Criminal Law. Prof. V.T. Thamilmaran coordinated the International Criminal Law course and Dr. Kokila Konasinghe coordinated the Environmental Law and Policy course.

Due to the prevailing pandemic situation, the Department of Public and International Law held the Awarding Ceremony of Advanced Certificate Courses on Fundamentals of Criminal Law, International Criminal Law, and Environmental Law and Policy on the 22nd of April 2021 online. Prof. Indira Nanayakkara, the Dean of the Faculty of Law along with Prof. Wasantha Seneviratne, the Head of the Department of Public and International Law headed the Awarding Ceremony. Dr V.A.T.D. Perera received a Distinction pass in Fundamentals of Criminal Law, while others were honoured with merit passes. Prof. Wasantha Seneviratne also presented the flyer and the call for application for Diploma in respective courses at the awarding ceremony.

This Ceremony was Coordinated by:

Ms. S. Puwanitha





Advanced Certificate in
Fundamentals of Criminal Law
2019/2020

Advanced Certificate in
Environmental Law
2019/2020



Advanced Certificate in
International of Criminal Law
2019/2020

1.1.1 Awardees of the Advanced Certificate in Fundamentals of Criminal Law-2019/2020



1.1.2 Awardees of the Advanced Certificate in International Criminal Law-2019/2020



1.1.3 Awardees of the Advanced Certificate in Environmental Law & Policy -2019/2020



1.2 Inauguration Ceremony of Advanced Certificate in Fundamentals of Criminal Law (ONLINE)- 2021



The Department of Public and International Law, Faculty of Law of the University of Colombo conducted a virtual Inauguration Ceremony for the Advanced Certificate in Fundamentals of Criminal Law on the 24th

of April 2021. With the successful completion of the Advanced Certificate Course on Fundamentals of Criminal Law in the year 2019, the Department had called applications for this course for the second consecutive year. Despite the pandemic situation prevailing in the country, the Department received several applications from candidates representing different parts of the island. Prof. Indira Nanayakkara, the Dean of the Faculty of Law, and Prof. Wasantha Seneviratne, the Head of the Department of Public and International Law, headed the event along with Prof. Jeeva Niriella, Coordinator of the course.

*This Ceremony was Coordinated by:
Mr. Kusal Amarasinghe*



Prof. W. Seneviratne
Head of the Department of
Public and International Law
Faculty of Law
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Deshabandu Prof. Jeeva Niriella
Course Coordinator for Advanced
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Inauguration Ceremony of Advanced Certificate in Fundamentals of Criminal Law – 2021 (ONLINE)

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DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

of the Department of Public & International Law
Faculty of Law



1.3 The "Chat on Sustainable Development Goals"

The 'Chat on Sustainable Development Goals', the first webinar of its series was organized by the Final Year Undergraduates of the Faculty of Law in collaboration with the Centre for Environmental Law and Policy, Centre for Environmental Initiatives, and the Earth Mates organization on the 20th of January 2021. The webinar was also graced by two panelists Dr Shyami Puvimanasinghe and Mr Benjamin Schachter who represented the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Professor Wasantha Seneviratne, Head of the Department of Public and International Law, Faculty of Law, praised the efforts of the young undergraduates while explaining the objectives of the webinar series and highlighting the significance of organizing productive initiatives as this using the online learning platform. Following the speech, the discussion commenced with explanations of each SDG by 17 Final Year undergraduates of the Faculty representing Sinhala, Tamil and English mediums. Their presentations explained the Sri Lankan perspective of each SDG, challenges faced by Sri Lanka in relation to each SDG together with the way forward in achieving these goals in the current context.

The second session, the Panel discussion featured Professor Erandathi Lokupitiya, Director, Centre for Environmental Initiatives, University of Colombo, Dr. Shyami Puvimanasinghe, Human Rights Officer, Right to Development Section, United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and Mr. Benjamin Schachter, Human Rights Officer, Right to Development Section, United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. **Dr. Kokila Konasinghe**, Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Law who moderated the panel opened the discussion with the traditional Sri Lankan welcome, 'Ayubowan' which means "may you live longer in good health". Her speech emphasized on the traditional Sri Lankan image which she quoted by way of the tag line, "Wewai, Daagebai, Gamai, Pansalai", which refers to "Tank, Shrine, Village and Family unit." She noted the Sri Lankan belief in maintaining a balance between the above four elements to ensure a just and prosperous society.





2.1 Fundamentals of Legal Research Series - 01

Fundamentals of Legal Research: Role of legal Academics engaging in research in the Contemporary Society' organized by the Department of Public and International Law was held on 10th February 2021. The event was conducted via Zoom from 10.00 A.M. to 12.00 noon. This was the first of the series of research forums organized by the Department.



Emeritus Professor of Law, Former Vice Chancellor of the University of Colombo, Savitri Goonesekere, addressed the virtual forum as the guest speaker. She discussed the features of legal research, Austinian approach to research, comparative legal research, interdisciplinary nature of legal research, the importance of legal analysis, the social impact of legal research, research methodology and ethics, institutional role in nurturing legal research, research in contemporary society and setting a research agenda. Her speech was followed by a lively discussion on the topic by the participants from the three Departments of the Faculty of Law.

This session was coordinated by :

Ms. Binendri Perera



2.2 Fundamentals of Legal Research Series - 02

Fundamentals of Legal Research: the role of legal academia in Constitution making' organized by the Department of Public and International Law was held on 6th April 2021. This forum was conducted via Zoom from 2.00 PM. to 4.00 PM. This was the second of the series of research forums organized by the Department. Mr. Rohan Edrisinha addressed the virtual forum as the guest speaker.



His speech, was mainly focused on, what is the role of an academic in constitution making. Further, he discussed about, academic freedom and institutional autonomy, the concept of Constitutionalism and the Constitutional reform debate in Sri Lanka.

This session was Coordinated by :

Ms. Thilini Galappaththige



2.3 Fundamentals of Legal Research Series - 03

The Department of Public and International Law organized its 3rd Forum on, Fundamentals of Legal Research on the 17th of June 2021, Prof. Ellen Hey participated in the forum as the guest speaker and, delivered an insightful lecture under the theme of **"Soft Law' in Terms of Research and Approaches to Research"**. Prof. Hey is a Professor of Public International Law, at the Erasmus School of Law of Erasmus University Rotterdam. She holds degrees in law from Utrecht University (LLB., 1978; LL.M, 1981; Doctorate, 1989) and an M.Sc. in Marine Law and Policy, University of Wales (1983). Her research interests include international environmental law, international natural resources law, and the law of international organizations. To find her profile, click here: [Professor Ellen Hey – International Foundation for the Law of the Sea](#)

In her lecture, she focused on the possible ways of researching 'soft law' and the issues of legitimacy that arise due to 'soft law'. She addressed the differences between the role of Soft Law in

Developing legal infrastructure and in regulating human activities. She drew examples from a variety of international instruments and cited the scholarly debates of Klabbers, Brunnee, Kingsbury et.al and Pauwelyn et al to substantiate her arguments.



The Forum was held virtually. We invite any researcher or Student of law interested in, accessing her lecture and the reading materials to email us at pil@law.cmb.ac.lk mentioning name, occupation, affiliation, and the request.

This session was Coordinated by :

Ms. S. Puvanitha



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AWARDS

PROF. JEEVA NIRIELLA

World Women Leadership presented an award "Global W.O.W. Achievers" held in Mumbai 18th February 2021 at the 8th World Congress on Women 2021



DR. DINESHA SAMARARATNE

CVCD Excellence Award for the Most Outstanding Young Researcher (Management and Law) 2020

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ACHIEVEMENTS

DR. DINESHA SAMARARATNE

- Presenter at the weekly brown bag seminar at the Centre for Comparative Constitutional Studies at the Melbourne Law School on constitutional developments around the world (02nd March 2021, online)
- Convenor and participant at workshop on draft introduction to 'Constitutional Resilience Beyond Courts: Views from South Asia' (forthcoming, Hart), (18 Feb 2021, online)
- Delivery of session on 'Academic Freedom and University Autonomy' for the Staff Development Programme at the Open University of Sri Lanka (21 January 2021, online)
- Panelist, 'Dialogue on Human Rights and Civil Society' by the Gender, Justice and Security Network led by the London School of Economics (27 January 2021, online)

DR. KOKILA KONASINGHE

The Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU) and the British Council have partnered to establish the Commonwealth Futures Climate Research Cohort, supporting 26 researchers to bring local knowledge to a global stage in the lead-up to the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26). Dr. Kokila Konasinghe, a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Public and International Law of the Faculty of Law and Dr. Iroja Caldera, a senior lecturer at the Department of Plant Sciences of the Faculty of Science, from the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka have been selected as members of the cohort through a highly competitive application process open for over 500 member universities of the Association of Commonwealth Universities.

Throughout 2021, this diverse cohort is expected to build international collaborations and work with experts, to influence climate and environment-related issues in their communities and beyond. The cohort convenes researchers with expertise in a range of disciplines and the members of the cohort are based in 25 ACU member universities from 16 countries.

**PROF. WASANTHA SENEVIRATNE**

- Member of the Special Expert Panel of the Constitution Making Committee.
- State Volume Editor - Encyclopedia of International Law in Asia.

MR. KUSAL AMARASINGHE

- He completed a Diploma in Forensic Medicine and Science conducted by the Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo.
- He has been appointed as a temporary student counsellor for the undergraduates of the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo.
- He has also joined the Online Winter Courses on International Law conducted by The Hague Academy of International Law.

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NEW APPOINTMENTS

Professor Wasantha Seneviratne,

- ★ has been appointed as a Member of the National Monitoring Committee on Child Rights by H.E President of Sri Lanka.

Ms. Puvanitha Selvaraj,

- ★ has been appointed as a Case Reviewer and as an Associate Editor for Printing and Publication of South Asian Environmental Law Case Report, Centre for the



- Environmental Law and Policy (CELP) of the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo since June 2021.
- ★ She has been appointed as a member of the Centre for Environmental Law and Policy of the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo.
- ★ She was appointed as a web coordinator and as a writer of E-Bulletin of Department of Public and International Law of the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo since June 2021.
- ★ She was appointed as a web coordinator and as a writer of PIL-Bulletin of Department of Public and International Law of the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo since June 2021.

Dr. Dinesha Samararatne,

- ★ has been appointed as an Academic Warden, Muttiah Girls Hostel, University of Colombo on February, 2021.



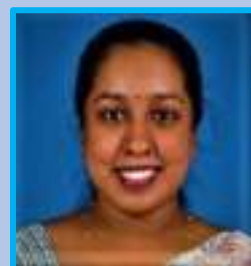
- ★ Was appointed as a Senior Research Associate, Laureate Program in Comparative Constitutional Law, Melbourne Law School on March, 2021 - to date, honorary appointment.

Dr. Kokila Konasinghe,

- ★ has been appointed as a Director of the Centre of the Environmental Law & Policy, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo.
- ★ was appointed as a member of the Environmental Law Sub Committee of the Bar Association of Sri Lanka.
- ★ has been appointed as a member of the Advisory Board of the Earth, the Centre for Environmental Law Initiatives at Kothalawala Defence University.
- ★ was appointed as an Executive Editor of the Sri Lanka Journal of International Law.
- ★ was appointed as an Editor in Chief of the South Asian Journal of Environmental Law and Policy.
- ★ Moreover shen was appointed as an Editor in Chief of the South Asian Environmental Law Reports.

Ms. Pavithra Rajendan,

- ★ has been appointed as a temporary student counsellor for the undergraduates of the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo.



- ★ She was also appointed as a member at Centre for the Environmental Law and Policy (CELP), Faculty of Law, University of Colombo.
- ★ She was appointed as a News-Provider of PIL-Bulletin of Department of Public and International Law of the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo since June 2021.

Deshabandhu Professor Jeeva Niriella,

- ★ was appointed to the National Unity and Reconciliation Bureau on January 2021.
- ★ has been appointed as a (Founder) Dean of Faculty of Criminal Justice, (the First Faculty of Criminal Justice in Sri Lanka) Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Sri Lanka.
- ★ has been appointed as a Member of the Director Board, Office for the National Unity and Reconciliation - appointed on 22 January 2021.
- ★ was appointed as a Member of the Advisory Board, South Asian Journal of International Law an International Journal By Internationalism Abhiglobal Legal Research And Media LLP on 24th January 2021.
- ★ Moreover she was appointed as a Coordinator, Advanced Certificate in Fundamentals of Criminal Law -2021 and was the resource person of English medium.

Mr. MAM. Hakeem,

- ★ was appointed as a member of Advisory Committee on Muslim Law Reforms - approved by the Cabinet and appointed by the Minister of Justice on January 2021.
- ★ was appointed as a member of the Advisory Committee on Muslim Personal Law - appointed by the Minister of Justice on 31 December 2020 and Submitted the Report on the Reforms of MMDA to the Minister of Justice on 21 June 2021. He played a key role in preparing the final report and edited the report along with two other members. The Report consists of draft amendments to make the Legal Draftsman's task easy.
- ★ Moreover, he was appointed as a member of the Advisory Committee to formulate a Bill on Protection from Online Falsehood and Manipulation by the Minister of Justice.

Mr. Kusal Amarasinghe,

- ★ was appointed as an Associate Editor & Case Reviewer of the South in the Asian Law Report of the Asian Foundation Project.
- ★ He was appointed as a Case reviewer & Associate editor - South Asian Environmental Law Report (CELP)
- ★ He has been appointed as a Research Supervisor, Degree of Bachelor of Labour Education, IHRA, University of Colombo.
- ★ Moreover he has been appointed as a Course Director, Advanced Certificate in Fundamentals of Criminal Law-2021, Dept. of Public & International Law, Faculty of Law.

Ms. Binendri Perera,

- ★ She appointed as Visiting Lecturer at Sri Lanka Law College to teach Constitutional Law (Preliminary Year) for the 2021
- ★ She was appointed as a Language Editor of PIL-Bulletin of Department of Public and International Law of the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo since June 2021.



PROMOTIONS



Ms. Chathurika Akurugoda,

Lecturer, has been promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer (Grade II).



NEWEST PUBLICATION & RESEARCH

PUBLICATIONS

Professor Wasantha Seneviratne published a journal article titled '**Impact of Biological weapons in the Context of Pandemic situations: A Critical Analysis of Applicable Legal Standards**' in Sri Lanka Judges Journal Vol. 6 (2020).

- She contributed a chapter titled '**A MARRIAGE BETWEEN MONISM AND DUALISM: IS A MIXED METHOD OF INCORPORATING INTERNATIONAL LAW TREATIES INTO DOMESTIC LAW OF SRI LANKA APPPOSITE?**' to the book titled '**LAW IN DEFENCE OF HUMAN INTEGRITY: PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES, COLLECTED ESSAYS**' 2020 UOC Press, ISBN 978-955-703-077. This book was launched at the Annual Research Symposium of the Faculty of Law, the University of Colombo in January 2020.

PRESENTATIONS

- She also presented a research paper titled '**Recognition of new States: An Analysis of selected Case Studies from a Third World Approach to International Law (TWAIL)**' at the symposium mentioned above. Mr. K.A.A. Thilakaratne contributed as a co-author to this research.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Professor Jeeva Niriella** Research Paper presented at ACS 2020, 12th Annual Conference, Asian Criminological Society, on 18-21 June 2021 (online) . The event was hosted by Ryukoku Criminology Research Center, University of Ryukoku, Kyoto Japan. Prof. Niriella presented a paper on “**Legal Insanity vs Medical Insanity Dilemma of Insanity Defence and Reforming the Criminal Law in Sri Lanka**”

PUBLICATIONS

- Book Chapter on **Economic Development through the Lens of Sustainable Development : Special Reference to Colombo Port City Project in Sri Lanka**, edited by Sarath Wijesinghe P.C. in Foreign Policy Perspectives: Port City Colombo and International Financial Centre. First Edition 2021. Published by The Ambassador Forum Sri Lanka (pp 67-80)
- Paper on **Civil Institutions and the Role of Women in Justice Pursuits: A Sri Lankan Perspectives**, Published in Social Justice Vol 44, No 200, Marc/April 2021, Published by The Centre for Society and Religion (pp 19-25)

PRESENTATIONS

- **Ms. Rajendran Pavithra** presented her paper titled “**Can green bench make any difference?**” at the Annual Research Symposium 2020, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo.

PUBLICATIONS

- Her paper has been accepted for publication in the journal of Asian Journal of Multidisciplinary Research & Review. The paper is titled ‘**ADULTERY AS A GROUND FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE: STATUS OF A KANDYAN WOMAN IN SRI LANKA**’.
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- 2020 - “Justice Dipak Misra National Call for Chapters” - “**“Do not! Cannot! and Know your place!”- Let’s end it! Gender Stereotypes and Harmful Cultural Practices in Sri Lanka: An Analytical Study** (ISBN No: 978-81-947778-5-4)

PUBLICATIONS

Ms. Binendri Perera, Niro Kandasamy, and Karen Soldatic, '**COVID-19 from the margins: Gendered-Disability experiences in Sri Lanka**' Disability and the Global South, 2021 Vol.8, No. 1, 1923-1934

- She published a journal article titled "**The unresolved constitutional dilemma: Persisting Imbalance of power exposed by the Constitutional Coup 2018**" in the journal of World Comparative Law (54: 1 VRU (World Comparative Law) 116.).

PRESENTATIONS

- Ms. B. Perera presented her paper on '**Feminism in protests: importance of substantive equality to achieve democracy**' at Annual Conference 2021 of the International Feminist Journal of Politics.
- She presented the paper '**Constituent power as a clash between status quo and Dissidents: An analysis based on the Milk Tea Alliance**' at the Annual Meeting 2021 of the Law & Society Association of the University of Chicago.

PUBLICATIONS

Ms. T. R. Galappaththige contributed a chapter titled "**A Critical Review of the Law Relating to Cumulative Provocation**" to the book titled 'LAW IN DEFENCE OF HUMAN INTEGRITY: PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES, COLLECTED ESSAYS'. This book was launched at the Annual Research Symposium of the Faculty of Law, the University of Colombo in January 2020.

WORKSHOP

Dr. Dinesha Samararatne together with Associate Prof Tom Daly (Melbourne School of Government, Melbourne University) and Dr Asanga Welikala (Edinburgh Centre for Constitutional Law) organised a series of six drafting workshops for their forthcoming collection with Oxford University Press: *Democratic Consolidation and Constitutional Endurance: Uneven Pathways in Asia and Africa*. The collection seeks to advance the field of constitution-building by elaborating theory afresh on the basis of states that have undergone an understudied democratising event in the past five years, with a variety of outcomes. The aim is to allow the experiences of these states to more fully inform our theoretical understandings of democratic consolidation and constitutional endurance – if not quite with a ‘clean slate’, at least less encumbered by existing understandings based on extensively studied states such as South Africa, Colombia, and India. (15 – 25 June, virtual)

- The workshops brought together the 21 contributors for the collection, including authors of the seven country reports – on Ethiopia, The Gambia, Malaysia, The Maldives, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Thailand – and authors of thematic chapters on processes of constitutional development, the roles of governing institutions, courts, and political parties, constitutional cultures (authored by Cheryl Saunders), centralisation and decentralisation, systemic corruption, civil-military relations, and the Impact of COVID-19. The sessions underscored the importance of the collection’s aim in enhancing the diversity of voices in the global conversation on constitution-building. By bringing together a mix of scholars and practitioners, early career and established experts, scholars from the countries studied, and a majority of female contributors, the discussions yielded an array of new insights and nuance to our understandings of the way in which the relationship between institutional resilience and democratic development plays out. The discussions were closed but live tweeted under Chatham House rules using the hashtag #DemAsiaAfrica.

PRESENTATIONS

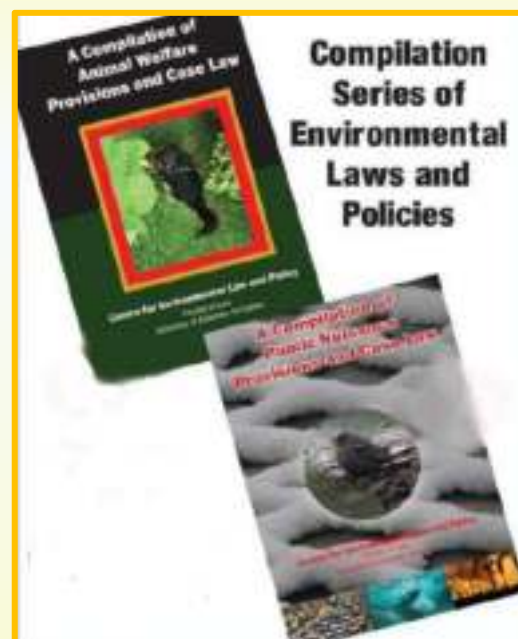
- **‘Guaranteeing Guarantors in Sri Lanka: A Story of Four Amendments’** at the workshop on the Fourth Branch in South Asia, convened by the Niti Foundation of Nepal (8-9 June, virtual)
- Speaker at Round Table on Environmental Law and Sustainable Development in South Asia at the conference themed, Crisis, Healing and Re-imagining, Law and Society Association 2021, Annual Meeting (virtual 30 May 2021)
- Session on **‘Introduction to Constitutions, Constitutionalism and Governance: Democracy, Majoritarianism, Separation of Powers and Structure of Constitution of Sri Lanka’** for the Academy of the Centenary Movement of Sri Lanka (4 June 2021)
- Co-representation of **Review essay: Gary J. Jacobsohn and Yaniv Roznai, *Constitutional Revolution* (Yale University Press, 2020)** with Dr Erika Arban at the weekly Brown Bag seminar at the Centre for Constitutional Studies, Melbourne Law School (25 May 2021)

PUBLICATIONS

- **‘Resilience through Synergy? The Legal Complex in Sri Lanka’s Constitutional Crisis’** accepted for publication by the Asian Journal of Law and Society
- Co-authored with William Partlett, **‘Redeeming the National in Constitutional Argument’** accepted for publication by World Comparative Law/ VRU

Dr. Kokila Kinasinghe, Editor in Chief for the Compilation of **Animal Welfare** published by the CELP with Stamford Lake Publishers (Dec. 2021)

- Konasinghe K, '**Assuring health and wellbeing beyond the mankind: Legal proposition to move to a right to health inclusive of nature itself**' in Thamilmaran VT (eds) *Defence in Human Integrity: Principles and Policies* (Department of Public and International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo 2020) ISBN 978-955-703-077-7 (Dec. 2021)
- Konasinghe K and Senaratne S, '**Look Beyond Wilpattu: Legal Insights into Environmental Law Concepts and Principles**' *Daily News* (Colombo, 14 December 2020)
- Konasinghe K and Edirisinghe A, '**The Fight is for Them: Adoption of Rights of Nature Approach to Protect Natural Resources in Sri Lanka**' *Ceylon Today* (Colombo, 13 December 2020)
- Konasinghe K and Senaratne S, '**Sustainable City Planning and Sri Lanka: A Comparative Study**' *Colombo Telegraph* (Colombo, 24th December 2020)
- Editor in Chief, **Public Nuisance: Provisions and Case Laws** (Stamford Lake publishers 2020) published in January 2020



Dr. Nishara Mendis, Editorial Committee member, *Law in Defence of Human Integrity: Principles and Policies - Collected Essays*", a book in commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the Department of Public and International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, 2020.

- Participated and contributed comments at the First ICRC Webinar on "**Reducing Suffering During Conflict: The Interface Between Buddhism and IHL**", 16 December 2020.

PRESENTATIONS

- Presentation on "**The International Law relating to Anti-Personnel Mine**", online seminar for Mine Action Day 2021 organized by Sri Lanka Campaign to Ban Landmines (SLCBL), 8th of February 2021.

PUBLICATIONS

- (Forthcoming 2021) Entries in Sri Lanka section - Seokwoo Lee, *ENCYCLOPEDIA OF PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW IN ASIA - SRI LANKA*, (Brill Publications).
- "**Understanding Judicial Bias: A Law and Literature Approach, with special reference to the Niti Nighanduwa and Buddhist Jataka Stories**" in *LAW IN DEFENCE OF HUMAN INTEGRITY: PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES - COLLECTED ESSAYS*, Volume in Commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of the Department of Public and International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo, Colombo University Press, 2020.

PUBLICATIONS

Mr. Kusal Amarasinghe, published his article titled **"The shape of war in the 21st century:**

An analysis of the challenges posed by the contemporary armed conflicts with reference to International Humanitarian Law" in the International Journal of Law. (ISSN: 2455-2194, Volume 7; Issue 1; 2021; Page No. 01-06). He also presented a paper at the Annual Research Symposium 2020, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo.

- He published an article titled **'Characteristics and Practical Applicability of Selected Criminal Justice Models: A Review on Sri Lankan Criminal Procedure'** in Hulftsdorp Law Journal 2020. He published an article on **'Pure-Classical and Neo-Classical Schools of Criminology: Applicability into the Present Context of Criminal Law in Sri Lanka'** in US-China Law Review in August 2020 (Vol. 17, No. 8, 348-355).
- **Pure-Classical and Neo-Classical Schools of Criminology: Applicability into the Present Context of Criminal Law in Sri Lanka** (17 US-China L. Rev. 348 (2020) (Indexed in HeinOnline) <https://heinonline.org/HOL/LandingPage?handle=hein.journals/uschinalrw17&div=41&id=&page=>

PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Selvaraj Puwanitha presented her research paper **'Compromising Health to Gain Wealth: A Legal Response to Adverse Health Effects of Night Work'** at the International Conference in Sciences and Humanities to be conducted by the Faculty of Humanities and Sciences, SLIIT on 26th of March 2021. She has been appointed as a member of the Centre for Environmental Law and Policy of the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo.

PUBLICATIONS

- She contributed a chapter titled **"APPLICATION OF DOCTRINE OF SEPARATION OF POWERS AT THE SUB-NATIONAL LEVEL OF GOVERNANCE IN SRI LANKA"** to the book titled **'LAW IN DEFENCE OF HUMAN INTEGRITY: PRINCIPLES AND POLICIES, COLLECTED ESSAYS'**. This book was launched at the Annual Research Symposium of the Faculty of Law, the University of Colombo in January 2020. She also presented a research paper titled **'Restorative Justice Theory; A Critical Examination on the Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Prisoners in the Criminal Justice System of Sri Lanka'** at the symposium mentioned above. She has also completed her CTHE with SEDA accreditation.
- She received an offer to participate in the **South Asian Research Colloquium on Environment and Climate Change Law 2021**. The colloquium is co-hosted by the South Asian University (Faculty of Law), Gujarat National Law University (Centre for Environmental Law and Sustainable Development and Climate Change), and Jawaharlal Nehru University (Centre for the Study of Law and Governance) with support from the Asian Development Bank (ADB). She was appointed as a web coordinator and as a report writer of E-Bulletin of Department of Public and International Law of the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo since June 2021.



OTHER NEWS

Prof. Wasasnth Seneviratne

She was invited as a speaker to the International Women's Day celebration organized by the National Human Rights Commission under the theme of "COVID - 19 Impact on vulnerable Women" on 08-03-2021 at the BMICH. She also presented a paper titled 'Constitutional protection of Women's Rights: A Critique on the State Obligation to protect rights of women in Sri Lanka at the Track Two on Legal Rights of Equality', at the Women's Day Conference organized by the Faculty of Graduate Studies, of the University of Colombo on 08-03-2021.

Speaker of the BASL Webinar on child rights and child protection from an international law perspective.

Chief Guest and the Keynote Speaker, Launch of the Manurawa Law Journal, Sri Lanka Law College, 30 December 2020.

Speaker, Webinar on Challenges faced by the Urban Communities organized by the Centre for the Study of Human Rights to celebrate International Human Rights Day 2020

Ms. Danushka Medawatte

Ms. D. Medawatte presented a co-authored article (Danushka S. Medawatte, Neloufer de Mel, Sandani Abeywardene, and Ranitha Gnanaraj) titled "Confronting Silence: Aphonias in the Prosecution of Conflict Related Sexual Violence" at a webinar organized by the Women and Media Collective on 15 June 2021. Moderator of a session on Conflict Related Sexual Violence (CRSV) with a panel comprised of Prof. Radhika Coomaraswamy, Ms. Shyamala Gomez, and Ms. Amalini De Sayrah for journalists to educate them on the ethics and law associated with reporting and writing on CRSV

Deshabandhu Prof. Jeeva Niriella

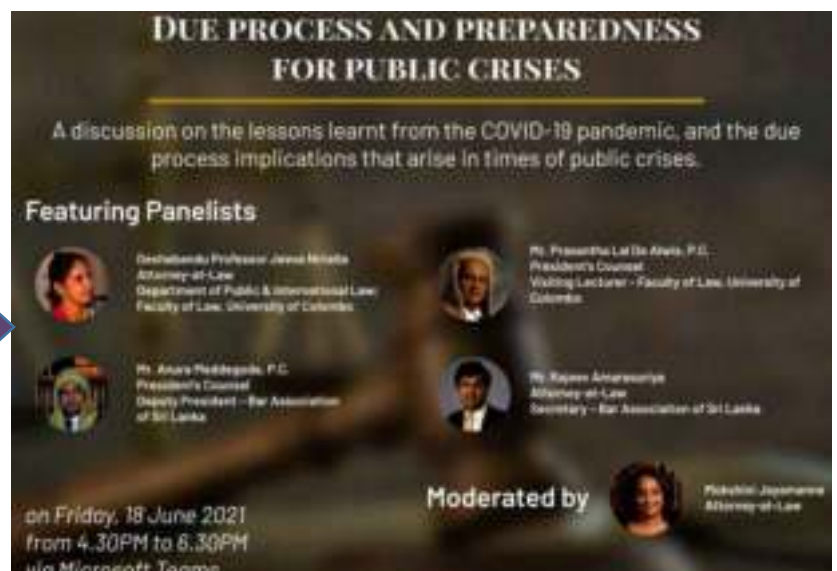
She was invited as a Keynote Speaker at the valedictory session, at the International Conference (online) organized by the Centre for Advanced Legal Studies and research, Kerala Law Academy Law College Trivandrum, India on 20th February 2021. She delivered her speech on **‘Topic Protection of the Right to Health and Access to Health Care in Developing countries: Constitutional and Judicial measures’**.



She was also invited as a speaker at the National Law Conference (hybrid) held on 12th -13th February 2021. The conference was organized by the Sri Lanka Bar Association. In this conference she delivered a speech on **‘FUTURISM: Reforms for Criminal Law in Sri Lanka with Special reference to Defences’**.

Member of a Judging panel of the KDU Memorial Trophy National Moot Court Competition, (Final Round) held on 25th April 2021.

Participated as a key panelist at the online webinar hosted by Verité Research on **“Due Process and Preparedness for Public Crisis”** held on 18.06.2021.



Dr. Kokila Konasinghe

Participated as an expert consultant at the ABC TV(Australian National Television) news telecast on 4th June 2021. Following the devastating Environmental catastrophe caused by the fire which erupted on-board the MV X-Press Pearl, ABC (Australian Broadcasting Corporation) TV interviewed **Dr. Kokila Konasinghe**, Director of the Centre for Environmental Law and Policy (CELP) of the University of Colombo, regarding the potential legal repercussions of this incident. Link to the online news item: <https://cmb.ac.lk/chemical-cargo-shipwreck/> Link to the online telecast of the

news:< <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q-AxuEh2zZs>>

Participated as a discussant at the Environment Day celebration on 5th June at a seminar organised by the NETWORK OF AIAS PACIFIC SCHOOL AND INSTITUTES OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE in New Delhi, India.

Participated as a member of the panel in the webinar on 'Environmental Rights: National and International Perspectives' scheduled to be held on the 2nd March 2021, organised by the Faculty of Law, Kothelawala Defence University.

Guest Speaker in Earth Mates Sri Lanka Foundation Webinar Series, **Green Activism for Environmental Conservation: A Legal Analysis**, Jan. 2021

Chair at the International Symposium of NCAS in 23rd January 2021

Panelist at the second Webinar on Environmental Law at the BASL webinar series on 9th February 2021

Keynote Speaker at "The Winning Formula During a Pandemic", International Conference on Multidisciplinary Research (ICMR 2020) organised by the British College of Applied Studies

Delivered an expert legal opinion at the main news bulletin of ABC TV (Australian Broadcasting Corporation) on the environmental catastrophe caused by the fire erupted on board of the X Press Pearl ship in the Sri Lankan territorial sea.

Dr. Dinesha Samararatne

Member of a Preliminary Inquiry Committee at the University of Colombo.

Lecture on ‘**Academic Freedom**’ for the Certificate in Teaching in Higher Education, Open University Sri Lanka
(21 January 2021)

Episode on Constitutional Café podcast ‘**The Global South in Comparative Constitutional Law**’
(5 May 21)

The Port City Bill: Legislative Carving Out from a Constitutional Democracy?
Groundviews 4 April 2021

Dr. Nishara Mendis

On June 11 2021, she organized a Special Zoom Discussion Class on the Xpress Pearl disaster, with participation of Lawyers from the Environmental Foundation Limited (Ms. Bhagya Wickramasinghe , Head of Legal, EFL and Ms. Kumudika Perera, Legal intern and exemplary recent FoL graduate) - 80 persons (FoL students and staff participated)

Upon being requested, she provided a written expert opinion on Law of the Sea matters to the Legal Committee appointed by the Ministry of Justice to look into issues concerning the MV Xpress Pearl disaster, June 2021.

Upon being requested, she submitted a Lw of the Sea advisory document “**Sri Lanka’s Maritime Zones according to International Law of the Sea and current Sri Lankan Law**” to the Committee for Constitutional Reform, October 2020

Ms. Selvaraj Puwanitha

She was serving as a visiting lecturer for **Executive Diploma in Human Rights 2021/2021** at Faculty of Graduate Studies, the University of Colombo since 20th February 2021.

Mr. Kusal Amarasinghe

Lecturer for the Advanced Certificate in Fundamentals of Criminal Law (ACFCL) 2021.

He started reading for his Master of the Laws (LL.M) degree programme (2021-2022) at Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Sri Lanka.

Ms. Pavithra Rajendran


Examiner - Worked as an examiner for viva voce session in Land Law at the Open University of Colombo

Resource Person – Certificate in Human Rights and Fundamental Rights, Centre for the Study of Human Rights (CSHR)

Resource Person – Distance Learning Diploma in Human Rights and Democracy, Centre for the Study of Human Rights (CSHR)

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9.1 Diploma in Public Law - 2021


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9.2 PIL Publication - 2020

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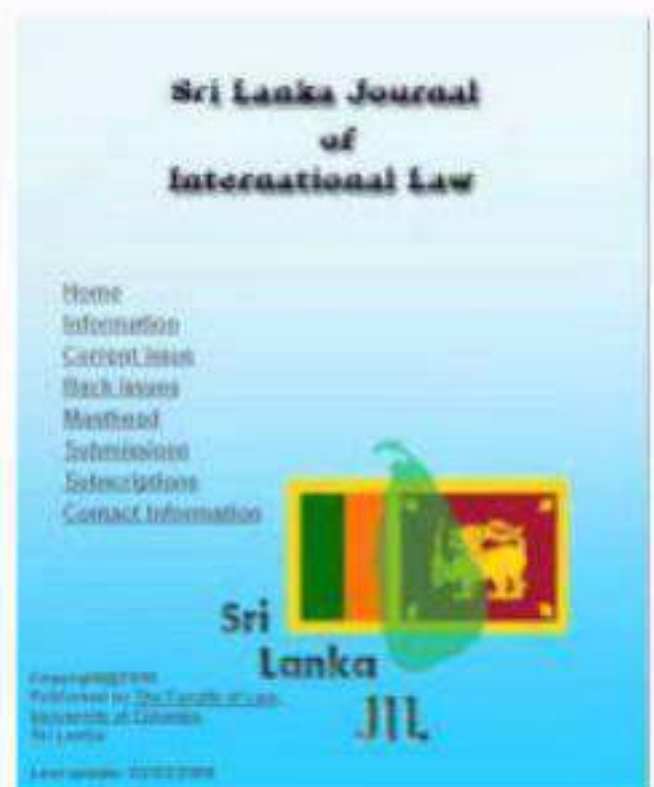
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9.3 1 Sri Lanka Journal of International Law

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