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## **EDUCATION**

 Ph.D. in Philosophy,(PhD) (2011-2015), From , University of Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany, Title of the Thesis: "Ethical Relativism and Ethical Absolutism: A Conceptual Analysis". (Supervisor Prof. Gerhard Ernst, President of German Philosophers Association and the Chair of Institute of Philosophy)
 Master of Arts Degree in Buddhist Philosophy, (M.A) (2009-2011) University of Pali and Buddhist Studies, Sri Lanka.
 Master of Arts Degree in Philosophy (M.A) (2006-2008) University of Mysore, India. Thesis title: "Concept of Peace in Buddhism and Gandian Thought"
 Bachelor of Arts (B.A), (Honors) Degree in Philosophy (Second class upper division pass (1997-2001) University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka

## FIELD OF STUDY

Greek and Modern Philosophy, Modern Morals, Moral Psychology, Philosophical Psychology, Educational Psychology, Environmental Ethics, Development Psychology, Child Psychology

# **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Senior Lecturer (Grad	le 1):	Department of Philosophy and Psychology, University of Sri Ja'pura, Sri Lanka, (2016 up to now)
Senior Lecturer (Grad	le 11):	Department of Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies University of Sri Ja'pura, Sri Lanka (From 2010 – 2016)
Lecturer:	Department of Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies University of Sri Jayewardenepura (2005 up to 2009)	

Visiting Lecturer:	Katsu International University, Sri Lanka. (From 2016- Up to now )
Research Assistant:	Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg, Institute of Philosophy, (Organized and conduct the lecturers on `Introduction to Indian Philosophy)
Research Assistant:	Institute of Philosophy, University of Stuttgart, Germany (2012-01.01 up to 2012-06-30)
Project Officer :	Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka, Project of Durable Solutions of Internally Displaced People based on North and East Sri Lanka (from2002-2005)
Team Leader	Project on Reproductive Health and Counseling for Youth- Worldview Sri Lanka
	Non-government organization.

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

- 2017- University Of Sri Jayewardenepura, Annual Research Award Ceremony 2017
   -Invention and Innovation Competition and Exhibition 2019 grants
- **2011-** NCAS Grant for PhD studies, in Germany.
- 2008- SMT. C. Sethubai Gold Medal (The Best Research Award) University of Mysore, India
  SMT. Jayalakshmma Nanjundaiah Hebbale Endowment Cash Prize (2008) (The Best Research Award) University of Mysore, *India*
- **2005-** One month study at University of Indiana, Office of International Programs, at Indiana University with collaboration of Education Department, Washington D.C. USA
- **2006-** Full scholarship to do M.A., Indu-Srilanka Cultural Exchange Program , India.(2006-2008)

## Grant to Represent Sri Lanka

2005- Provided by The Asian Applied Psychological Association at the 26th International Conference organized by the Department of Psychology, University of Thammasath, Thailand.

#### PUBLICATIONS

Fernando, R. (2015). Ethical relativism and ethical absolutism: a conceptual analysis =. Erlangen: die Philosophische Fakultät und Fachbereich Theologie der Friedrich-Alexander-Universität.

#### **REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- (2018)- "Pluralistic Approach to Truth and Moral Justification; Special reference with Jain Epistemology", International Research Conference on Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura
- (2018) -"Sri Aurobindo's Contribution to Philosophy of Education", International Conference on Education and Social Science ISER, Crete, Greece. 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> November.
- (2017)- "Nature of Virtue-Centered and Rights-Centered Morality: David B. Wong's Approach", 9th International Conference on Education, Business, Humanities and Social Sciences Studies (EBHSSS- 17) scheduled on Nov. 27-28, 2017 at Parys, South Africa is being organized by Eminent Association of Researchers in Humanities & Management (EARHM)
- (2017)- "Teaching and Learning in a Multicultural Society: An Educational Philosophical Approach." International journal of social sciences. In 16th International Conference on Social Science & Humanities (ICSSH). Bali, Indonesia.
- (2017) "Robert. L. Arrington Theory of Conceptual Relativism and His Rejection of Harman and Wong Theory of Moral Relativism.", *in* International Conference on Literature, Humanities and Social Sciences, (LHSS-17) Manila (Philippines).
- (2017) "Moral Relativism & moral Absolutism: A Comparative Study of Gilbert Harman and David B. Wong." International Conference Proceedings 2017, Eds. P.S. Sandu, Kyoto, Japan, pp.429-441
- (2017) "Philosophy of Life and Its Relation with Philosophy of Education: An Existentialists Approach." International Conference Proceedings, eds. Hamsa Ahamad ,Thailand, pp.115-121,
- (2017) "David. B. Wong's Identification of the concept of Pluralistic Moral Relativism: its Application to current multicultural society." International journal of social sciences. In 15th

International Conference on Social Science & Humanities (ICSSH). Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

- (2012) "A Concept of Virtue: Special reference with Confucius and Socrates teaching on Morality". Australian Society for Asian and Comparative Philosophy Conference, Sidney, Australia, 9th-11th July.
- (2011) "Ontological and Anthropological Aspect of the Concept of Human Nature" Kanz Philosophia. A Journal for Philosophy, Mysticism and Religious Studies, Vol. 1 no. 02, edited by Mohsen Zanganeh Published by Sadra International Institute, Jakarta, pp:133-144 (August - December)
- (2011) "Swami Vivekananda's Concept of Universal Religion and Its Application to Global City and Modern Cyber Society," In Search of Religious Harmony. International Journal Ramakrishna Math Pune, India, pp. 31-37, March
- (2011) "Justice as a Basic Instrument to create Harmonious Society: Special reference with Buddhism and Platonism in Buddhist virtues in Socio-Economic Development." ICDV-Conference Volume., Eds. Keown, Damien & Colin Butlor & Dion People Mahachulalongkornrajavidalaya University, Thailand, pp. 256-268.
- (2010) "The concept of God according to Mahatma Gandhi" In Damsirisara, Second volume of Buddhist Studies Journal, ed. Gamini Ratnasiri, Sri Lanka, pp.262-270.
- (2010) "Concept of Peace in Buddhism and Gandhian Thought." Global Recovery: The Buddhist Perspectives, UNDV Conference Volume 7, Mahachulalongkornrajavidalaya University, Thailand, pp.488-502.
- (2010) "Traditional Sri Lankan Methods for Psycho-Somatic Ailments." First International Conference of Indigenous and Cultural Psychology Yogyakarat, Indonesia,http://cicp.psikologi.ugm.ac.id/,<u>http://cicp.psikologi.ugm.ac.id/file/abstract\_book.p</u> <u>df</u>
- (2010) "The Concept of Rasa in Indian Aesthetics." The 18th of International Congress of Aesthetics, Center for Aesthetic and Aesthetic Education, Peking University, <u>http://www.caae.pku.edu.cn/ica2010/List/List\_426.html 2010</u>
- (2009) "In Poetry, Philosophy Lives." Magadhi, Academic Journal, Department of Pali & Buddhist Studies, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka, pp.390-396.
- (2009) "Epistemological Inquires in the Philosophical School of Advaita-Vedantha." Charana Academic Journal, vol. 2, eds. Rev. Pannaloka & Rev. Keminda, Sri Lanka, pp.316-341.

 (2008) A Post Trauma Stress with in Relocation and Resettlement Villages in Sri Lankan. Chinthanadahara Journal of Philosophy Association University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka, eds. Aruna Shantha walpola pp.261-273.

#### FORTHCOMING PAPERS

(2019)- "The Concept of Compassion as a Therapy for Mental Suffering: Buddhist Perspectives", International Conference on Compassionate Youth – 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> January, Pondicherry, India.

# **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

2017- Member of Institutional Review Report Committee, University of Sri Jayewardenepura

-Member of Program review committee, University of Sri Jayewardenepura

-Senior Treasure, union of Philosophy and Psychology, University of Sri Jayewardenepura

2016- Convener, 12th National Conference on Pali and Buddhist Studies

## **Reviewer of Scientific Sessions :**

- 1. 1<sup>st</sup> National Undergraduate Conference 2017, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka.
- 2. Eminent Association of Researchers in Humanities and Management Sciences (EARHM)
- 3. International Association of Humanities and Social Sciences and Management Researchers (HSSMR)
- (2005,2008,2009)- Hostel Sub-Warden: University of Sri Jayewardenepura
- (2003-2005)– Coordinator, District Child Protection Committee in Puttalam, Sri Lanka.

## **Abstract Reviewer:**

- 1. International Conference on Pali and Buddhist Studies 2017
- 2. International Conference of Multidisciplinary Approaches 2018
- 3. Vidyodaya Undergraduate Research Day 2018

4. International Research Conference on Humanities and Social Sciences 2018 in the University of Sri Jayewardenepura

# **Session Chair:**

- 1. International Conference on Pali and Buddhist Studies 2017
- 2. Vidyodaya Undergraduate Research Day 2018
- 3. International Conference of Multidisciplinary Approaches 2018

# **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

1999-	Political academy for youth national youth council – Maharagama
2001-	Workshop in empowerment of leaders of fisheries communities
	Sri Lanka foundation institute
2003-	Coordination of humanitarian assistance forum
2005-	Workshop on the use of interactive multimedia in development of
	courseware
	Commonwealth educational media center for Asia
2002, 2005-	Project officer of the national protection and durable solution for
	internally displaced persons project for the period of June 2002 and
	January 2005, human rights commission of Sri Lanka

# SUMMER SCHOOLS

- "American Women Philosophers of the 19th Century", in Libori Summer School, 29th July up to 03rd August 2018, Organized by the Centre for the History of Women Philosophers and Scientists, University of Paderborn in Germany (Main Instructors – Mary Ellen Waithe and Dorothy rogers)
- Master class, Dr. Elizabeth Minnich on "Hannah Arendt's philosophy with emphasis on Eichmann in Jerusalem: A Report on The Banality of Evil", along with her latest book, The Evil of Banality: On the Life and Death Importance of Thinking (2017).

- "Ethics of Mind", 31<sup>st</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> August (2017), at the Friedrich Alexander University of Erlangen.
- Summer School in Philosophy 2014, Practical Reasons; Their Metaphysics, Epistemology, and Creation" – with David Enoch from September 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2014.
- 5. International Studies Summer Institute for Teachers, 2006, Indiana University, USA

# **CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS**

- 1. Morality and Development of Moral Mind in Indian Philosophical Traditions
- 2. Compassion as a Therapy for Mental suffering: Buddhist Perspectives
- The Importance of Teacher's Role and the School Environment to Overcome Child Neglection.