

**Prof. (Dr.) V. T. Thamilmaran, SriLanka**  
**National Administrator, SriLanka**

**Qualifications**

- LL.B. (Hons.) University of Colombo
- M.Phil (University of Colombo)
- Attorney –at-Law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka
- Postgraduate Diploma in Human Rights and Women Rights (Lund)
- Postgraduate Diploma in Peace Studies and International Relations (Oslo)

**Teaching Specialization**

- Public International Law
- Human Rights Law
- Constitutional Law
- International Humanitarian Law
- Conflict Resolution
- Women Rights
- Legal Theories
- International Commercial Arbitration

**Research Interests**

- International human rights issues
- Constitutional issues
- Peace Negotiations
- Rule of Law and Democracy
- Democracy and Good Governance
- Democratizing International Legal System

## **Awards and Grants**

1. Fellow, 21st Trust, London
2. Fellow, State University of New York at Buffalo, USA
3. Fellow, University of Alberta, Canada
4. Fellow, Salzburg Seminar Series (435)
5. Fellow, Aspen Institute, USA

## **Involvement with Other Organizations**

1. Member, Drafting Committee, Proposed New Bill of Rights Chapter in the Constitution, Ministry of Constitutional Affairs and Ministry of Human Rights (2008-2010)  
Executive and Other positions on Boards of International, National Organizations
2. Member, Constitution Net, an International Experts Panel on Constitutional Law (which reviews and analyzes all constitutional proposals around the world.
3. Member, SAARC Free Media Commission (SAFMA), New Delhi, from 2007
4. Member, Board of Studies, Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Colombo, from 2008
5. Member, Board of Management, FGS, from may 2012
6. Member, Board of Directors, Graduate Foundation, University of Colombo, 2005
7. Member, Board of Management of the Centre for the Study of Human Rights, from 2002 to date
8. Member of the Senate (elected four times consecutively), University of Colombo, from 1998 to 2009
9. Member of the Senate, University of Colombo- Ex-Officio (Dean, Faculty of Law)

## **Editorial Work**

1. Managing Editor, Colombo Law Review, Faculty of Law, University of Colombo
2. Member, Editorial Board, University of Colombo Review, University of Colombo

## **Books**

1. Human Rights and Democracy: A Collection of Essays, Maduri Malarvagam, April 2011, (Tamil)
2. Power-Sharing Proposals -1920 – 2008 (Co-edited with Rohan Edrisinha, Asanka Welikala and Mario Gomez ) Berghof Foundation & CPA, August 2008
3. Constitution Making – Some Reflections (Revised Second Edition), Maduri Malarvagam, Colombo, April 2004 (Tamil)
4. Autonomy of Aaland Islands : An International Law Perspective, Maduri Malarvagam, Colombo, (November 2002) (Tamil)
5. Constitution Making – Some Reflections, Maduri Malarvagam, Colombo, November 1999 (Tamil)
6. Comparative Law: Some Reflections, Maduri Malarvagam, Colombo, December 1998(Tamil)
7. National Minorities- Conflicts and Resolutions, Karthigeyan Publishers, Colombo, June 1996 (Tamil)
8. Internationalism- Contemporary Thoughts, Kavitha Pathipagam, Madurai, India, December 1995 (Tamil)
9. Thamilmaran’s Essays, Dharshana Publishers, Colombo, January 1995 (Tamil)
10. Resolutions to Ethnic Crisis – A World Round Up, Rajini Publishers, Paris, January 1993 (Tamil)
11. Human Rights in Third World Perspective, Har-Anand Publishers, New Delhi, India, January 1992

## **Chapters and Web Documents**

1. “Social Science Perspectives of Natural Disasters: Post- Tsunami Analysis of Law and Society”, Social Science Perspectives of Tsunami, ed., Taylor and Francis (Routledge, India), forthcoming, 2011
2. “Ensnaring Elusive Minds: Making the SAARC Convention on Human Rights a Reality,” Human Rights in the Asia-Pacific Region: Towards Institution Building, ed. Hitoshi Nasu, 2010.

3. “Cultural Rights in International Law” in Cultural Rights in a Global World (eds. Anura Goonesekera, Cees Hamelink and Venkat Iyer), Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, 2003
4. “Ethnic, Religious and Social Conflicts: Rights of Minorities”, in Human Rights – Perspectives and Challenges, Lancers Books, New Delhi, 1994, 274-281

### **Refereed Journal Articles**

1. “Democratizing International Institutions, Economic Review, Peoples Bank publication, October, 2011
2. “Human Rights Approach to Intellectual Property Rights”, Colombo Law Review, 2011 (forthcoming)
3. ‘The International Criminal Court: Some Background Reflections’, Colombo Law Review, (forthcoming), 2010 (60th Anniversary Issue)
4. ‘The Legal Framework for the Promotion and Protection of Language Rights’, Law and Society Trust Review, Vol-11, Issue 162, April 2001
5. “Incorporation of International Law into Municipal Law – A Comparative Analysis”, Sri Lanka Journal of International Law, Vol.11, 1999, pp. 212-227
6. “Human Rights and Democracy – The Experience of Myanmar”, Sri Lanka Journal of International Law, Vol.8, 1996, pp.205-210
7. “What is a Nation: Limits of Self-Determination”, Sri Lanka Journal of International Law, Vol.7, 1995, pp. 165-180
8. “Self -Determination: A Minorities Perspective”, Sri Lanka Journal of International Law, Vol.6, 1994 pp. 271- 283
9. “Rights of Minorities – Ethnic, Religious and Cultural Rights”, MRG Occasional Papers, Minority Rights Group, London, March 1991

### **Translations (From English to Tamil)**

1. An Introductory Guide to Human Rights Law and Humanitarian Law, Virginia A. Leary and Suria Wickremasinghe, The Nadesan Centre, Colombo, 1993 (Book)

2. Devolution, The Law and Judicial Construction, Radhika Coomaraswamy, Centre for Regional Development Studies, Colombo, May 1992 (Monograph)
3. Devolution in Sri Lanka : Origins and Concepts, Prof. C. Suriyakumaran, Centre for Regional Development Studies, Colombo, April 1991 (Monograph)

### **Conference Papers**

1. UN Protection of Rights of Minorities, a paper presented at the 19th Study Session of the International Institute of Human Rights, Strasbourg, France, July 1990
2. Migration Issues – What is to be Done?, The 21st Century Trust, Cambridge, July 1991
3. Self-Determination in Minorities Perspective, a paper presented at the Faculty Colloquium, Law School, State University of New York at Buffalo, New York, USA, February 1992
4. Rights of Women – Gaining the Momentum, a paper presented at the 21st Century Trust Conference, Neemrana, India, November 1994
5. Constitutional Reform: The Sri Lanka's Experience, a paper presented at the Seminar organized for the Master of Laws students, University of Madras, December 1995
6. Ethno- Nationalism and Challenges to Human Rights, a paper presented at the International Students Week, University of Ilmenau, Germany, May 1997
7. Equal Status and Human Rights of Women – The National Experience : Sri Lanka , a paper presented at the Advanced Training Programme conducted by the Raoul Wallenberg Institute for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, University of Lund, Sweden, September-October 1997
8. Constitutionalism – As A Means of Conflict Resolution, Faculty Forum, Faculty of Law, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada, December 1998.
9. Cultural Rights in International Law, Asian Conference on Cultural Rights in a Global World, conducted by Asian Media Information and Communication Centre, September 2001
10. Challenges to the Law Governing Internal Armed Conflicts: Sri Lanka's Experience, South Asian Symposium on International Humanitarian Law, conducted by the ICRC, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, April 2006

11. Social Science Perspectives of Natural Disasters: Post- Tsunami Analysis of Law and Society, Centre for the Study of Social Sciences and Community Medicine, JNU, New Delhi, January, 2008
12. Devolution of Powers and Conflict Resolution, International Conference of Asian Scholars, Daejon, South Korea, July, 2009
13. Ensnaring Elusive Minds: Making the SAARC Convention on Human Rights a Reality, International Conference on Human Rights in the Asia – Pacific Region: Towards Institution Building, University of Sydney, November, 2009
14. “Need for a Right to Information Legislation” National Law Conference, Bar Association of Sri Lanka, Plenary Session Presentation, November, 2011

### **Graduate supervision**

1. Serving as supervisor for many M.Phil. / M.A/LL.M. theses and also supervising a good number of Extended Essays of the postgraduate programmes of the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

### **Other responsibilities**

1. Participate as resource person for many INGOs and NGOs in the Country.
2. Also sought by international and national media organizations as a political commentator and analyst.

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