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Personal Summary

I am creative and intuitive; hardworking and studious; knowledgeable yet curious. I am an academic, a scholar, an administrator, a researcher, and a wife, a daughter, and a mother. I can multitask.

I have a strong background in Human Security, International Relations, and Conflict Analysis. With over 20 years of experience in academia, I currently hold multiple positions including Professor of International Relations, Coordinator of the MPhil/PhD program, temporary Student Counsellor, INCOIRe-2023 Conference Coordinator, Chief Editor Sri Lanka Journal of International Relations, and Visiting Lecturer at various institutions. I am trained in student-centered learning and dedicated to research and education. As an author, I have published numerous books, book chapters, and research articles focusing on Human Security, Food Security, Maritime Security, Conflict, and Diasporic Studies. I stay updated on current trends and contribute to the academic community.

Outside of my professional life, I am a full-time working mother of three, demonstrating exceptional resilience and time management skills. I enjoy hobbies such as archery and writing children's short stories. I am known as a sought-after speaker, researcher, and educator, striving to make a positive impact on society and shape a better future for generations to come.

Educational Qualifications

- Doctor of Philosophy in Conflict Analysis and Resolution from the School of Conflict Analysis and Resolution (currently the Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution), Gorge Mason University, USA.
- Master of Arts in International Peace Studies from the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, USA.
- BA, Hons. in Modern History, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Qualifications for Teaching

- Certificate in Teaching in Higher Education (CTHE), University of Colombo, Sri Lanka in 2007.
- Staff and Educational Development Association (SEDA), UK qualification in 2007.
- Teacher Training Workshop on International Humanitarian Law (IHL) conducted by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in 2012.
- Advanced International Humanitarian Law, South Asian Academy Training (AISAAT) conducted by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in 2014.

- Training Program in Student-Centered Learning in Higher Education-Level 1 (40 hours) – Conducted by University of Leicester, UK in 2019
- Training Program in Student-Centered Learning in Higher Education-Level 2 (80 hours) – Conducted by University of Leicester, UK -2019.
- IIOE Covid-19 Response Series on Remote Learning in 2020.
- Session One of the Online Course Design and Assessment Method for Student-Centered Learning, organized by Fulbright, Sri Lanka in 2020.

Current

- Professor in International Relations, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka 2021 to date
- Coordinator, MPhil/PhD Program, Department of International Relations, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka 2016 to date
- Visiting Lecturer, Staff Development Centre (SDC), University of Colombo, Sri Lanka 2018 to date
- Visiting Lecturer, Masters in International Relations, NEXT Campus 2022 to date
- Course Director, Bandaranaike Academy for Leadership & Public Policy, Sri Lanka 2023 to date

Previous

- Head of Department, Department of International Relations, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka 2016-2022
- Deputy Director – Learning Resources, Cyber ‘Campus’ of the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka 2015-2022
- Internal Examiner, Staff Development Centre (SDC), University of Colombo, Sri Lanka 2022-2023
- Activity Co-coordinator, AHEAD, Department of International Relations, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka 2018-2023
- Visiting Lecturer, NEXT Campus, Sri Lanka 2022-2022
- Coordinator, Master of Arts in International Relations, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka 2019-2021
- Senior Lecturer, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka 2011-2021
- Lecturer, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka 2000-2011

Pending Publication (books)

- Wanasinghe-Pasqual, Maneesha S. *Alone: human security of family caregivers of persons with disability*. (to be published in 2024)
- Wanasinghe-Pasqual, Maneesha S. *Maritime Security Dimension of International Relations*. Book Series in International Relations. Colombo: University of Colombo Press. (to be published in 2024)
- Wanasinghe-Pasqual, M. S. & Thrishali, A. *Botanical Diplomacy: Diplomatic Symbolism of Tree Planting at the Peradeniya Royal Botanical Gardens, Sri Lanka* (to be published in 2023)

Published books

- Wanasinghe-Pasqual, Maneesha S. 2020. *Human Security in International Relations*. Book Series in International Relations. Colombo: University of Colombo Press.
- Wanasinghe-Pasqual, Maneesha S. 2018. *Between the Cup and the Lip: International Relations of Food Security in Sri Lanka, 1948 to 1998*. ISBN 978-955-4584-00-2
- Wanasinghe-Pasqual, Maneesha S. 2018. *Never give in, Never give up: A step by step guide to help busy students to complete academic writing*. 2018 ISBN:978-955-4584-09-9

Chapters in Published Books

- Wanasinghe-Pasqual, M. S. & Padmakumara, C. S. 2023. "Bandwagoning and Balancing through Overlapping Regionalism: Sri Lanka in SAARC, BIMSTEC & IORA" (Routledge Publications, to be published)
- Wanasinghe-Pasqual, M.S. 2017. "Narrating truths of turmoil: Metanarratives from a conflict analysis perspective" Felicitation volume in honour of Professor Emeritus of History
- Cunliffe, P. & Wanasinghe-Pasqual, M.S. 2017. "Peacekeeping Contributor Profile: Sri Lanka. Providing for Peacekeeping" www.providingforpeacekeeping.org.
- Wanasinghe-Pasqual, M.S. 2014. "Basic human needs of female Sri Lankan youth" Hettige, S.T, Graner, E. and Amarasooriya, H, (Eds) Youth and Social transformation.

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- Talpahewa, C. & Wanasinghe-Pasqual, M. S. (2020) "Spoilers of Negative Peace: perceptions of Sri Lankan youth post-Easter Sunday Attack" in the *Sri Lanka Journal of International Relations*, Vol. 1, Issue 1. (ISSN 2756-9241).
- Wanasinghe-Pasqual, M. S., Jayasundara, D., Nedegaard, R., Guerrero, C, & Carr, S. (2020). "Combating Trafficking in Sri Lanka: Multi-systemic National Action Plan for Effective Intervention, Protection, Prosecution, and Prevention" *Social Development Issues* ISSN 0147-1473
- Wanasinghe-Pasqual, Maneesha S. (2020) "Achieving Sustainable Development Goals 4 and 16 in Former War-torn Countries through Peace Education" in *Colombo Journal of Multi-Disciplinary Research*. Volume 05, Issues 1 & 2, March & November 2020. (ISSN 3262-0633)
- Wanasinghe-Pasqual, Maneesha S., Jayasundara, D., and Carr, Sarah. (2020) "Weathering the Storm: inter-linked human insecurity impacts of Sri Lanka's response to Covid-19 on the urban informal workforce" *Social Development Issues* ISSN 0147-1473
- Wanasinghe-Pasqual, M. S. (2017) "The Impact of Pandemics on National Identity and State Security: J'Adoube or Zugzwang" *Defence and Security Journal* Vol. 2. pp. 1-14. ISSN 2536-8745.
- Wanasinghe-Pasqual, M. S. (2012) "Importance of building trust in post conflict reconciliation: an analysis of the significance of religious zones of peace in Sri Lanka" in *IPSHU Research Report Series* Issue no. 26. pp. 61-71. March 2012. ISSN- 1881-7084.
- Wanasinghe-Pasqual, M. S. (2011) "Seen and Heard: Human Security of Youth of South Asia and Potential as Catalysts for Building Peace" in *IPSHU Research Report Series* Issue no. 25. pp. 52-71. ISSN: 1342-5935
- Wanasinghe-Pasqual, M. S. (2009) "Overcoming Regional Insecurity through Human Security: an analysis of the potential for intra-regional cooperation for regional enhancement in South Asia" in *Foreign Policy Research Centre (FPRC) Journal* No. 9. (https://www.fprc.in/fprc_journal.php)

Chapters in Textbooks

- Jayawardena, Amal, Melegoda, Nayani & Wanasinghe-Pasqual, Maneesha. 2010. *International Relations in Praxis* (INR 1203) Colombo: Publication Unit: Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo
- Jayawardena, Amal, ed., 2013. *International Relations in Praxis* (INR 1204), Revised Edition. Colombo: Department of International Relations, University of Colombo

Presentations

- Wanasinghe-Pasqual, M. S. & Wanasinghe, S. V. "Betrayal of the Pawns: International Peacekeepers and Persecution of Rape under International Law" INCOIRE 2021 Conference, 20-21 November 2021.

- Talpahewa, C. & Wanasinghe-Pasqual, M. S. "Spoilers of Negative Peace: perceptions of Sri Lankan youth post-Easter Sunday Attack". International Relations and the Bystander Effect. INCOIRE 2020 Conference 21-22 November 2020.
- Wanasinghe-Pasqual, M. S. "Nobel Laureates: Recognition of Women's Achievements" in Journal of the Sri Lanka Federation of University Women, Vol. 1, No. 1, 8 March 2020.
- Wanasinghe-Pasqual, M.S. "Countering Violent Extremism: contemporary trends and challenges" Officer Career Development Centre – Buttala, Dec. 19-20, 2019.
- Wanasinghe-Pasqual, M.S., Wimalasiri, V.G.K.D., Liyanage, H.R., Seneviratne, S.A.Y.B.K. & Manimelwadu, S.C. "Reflective analysis of the use of creativity in lecturer-centered undergraduate pedagogy in International Relations" Annual Research Conference: Challenges and Opportunities in the advancement of the Humanities and Social Sciences in the Digital World. 8-9 November 2018.
- Wanasinghe-Pasqual, M. S. "Finding the extraordinary in the mundane: people-to-people reconciliation in Sri Lanka" in 6 th Sri Lanka Roundtable Sri Lanka: Moving Forward?, University of Zurich, Switzerland (Sept. 6-7, 2018).
- Wanasinghe-Pasqual, M.S. Guest Speaker "Soft Power of the United Nations: a positioning theory analysis of the UN's second-order positioning of states in the global system" University of Colombo, Faculty of Graduate Studies, Annual Research Symposium 2018.
- Wanasinghe-Pasqual, M.S. Wanasinghe-Pasqual, M.S. "A changing world with women decision makers" BCIS Signature Seminar Women as Change Agents, 5 April 2018.
- Wanasinghe-Pasqual, M.S. "Challenging the Elo Rating: the harm in comparing the incomparable transitional justice process of post-war Sri Lanka". Faculty of Graduate Studies Annual Research Symposium University of Colombo.
- Wanasinghe-Pasqual, M. S. & Jayasundara, D. "Voicing the voiceless: an analysis of the role played by female agency in the anti-domestic violence movement in Sri Lanka" 20th Biennial International Symposium of International Consortium for Social Development. (co-authored)
- Wanasinghe-Pasqual, M. S. "Role of Military in Governance" Colombo Defence Seminar, 2017.
- Wanasinghe-Pasqual & Jayawardena, P. "Sri Lanka's illegal migration: a detriment to development" IConArts, 2017.
- Wanasinghe-Pasqual, M.S. "Approaching the Hydra: combatting terrorism through peacebuilding" Annual Research Symposium 2016: Sustainable Development in National Reconciliation, Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Colombo.
- Wanasinghe-Pasqual, M.S. "Prejudice amidst acceptance: an analysis of positive intergroup interaction among the Sri Lankan Diaspora residing in the United Kingdom". Department of International Relations, University of Colombo International Conference on 'Sri Lanka in World Affairs', July 3-4
- Wanasinghe-Pasqual, M.S. "Sri Lanka in World Affairs" Department of International Relations, University of Colombo International Conference on 'Sri Lanka in World Affairs', July 3-4
- Wanasinghe-Pasqual, M. S. "The shared vision of climate change" Faculty of Arts, Conference.
- Wanasinghe-Pasqual, M. S. "Equality, Transformability & Sustainability" at 12th Annual Research Symposium, University of Kelaniya Conference. 2011
- Wanasinghe-Pasqual, M. S. "Human Security in International Relations: the Obama Foreign Policy" in General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University Annual Research Symposium.

EDIT
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Editor-in-Chief

- *Sri Lanka Journal of International Relations*, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka (2021 to present)

Editing

- Wanasinghe-Pasqual, M.S., Padmakumara, S.C., & Wakkumbura, M. (Eds.) International Relations Book Series published under the Department of International Relations, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka
- Wanasinghe-Pasqual, M.S., Padmakumara, S.C., Wakkumbura, M. & Kandaudahewa, H. (Eds) Sri Lanka Journal of International Relations. ISSN 2756-9241
- Wijewardene, S. and Wanasinghe-Pasqual, M. 2017. University of Colombo Annual Research Symposium 2017: Research for development: challenges and opportunities Proceedings. ISSN: 2386-1916
- Dewasiri, Nirmal Ranjith. 2010. Introduction to History Study Guide. Colombo: Publication Unit, Faculty of Medicine ISBN: 978-955-0460-09-0.
- M.S Cooray, G. 2010. Introduction to International Relations Study Guide Colombo: Publication Unit, Faculty of Medicine. ISBN: 978-955-0460-0-06-2 (Edited by Wanasinghe-Pasqual, M.S)
- Jayawardene, J. D. 2008. Ancient Civilization Study Guide. Colombo: Publication Unit, Faculty of Medicine. ISBN: 978-955-0460-16-8 (Edited by Wanasinghe-Pasqual, M.S)
- Education and Publications Department. History, Grade 9 English Edition. (Editor of English Volume Wanasinghe-Pasqual, M.S)
- Consortium of Humanitarian Agencies (CHA) Peace Audit. Translated into English by Maneesha S. Wanasinghe-Pasqual

Awards

- Tikiri Abeysinghe Memorial Prize for History, University of Colombo.
- Fulbright Junior Scholarship to read for the Masters in International Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame, USA.
- Full Tuition Scholarship, University of Notre Dame, Indiana, USA
- Graduate Research Assistantship, Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution (ICAR), George Mason, University, USA for Professor Terrance Lyons.
- Maintenance and Book Allowance, Institute of International Education (IIE), USA.
- Graduate Research Assistantship, Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution (ICAR), George Mason University, USA for Professor Kevin Avruch.
- George Anderson Scholarship Award, Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution (ICAR), George Mason University, USA
- Embassy of the United States of America, Colombo Travel and Accommodation Grant.
- Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light Academic Consultation food and accommodation award.

Grants

- University of Colombo Sri Lanka small grant (AP/3/2/2017/SG/04) to conduct research on the caregivers of persons with disabilities under the concept title of "Family Feuds: a lens into the interpersonal conflicts resulting from caring for children/persons with disabilities in Sri Lanka".
- University of Colombo Sri Lanka International Travel Grant to participate in the International Symposium of Consortium for Social Development Conference, 2017.
- Travel and accommodation award by the Department of Peace and Conflict Resolution, University of Uppsala and the Swedish Research Council.
- Swiss National Science Foundation travel and accommodation award to Switzerland for the Sri Lanka Roundtable 2018

Consultations

- Member, Subcommittee Focusing on Persons with Disabilities, Prime Minister's Office, Sri Lanka
- Taskforce Member, Conference on Freedom of Navigation in the Indian Ocean (TFCFoN), P
- Sub-Committee member on Online Learning, Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka
- Consultant, Promoting Women's Political Participation Final Evaluation, UNWomen
- Consultant, Sessions on Sri Lankan Diaspora for Young Parliamentarians and Provincial Council Members, OneText Initiative

Development of Concepts

- Sri Lanka Journal of International Relations
- Discovering Regions Symposia
- Colombo University International Relations Research Wing
- TeaTime/DinnerTime Dialogue
- TIPP - Training in Professional Performance
- IR-Camp
- 19-65 in Harmony Acapella Chorus
- IR Corner Panel Discussion Series (co-developed)
- Scribe's Niche Online Publication (co-developed)
- Student-led Conference in International Relations/SCIR (co-developed)
- Student-led Conference in Conflict Resolution and Peace (SCORP)
- International Conference on International Relations/INCOIRE (co-developed)
- Applied Field Experiences (co-developed)

Creative Writing

- Wanasinghe-Pasqual, M. S. 2023. *Imagine, a bit before me: a collection of short stories and poems for children.* (awaiting publication, delayed)
- Published in Newspapers, Sri Lanka

References

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<p><i>Dr. David Brewster</i> <i>Senior Research Fellow</i> <i>National Security College</i> <i>Crawford School of Public Policy</i> <i>Australian National University</i> david.brewster@anu.edu.au & dhbrewster@bigpond.com</p>	<p><i>Professor Emeritus Amal Jayawardane</i> <i>Former Head,</i> <i>Department of International Relations, Former Dean. Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka</i> <i>Former Executive Director, RCSS</i></p>