

# Rev. Dr. Madurawala Sobhitha

## Senior Lecturer in History

Department of History, University of Peradeniya  
Sri Lanka

Tele: 0094-8-2392850 (office)

0094-81-22386294(residence)

0094-712398390(mobile)

Email: sobhitham@yahoo.com




---

## Curriculum Vitae

<b>Name in Full</b>	:	Rev. Dr. Madurawala Sobhitha
<b>Postal Address</b>	:	Department of History, Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya
<b>Date of Birth</b>	:	28/12/1969
<b>Occupational Interests</b>	:	University Teaching and Research

### Professional Experience:

2025	<b>Senior Lecturer</b> in History, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (From 31 July 2010 to onwards)
2022	<b>Visiting Lecturer</b> - Department of History and Archaeology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Ruhuna, 2022.
2018	<b>Chief Incumbent</b> , Rajamahaviaraya (Temple) Horana, From 2018
2024	<b>Chief adviser</b> , Nawam Maha Perahera, Vidyarathna Rajamahaviharaya, 2024
1997	<b>Lecturer in History</b> , University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (From 29.11.1997 to 31 July 2010)
1997	<b>Temporary Assistant Lecturer</b> in History, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka (From 23.04.1997 to 29.11.1997)

1995 **Pali and Buddhist Studies Teacher**, Vidyarathana Temple, Horana, Sri Lanka (1995-97)

### University Education :

	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
<b>Postgraduate Study program</b> in Human Rights and Multiculturalism (USN University of South Eastern Norway)	2018	2019
<b>PhD in History</b> (Shandong University, China)	2006	2010
<b>M.A. in History</b> (Anhui University, China)	2001	2004
<b>B.A (Honours, Second Class-Upper Division) in History</b> (University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka)	1991	1995

### Academic Distinctions:

- Chinses Government Scholarship (for Master Studies in China) - Chinese Scholarship Council - Anhui University, 2000.
- Chinses Government Scholarship (for Doctoral Studies in China) - Chinese Scholarship Council - Shandong University, 2006.
- Murugasar Tambaiya Memorial Prize for Sanskrit - 1991/92, for the Best Performance of General Arts Qualifying Examination in Arts, University of Peradeniya

### Dissemination of Knowledge:

- 2018** A Research Presented 6th Annual Korea University Graduate Student Conference on Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Department of Korean History, Korea University, Seoul, South Korea
- 2018** A Research Presented, 2017-18 Young Scholars' Forum on Buddhism and East Asian Cultures, Taiwan, 18-19 January 2018.
- 2017** A Research presented, "Chinese First International Symposium on Zen Buddhism" in Cao Shan Bao Ji Temple in China, 9th to July 12<sup>th</sup> 2017.

- 2017** “The Monk Faxian and Sri Lanka” Paper presented to an International conference: From Xianghuan to Ceylon: The Life and Legacy of the Chinese Buddhist monk Faxian (337-422), Xiangyuan, Shanxi, China.
- 2016** “China-Sri Lanka Relations in Ancient Time” Paper presented to 2016 Young Sinologists visiting program (Xi'an) China.
- 2016** “Interdependence between China and Sri Lanka in the sphere of Buddhist culture” Paper presented to an International conference on Buddhist Culture and Maritime Silk Road in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Jadebuddha Temple, Shanghai, China.
- 2015** “Emei Mountain and Chinese Buddhism” Paper presented to a seminar organized by the Royal Asiatic Society of Sri Lanka.
- 2015** “Indian and Sri Lankan Buddhist Monk’s task in China-Sri Lanka Cultural Relations (5<sup>th</sup> century to 10<sup>th</sup> century)” Paper presented to an International summer program of seminars and field works on Buddhism and East Asian cultures, Shanghai, China.
- 2014** “Sino-Sri Lankan Relations in Tang Dynasty” Paper presented to a seminar organized by the Royal Asiatic Society of Sri Lanka.
- 2014** “Sino-Sri Lankan Buddhist Relations in Ancient time”, Paper presented to an International winter program of seminars and field works on Buddhism and East Asian cultures, Emei Buddhist monastery, Chengdu, China.
- 2012** “Wutai Mountain and Sino-Sri Lankan Buddhist Relations” Paper presented to a seminar organized by the Royal Asiatic Society of Sri Lanka.
- 2012** “Buddhist Monk’s task in China-Sri Lanka Cultural Relations” Paper presented to a seminar organized by the Mahabodhi Society of Sri Lanka.
- 2011** “When Faxian came to Sri Lanka” Paper presented to a seminar organized by the Royal Asiatic Society of Sri Lanka.
- 2010** “Names of Sri Lanka as Revealed by Ancient Chinese Sources” Paper presented to a seminar organized by the Peradeniya University Research Sessions.
- 2005** “Bhikku Amoghavjra and Sino-Sri Lankan Relations” Paper presented to a seminar organized by the Peradeniya University Research Sessions.
- 2005** “Danture Battle and Kandian Kingdom” A talk delivered at the Danture Rajmaha Viharaya.
- 2003** “Sino-Sri Lankan Economic Relations in Ancient Times” Paper presented to a seminar organized by the department of History, Anhui University.
- 1999** " The Structure of Polonnaru and Dambadini Katikavts" A talk delivered at

the Viddyarathne Institute, Horana.

**1998** "The condition of Buddhist clergy community of Sri Lanka as the revealed by the Polonnarawa Katikavata." Paper presented to a seminar organized by the department of History. University of Peradeniya.

### Positions held:

<b>Coordinator</b>	Confucius Centre, Department of History, University of Peradeniya, 2025.
<b>Resource Person</b>	Post Graduate teaching panel, Post Graduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences (PGIHS), University of Peradeniya, from 2013 to up to date.
<b>Resource Person</b>	External Degree Programme conducted by Centre for Distance and Continuing Education (CDCE), University of Peradeniya. From 2003 to up to date.
<b>Coordinator</b>	Chinese Language Unit, Department of History, University of Peradeniya, from 2017 to 2025.
<b>Chairperson</b>	Board of social science, PGIHS, University of Peradeniya, 2025
<b>Programme Coordinator</b>	Certificate Course in History for School Teachers, Department of History, University of Peradeniya, from 2015 to 2016.
<b>Resource Person</b>	Review the new History syllabus for three examinations in Piriven education. □□□□□□, □□□□□□□□, □□□ඃ☺, □□□□□□ □□□□□□ Ministry of Education, State Ministry of Dhamma Scools, Piriven and Bhikkhu Education, 2021.
<b>Chief Examiner, G.C.E. (A/L) Examination</b>	(History of India), Department of Examinations, Sri Lanka, 2010 up to date (13 years).
<b>Peer reviewer</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> International Research Symposium on Understanding Chinese Language and Culture (UCLC-2021), Confucius Institute, Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo, 2022.
<b>Expert Reviewer</b>	Peradeniya University International Research sessions (iPURSE) – 2021.
<b>Member of the board of survey</b>	Verification of Inventory Articles, Department of English, Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya, 2020.
<b>Reviewer of Abstract</b>	Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Peradeniya, Research Congress, PGIHS-RC-2020.

<b>Dissertation Coordinator</b>	History Department, Undergraduate Research Congress, Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya,, URFCA-2019.
<b>Session Chair</b>	The 1 <sup>st</sup> Arts Student's Annual Research Symposium (ASARS 2018), Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya, 2018.
<b>Faculty Internship Committee member</b>	Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya, from 2016 to 2018
<b>Member</b>	Faculty Publication Committee, Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya, from 2016 to 2018.
<b>Member</b>	Faculty Land, Building and Maintenance Committee, Faculty of Arts University of Peradeniya, from 2016 to 2018.
<b>Senior Student counsellor</b>	Faculty of Arts, University of Peradeniya, 2014, 2015, 2016
<b>President</b>	Curia Historica of University of Peradeniya, 1994 / 1995.
<b>Senior Treasurer</b>	Samuhika Bhikku Sangamaya, University of Peradeniya, from 2011-2022
<b>Warden</b>	Sangaramaya, University of Peradeniya, 2021, 2022.
<b>Academic Sub Warden</b>	Sangaramaya, Bhikku hostel, University of Peradeniya, 2005.
<b>Vice President</b>	Samuhika Bhikku Sangamaya, University of Peradeniya 1994 / 1995.
<b>Memberships</b>	Life Member of the Sri Lankan Historical Association. Life Member of the Royal Asiatic Society, Sri Lanka

**Examiner to evaluate thesis** submitted by Rew. W. Sumana, Master of Philosophy Degree in History, Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences (PGIHS), University of Peradeniya, 2020.

**Examiner** - Viva-voice examination, Master of Philosophy Degree in History, Rev. K Chandawimala, Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences (PGIHS), University of Peradeniya, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

**Examiner** to evaluate the thesis of Rev. K Chandawimala, Master of Philosophy Degree in History, Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences (PGIHS), University of Peradeniya, 2014.

**Oral Examiner** – Viva-voice examination, Master of Philosophy Degree in History, Rev. K. Somananda, Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences (PGIHS), University of Peradeniya, 2015.

**Examiner** - Viva-voice examination, Master of Philosophy Degree in History, Ms. A.M.M. Chandrika, Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences (PGIHS), University of Peradeniya, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

**Examiner** to evaluate the dissertation of Ms. M.K.L. Irangani, Master of Arts Degree in History, Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences (PGIHS), University of Peradeniya, 2014.

**Reviewer of Article** – Anveshana Journal (□□□□□□□□) Published by Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Kelaniya, 2015.

### **Post Graduate Thesis Supervision :**

#### **Thesis Co-Supervisor**

1. Ms. R.D. Jayaneththi (2018), Department of History, University of Peradeniya.  
(HD/M.Phil/09/10/209)

Title: A Historical Analysis of the Temple Lands in the Nayakkara and Later Periods of Sri Lanka.(1739-1948)

2. Rev. Lin Ping Ping (Ongoing) (MA/19/20/006), PGIHS, University of Peradeniya

Title- A study on the thought of Gradual Cultivation of Master Shenxiu.

- 3 Rev. Shao Jin Yue (Ongoing) (MA/19/20/011), PGIHS, University of Peradeniya

Title- Notions of *Pranidhana* in Sutra of the Merits of the Fundamental Vows of the Seven Bhddhas of Lapis Lazuli Radiance, the Masters of Healing.

**Advisor of Guided Project**, Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences (PGIHS), University of Peradeniya, 2019-2022.

### **Language Proficiency:**

Language	Courses Followed
• Sinhalese	* Special Arts Degree in History, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, 1992. * Prachina Madyama, Department of Examination, Sri Lanka, 1987.
• Pali	* Advanced Level Examination, Department of Examination, Sri Lanka, 1988.
• Sanskrit	* Prachina Madyama, Department of

- Examination, Sri Lanka, 1994.
  - \* General Arts Qualifying Examination, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, 1991
  - \* Advanced Level Examination, 1988.
- English
  - \* Department of Examination, Sri Lanka Special Arts Qualifying Examination in History, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, 1992.
  - \* Completed Intermediate, Level 1, 4, (1998) 5, (1999), 6, (2000) and 7(2000), British Council of Sri Lanka
  - \* Completed Spoken English Intermediate, Level, British Council of Sri Lanka, 1999.
- Japanese
  - \* “Nyuman 1, (Stage 1), Course, Japanese Language Education Center of Sri Lanka, 1998.
- Chinese
  - \* Chinese for Beginners, Bandaranaike Center for International Studies, Sri Lanka, 1998.
  - \* Spoken Chinese Beginners & Intermediate Level, Bandaranayika Center for International Studies, Sri Lanka, 1999/00.
  - \* Chinese Language Course Anhui University, China, 2000/2001.
  - \* Master of Arts in Chinese History  
(**The medium of instruction was in Chinese**)

### Unpublished Research Study :

- 2010 - 海上絲綢路與斯裡蘭卡——從唐代到明代中斯交流,  
The Maritime Silk Road and Sri Lanka: Sino-Sri Lankan Exchanges from the Tang Dynasty to the Ming Dynasty
- 2004 Sino-Sri Lankan Relations in Ancient Times, M.A. Thesis, (In Chinese)
- 1995 A Historical Study of the Polonnaruwa and Dambadeniya Kathikawathes, B.A Dissertation, (In Sinhala)

### Research Publications:

:

Sobhitha, M. (2015) "Sino-Sri Lankan Buddhist Relations Sharing needs and then culture" Sunday Observer News Paper.

Sobhitha, M. (2014) "Fashion Monk" Viduruwana, No.45, Vidyarthna Pirivena, Horana.

Sobhitha, M. (2013) "The Sangha society and Polonnaru and Dambadeni Katikavts " Dharmavijaya, No. 13, Dharmavijaya, Pirivena, Banarawela.

Sobhitha, M. (2011) "When Faxian came to Sri Lanka" Divayina News Paper.

Sobhitha, M. (2009) "The Buddhist Cultural Exchange Between Sri Lanka and China from the Jin Dynasty to the Tang Dynasty" Journal of Anhui University.

Sobhitha, M. (2006) "The effect of Polonnaru and Dambadeni Katikavts on contemporary Sangha society" Sambasha, Education Department, Piriven Branch.

Sobhitha, M. (2006) "An analysis of the factors included in 'Sasana Katikavat'" Sumana Praboda, Niyo Graphic, Nugegoda.

Sobhitha, M. (2005) "Fashion Monk and Sino-Srilankan Relations" Maharagama Nanda Nahimi Abhinandana" Globe Printing, Kohuwala.

Sobhitha, M. (2004) "The Condition of Buddhist Clergy Community of Sri Lanka as the revealed by the Polonnaruwa Katikavata" Prathibha, No.2, Published by Silananda Dhamma School old Student's Union.

## Referees :

### **Prof. K.M. Rohitha Dasanayaka**

Head of the Department

Department of History, Faculty of Arts, University of

Peradeniya, Sri Lanka

PhD (India), MA (Kelaniya), BA(Peradeniya)

+94 713212616

### **Professor (Mrs.) Ramani Hettiarachchi**

Professor in History, Department of History, Faculty of Arts,

University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka

B.A.(Peradeniya), M.A.(Peradeniya), Ph.D.(Kelaniya),

Post Doc. (Uppsala)

+94 716382246