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The *Peradeniya Law Journal* (PLJ) is a bi-annual academic law journal which is published by the Department of Law, University of Peradeniya. It aims to publish high-quality, peer-reviewed submissions, ranging from articles and comments to case notes and book reviews. The Journal seeks to ensure that its content will provide critical insights on the law. In keeping with the Department's vision, articles that seek to promote an inter-disciplinary, social justice and reform-oriented approach to legal analysis are particularly encouraged.

Special Issue in Memory of Judge C.G. Weeramantry (1926-2017)

The PLJ is delighted to announce that it is now welcoming submissions for its first special issue, on one of Sri Lanka's most renowned jurists, Christopher Gregory Weeramantry (1926-2017). This year (2026) marks the centenary of the birth of Judge Weeramantry, who was a distinguished judge of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka (1967-1972), a judge of the International Court of Justice (1991-2000), and also a prolific scholar whose work extended well beyond his judicial offices and engaged deeply with human rights, environmental protection, international justice, and the relationship between law and diverse cultural and religious traditions. His judicial opinions at the ICJ, his persistent commitment to peace and global justice, his writings - ranging across legal theory, international law, environmental justice, human rights, contract law, religion, peace and nuclear disarmament - and his comparative and cross-cultural approach to legal education, continue to shape generations of legal minds.

This year presents a meaningful occasion to reflect upon the life and work of Judge Weeramantry, to re-engage with his jurisprudence and scholarship, and to explore their relevance to contemporary and emerging legal challenges, both locally and globally. It is against this backdrop that the Department of Law of the University of Peradeniya wishes to publish a special commemorative issue of the PLJ (in 2027) to celebrate Judge Weeramantry's intellectual legacy and his interdisciplinary, social justice and reform-oriented approach to law, which closely resonates with the Department's academic and intellectual tradition since its inception in 2009. A tangible legacy of him is also available in the form of his personal law collection donated to the Main Library of the University of Peradeniya in 2013.

We trust that this special issue, reflecting on the life and work of Judge Weeramantry, is therefore a timely tribute to an eminent jurist who holds a close intellectual affinity to the character of legal education at Peradeniya.

Submission guidelines:

- Types of submissions
 - a. Full-length articles (academic reflections which critically engage with any of the themes associated with Judge Weeramantry's writings): 5000-7000 words (excluding footnotes), with an abstract of 150 words;
 - b. Case comments (on any judicial opinion/judgment delivered by Judge Weeramantry at the ICJ/Supreme Court of Sri Lanka): 3000-5000 words (excluding footnotes);
 - c. Tributes/personal reflections: 2000-3000 words
- Authors should submit a duly filled 'Declaration Form' (along with the submission), which is available at: <https://arts.pdn.ac.lk/law/journal.php>
- Submissions should be emailed to: peralawjournal@arts.pdn.ac.lk
- Referencing style: OSCOLA, 5th edition
- Submission deadline: **31 December, 2026**

Note: Authors are reminded that submissions must primarily reflect their own original research, analysis and writing. Submissions which rely excessively on AI-generated text, analysis and/or citations, beyond what is consistent with genuine independent legal scholarship, will be rejected at any stage during the review process. Authors must disclose any use of AI-tools in the preparation of their submissions as a declaration prefacing the content.
