

Premakumara de Silva (PhD)

Dean, Faculty of Arts

University of Colombo

Senior Professor in Sociology

Honorary Research Professor in Deakin University,
Australia

35 Year Long Journey in the Academia

1983

Entered the Faculty of Arts as an Undergraduate

1990

BA (Honors), University of Colombo (Sociology)

1991

Assistant Lecturer – Department of Sociology

1993

Probationary Lecturer – Department of Sociology

2000

MA, University of Colombo (Sociology)

2000

Senior Lecturer - Department of Sociology

2001

MSc, University of Edinburgh (Social Anthropology)

2005

PhD, University of Edinburgh (Social Anthropology)

2009

Professor - Department of Sociology

2017

Senior Professor - Department of Sociology

Contribution as a Staff Member-Leadership Level

- Academic Sub-Warden of Hostels
- Student Counselor
- Senior Student Counselor
- Senior Treasurer – Student Associations
- Director – Career Guidance Unit
- Coordinator of MA, MPhil/PhD programs in Sociology
- Head of the Department – Sociology
- Dean – Faculty of Arts
- Deputy Vice Chancellor

Research and Publications

Title	Number	Remarks
Books and books edited	9	One book in press
Books Chapters	16	Three book chapters in press
Articles	25	Single authored
Reviews	14	
Abstracts	40	
Major research Reports	07	Co/multiple authored
Research Projects engaged (National and International)	23	As Principle or co-investigator

Selected National and International Recognitions

- Professional Development International Fellowship (PDIF) – awarded by Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research – USA
- Vice Chancellor's Award for research excellence
- Senate Awards for research excellence
- State Literary award for the best academic book translated
- Sir Raymond Firth and Sir Radcliffe Brown award of Royal Anthropological Institute of UK
- British Academy/ESRC Visiting Fellowship to University of Edinburgh. UK
- American Academy of Religion Visiting Fellowship to Chicago, USA
- British Association of South Asian Studies Research Fellowship to University of Sussex UK
- Sir Ernest Cassell Educational Trust merit Award, University of Edinburgh, UK
- Overseas Research Student (ORS) Award – awarded by Committee of Vice-chancellors and Principals of the Universities of the United Kingdom
- Honorary Research Professor at the Faculty of Arts and Education at Deakin University, Australia