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Dr. Ranjith Dayaratne is an architect by profession and has been in teaching and research for well over forty years. He has previously been a Senior Lecturer (1992-2000) in Architecture at the University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka, a Visiting Lecturer (1995-2000) at the Colombo School of Architecture, a Visiting Research Fellow (2005-2006) at the University of Melbourne, Australia and a Visiting Professor (2009) at the University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka. He has been an Asst. Professor from 2000-2004 and 2006-2013, and subsequently an Associate Professor of Architecture until 2022 at the University of Bahrain. He has also been the Chair of the Department of Architecture and Interior Design, University of Bahrain from 2016-2020. He is a Fellow of the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects, an Overseas member of the RIBA and a member of the Society of Commonwealth Fellows, U.K.

He studied architecture at the University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka, Environmental Psychology at the University of Surrey, UK. and earned his PhD from the University of Newcastle, UK (1992). He has been in teaching which began as being an Asst Lecturer at the University of Moratuwa Sri Lanka (1985-1988), followed by being a Teaching Assistant at the University of Newcastle, UK (1991-1992).

He has also been in active architectural practice while teaching from 1994-2000, in Sri Lanka as the Senior Architect, at Design Consortium (pvt) Ltd (1994-1998), as Architect-Director at Gruhastha (pvt) Ltd (1998-2000) and the Chief Architect of Design Concepts Architects, in Colombo (1998-2000), his own practice. He has thus designed and built houses, a Multi-storey office complex, a Tourist Board Head Office, a Warehouse and Factory Complex for Exporting Tea, a Distilleries Warehouse and a number of Hotels.

Dr. Ranjith Dayaratne has presented academic papers at international conferences across disciplinary boundaries and has published in academic architecture journals, professional magazines, edited books as well as UN working papers; from vernacular architecture to leisure places and from architectural theory to migrant places. He was the main contributor on Sri Lanka to the Encyclopedia of Vernacular Architecture of the World, edited by Prof. Paul Oliver and published by Blackwell. He re-edited three articles on Sri Lanka, in the Encyclopedia of Vernacular Architecture of the World in 2015, edited by Prof. Merce Vellinga, the Professor of Vernacular Studies at the Oxford Brooks University, UK.

He was the Founder Chairman of the Board of Architectural Publications (BAP) of the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects (SLIA, 1995-2000) which publishes 'The Architect'. He was the Founder Editor of 'Forum'; a student' research publication at the University of Newcastle, UK (1990-1992). He founded and edited the internationally refereed journal 'Built-environment-Sri Lanka' published by the SLIA Since 2011. He founded and edits the 'ISVS e-journal' published by the International Society for the Study of Vernacular Settlements (ISVS) since 2012 and indexed by Scopus since 2015. He is also the founding editor of 'Cities People Places' an internationally refereed urban design Journal published by the University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka since 2015 and remain as its editor. He has also founded the 'Archi-Texts e-journal' in 2024.

He is a founder member of the ISVS, International Society for the Study of Vernacular Settlements which has hosted 12 conferences across the world since 1999 and serves in its advisory Board. He founded the International Conference on 'Cities People and Places' - ICCPP in 2011 together with Dr. Janaka Wijesundara at the University of Moratuwa Sri Lanka which continues to date. He is also on the Advisory Board of the Asian Conference on Environment-Behaviour Studies and serves in the Editorial Board of the AcE-Bs journal.

Dr. Ranjith Dayaratne bridges theory and design through environment-behavior research using a phenomenological approach. His main interest is in the idea of 'place' and how environment-behaviour research can contribute to architecture as place-making. His PhD explored the ideas of 'home' and 'place' in the context of informal settlements and constructed a view of place-making that can be applied to mainstream practice. His academic expertise lies in Socially-Conscious Design, Theories of Architecture, Housing, Vernacular Studies and Social and Behavioral Implications of Design.

One of his students from Australia won the RIBA Gold medal for the best PhD thesis in 2012, while another student from Bahrain won the RIBA Gold medal for the best Master's thesis in Architecture in 2013.

Some of his publications are as follows.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **UN Working paper**

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### **In Refereed Journals**

1. Dayaratne, R. (2020) Imagining Spatial Geographies: Architecture of poetic terrains in the artificial islands of Bahrain, in ISVS e journal Vol. 7.2 (**Scopus Indexed**)
2. Dayaratne, R. (2019) Vernacularity and Place: Re-presentation of Fishing Huts of Bahrain at the Venice Biennale, in Gusti Ayu Made Suartika & Julie Nichols (edited) *Reframing the Vernacular: Politics, Semiotics, and Representation*, Springer.
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4. Dayaratne, R. (2018) Towards Sustainable Development: Lessons from the Vernacular Settlements of Sri Lanka, *Frontiers of Architectural Research*, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foar.2018.04.002> (**Scopus indexed**)
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7. Dayaratne, R. (2012) Landscapes of Nation: Constructing national identity in the deserts of Bahrain in *National Identities*, Vol. 14(3), 36-45. (**Scopus indexed**)
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13. Dayaratne, R. (2001) (With Samarawickrama, R.) Empowering Communities in the Peri-Urban areas of Colombo, in *Environment and Urbanization*, 15(1), (**Scopus Indexed**)
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17. Dayaratne, R. (1999) Attachment to Place and the Rural Urban Dichotomy in Sri Lanka, in *Architexts*, Colombo: University of Moratuwa.
18. Dayaratne, R. (1991) Supporting People's Place making: The Role of the Architect in Housing in the Third World; Some Experiences from Sri Lanka in *Open House International*. 6(4) (**Scopus Indexed**)

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2. Dayaratne, R. (2016) Conversations with the Sea: Barastis, Fishing Huts and the Ocean Villas of Bahrain, ISVS 8 Conference, University of Hasannudin, Makasaar, Indonesia.
3. Dayaratne, R. (2014) Re-dignifying Vernacular for national Identity: Elitism, Grand Traditions and Cultural revival in Bahrain, ISVS 7 Conference, ITU, Istanbul: Turkey.
4. Dayaratne, R. (2013) Environment-Behaviour Research and the Practice of Architecture in the Design Studio: An Experiment from Bahrain, at the Asian Conference on Environment-Behaviour Research: From Research to Practice, Westminster University, London. (**Received the Best Paper Award**).
5. Dayaratne, R. (2013) Transforming Bab Al Bahrain to a Great public Place, 1<sup>st</sup> ICCPP Conference, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
6. Dayaratne, R. (2012) Imagining Spatial Geographies in the Artificial Islands of Bahrain, Theoretical Currents II conference, University of Lincoln, UK.
7. Dayaratne, R. (2012) Cultural Continuity, SAARCH seminar, Bhutan.
8. Dayaratne, R. (2010) Expatriate Enclaves of Bahrain. Home Migration and the City Conference, Sweden.
9. Dayaratne, R. (2010) Landscapes of Nation: Constructing National Identity in the Deserts of Bahrain, Theoretical Currents I conference, Nottingham Trent University, UK.

10. Dayaratne, R. (2009) Reinventing Traditional Technologies for Sustainability: Contemporary Earth Architecture of Sri Lanka. INTA-SEGA conference, Thailand. **(Received the Best Paper Award)**
11. Dayaratne, R. (2008) Moderating Urbanization and Promoting Growth: How can Colombo Prevent the Emerging Chaos? Presented at the Asian Urbanization in an Asian World, An international consultation, United Nations University, Calcutta: India.
12. Dayaratne, R. (2008) Diaspora Architecture and the Construction of Sri Lankan Cultural History in Melbourne. 'History in Practice' SAHANZ 2008 conference. Geelong: Australia.
13. Dayaratne, R. (2007) Is there a Future for Earth Architecture? SLIA Annual Conference in Colombo, Sri Lanka.
14. (2008) Vernacular in Transition; The Traditional and the Hybrid Architecture of Bahrain, 4th ISVS conference, Ahmadabad: India.
15. (2007) Assembling Identities and Creating Place: Intriguing Metaphors in the Post-Global Architecture of Bahrain, CSAAR Conference, Tunisia.
16. Dayaratne, R. (2007) Articulating Social Issues to Create Architectural Form: A Studio Experiment in Bahrain. "Sources of Form" Conference, Kuwait University: Kuwait.
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22. Dayaratne, R. (2002) Marketing the Cherishability of Vernacular at the Global Market: The Case of Export Production Villages in Sri Lanka. 2nd international Conference on Vernacular Settlements, University of Depok: Indonesia.
23. Dayaratne, R. (2002) Towards an Urban Renaissance through City Architecture. Concepts and Practices for a Sustainable Future. SLIA annual conference on Urban Regeneration. Sri Lanka.
24. Dayaratne, R. & Senanayake, N. (2002) Towards Understanding the Asian Street: A Socio-spatial Typology of Streets in Sri Lanka. Great Asian Streets Conference, the National University of Singapore: Singapore.
25. Dayaratne, R. (2002) En-Route to Modernism: Dissents and Deviations in Search for Identity in the Sri Lankan Architectural Scene. 1st mANN Conference at the National University of Singapore: Singapore.
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28. Dayaratne, R. (2000) Home-Based Work as an Accompaniment to Large Scale Industry: The Case of Export Production Villages in Sri Lanka. Home-Based Work Conference, the University of Newcastle upon Tyne. UK. (Among the selected papers published)
29. Dayaratne, R. (1999) Vernacular Settlements and Sustainable Traditions in Sri Lanka", First International Seminar on Vernacular Settlements (ISVS), Depok: Indonesia.
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31. Dayaratne, R. (1998) Towards Safer Cities; Can the Architects Design Away Crime? Habitat-Lanka 98 Conference, BMICH: Colombo: Sri Lanka.

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34. Dayaratne, R. (1996) Perceptions of the Commonwealth: The Case of Sri Lanka, paper presented at the Commonwealth Fellows Seminar at the Commonwealth Secretariat, London. UK.
35. Dayaratne, R. (1995) The Wilderness of the Asian City, a paper presented at the Asian Cities conference at Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand.
36. Dayaratne, R. (1995) Social Responsibility of the Architects. A paper presented at the second SAARCH seminar, Bangladesh Institute of Architects Dhaka, Bangladesh.
37. Dayaratne, R. (1994) The Professional and the Society: Towards Responsible Interventions in Cities, paper presented at the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
38. Dayaratne, R. (1993) Design in Harmony with Nature: An Urban Perspective, a paper presented at the National Conference of the SLIA, Colombo Sri Lanka.
39. Dayaratne, R. (1993) From Determinism to Transactionism: Creating People-Friendly Places in the City, a paper presented at the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

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7. Dayaratne, R. (2001) Making Architecture and making a Sustainable World. The Work of Mazanabu Hirayama in *SLA Journal*, Vol. 103, Issue 01.
8. Dayaratne, R. (2001) Towards Enhancing Quality of Life in Cities in *SLA Journal*, Vol. 103, Issue 02.
9. Dayaratne, R. (1996) An Opportunity to Understand the Commonality of Our Divided World; The Experiences of a Commonwealth Fellow in *CAA Newsnet*: London, June.
10. Dayaratne, R. (1995) Eco-sensitive Architecture for Sustainable Development: A Return to Place? in *SLA Journal*, Vol. 101, No.14.
11. Dayaratne, R. (1992) Supporting people's Place making: The Role of the Architect in Housing in the Third World; Some Experiences from Sri Lanka. in *Alam Al Bena*, No. 131. Egypt.

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1. 2006- 'Globalisation and the Quest for Identity in Architecture' in *Ceylon Daily News* on 03<sup>rd</sup> January.
2. 2005- 'Identity Culture and Place: Complexities in Contemporary Architecture' in *Ceylon Daily News* on 02<sup>nd</sup> July.
3. 2005- 'The Crisis of Identity in Modern Architecture' in *Sunday Island* on 16<sup>th</sup> September.
4. 2005- 'Critical Regionalism and the Construction of Roots in Architecture' in *Ceylon Daily News* on 12<sup>th</sup> Nov.
5. 2001- 'An invitation to join hands in with the construction industry' in *Ceylon Daily News*, 13<sup>th</sup> Jan. (Also published as the introduction in the chamber of construction industry of Sri Lanka Home page).
6. 1998- 'ARCASIA: The common front of the Institutes of architects in ASIA' in *Ceylon Daily News*, 11<sup>th</sup> Nov.
7. 1997- 'Design concepts of modern kitchens' in *Ceylon Daily News*, 13<sup>th</sup> Nov.
8. 1997- 'Challenges of designing office buildings in restricted sites' in *Ceylon Daily News* 12<sup>th</sup> Dec.
9. 1996- 'SLIA Publications; A new direction' in *Ceylon Daily News*.16<sup>th</sup> Feb.

### **CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY**

- 1995-2000: As a Fellow of the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects, he was an active member of its administrative office and worked tirelessly to promote Architecture in the community. He initiated the setting up of school societies of architecture and launched competitions and exhibitions to bring awareness to the children and the public. These have changed the perception of architecture in Sri Lanka.
- 1997-2000: Founder Chairman, Board of Architectural Publications.
- 1995-1996: Member of Council & Hon. Asst. Secretary.
- 1995-1997: Chairman, Editorial and Publication Committee.
- 1997-1998: Chairman, Sabaragamuva Provincial Development Committee.
- 1995-2000: Editor-in Chief, "SLA Architect" Quarterly English Publication, "Vastu" Quarterly Sinhala Publication, Herald a Monthly English Newsletter for Architects and "Sanvada" an Occasional Paper of the Architects.
- 1997-2000: Corresponding Editor, "Architecture Asia" Journal of ARCASIA.
- 1997-2000: Editor, ARCASIA (Architects Regional Council of Asia) Newsletter.
- 1997-2001: Founding editor 'Built-Environment- Sri Lanka': An internationally refereed Research Journal of SLIA.

### **SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS**

- Fellow member of the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects. FIA. Since 1998.
- Member, Association of Commonwealth Fellows. U.K. Since 1996.
- Founder (1990), The CARDO Research Group, University of Newcastle upon Tyne, U.K.

### **SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS: Commonwealth Fellow (1996)**

In 1996, Dr. Ranjith Dayaratne received one of the most prestigious awards of the British Commonwealth titled "**Commonwealth Fellowship for Commonwealth Understanding**". He was among the 12 Fellows chosen from 600 nominations of the 54 countries in the Commonwealth. He was the 4<sup>th</sup> Architect and the 5<sup>th</sup> Sri Lankan Fellow to receive this award. It recognises the outstanding contribution made to the communities, which he had accomplished while serving at the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects, by initiating a freely distributed journal in the native language, and organising a series of regional workshops and exhibitions that took architecture to the rural villages of Sri Lanka. The Commonwealth Fellowship for Commonwealth Understanding involves study visits to numerous Commonwealth organizations in the U.K and another country (1996 was Canada) and meetings with the Dignitaries of the Commonwealth. As part of this award, he had a face-to-face meeting with Her Majesty the Queen Elizabeth, at the Buckingham Palace, where Her majesty the Queen discussed with him, the ways to promote a comprehensive understanding of the values and the relevance of the British Commonwealth in the contemporary world: particularly Sri Lanka.