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## 1. PROFILE

Highly motivated, enthusiastic and dedicated Lecturer and Agricultural Economist with research interests on agricultural projects and policy analysis, agricultural trade, poverty analysis, rural development and agricultural economics related issues. Committed to public service in the form of education.

## 2. EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

April 2014-March 2017 -Ph.D. degree, Agricultural and Resource Economics, The University of Tokyo, Japan.

April 2013-March 2014-Research student, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, The University of Tokyo, Japan.

October 2006-March 2009- Masters degree in Economics (MEcon), University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.  
2008-Diploma in Professional Diplomacy and World Affairs, The Bandaranaike International Diplomatic Training Institute, Colombo 7, Sri Lanka.

2001 March-November 2005- B.Sc. in Agriculture degree, (Specialisation in Agricultural Economics), Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka.

## 3. ACADEMIC HONOURS (AWARDS, RECOGNITIONS AND SCHOLARSHIPS)

The Dean Award for Academic Excellence 2017, The University of Tokyo, March 2017

Monbukagakusho (MEXT) Scholarship, Japan, April 2013- March 2017

## 4. PUBLICATIONS

### 4.1 Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Gert-Jan Stads., Weerahewa, J., **Wijetunga, C.S.** Giriagama, P. (to be published). Sri Lanka- Recent developments in public agricultural research, ASTI, IFPRI.

Weerahewa, J., Koralegedara, P., and **Wijetunga, C.S.** (2018). Nutrition transition in Sri Lanka: A diagnosis. *Annals of Nutrition and Food Science*, 2(2):1020.

Weerahewa, J. **Wijetunga, C.S.**, Babu, S. and Atapattu, N. (2018). Food policies and nutrition transition in Sri Lanka: Historical trends, political regimes and options for interventions, IFPRI discussion paper 01727.

**Wijetunga, C.S.** (2017). Implications of price and trade policy distortions of rice sector on income and poverty in Sri Lanka. *The 9<sup>th</sup> Conference Proceedings of Asian Society of Agricultural Economics (ASAE)*. 1333-1355.

**Wijetunga, C.S.** and Katsuhiko, S. (2017). Evaluating the Fertilizer Subsidy Reforms in the Rice Production Sector in Sri Lanka: A Simulation Analysis. *Journal of Advances in Management and Economics*, 7(1), 31-51.

**Wijetunga, C.S.** Rice Production Structures in Sri Lanka: The Normalized Translog Profit Function Approach. (2016). *Asian Journal of Agriculture and Rural Development*, 6(2), 21-35.

Jayatissa, R.L.N. and **Wijetunga, C.S.** (2012). Present Situation of Tenant Farming System in Sri Lanka. *Sri Lanka Journal of Agrarian Studies*, Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute, Colombo 7, Sri Lanka.

**Wijetunga, C.S.** and Abeysekera, T. (2010). A Review of Public Expenditure in Agriculture Sector in Sri Lanka 1998-2009: Trends and Emerging Issues. *Sri Lanka Journal of Agrarian Studies*. 14(1 & 2), 45-68.

#### ***4.2 Books/Book Chapters***

Weerahewa, J., Koralegedara, P., and **Wijetunga, C.S.** (to be published). Nutrition Transition in Sri Lanka: A Meta-Analysis of the Nutrition Profile.

**Wijetunga, C.S.** Profitability of Paddy Farming in the Dry Zone of Sri Lanka. (2013). *HARTI Research Report 153*, Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute, Colombo 7, Sri Lanka.

Chandrasiri, J.K.M.D., **Wijetunga, C.S.** and Bamunuarachchi, B.A.D.S. (2012). Performance Evaluation of Farmer Banks in Sri Lanka. *HARTI Research Report*., Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute, Colombo 7, Sri Lanka.

Jayatissa, R.L.N. and **Wijetunga, C.S.** (2012). Present Situation of Tenant Farming System in Sri Lanka. *HARTI Research Report*, Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute, Colombo 7, Sri Lanka.

**Wijetunga, C.S.** (2011). Terms of Trade in Paddy Sector in Sri Lanka. *HARTI Research Report 137*. Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute, Colombo 7, Sri Lanka.

#### ***4.3 Abstracts/Extended Abstracts***

Dissanayake, N.K.R., Dharmadasa, R.A.P.I.S., **Wijetunga C.S.** and Herath, H.M.T.R. (2019). Skilled Based Migration from Sri Lanka-A Descriptive Analysis, International Research Conference Proceedings, Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka.

Sewwandi, I.M.B., **Wijetunga, C.S.** and Rathnayake, R.M.P.S. (2019). Economics of Selected Domestic Food Crops: A case study in Badulla District, 2000-2017, International Research Conference Proceedings, Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka.

Weerasinghe, L.R., Niranjana.F., **Wijetunga, C.S.** and Maduwanthi, B.C.H. (2019). Analysis of Present Status and Production Forecasting of Potato Farming in Sri Lanka, International Research Conference Proceedings, Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka.

**Wijetunga, C.S.** and Katsuhiko, S. (2018). Shifting fertilizer subsidy policy to direct cash transfers method in rice sector in Sri Lanka: A simulation analysis. Sri Lanka Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA), Peradeniya.

**Wijetunga, C.S.** (2011). Import Tariffs on Major Food Commodities in Sri Lanka (1995-2010): Performance and Issues. Conference Proceedings of International Symposium on Agriculture & Environment Faculty of Agriculture, Ruhuna University, Sri Lanka.

**Wijetunga, C.S.** (2011). Terms of Trade in Paddy Production Sector in Sri Lanka. Conference Proceedings of Annual Scientific sessions of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science, Sri Lanka.

**Wijetunga, C.S.**, and Abeysekera, T. (2010). A Review of Public Expenditure in Agriculture Sector in Sri Lanka; 1998-2009. Conference proceedings of Annual Scientific Sessions of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science.

#### ***4.4 Scientific Presentations***

**Wijetunga, C.S.** and Katsuhiko, S. (2018). Shifting fertilizer subsidy policy to direct cash transfers method in rice sector in Sri Lanka: A simulation analysis. Paper presented at 11<sup>th</sup> Annual research forum, Sri Lanka Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA), Peradeniya, Sri Lanka on 13 January 2018.

**Wijetunga, C.S.** (2017). Implications of price and trade policy distortions of rice sector on income and poverty in Sri Lanka. Paper presented at the 9<sup>th</sup> Asian Society of Agricultural Economists (ASAE) international Conference, Bangkok, Thailand on January 11-13.

**Wijetunga, C.S.**, and Katsuhiko, S. (2016). Evaluating the Fertilizer Subsidy Reforms in the Rice Production Sector in Sri Lanka: A Simulation Analysis. Virtual presentation at the Second International Conference of Development and Economy, Thessaloniki, Greece on 9-12 June 2016.

**Wijetunga, C.S.**, and Katsuhiko, S. (2015). Evaluating the Impact of Fertilizer Subsidy in Paddy Production Sector in Sri Lanka: A Simulation Analysis. Paper presented at the Conference of Agricultural Economics Society of Japan held at the Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology, Fuchu-shi, Tokyo, Japan on 29 March 2015.

**Wijetunga, C.S.** (2011). Terms of Trade in Paddy Production Sector in Sri Lanka. Paper presented at the Annual Scientific Sessions of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science held at the University of Sri Jayawardhanapura, Sri Lanka on 9 December 2011.

**Wijetunga, C.S.** (2011). Import Tariffs on Major Food Commodities in Sri Lanka (1995-2010): Performance and Issues. Paper presented at the International Symposium on Agriculture & Environment Faculty of Agriculture, Ruhuna University, Sri Lanka on 9 November, 2011.

**Wijetunga, C.S.**, and Abeysekera, T. (2010). A Review of Public Expenditure in Agriculture Sector in Sri Lanka; 1998-2009. Paper presented at the Annual Scientific Sessions of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science held at the University of Colombo on 10 December 2010.

#### **4.5 Theses/Dissertations**

Price and trade policy distortions in food crop sector in Sri Lanka: implications on income and poverty-2017. Ph.D. dissertation submitted to The University of Tokyo, Japan.

Advisors: Prof. Honma Masayoshi

Public expenditure review of agriculture sector in Sri Lanka 1998-2007-2008. Masters thesis submitted to the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Advisors: Dr. Terrence Abeysekera, Prof. Ranjith Bandara

Taxation of Sri Lanka's food commodity imports and their impacts on domestic markets-2005.

Undergraduate thesis submitted to the University of Ruhuna, Sri Lanka.

Advisors: Dr. Terrence Abeysekera, Prof. M. Wijeratna

### **5. RECENT RESEARCH PROJECTS INVOLVED**

Co researcher with Prof. Saito, K. and Sato, H. The effect of climate change on agricultural income and poverty- A Scenario Analysis with Sri Lankan CGE model (ongoing).

Agricultural Research Investments in Sri Lanka. (2018). ASTI, IFPRI Survey (as a Research Fellow) Research Assistant of Prof. Weerahewa, J. (Professor in Agricultural Economics, University of Peradeniya) in her research projects of Healthy Landscapes (2017-18).

### **6. THESIS SUPERVISION**

Manawadu, T.I. (2018). Undergraduate theses, Influence of job satisfaction and organizational factors on employee work commitment: A case study of Uva Wellassa university.

Sewwandi, I.M.B. (2018). Undergraduate theses, Economics of selected domestic food crops: A case study in Badulla district, 2000-2017, Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka.

Wanigasighe, W.W.L.H.T. (2018). Undergraduate theses, Effect of Knowledge Management Practices towards Enhancing Employee Engagement and Worker Productivity (An opinion survey of tea industry of Sri Lanka with special emphasis to Hayleys Plantations Sector), Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka.

Weerasinghe, L.R. (2018). Undergraduate theses, Analysis of present status and production forecasting of potato farming in Sri Lanka, Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka.

Dissanayake, N.K.R. (2018). Undergraduate theses, Determinants of skilled based migration evidence from panel data in Sri Lanka using gravity model, co-supervisor with Dharmadasa, R.A.P.I.S., Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka.

### **7. TEACHING CONTRIBUTION**

Senior Lecturer (Department of Export Agriculture, Faculty of Animal Science and Export Agriculture, Uva Wellassa University (August 2018 up to now)

Courses: Agricultural Project Management, Agricultural Trade and Finance, Agricultural Policies, Farm Management, Tea Resource Economics

Visiting Lecturer, Department of Forestry and Environmental Sciences, Sri Jayewardenepura University, Nugegoda (January 2018 –May 2018)

Course: Agricultural Economics

Volunteer English Teacher, Kudan Secondary School (May 2015-June 2017)

## **8. WORK EXPERIENCE**

Senior Lecturer, Department of Export Agriculture, Faculty of Animal Science and Export Agriculture, Uva Wellassa University (August 2018 up to now)

Research Fellow, Agribusiness Center, Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Management, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, February 2018 –July 2018.

Tutor and Research Assistant, Board of Study in Agricultural Extension, Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, September 2017-January 2018.

Research Intern, Japan Development Institute (JDI), Iidabashi, Japan-December, 2016 -March, 2017.

Temporary Research Assistant, Institute of Developing Economies, Japan External Trade Organization (IDE-JETRO), Wakaba 3-2-2, Mihama-ku, Chiba, Japan- February 2014 – March 2014.

Research Officer, Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute, Colombo 7, Sri Lanka - April 2009-March 2013.

Consular Assistant, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Colombo 1, Sri Lanka-August 2007- April 2009.

Research Assistant, Marketing, Food Policy and Agribusiness Division, Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research and Training Institute, Wijerama Mawatha, Colombo 7, Sri Lanka- May 2006- July 2007.

Research Assistant, Sustainability Evaluation in “Gamidiriya” Rural Development Project implemented in Sri Lanka-March-April 2006.

## **9. OTHER POSITIONS HELD**

Research Project Coordinator 2019, Export Agriculture degree programme, Uva Wellassa University.

Committee Member, Higher Degree Committee of Faculty of Animal Science and Export Agriculture since February 2019.

Mentor of Undergraduate students (2018/19 batch), Faculty of Animal Science and Export Agriculture.

Member of the examination committee of the Comprehensive examination of Natural Resource Management, Postgraduate institute of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya since February 2018.

## **10. TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS ATTENDED**

13<sup>th</sup> ARTNET Capacity building workshop on “Empirical Trade Analysis: Structural Gravity Estimation and Counterfactuals”, United Nations ESCAP, Bangkok, Thailand, 17-20 December 2017.

Summer Internship at Aozora Bank, Tokyo, Japan, 5-15 August 2014.

Short Term Training Program on “Agriculture as a Driver of Economic & Social Development”  
Embrapa, Brazil, 17-28 October 2011.

Workshop on Training of Trainers program, Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administrative  
(SLIDA), 25-29 October 2010.

Project Management (3 days course), Ministry of Public Administration, Sri Lanka, 2009.

## **11. EDITOR/REVIEWER ASSIGNMENTS**

Reviewer of the International Research Conference of Uva Wellassa University (IRCUWU) 2019.

Reviewer for Research proposal submitted to obtain University Grants (2018), Uva Wellassa  
University.

## **12. SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES MEMBERED**

- Member of Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science since 2010
- Member of Agricultural Economics Society of Japan since 2014
- Life member of Sri Lanka Agricultural Economics Association since January 2018

## **13. PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Surname : Mapalagama Wanni Arachchige  
Name : Chatura Sewwandi Wijetunga  
Gender : Female  
Date of Birth : 07 April 1979  
Marital Status : Married  
Nationality : Sri Lankan