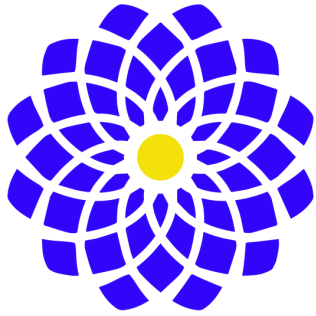


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RESEARCH WING



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RESEARCH THAT INSPIRES





Education is a cornerstone of the BALPP Research Wing's mission. Our dedicated research aims to enhance the ways our children learn, opening doors to brighter futures and empowering them to achieve their full potential.

RESEARCH THAT MATTERS

The Research Wing of the Bandaranaike Academy for Leadership and Public Policy is dedicated to conducting policy-based research that will not only inspire, but also inform and transform the fields of leadership and public policy.

We are adopting a comprehensive research approach **exploring topics ranging from leadership & governance, political thought and strategy, and to sustainable energy policy, cyber security, health policy, education policy and economic policy.** By addressing these diverse fields, we strive to suggest holistic and practical solutions to the complex issues facing our society today.

A key component of our research strategy is the utilization and popularization of **new forms of research methodology.** We embrace cutting-edge techniques and tools, including data analytics, digital ethnography, participatory action research, visual research and other innovative approaches. This commitment to methodological innovation ensures that our research remains at the forefront of academic and practical advancements.

Research is seeing what everybody else has seen and thinking what nobody else has thought.

- Albert Szent-Györgyi , Nobel Prize winning Biochemist,1937



Our research initiatives are designed to be inclusive and collaborative. We will **partner with academic institutions, the government, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector**. These collaborations enable us to draw on a wide range of expertise and resources, enhancing the depth and impact of our work.

The Research Wing also places a strong emphasis on dissemination and engagement. We believe that research should not remain confined to academic circles but should be shared widely to inform public discourse and policy-making. **To this end the BALPP Research Wing, with BALPP Outreach will organize seminars, workshops, and public lectures, and we will publish our findings in accessible formats**. We will also leverage digital platforms and social media to reach a broader audience and foster a vibrant community of engaged citizens.

Our mission is to produce work that is accessible and attractive to a wide audience, with a special emphasis on engaging the youth. **By involving young people directly in our research activities, we aim to harness their fresh perspectives, creativity, and unique insights**, ensuring that our studies are both innovative and relevant to contemporary challenges.

Research must continue to be the centerpiece of intellectual life, and our commitment to research must grow, because our problems are growing.

- Ernest L. Boyer, Educator, Former Commissioner of Education of the United States, 1977-1979

RESEARCH TEAM

Our research team is a dedicated group of individuals committed to advancing the fields of leadership and public policy through thoughtful and innovative research. We aim to tackle important societal challenges and produce work that is both meaningful and accessible.



Research Consultant

Dr. Namala Tilakaratna - PhD (Sydney), MLitt, BA

Dr. Namala Tilakaratna is an award-winning lecturer who draws on extensive expertise in higher education research to positively impact students' learning of academic English, critical thinking, and reflection skills. Engaging in research across education, linguistics, and literacy, she has shared work in diverse international contexts, including Australia, South Africa, and Singapore. She served as a senior lecturer in the National University of Singapore (NUS) from 2018 to 2023.



Research Associate

Shayani Jayasinghe - MA (Japan), BA

Shayani Jayasinghe is a researcher who worked as the Research Officer at the Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies (BCIS) in Sri Lanka. Having research experiences in diverse environments, Shayani has also worked extensively in academic administration as well. She also serves as a lecturer-in-charge at the BCIS and has worked in both Verite Research and the International Centre for Ethnic Studies in Colombo.



Research Intern

Kaveesha Pathirana - BSc (Colombo)

Kaveesha Pathirana is an undergraduate at General Sir John Kotelawala Defense University in Rathmalana, pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Strategic Studies and International Relations. Her passion in research is connected in the areas of human security, human rights, and foreign policy.

BALPP RESEARCH COLLECTIVE

The BALPP Research Collective comprises a distinguished group of scholars who are affiliated with and actively collaborate with the Bandaranaike Academy for Leadership and Public Policy. **These experts bring diverse perspectives and expertise in many areas of leadership and public policy, contributing to our mission of advancing impactful research and informed dialogue.**

- **Ms. Iromi Perera**

Founder and Director - Colombo Urban Lab

- **Ms. Piyumani Ranasinghe**

Policy and Legal Researcher & Attorney At Law
(Supreme Court Of Sri Lanka)

- **Ms. Yolani Fernando**

Executive Director- Arutha

- **Mr. Sanjaya Ariyawansa**

Senior Economist - Ceylon Chamber of Commerce

- **Mr. Rivi Wijesekara**

Co- Founder & Executive Director - The Strivers Network

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- **Ms. Manishka Gunasekara**

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- **Ms. Sarika Warusawitarana**

Sociologist and Solutions Mapping Associate Lead at UNDP Sri Lanka

- **Dr. Nishara Mendis**

Director/ Research BCIS

- **Dr. Jayantha Balasooriya**

Freelance Consultant and veteran Educational Administration Official

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