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Dear BCIS
Community

“We are excited to present Volume 2, Issue 1 of the BCIS Library Newsletter! Our library is a hub of discovery, creativity, and lifelong learning. Whether you are looking for a great book, a quiet place to study, or engaging activities, we have something for everyone. In this edition, we are sharing our new book arrivals, past events, and special programmes designed to inspire and connect our readers. Stay tuned for book recommendations, learning resources, and library news.

We invite you to visit us and explore the world of knowledge.

Happy Reading!

The BCIS Library Team



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THE LIBRARY THROUGH MY EYES: A STUDENT SPEAKS

Chathushika is a researcher and journalist attached to the Daily Mirror newspaper. Here are her thoughts on the BCIS Library.

“ The BCIS library is a haven, irrespective of what your educational journey is. Whether you are someone right after the Advanced Level examination, a PhD student, or simply interested in world affairs, BCIS library serves all. It has a plethora of publications and journals ranging from various subjects. I first started studying at BCIS in 2010 for a Diploma and then in 2012 for a Postgraduate Diploma in International Relations. Although my studies at BCIS concluded, my relationship with BCIS never ended. I keep coming to the library to study, to find material relevant to my work. The library is a treasure trove, an enriching environment. I have attended some of the talks organized by the library, and they were insightful, as the topics discussed were contemporary. The library staff members have been truly supportive, which is one of the reasons why I am not hesitant to seek their support. The BCIS library, although situated in the heart of Colombo, has a calm, quiet, and serene environment that any reader yearns for. ”



Ms. Chathushika Wijeyesinghe
Alumna Student at BCIS

LIBRARY SERVICES FOR EXTERNAL USERS

External members are entitled to:

- Reference of the BCIS Library Collection and 09 Special Book Collections
- Photocopying and scanning facilities (charges applicable)
- Internet access within the library.
- Reading Area (Lending/Reference)



EXTERNAL USER MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES AND FEES

Membership Type	Borrowing privileges	Fee (LKR)
Daily User	Reference only	100.00
Weekly	Reference only	400.00
Monthly Membership	Reference only	1,000.00
Three-Month Membership	Reference only	2,500.00
Six-Month Membership	Reference only	5,000.00
Annual Membership	Reference only	7,500.00

9 SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

- S.W.R.D. Bandaranaike Collection
- Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga Collection
- Mangala Samaraweera Collection
- Lalith Athulathmudali Collection
- Leelananda de Silva Collection
- Jayantha Dhanapala Collection
- H.L. De Silva Collection
- Vernon Mendis Collection
- Tissa Jayatilaka Collection

Special events

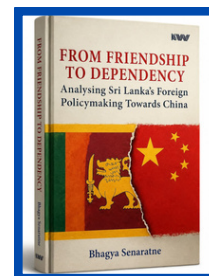
MALDIVES RESEARCH DELEGATION VISITS BCIS LIBRARY

A delegation of academics from the Maldivian National University visited the Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies (BCIS) on 22 May 2026 to explore potential avenues for collaborative research and academic exchange.

As part of their visit, the delegation toured the BCIS Library, where they were introduced to the Centre's extensive collections, academic resources, and research facilities. The visitors expressed their appreciation for the library's rich holdings and its role in supporting scholarly research, highlighting the value of such resources in fostering academic excellence and international collaboration.



Author Talk



The Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies (BCIS) successfully hosted an engaging Author Talk and Panel Discussion on Wednesday, 20 May, at the BCIS Auditorium, featuring Dr. Bhagya Senaratne, author of *“From Friendship to Dependency: Analysing Sri Lanka's Foreign Policymaking Towards China”*. The event brought together academics, diplomats, students, and policy enthusiasts for an insightful discussion on Sri Lanka's evolving foreign relations and the growing influence of China in the region. Dr. Senaratne shared key findings from her book, highlighting the historical and strategic dimensions of Sri Lanka-China relations and their impact on contemporary foreign policymaking. The panel discussion featured distinguished experts including Admiral (Retd.) Jayanath Colombage, former Foreign Secretary and former Ambassador, Rear Admiral (Retd.) Y.N. Jayarathna, former Chief Hydrographer of the Sri Lanka Navy, and Dr. Pavithra Jayawardena of the University of Colombo. The panelists provided diverse perspectives on regional geopolitics, maritime security, and international relations, creating a lively and thought-provoking exchange of ideas. The event reaffirmed BCIS's commitment to promoting scholarly dialogue and informed discussion on critical global and regional issues.

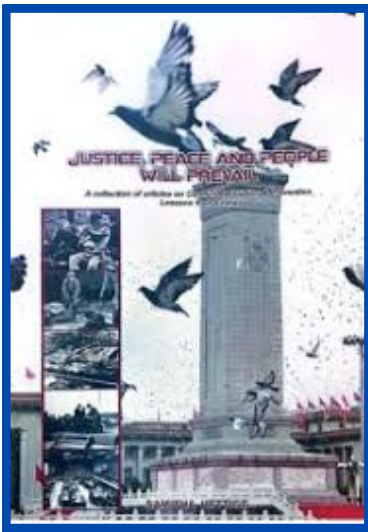
Author Talk



An insightful Author Talk featuring **Dr. Spencer Vitharana** on his latest publication, **“Doctrinal Responses to Anthropogenic Climate Change: Harmonising Blue Planet Law and Carbon Law”**, was held on 12 May 2026. Organized by the BCIS Library, this event brought together academics, researchers, and environmental enthusiasts for a thought-provoking discussion on the pressing challenges of climate change and the evolving role of environmental law. Drawing on the key themes of his book, Dr. Vitharana shared valuable insights into the relationship between Blue Planet Law and Carbon Law, emphasizing the need for balanced legal and ethical frameworks to advance environmental sustainability and climate justice. The session provided participants with a deeper understanding of contemporary environmental governance while encouraging meaningful dialogue on legal responses to anthropogenic climate change and the importance of safeguarding the future of the planet.

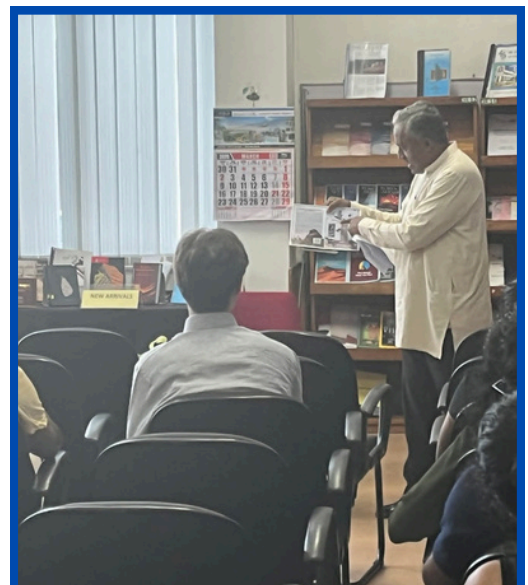
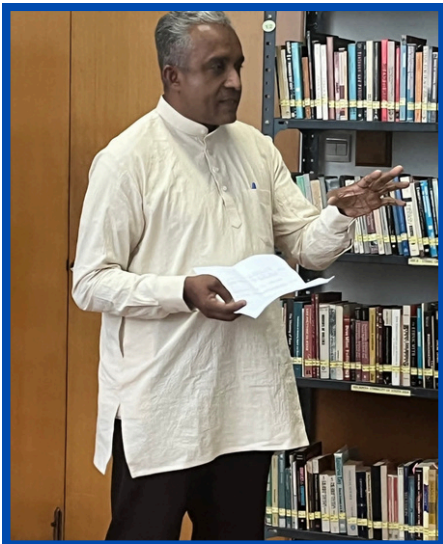


Author Talk



The BCIS Library successfully hosted an Author Talk featuring Prof. Samitha Hettige on his book, **“Justice, Peace and People Will Prevail”** on 13 March 2026. The event brought together academics, researchers, students, and members of the public for an engaging discussion on the themes explored in the publication. During his presentation, Prof. Hettige shared the inspiration behind the book and reflected on the social, political, and historical experiences that shaped its content. He emphasized the importance of justice, peace, and democratic values in fostering an inclusive and equitable society, while also examining the challenges faced by communities in times of social and political transformation. The session provided participants with valuable insights into contemporary issues related to governance, social cohesion, human rights, and public engagement. Drawing on his extensive academic and research experience, Prof. Hettige highlighted the role of citizens, institutions, and collective action in promoting peace and social progress. His discussion encouraged critical thinking about the responsibilities of both individuals and governments in addressing social inequalities and strengthening democratic processes.

The event concluded with a lively Q&A session, during which the audience actively engaged with the author on a range of topics discussed in the book. Participants shared their perspectives, raised thoughtful questions, and reflected on the relevance of the book’s themes to current national and global challenges. The Author Talk served as an enriching intellectual forum, fostering meaningful dialogue and reinforcing the BCIS Library’s commitment to promoting knowledge exchange, scholarly discussion, and public engagement through literary and academic events.



Human Library



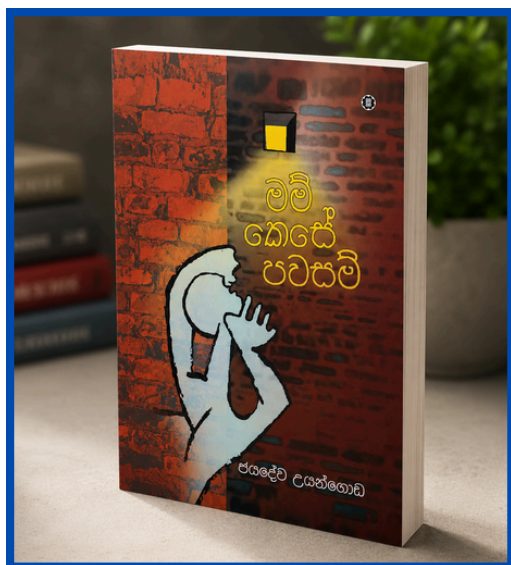
The Third Human Library titled **“And the Circles; They Go Round and Round: Thirty Years of Engaging with the Global Humanitarian System”**, delivered by Prof. Janaka Jayawickrama, Professor of Social Anthropology, Shanghai University, China, was held on 12 February 2026. Drawing on more than three decades of professional experience, Prof. Jayawickrama shared valuable insights into the evolution of the global humanitarian system, its achievements, and the challenges it continues to face. The lecture fostered an engaging exchange of ideas, encouraging students, academics, and participants to reflect critically on contemporary humanitarian issues and the complexities of global humanitarian engagement.



A thought-provoking talk titled **“End of the World? The 21st Century’s First Quarter Saw an Epochal Shift in Planetary Ecosystem and Human Civilisation”** was held at the BCIS Library on 27 January 2026, featuring Mr. Lakshman Gunasekara, former *Sunday Observer* and *Daily News* Chief Editor, foreign correspondent, and commentator on world affairs. The session explored the profound environmental, social, and geopolitical transformations that have shaped the first quarter of the 21st century and examined their implications for the future of humanity. The engaging discussion encouraged participants to reflect critically on emerging global challenges and highlighted the importance of informed dialogue in understanding an increasingly complex world.



Book Launch



The Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies (BCIS) successfully hosted the launch of “**Mam Kese Pawasam**” (Can You Hear My Cry?), a collection of poems authored by Professor Jayadeva Uyangoda, distinguished political scientist, scholar, and Member of the BCIS Academic Affairs Board. The event was attended by former President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, Chairperson of BCIS Madam Sunethra Bandaranaike, veteran politician Vasudeva Nanayakkara, and many other distinguished guests, academics, artists, writers, and members of the public. The gathering celebrated a work that offers a deeply personal reflection on imprisonment, resilience, hope, and the enduring human spirit. The launch highlighted Professor Uyangoda’s contribution not only to the fields of political science, democracy, conflict studies, and social thought, but also to Sinhala literature. As speakers, Prof Sarath Wijesooriya and Gamini Viyangoda reflected on the significance of preserving personal histories through literature and emphasized the role of poetry in fostering collective reflection and understanding. The event served as a meaningful occasion to recognize an important literary work that continues to resonate across generations with its message of courage, endurance, and humanity.



Book Launch

The Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies (BCIS) launched its latest publication, *Reimagining International Relations from a Global South Perspective*, on 24 February 2026 at the BCIS Auditorium. Authored by Emeritus Professor Gamini Keerawella, former Senior Professor of History at the University of Peradeniya and a member of the BCIS Council of Management and Academic Affairs Board, the book presents a thought-provoking analysis of international relations from a Global South perspective. The publication aims to encourage new approaches to understanding global politics, diplomacy, and international cooperation.

Addressing the gathering, Prime Minister Hon. Dr. Harini Amarasuriya emphasized the importance of the publication as a timely contribution to contemporary international discourse. She noted that the volume offers valuable insights into policy, diplomacy, and global governance while promoting a more pluralistic understanding of international relations. The event was attended by former President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, Chairperson of BCIS, Hon. Dr. Kaushalya Ariyaratne, members of the diplomatic community, representatives of the Bandaranaike National Memorial Foundation, BCIS governing bodies, and invited academics and practitioners.



NON-ALIGNMENT: Preserving Neutrality in a Divided World



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The principle of ‘non-alignment’ emerged as a strategic response by the newly independent countries to the Cold War standoff between the US-led Western bloc and the Soviet Union-led Eastern bloc. These newly independent countries, which were trying to chart new paths forward for their respective nations, opposed taking sides with either the capitalist West or the communist East. These countries viewed the Cold War as a new dependency with the same old arrangement as European colonialism. At its core, non-alignment was never about indifference or isolation. It was about preserving strategic autonomy, protecting sovereignty, promoting peaceful coexistence, and ensuring that states could pursue their national interests free from external domination. Thus, it issued a strong commitment to be independent as sovereign entities instead of being pawns in the larger game of superpowers. In 1954, a coalition of countries that referred to themselves as ‘*Colombo Powers*’: *Indonesia, India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon*, identified the need for action and invited newly independent nations to an open forum. As a result, in 1955, representatives from 29 different countries gathered in Bandung, Indonesia, for the Asian-African Conference. Many of these countries had witnessed the devastation that colonisation had caused the world because they were former colonies of European powers. Thus, all the countries gathered at Bandung saw the need for action despite their differences. For most of the countries, this idea represented a commitment to peace, justice, and cooperation in an international system often shaped by great power competition.

Six years later in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, the idea becomes a movement. In 1961, newly independent nations in Asia and Africa, together with key leaders who were famously referred to as ‘*Six giants of non-alignment*’: Josip Broz Tito from Yugoslavia, Jawaharlal Nehru from India, Gamal Abdel Nasser from Egypt, Kwame Nkrumah from Ghana, Ahmed Sukarno from Indonesia and Sirimavo Bandaranaike from Ceylon, formally established the ‘*Non-Aligned Movement*’. At its inception, 29 countries were members of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), and it continued to grow gradually. The movement’s framework has been guided by ten *Bandung principles* that strongly emphasized fundamental human rights, sovereignty, territorial integrity, equality, non-interference, opposition to any arrangement for collective defence that serves the interests of superpowers, peaceful coexistence, peaceful settlement of disputes, cooperation among nations, and justice. During the Cold War period, NAM provided a forum for newly independent nations to air their grievances regarding both superpowers. The leaders of these respective nations realised that being a united front is effective, as it made their voice visible at global forums. NAM forced the superpowers to recognize other important players in the international theatre and made them realise that the world is becoming increasingly multipolar.

In the present-day context, NAM membership has increased to 120 members, making it the second-largest organization after the United Nations. Even though, after the collapse of the Soviet Union, the reason for the movement’s existence seemed to have vanished, the movement has shifted its focus to have a unified position on development, fair treatment in trade, debt, and major global issues. Even though critics suggest that NAM is no longer effective, the movement steadily continues to advocate for peace and raise its voice against terrorism, ongoing conflicts, and the arms race. Additionally, NAM functions as an effective platform to foster South-South cooperation and operates as a force to collectively bargain in international negotiations. Through close collaboration, NAM has increased its impact and also contributed to positive changes on a global scale. Cultural and social cooperation between members has facilitated a better understanding, allowing the countries to build long-term unity, which is essential to overcome clashes in interests.

In the contemporary world, even though the international system is no longer defined by a rigid bipolar order as in the Cold War period, small states continue to face challenges in navigating competition among major powers while preserving their independence and strategic flexibility. Thus, the principles of non-alignment continue to resonate even today, as the world confronts renewed rivalry, economic uncertainty, environmental issues, and technological transformation.

As a small state, Sri Lanka's role in NAM has been decisive. As a steadfast advocate of non-alignment, the country played an active role in promoting dialogue, peaceful coexistence, and solidarity among developing countries. As aforementioned, Sri Lanka was a part of *the Colombo Powers*, which planted the seed of the idea before the formation of NAM. Sri Lanka, under the leadership of the late Prime Minister Madam Sirimavo Bandaranaike, played an influential role in fostering peaceful coexistence, nuclear disarmament and advocated the idea of sovereign equality among nations. Her strong leadership elevated Sri Lanka's standing internationally.

In August 1976, under the leadership of the late Prime Minister Madam Sirimavo Bandaranaike, Sri Lanka hosted the 05th Non-Aligned Movement Summit in Colombo, at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH). Addressing the summit, the late Prime Minister Madam Sirimavo Bandaranaike emphasized that the policy of non-alignment is not a policy of passivity, but a way to pursue peace and justice. She put forward the idea of creating a more equitable international order by strengthening cooperation among developing countries and by reducing global inequalities. Further, she argued that genuine independence could not exist without economic freedom, stressing that political sovereignty and economic development were inseparable. Her vision reflected the aspirations of many countries in the Global South that sought a stronger voice in global affairs.

The Summit is regarded as one of the most influential meetings in the NAM's history, as it strengthened the unity between the member countries and called for the establishment of a New International Economic Order to address global economic inequalities. Additionally, it reaffirmed the principles of sovereignty, non-interference, peaceful coexistence, and anti-colonialism. The year 2025 marked the 70th anniversary of Bandung; August 2026 marks the 50th anniversary of this monumental moment in history. It recognises the valuable contribution of a small country to the NAM and urges revisiting the ideas championed by leaders like the late Prime Minister Madam Sirimavo Bandaranaike, who believed that smaller nations acting collectively and independently could shape a more just and peaceful world order.

Within this context, the BMICH, which was built as the principal venue for this monumental meeting, remains one of Sri Lanka's iconic symbols of multilateral engagements, reflecting Sri Lanka's diplomatic footprint. For the Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies (BCIS), which is dedicated to educating the public on international relations under the vision of the late Prime Minister Madam Sirimavo Bandaranaike, the anniversary serves as a reminder that the pursuit of strategic autonomy, constructive diplomacy, and international cooperation remains as important today as it was when the movement first emerged more than six decades ago.

Thus, as the education wing of the BMICH, the BCIS remains vital in educating the public on international affairs and has contributed to discussions on foreign policy, diplomacy, and international cooperation. Further, the values that underpin the Non-Aligned Movement dialogue- mutual respect, peaceful coexistence, and strategic autonomy, continue to inform many of the contemporary debates explored through research, education, and policy engagement at the BCIS.



Evidence-Based Policy Making, Research Integrity and Systematic Evidence Synthesis



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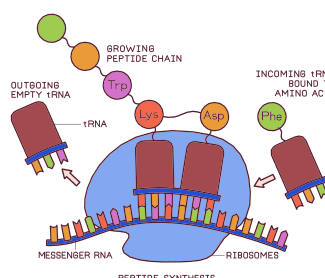
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In an era of rapid change and complex societal challenges, evidence-based policy making has become essential for governments, institutions, and communities seeking effective and sustainable solutions. Policies grounded in high-quality evidence are more likely to achieve their intended outcomes, make efficient use of resources, and earn public confidence. Across disciplines, Evidence-Based Practice has also become the most desirable global approach, as professionals increasingly depend on robust evidence to guide decision making and improve real-world outcomes.

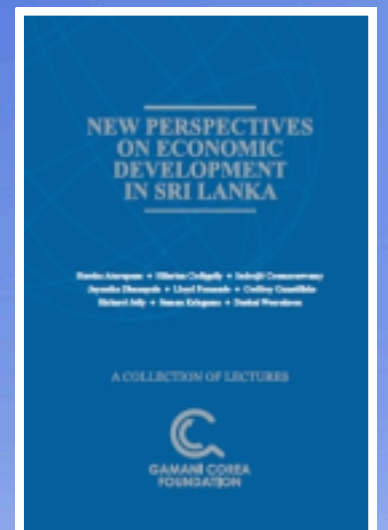
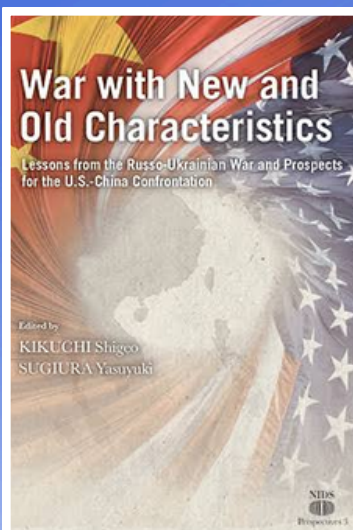
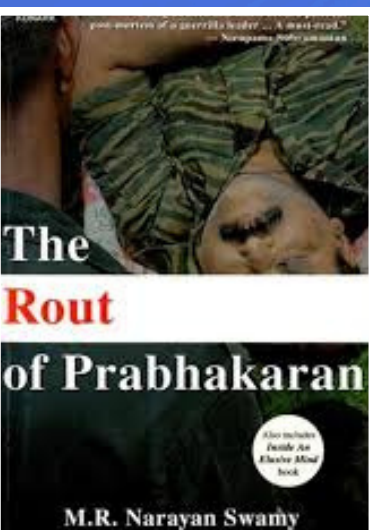
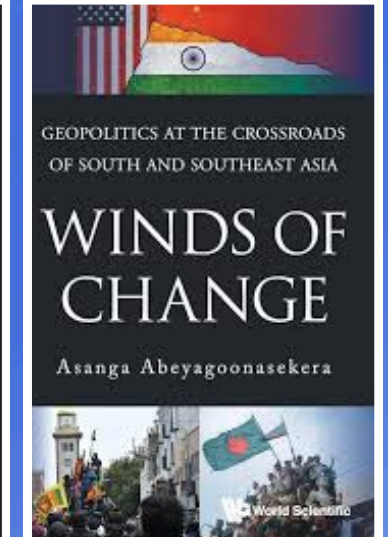
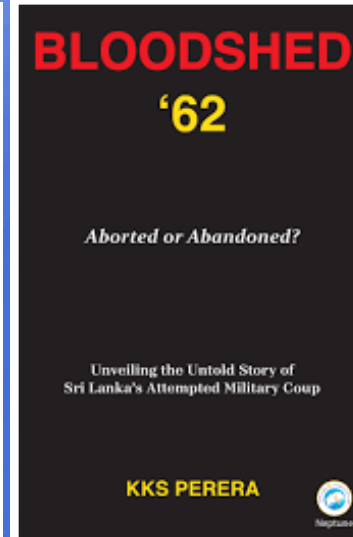
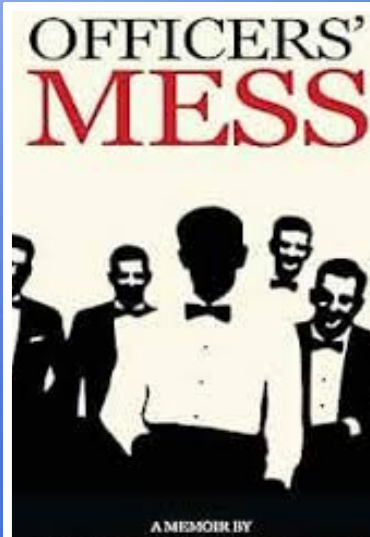
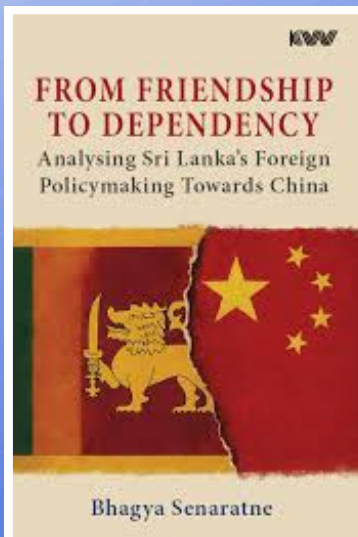
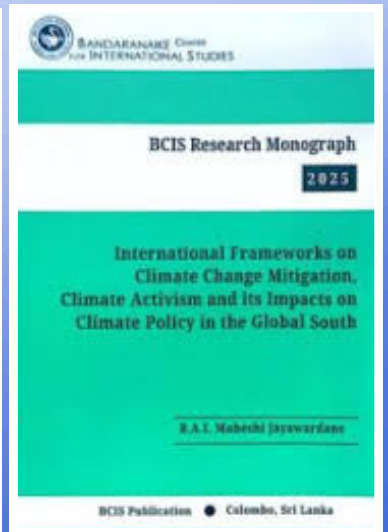
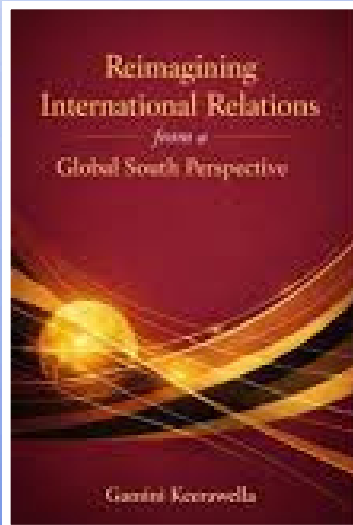
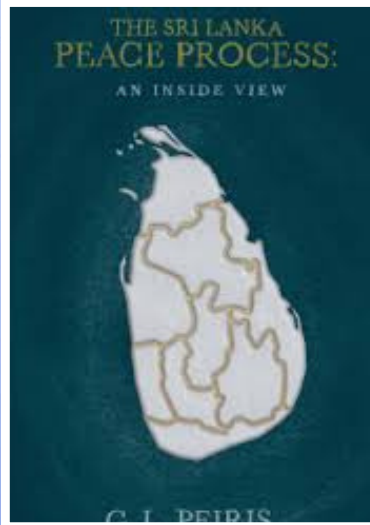
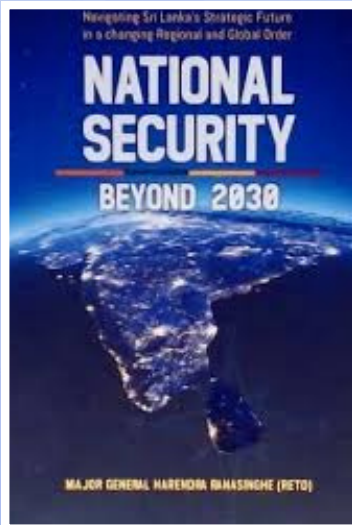
The foundation of trustworthy evidence lies in research integrity. Upholding honesty, transparency, methodological rigour, and ethical conduct ensures that research findings are credible and reproducible. When integrity is compromised-through biased designs, selective reporting, or poor-quality methods-the resulting evidence can mislead practitioners and policymakers, creating serious social and economic consequences. Strengthening a culture of integrity within academic and professional communities is therefore essential.

Systematic evidence synthesis bridges research with practice and policy by bringing together all available knowledge on a topic. At the heart of this process are **reliable systematic reviews**. These reviews follow transparent, replicable, and methodologically rigorous procedures to identify, appraise, and synthesise research. Their reliability is crucial: well-conducted systematic reviews minimise bias, provide clear summaries of what is known, expose research gaps, and offer policymakers and practitioners a dependable basis for action. In contrast, poorly executed reviews may create false certainty or misguide decisions, underscoring the need for quality standards, skilled review teams, and adherence to best practices.

Together, evidence-based policy-making, research integrity, and trustworthy systematic reviews strengthen the link between knowledge and action. They ensure that decisions, whether in clinical settings, public institutions, or community programmes, are grounded in the best available evidence, ultimately contributing to more effective policies and a more informed society.



NEW ARRIVALS



BCIS NEWS

Advancing Knowledge in a Changing World



BCIS NEWS

This section covers all organized events, seminars, panel discussions, and public lectures conducted at BCIS in January - June 2026.

- **Guest Lecture titled “Reading Diplomacy Through Water: Insights from South Asia”** by Dr. Medha Bisht, Associate Professor at the South Asian University (SAU), New Delhi, was held on 14 January 2026 at BCIS. The lecture examined the role of water as a critical factor in shaping diplomatic relations and regional cooperation in South Asia. Dr. Bisht highlighted the importance of integrating climate change considerations into transboundary water governance and emphasized the need to empower grassroots communities and civil society to actively participate in diplomatic processes. The session provided valuable insights into sustainable and inclusive approaches to water diplomacy and regional collaboration.
- **Panel Discussion on “To What Purpose, Educational Reforms?”** was held on 06 February 2026 at the BCIS Olympus Auditorium. The panel featured Prof. Nirmal Ranjith Dewasiri, Prof. Sumathi Sivamohan, and Dr. Ramya Kumar, who shared their perspectives on the future of education reform in Sri Lanka. The discussion provided a timely platform for critical reflection on ongoing efforts to promote equity, develop critical capabilities among students, and strengthen the provision of meaningful free education. The panelists examined whose visions, knowledge, and aspirations are prioritized within current reform initiatives and considered the characteristics of effective and inclusive educational transformation. Beyond policy considerations, the session highlighted the role of education as a catalyst for social justice, empowerment, and sustainable societal development, fostering meaningful dialogue among participants on the broader purpose and direction of educational reform in Sri Lanka.
- **Inauguration Ceremony of the International Relations Programme 2026 (A)** was held on 18 March 2026 at BCIS. were distinguished Guests of Honour, Admiral (Prof.) Jayanath Colombage and Ms. Kaumadee Bamunusinghe, both proud alumni of BCIS. The ceremony marked the commencement of a new academic journey for students enrolled in the International Relations programme and provided an opportunity to inspire and motivate the incoming cohort. The speakers shared their experiences and insights, encouraging students to develop a deeper understanding of global affairs and leadership. The programme reaffirmed BCIS commitment to nurturing future scholars, policymakers, and leaders in the field of international relations.
- **Panel Discussion “Waves of Rivalry: Can the Indian Ocean Stay a Peace Zone?”** was held on 07 April 2026 at the BCIS Auditorium. The discussion brought together a distinguished panel of experts to examine the challenges of maintaining the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace amid evolving geopolitical rivalries and strategic competition. The Panelist were Mr. Dinouk Colombage, International Affairs & Public Policy Consultant and Rear Admiral (Retd) Y.N. Jayarathna, former Chief Hydrographer, Sri Lanka Navy, Moderator: Dr. Dayani Panagoda, International Consultant, Conflict Resolution. The panel explored key regional and global dynamics affecting maritime security, stability, and cooperation in the Indian Ocean region. The session was followed by an interactive Question and Answer segment, which enabled participants to engage with the panelists and exchange diverse perspectives on the future of peace and security in the Indian Ocean.
- **Inauguration Ceremony of the Language and Cultural Studies Programme for the Academic Year 2026 (A)** was held on 25 April 2026 at the BCIS Auditorium. The ceremony marked the commencement of a new academic journey for students enrolled in the language programmes offered by BCIS. The Chief Guest at this event was Ms. Narae Baek, Second Secretary and Cultural and Educational Counsellor of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea. In her address, she highlighted the importance of language learning in fostering intercultural understanding, mutual respect, and international cooperation. The programme reinforced BCIS’s commitment to promoting linguistic excellence, cultural awareness, and global engagement through quality language education.
- A Seminar on **Academic Freedom and Higher Education Policy**, organized by the National Education Commission (NEC) in collaboration with the Social Scientists' Association (SSA) and the Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies (BCIS), was held on Thursday, 11 June 2026, at the BCIS Auditorium. The seminar brought together members of the National Education Commission, the University Community, Academics, and Researchers to discuss key issues relating to academic freedom and higher education policy, providing a platform for meaningful dialogue and the exchange of perspectives on the future of higher education in Sri Lanka.

“Politics & Popcorn”- Film Screenings at BCIS

The **Politics & Popcorn** series provides a unique platform for using film as a means for learning, dialogue, and intellectual engagement on issues of international politics.

- **Politics & Popcorn #01**, featuring the screening and discussion of the documentary **Soundtrack to a Coup d’Etat**, was held at BCIS on 11 March 2026. This acclaimed documentary explored the intersections between music, politics, and global history. The subsequent discussion encouraged critical reflection on the complex dynamics of international affairs, highlighting how culture and politics shape global events and historical narratives.
- **Politics & Popcorn #02**, featuring the screening of **Fidel: The Untold Story** by Estela Bravo was held on 30 April 2026 at BCIS, to commemorate the 100th birth anniversary of Fidel Castro. The documentary provided deeper insights into the life, leadership, and legacy of Fidel Castro the screening was followed by an engaging discussion facilitated by Her Excellency Patricia Lázara Pego Guerra, the Cuban Ambassador to Sri Lanka which encouraged critical reflection on Cuba’s historical and political experiences and their significance in the broader context of international relations.
- **Politics & Popcorn #03**, featuring the screening of the film **It Was Just an Accident** by Jafar Panahi, was held on 27 May 2026, at the BCIS. A co-production between Iran, France and Luxembourg the film follows a group of former Iranian political prisoners who face the question of whether to exact revenge on a man they believe may be their tormentor. In the post-film discussion, the audience shared diverse perspectives and reflected on the broader political, social, and psychological issues raised by the film.
- **Politics & Popcorn #04**, featuring the screening of the film **Palestine 36** written and directed by Annemarie Jacir, was held on 19 June 2026 at BCIS. The film is a historical drama that recounts the 1936–1939 revolt against British colonial rule in Palestine and highlights the history of the oppression of the Palestinian people. .

Partnerships

- A delegation from the **Bangladesh Research Society (BDRS)** visited BCIS on 05 May 2026 for an exchange of ideas on research, regional perspectives, and opportunities for future collaboration. The discussions focused on the International Relations and language programmes offered by the BCIS, ongoing research initiatives, and areas of mutual academic interest. The visit provided a valuable platform for strengthening academic linkages and fostering institutional cooperation between the two institutions. The programme also included a tour of the BCIS Library and a visit to the Bandaranaike Museum, offering the delegation further insight into the Centre’s academic resources and historical heritage.
- A delegation of academics from the **Maldivian National University** visited BCIS on 22 May 2026 for discussions on potential avenues for collaborative research and academic exchange. The meeting provided an opportunity to explore areas of mutual interest and strengthen institutional ties between the two institutions. Discussions focused on developing a collaborative research and exchange agenda aimed at enhancing academic cooperation and knowledge sharing. The visit also included a tour of the BCIS Library, showcasing the Centre’s academic resources and research facilities.
- Roundtable Discussion on “**Rules, Resilience, and Regional Order in the Indian Ocean,**” organized jointly by BCIS and the Sasakawa Peace Foundation, was held on 12 June 2026. The roundtable was facilitated by Dr. Bhagya Seneratne and featured initial interventions by Dr. Pavithra Jayawardene, Mr. Danusha Pathirana, Dr. Nishara Mendis, H.E. Nobukatsu Kanehara, Executive Director of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation, and Rear Admiral (Rtd.) Yasuhiro Kawakami. The discussion examined emerging challenges and opportunities related to regional order, maritime governance, and resilience in the Indian Ocean. The event provided a valuable platform for dialogue and exchange of perspectives among experts and practitioners, while also marking an important first step toward strengthening future collaboration between BCIS and the Sasakawa Peace Foundation.

INTERNATIONAL RELATION COURSES

- CERTIFICATE IN IR
- DIPLOMA IN IR
- HIGHER DIPLOMA IN IR
- POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN IR

LANGUAGE COURSES

- ARABIC
- CHINESE
- FRENCH
- GERMAN
- HINDI
- JAPANESE
- KOREAN
- PERSIAN
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