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7 Day Online International Lecture Series

on

**"Building Resilient Communities across Global
Landscapes and their Technological Advancements"**



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About

Plenary Speaker

Belfast Ambassador's Awardee, 2020

Member of peer-review colleges for AHRC - GCRF and Newton Fund and a reviewer of proposals for a range of other funding bodies such as the British Council.

Queen's University Belfast; University of Cambridge; Jawaharlal Nehru University; and Soka University of America

- **Bhoovigyan (Earth Scientist) National Leadership Award** by the late Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, Vice President of India for contributions to Population, Environment & Development Studies, India (2002).

- **The India- European Union Global Peace and Friendship Award, 2001** for promoting international peace and understanding based on the values of Peace, Education and Culture over the past twenty years in the communities in India and the UK, (2003).

- **Queen's University Teaching Award (2014) as nominated by the students out of 1175 academic staff.**

- Established the Young Civic Leaders of Northern Ireland (2014) programme to encourage young people in Northern Ireland to engage in their local communities and make civic contributions.

- Chair of the Board of Directors for Arts Ekta, Northern Ireland's leading Intercultural Ethnic Arts and Cultural Organisation (2013-15), promoting intercultural dialogue.

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Prof. Lailufar Yasmin
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 **About
Plenary Speaker**

Department of International Relations University of Dhaka, Chief Coordinator Postgraduate Diploma in International Relations (PGDIR), Spring 2018.

Department of International Relations, DU, The Founding Committee of the Professional Masters in IR, DU, 2016-2017, Member Curriculum Development Committee for Defense Services Command and Staff College (DSCSC), Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Area of Interest

Gender in Peacekeeping and Peacebuilding, Secularism, Religion & IR Theories, Terrorism and Violent Extremism, Bangladesh & South Asian Affairs China & East Asian Affairs Globalization and Governance

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Prof. Bharat Dahiya

Director, Research Center for Integrated
Sustainable Development, College of
Interdisciplinary Studies,
Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand

Distinguished Professor, Urban Youth Academy,
Seoul, Republic of Korea
(2019 to present).

Senior Advisor & Urbanist, Env't., Dev. &
Sustainability Program, Chulalongkorn University
(2016-present).

Visiting Researcher - Urbanist, Chulalongkorn
University, Social Research Institute, Bangkok
(2014-2016).

Visiting Fellow, Chulalongkorn University, Faculty
of Architecture, Bangkok (2013-2015).

**About
Plenary Speaker**

- Consultant, Green Carbon Finance - China, Asian Development Bank, Beijing (2019 to present)
- Knowledge Expert, Viet Nam National Urban Dev. Strategy, Asian Development Bank, Manila (2017-2018).
- Lead Consultant - Multi-stakeholder Partnerships, United Nations University, Tokyo (2017-2018).
- Senior Urban Development Advisor, United Nations Development Programme, Mongolia (2013-2014).
- Team Leader, Asian Development Bank's Investment Program, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia (2012-2013).
- Human Settlements Officer, UN-Habitat, Fukuoka, Japan and Bangkok, Thailand (2006-2012).
- Urban Development Specialist, The World Bank, Washington DC, USA (2002-2006).
- Urban and Regional Planner, UN-Habitat, Sustainable Chennai Programme, Chennai, India (1997-1999).
- Research Associate, National Institute of Science, Technology & Development Studies, New Delhi (1995-1996).
- Project Associate, National Institute of Urban Affairs, New Delhi, India (1995).
- Series Editor, Springer book series, Advances in 21st Century Human Settlements, Germany/Singapore.
- Coordinator, United Nations' inaugural report on The State of Asian Cities 2010/11, UN-Habitat, Fukuoka.

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**Thursday
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**Prof. Lal Mervin
Dharmasiri**
Director, National
Centre for Advanced
Studies (NCAS),
Colombo, Sri Lanka



About Plenary Speaker

Senior Professor. Lal Mervin Dharmasiri completed his Ph.D. at the University of Pune, India in 2010 and his master's degree in Rural Development with a first Class at the SK University in Andhra Pradesh, India. He obtained PgDip and MSc. in Management of Natural Resources and sustainable agriculture from the AUN, Norway. He also served as the Chairman of Central Environmental Authority (CEA), Sri Lanka. And also he was a Director of the National Centre for Advanced Studies (NCAS), under the UGC Sri Lanka. He published several books and scientific articles which are related to his field of study. Prof. Dharmasiri participated several international and national events as a resource person. He is at present serving as a senior Professor and chair of Geography in the Department of Geography at the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka.

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Dr. Joseph Kerski

Education Manager, ESRI,
University of Colorado,
Louisville, Colorado, US

**About
Plenary Speaker**

Joseph Kerski is a geographer with a focus on the use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in education. He has served as the President of the National Council for Geographic Education and has given 2 TED Talks on "The Whys of Where". He holds 3 degrees in geography (BA, MA, PhD) and has served as geographer in 4 sectors of society, including government (NOAA, US Census Bureau, USGS), Academia (University of Minnesota, Harrisburg Area Community College, Penn State University, Sinte Gleska University, University of Denver, others), private industry (as Education Manager for Esri), and nonprofit organizations (with roles in geography and education associations). Sir has authored over 75 chapters and articles on GIS, education, 40 podcasts, and related topics, and visits 35 universities annually. He has created over 5,200 videos, 750 lessons, 1,000 blog essays, and authored 8 books, including Interpreting Our World, Spatial Thinking in Environmental Contexts, Essentials of the Environment, Spatial Mathematics, Tribal GIS, International Perspectives on Teaching and Learning, and the GIS Guide to Public Domain Data. But as a lifelong learner, he feels as though he's just getting started and thus actively seeks mentors, partners, and collaborators.

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Dr. Forrest M. Hoffman

*Computational Earth System Scientist,
Oak Ridge National Laboratory,
Tennessee, US
Joint Faculty Professor,
Dept. of Civil & Environmental
Engineering, Tennessee, U.S.A.*

**About
Plenary Speaker**

- Laboratory Research Manager for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)-funded Reducing Uncertainties in Biogeochemical Interactions through Synthesis and Computation (RUBISCO) Scientific Focus Area (SFA) project
- Directs and conducts Earth system research focused on global biogeochemistry, terrestrial ecosystem science, and hydrological research, employing advanced computational methods and high-performance computing resources.
- Dr. Forrest contributes to the Next Generation Ecosystem Experiments (NGEE) - Arctic, and NGEE - Tropics projects and is the Principal Investigator for the USDA Forest Service-funded ForWarn project at ORNL.



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