

Guide to the CENWOR (Center for Research on Women) Library and Publications

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The American Institute for Sri Lankan Studies commissioned Jeanne Marecek to produce this guide to the CENWOR library and publications. It is based on a survey carried out in 2013. The aim of the guide is to draw attention to CENWOR's holdings, and to give researchers a sense of what is available. We wish to thank the CENWOR librarian, Mrs. Savithri Hirimuthugoda, for her assistance.

CENWOR, formally known as the Center for Women's Research, was begun in 1984 by a group of activist women scholars and educators. Its mission has been to work toward gender equality and the empowerment of women through research, education, and advocacy. Throughout its history, CENWOR has carried out numerous programs and projects aimed at achieving its mission. These programs have included in-house research projects, as well as conferences, workshops, and annotated bibliographies of research on women carried out in Sri Lanka. CENWOR is located at 225/4 Kirula Road, Colombo 5, Sri Lanka. It can be reached by telephone at +94 11 2502153/269530/2368965. More information about CENWOR is also available on its website: <http://www.cenwor.lk/>

CENWOR's library is of special interest to academic researchers, particularly social scientists, who are interested in women's issues and gender discrimination. The library is open on weekdays (except holidays) from 9 am to 4 pm. As it generally true in Sri Lanka, it is wise to call ahead to make sure that the library is open on the day you wish to visit. It is also essential to make an appointment with the librarian, Mrs. Savithri Hirimuthugoda, because locating items in the library will not be possible without her help.

There is no charge for using the library. It is a reading library, not a lending library, but many materials produced by CENWOR itself are available for purchase (see Appendix A). Print materials in the library may be photocopied for a nominal fee. It is possible to bring a laptop into the library, however there is no Wi-Fi facility.

The library is the only specialized collection on gender and women's issues in Sri Lanka and it is a rich source of such material. The collection emphasizes material on women and girls, as well as material on gender equity. Some recent acquisitions pertain to men's issues and masculinity, as well as to same-sex relationships among women. The collection includes many works concerned with women in Sri Lanka that have not been published and thus are difficult to obtain elsewhere. These include reports of in-house research projects. The collection also includes many items that are not readily available elsewhere, such as various UN, UNDP, and UNAIDS documents, CEDAW (Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women) reports, census statistics, and Sri Lankan government documents. The

library also contains copies of the proceedings of the CENWOR Conferences on Women's Studies, which were held bi-annually for several years, as well as annotated bibliographies of relevant research for the years 1986—2005.

The library contains a collection of books on gender and women, including books published locally as well as books published abroad. Given the prohibitive price of books published in western high-income countries, the collection is selective. The library also subscribes to a number of local journals, and holds a file of research articles, many of them contributed by scholars who have used the library.

Newspaper Database. A special feature of the library is a database of newspaper clippings about women or pertaining to gender issues. This database is assembled by the librarian, who scans one or more of the daily English language newspapers for all items pertaining to women. The headline, date, and a link to the article are entered into an electronic database. Items are filed by categories, and the database can be searched electronically. Hard copies of the clippings are also retained, so that if the links have expired, the original items can still be retrieved.

Video Collection. Appendix B lists a collection of videos/DVDs that have been produced by CENWOR to illustrate its work and to depict social problems concerning women and girls. These may be purchased or taken out on loan.

Appendix A

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

Price (Rs.)

1. UN Decade for Women: Progress and Achievements of Women in Sri Lanka.1985 150.00	
2. UN Decade for Women: Progress and Achievements of Women in Sri Lanka.1985 (Sinhala) 100.00	
3. UN Decade for Women: Progress and Achievements of Women in Sri Lanka.1985 (Tamil) 100.00	
4. The Hidden Face of Development. 1989	150.00
5. Gender and Education in Sri Lanka.1991	175.00
6. Women Poverty and Family Survival.1991	100.00
7. Gender and Society. Some Contemporary Issues. 1992	75.00
8. Shadows and Vistas :On Being a Girl Child in Sri Lanka. 1993	200.00
9. Facing Odds (Women in the Labour Market) 1995	200.00
10. Facets of Change. (English) Women in Sri Lanka (1986 - 1995)	300.00
11. Facets of Change. (Tamil) Women in Sri Lanka (1986 - 1995)	300.00
12. Facets of Change. (Sinhala) Women in Sri Lanka (1986 - 1995)	300.00
13. Changing Gender Roles & Relations - 1997	150.00
14. Women, Sexual Violence and the Legal Process in Sri Lanka: A Study on Rape. 1998	300.00
15. Political Violence in Sri Lanka: Dynamics, Consequences & Issues of Democratization. 1998 175.00	
16. Confronting Complexities - Gender Perspectives & values.1998	150.00
17. "Post Beijing Reflections" Women in Sri Lanka 1995-2000. 2000	300.00
18. Gender Ideology and Development in Sri Lanka. 2000	200.00
19. "Vathman Gatalu ha Lankeeya Kanthava". 2000	100.00
20. South Asian Women: Global Prospective and National Trends in the 1990's. 2000	200.00
21. Unraveling <i>Herstories</i> ; A three generational Study.2001	250.00
22. Graduate Employment in Sri Lanka in the 1990's. 2002	300.00
23. "Varthamana Lankave Kantha Prathiroopaya". 2002	75.00

24. Gender, Ideology and Empowerment. 2002	100.00
25. "Nawa Vimarshana" 2004	100.00
26. Gender Society and Change. 2005	250.00
27.A Gender Analysis of Tsunami Impact: Relief Recovery and Reconstruction in Some Districts in Sri Lanka. 2006.	250.00
28.Gender and Information and Communication Technology in Sri Lanka; Inclusion or Exclusion? 2006	300.00
29.Gender, Education and Socialisation. 2007	300.00
30. Proposals on Reform to state land and housing Legislation and policy. 2008	125.00
31.Gender Ideologies in the School Curriculum; A Textual Analysis of Secondary School Textbooks. 2008	150.00
31.Beyond the Glass Ceiling: Participation in Decision Making in the Public Domain 2008	300.00
32.Resources for combating violence against women -2009 (with 2 Interactive CDs- ACT NOW & Harmony) English, Sinhala & Tamil	300.00
33 Charting Pathways to Gender Equality: Reflections and Challenges. 2010	1000.00
34 Microfinance and Women's Empowerment: The Impact of loan ownership on women's empowerment in Microfinance Households in Sri Lanka. 2010	400.00
35 CEDAW Commitments: A Progress Review, Sri Lanka. 2011	300.00
36 Domestic Violence: Myth, Truth and Response. 2011	400.00
37.Gender Status and Empowerment: A study among who work in Sri Lanka's Export Processing Zones (EPZs)- Final Report. English, 2011	400.00
38.Gender Status and Empowerment: A study among who work in Sri Lanka's Export Processing Zones (EPZs)- Final Report. Sinhala, 2011	300.00
39.Gender Status and Empowerment: A study among who work in Sri Lanka's Export Processing Zones (EPZs)- Final Report. Tamil, 2011	300.00

II. STUDY SERIES

1. Economic Activities of Women in Low Income Urban families.1989 (Study Series No.1)	100.00
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2. Women in Export Production Villages.1991 (Study Series No.2)	100.00
3. Women Graduates in Agriculture.1992 (Study Series No.3)	100.00
4. Technologies in use by women in household & Economic Activities. 1993 (Study Series No.4)	100.00
5. Women in the Rubber Sector. 1993 (Study Series No.5)	100.00
6. Vedda Women :Impact of Translocation from Forest Environment to Agricultural Settlements.1994 (Study Series No.6)	100.00
7. Occupational Health Hazards of Women Workers.1993 (Study Series No.7)	125.00
8. Women, Political Empowerment and Decision Making.1995 (Study Series No.8)	125.00
9. Addressing Poverty Reduction & Women in Development through Human Resource Development. 1995 (Study Series No.9)	125.00
10.Maternal & Child Care Roles of Women Workers. 1995 (Study Series No.10)	125.00
11.Ageing in Sri Lanka with Special Reference to Women 1996 (Study Series No 11)	125.00
12.Violence Against Women: Voices of Victims and Activists.1997 (Study Series No 12)	125.00
13.Women's Rights in the Informal Sector – Mahaweli settlements, Coir Industry.1998 (Study Series No.14)	100.00
14.Invisible Women: Workers in subcontracted industries. 2000 (Study Series No.15)	150.00
15.Women surviving in situations of armed conflict 2000 (Study Series No.16)	150.00
16.Gender Audit Planning and Monitoring Institutions/Organization 2000. (Study series No.17)	100.00
17.Environmental Assessment Studies: A Gender Perspective 2000 (Study series No.18)	100.00
18.Sexual Harassment in Sri Lanka; Women's Experiences & Policy Implications. 2000 (Study series No.19)	200.00
19.Impact of Macro Economic Reforms on Women in Sri Lanka: Garment and Textile Industries. 2001 (Study series No.20)	150.00
20.Women in Garment and Textile Industries in Sri Lanka: Gender Roles &	

Relations. 2001 (Study series No.21)	200.00
21.Gender, Vocational Training & Employment. 2001 (Study series No. 22)	125.00
22.Migrant Women Domestic Workers Cyprus, Greece & Italy.2001 (Study series No.23)	200.00
23.International Labour Standards and Women in Sri Lanka.2002. (Study Series No. 24)	150.00
24.Child Labour and Non-schooling Children in Selected Low-income Communities in Sri Lanka. 2002. (Study Series No. 25)	125.00
25.Returnee Migrant Women in two Locations in Sri Lanka. 2002 (Study Series No. 26)	125.00
26.Sri Lankan Migrant Garment Factory Workers: Mauritius & Sultanate of Oman. 2002. (Study Series No. 27)	125.00
27.State and Community Responses to Domestic Violence in Sri Lanka. 2002. (Study Series No. 28)	125.00
28.Ravaged Innocence: A Study of Incest in Central Sri Lanka. 2002 (Study Series No.29)	200.00
29.All Her Worldly Goods: Women's Property and Inheritance Rights. 2002 (Study Series No.30)	200.00
30.Impact of Macro Economic Reforms in Sri Lanka. 2003 (Study Series No.31)	200.00
31.Utilisation of Special Loan Schemes for Self-employment by Returnee Migrant Women Workers. 2004 (Study Series No.32)	100.00
32.Gender and Poverty in Selected Locations in Sri Lanka (Study Series No.33)	200.00
33.The Impact of the Tsunami on Households and Vulnerable Groups in Two Districts in Sri Lanka. (Study Series No.34)	175.00
34.Women and Land Rights in Irrigation Settlement Schemes in Sri Lanka. 2006. (Study Series No.35).	200.00
35.Vulnerability Assessment within Trade Unions: Comparative Study in Sri Lanka.2008 (Study Series No.36).	200.00
36.Gender and Pre-school Education: Changing Perceptions. 2008 (Study Series No.37).	250.00

37. Gender Roles and Support Networks of the Spouses of Migrant Workers. 2011
(Study Series No. 38). 250.00

III. BIBLIOGRAPHIES

1. Women of Sri Lanka: An Annotated Bibliography	125.00
2. Women of Sri Lanka: 1990, An Annotated Bibliography-Supplement 1.	175.00
3. Bibliography (Sinhala). 1994	100.00
4. Bibliography (Tamil). 1995	100.00
5. Women of Sri Lanka. 1997, An Annotated Bibliography-Supplement No.2	250.00
6. Women of Sri Lanka. 2001, An Annotated Bibliography-Supplement No.3	250.00
7. Women of Sri Lanka. 2002, An Annotated Bibliography-Supplement No.4	250.00
8. Women of Sri Lanka. 2005, An Annotated Bibliography-Supplement No.5	300.00

IV. WORKING PAPER SERIES

1. Women in the Estate Sector - No.1 (1991)	50.00
2. Women in the Informal Sector _ No.2 (1991)	50.00
3. Women and Technology _ No.3 (1991)	50.00
4. The UN Convention on Women and the Sri Lankan Legal System - No.4 (1991)	50.00
5. Women and Credit in Sri Lanka - No.5 (1993)	50.00
6. *Women in Local Groups - No.6 (1993)	50.00
7. Women Education & Training - No.7 (1993)	50.00
8. Women in Peasant Agriculture - No.8 (1995)	50.00
9. Post-Independence Evolution of Social Policy & Expenditure in Sri Lanka -No.9 (1995)	50.00
10. Population Trends in Sri Lanka: The Post War Experience - No.10 (1996)	50.00
11. Women & Social Change in Sri Lanka: A Feminist Theoretical Framework - No.11 (1998)	50.00
12. Women in the Economy - Trends and Policy Issues.No.12 (1998)	75.00
13. Women in Focus. (English) No.13 (2000)	150.00
14. Women in Focus. (Sinhala) No.13 (2000)	150.00
15. Women in Focus. (Tamil) No.13 (2000)	150.00
16. Staying the course: Linking the MDG's, BEIJING and CEDAW.No.14 (2006)	75.00

17. Access to Finance and Financial Inclusion for Women No.16 (2008) 50.00

V. TRAINING / WORKSHOP MODULES

1. Functional Literacy -1, Introduction to a Functional Literacy Programme for Women in Sri Lanka (English). 1992
2. Functional Literacy -1, Introduction to a Functional Literacy Programme for Women in Sri Lanka (Sinhala). 1992
3. Functional Literacy – 2, Follow up workshop report on Instruction course on Functional Literacy for women in Sri Lanka. 1994
4. Functional Literacy, Training Instruction on Functional literacy for Women in Sri Lanka (Sinhala) 1994
5. Functional Literacy - 2 (Sinhala & Tamil) Training Manual 1993
6. Incorporating Gender in Reproductive Health- Workshop Manual (English/ Sinhala/ Tamil)
7. Gender Resource Book for Teachers. (English/ Sinhala/ Tamil) 2002
8. Beyond the Glass Ceiling: Participation in Decision Making in the Public Domain: Workshop Modules for Women in Management Positions (English/ Sinhala/ Tamil) 2008
9. Beyond the Glass Ceiling: Participation in Decision Making in the Public Domain –summary (Sinhala & Tamil) 2009
10. Engendering Teacher Education – Workshop Module for Teachers (English, Sinhala & Tamil). 2009
11. Engendering Education – Life Competencies (English, Sinhala & Tamil). 2009
- 1 2. Engendering Pre School Education – Module on gender to be incorporated in pre-school teacher training programmes (English, Sinhala & Tamil). 2010

VI. WORKSHOP REPORTS - DOCUMENT SERIES

1. Research Priorities in Women's Studies. No.1. 1984
2. UN Decade for Women's Progress and Achievements in Sri Lanka. No.2.1985
3. Women in Sri Lanka - Priorities for Action. No.3. 1985
4. Women's work and Family Strategies. No.4. 1986
5. Child Abuse. No.5. 1986
6. Gender Equality through the Curriculum. No.6. 1986

7. Human Resources in Sri Lanka's Industrial Development: The Current and Prospective Contribution of Women. No.7. 1987
8. Statistical Indicator on the Social and Economic Situation of Women: Particularly in the Informal Sector. No.8. 1987
9. Creating Legal Awareness Among Women. No.9. 1988
10. Women in Management in Sri Lanka. The Current Situation and Future Prospects. No.10. 1987
11. Donor Coordinator in Women and Development. No.11. 1988
12. Vocational Counseling: The Gender Dimension I, (The State Sector) No.12.1989
13. Vocational Counseling: The Gender Dimension II, (The NGO Sector) No.13.1989
14. First National Convention on Women's Studies. No.14. 1989
15. Reaching the Poor. No.15. 1989
16. Occupational Health with Special Reference to Women. No.16. 1989
17. Women and Environment. No.17. 1989
18. Women and Credit. No.18. 1990
19. Women in Media. No.19. 1990
20. Second National Convention on Women's Studies. No.20. 1990
21. Policy Issues: Second National Convention on Women's Studies. No.21. 1990
22. Integrating Women in Development: Integrated Rural Development Programmes. No.22. 1990
23. Women and Law. No.23. 1990
24. Street Children in Sri Lanka. No.25. 1990
25. Women, Energy, Forestry and Environment. No.26.1991
26. Gender Issues in Training and Extension. No.27. 1991
27. Formulating a Village Development Plan (Sinhala and English) No.28.1991
28. A Functional Literacy Programme for Women: Development of Curriculum Materials - (Sinhala) No.29.1991
29. A Functional Literacy Programme for Women: Development of Curriculum Materials - (Tamil) No.29.1991
30. A Functional Literacy Programme for Women: Development of Curriculum

31. Materials - (English) No.29 .1991
32. Training Programme for Janashakthi Bank Chairperson -(English & Sinhala) No.30.1991
33. Group Dynamics _(English & Sinhala) No.31.1991
34. Third National Convention - On Women's Studies. No.32.1992
35. Participatory Rural Appraisal - An Introduction - (English & Sinhala) No.33.1992
36. Women Entrepreneurs -(English) No.34.1992
37. Women Entrepreneurs -(Sinhala) No.34. 1992
38. Women in the Fisheries Sector -(English & Sinhala) No. 35.1992
39. Women in Coconut Plantations and Coconut Related Industries - (English & Sinhala) No.36. 1992
40. Participatory Rural Appraisal -Part II -(English & Sinhala) No.37. 1992
41. Women Entrepreneurs Development of Entrepreneurship skills - (Part III) - (English & Sinhala) No.38. 1992
42. Gender Sensitization for Provincial Administrators. No.39. 1992
43. Vocational: Guidance for Women.No.40. 1993
44. The Role of Divisional Secretariat.No.41. 1993
45. Leadership & Group Dynamics.No.42. 1993
46. Awareness Raising Programmes for Women.No.43. 1993
47. Women Scientists and the Community.No.44. 1993
48. Role of the Divisional Secretariat on Women

Appendix B: Video/DVD Collection

SAY NO NEXT TIME	1250.00
25 Minutes A video on domestic violence & the use of the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act Directed by Anoma Rajakaruna	
MEETING CHALLENGES	1250.00
20 Minutes Directed by Shani Jayawardana	
THE PARADOX	1250.00
16 Minutes Directed by Sharmini Boyle	
COMMUNITY DRAMA WORKSHOP	1250.00
25 Minutes Directed by Sharmini Boyle	
ALONG THE WINDING ROAD	1250.00
23 Minutes Portrait of women in Sri Lanka - 1986 - 1995 Directed by Sharmini Boyle	
IF NOT FOR THE WOMEN	1250.00
10 Minutes Documentary on women and health Directed by Sharmini Boyle	
THE PARTNERSHIP	1250.00
10 Minutes Documentary on women and the environment Directed by Sharmini Boyel	
GENDER AGENDAS	1250.00
25 Minutes Documentary on women's issues as presented by political parties Directed by Sharmini Boyel	
A TIME FOR STRENGTH	1250.00
Drama on a women's collective Directed by Sharmini Boyle	
BEYOND THE BARRIERS	1250.00
20 Minutes	

Documentary on women and vocational training
Directed by Sharmini Boyle

INVISIBLE CONTRIBUTION 1250.00

20 Minutes

Documentary on the contribution of women to agricultural production

Directed by Sharmini Boyle

IMPEDIMENTS 1250.00

25 Minutes

Documentary on social issues that impede women

Directed by Sharmini Boyle

VIOLATED 1250.00

20 Minutes

Documentary on the violation of women's human rights

Directed by Sharmini Boyle

SCIENCE FOR EVERYDAY LIFE 800.00

10 Minutes

Coverage of a low-cost household technology exhibition

Directed by Sharmini Boyle

IMAGES OF WOMEN 1250.00

15 Minutes

Compilation video on portrayal of women in media

Directed by Sharmini Boyle

HAZARD PROFILE 1000.00

25 Minutes

Documentary on occupational health hazards

Directed by Sharmini Boyle

A WOMEN'S DAY 1250.00

25 Minutes

Documentary on dual burden of women

Directed by Sharmini Boyle

WAITING FOR JUSTICE 1000.00

25 Minutes

Documentary on child adoption

Directed by Vasantha Obeysekere

POSSESSED 1000.00

25 Minutes

Drama on domestic violence
Directed by Sharmini Boyle

NIMBLE FINGERS

1000.00

25 Minutes

Documentary on women employed in industry

Directed by Dharmasiri Pathiraja

All video are available in Sinhala, Tamil and English and on VCDs & DVDs