



International Symposium: Educational Inclusion of Children with Disabilities in Sri Lanka: Implications for low- and middle-income countries

The reality of educational inclusion of children with disabilities in Tamil community: Northern Province and Upcountry Tamils in Sri Lanka

#### Date/Time

November 28, 2023

 $17:00 \sim 19:00$ 

(IST: Sri Lanka)

#### Venue

Online [Zoom meeting]

Participation fee

**Free** 

#### Registration

#### Google Form

■ Deadline: November 24, 2023

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Speaker I

### Mr. Sriskantharajah Sivakanthan

University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka

Speaker 2

#### Dr. Shanthy Dawson

Horizon Campus, Sri Lanka

Commentator

Prof. Sae Nakamura

University of Tokyo, Japan

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## **International Symposium:** Educational Inclusion of Children with Disabilities in Sri Lanka: Implications for low- and middle-income countries

# The reality of educational inclusion of children with disabilities in Tamil community: Northern Province and Upcountry Tamils in Sri Lanka

#### [Background]

Tamils, the largest ethnic minority in Sri Lanka, account for 12 percent of the population. Educational inclusion of children with disabilities (CwDs) for Tamils, is generally backward and traced different trajectories compared with the majority Sinhalese. We will shed light on the education of this multiply marginalized group in Sri Lanka by inviting two prominent researchers.

First, Mr. Sivakanthan, a medical sociologist, presents us with the picture of educational inclusion of CwDs focusing the Northern Province, one of the battlefields during the armed conflict. His research is centered on a mixed-method approach addressing concerns related to inclusive education for CwDs, as well as issues concerning accessibility and healthcare for persons with war-related disabilities in Northern Sri Lanka.

Second, Dr. Dawson, who is specialized in special/inclusive education, speaks about the past development and current situation of educational inclusion of CwDs in Nuwara Eliya district which has the highest population of Sri Lanka's Indian origin Tamils mostly living in the tea estates. Her focus is on upcountry Tamil medium schools and special/inclusive education conducted in these schools.

Upon the two presentations by researchers concerned, Prof. Nakamura provides another angle of analysis as a commentator.

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