

## The Editorial

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This Volume of *Ancient Lanka* is dedicated to celebrating the life and work of Professor Sudharshan Seneviratne. I first met Professor Seneviratne at the University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, in the early 1990s as a visiting undergraduate student studying anthropology at a Canadian university. Over the years, I continued to interact with him in Sri Lanka, at the Institute of Fundamental Studies (Kandy), conferences and other academic venues. We had some fruitful conversations while he was in Bangladesh on a diplomatic mission. Professor Seneviratne's anti-racist, humanitarian perspectives resonated with me. He forwarded to me articles and findings he came across, which were related to my research, and he trusted me with publishing some of his unpublished materials.

I felt it would be a privilege to devote a volume of *Ancient Lanka* to honour Professor Seneviratne, a pioneer Sri Lankan archaeologist, historian, scholar, and mentor. Shavera Seneviratne (his daughter) and Dulma Karunaratna (his student) worked collaboratively and tirelessly with the authors who submitted manuscripts and with the editorial team of *Ancient Lanka*.

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