

**Vacancy – Chair of Sri Lankan Studies, South Asia Institute (SAI), Heidelberg
University, Germany**

Applications are solicited for the Chair of Sri Lankan Studies, at the South Asia Institute (SAI), Heidelberg University, Germany for the Summer Semester, 2020
(April to September 2020)

Responsibilities of the Chair Include:

- teaching as per the curriculum requirements of Heidelberg University
- supporting the development of new teaching initiatives in consultation with colleagues from Germany
- contributing to developing research projects and other joint activities involving Sri Lanka which would be mutually beneficial and sustainable for both Heidelberg and Sri Lankan scholars
- taking part in departmental seminars, conferences and faculty meetings
- delivering two public lectures, which will be known as the “Sri Lanka Lectures”

Qualifications and Experience Required

- The successful candidate will hold a PhD or equivalent qualification in either social sciences, humanities or geography matching one of the professorships at the SAI (Anthropology, Development Economics, Geography, History, Cultural and Religious History of South Asia, Modern South Asian Languages and Literatures, Political Science) or one of the cooperating chairs at Heidelberg University (Global Art History, Visual and Media Anthropology, and Buddhist Studies).
- He or she should be an academic currently working in a state university under the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka
- He or she should be eligible for sabbatical leave from his university with air passage
- He or she should not be older than 60 years of age
- Junior faculty will be considered only when no senior faculty person fits the teaching and research profile of at least one department in the SAI.



Remuneration and Local Hospitality

The Government of Sri Lanka will generally bear the cost of salary, allowances, visa and international air passages for the holder of the Chair and his/her spouse. Heidelberg University shall provide local hospitality (including office space and assistance, furnished apartment suitable for two in or near the campus, and health insurance on a par with the cover provided to faculty members or other visiting professors).

Application Process

Applicants should furnish the following materials:

1. Letter of intent documenting relevant experience, giving the reasons for interest in the position, and suggesting some ideas for developing further research and teaching between Sri Lanka and the South Asia Institute.
2. Full CV including list of publications
3. Names and full contact details of two professional referees

Completed applications should be e-mailed – preferably in one pdf-file – to the Executive Secretary, South Asia Institute (SAI), Heidelberg University, Dr.

Martin Gieselmann: gieselmann@sai.uni-heidelberg.de on or before **07 January 2020**. Questions regarding the application can be addressed to the Branch Office Manager, SAI Branch Office, Colombo, Ms. Belinda Wise

The South Asia Institute at Heidelberg University (SAI) was established in 1962. Unlike other European universities at that time and subsequently, the SAI has always been keen not to limit South Asian studies to India but to include India's neighbours by broadening the Institute's regional focus. In addition to its branch offices and regional representatives in Nepal and Pakistan, the SAI opened a branch office in Colombo in 1999. The branch office is located at the Social Policy Analysis and Research Centre (SPARC) of the University of Colombo, with which the SAI has had a strong relationship for more than a decade. The branch office fosters academic interaction and cooperation with universities and academic institutions all over Sri Lanka.



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