

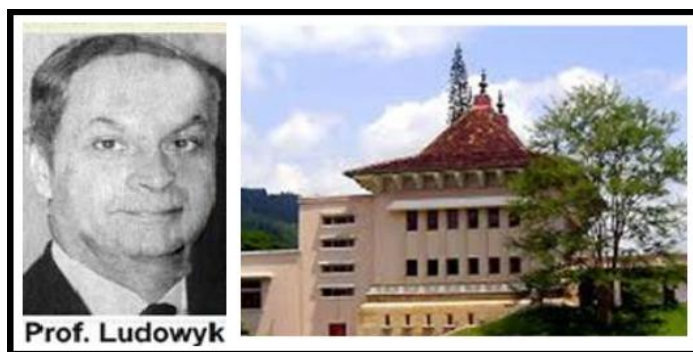
**THE NATIONAL TRUST – SRI LANKA LECTURE ON THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018**

**“THE LEGACY OF PROFESSOR E.F.C. LUDOWYK  
AND HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF  
CEYLON IN ITS EARLY YEARS”**

**By Tissa Jayatilaka**

The 111<sup>th</sup> Session of the Monthly Lecture Series of the **National Trust - Sri Lanka** will be held at the HNB Auditorium, 22<sup>nd</sup> Floor, HNB Towers, 479 T.B. Jayah Mawatha, Colombo 10 at 6.30p.m. on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

In preparation of the original lecture given at Peradeniya, Tissa Jayatilaka read widely about Professor Ludowyk and his contribution as an academic and citizen. He was struck by the fact that few SEEM AWARE of Ludowyk's SIGNIFICANT contribution to the country as a whole. The majority know only of his IMMENSE SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CEYLON AS A BRILLIANT TEACHER AND DIRECTOR AND PRODUCER OF FIRST RATE THEATRE. So much so that ignorant critics tend to write him off as a westernised OR DERACINATED Sri Lankan/ Ceylonese who only catered to the upper crust of our society. But a closer reading shows how mistaken the majority are. TISSA JAYATILAKA is fascinated by the collaboration between Ludowyk and Ratnasuriya, THE THEN PROFESSOR OF SINHALA at the University of Ceylon.



Tissa Jayatilaka served as the Executive Director of the bi- national United States- Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission(US-SLFC) from ( May) 1989 to ( May) 2018. The US-SLFC, established in 1952, administers the two- way education exchange programme between the two countries with a view to promoting mutual understanding between American and Sri Lankan citizens. He currently serves on the Council of Management of the Bandaranaike Centre for International Studies as well as Senior Fellow there researching into Sri Lanka- United States Relations and the 21st Century Politics of the Indian Ocean Region. Jayatilaka is the author of publications, as well as involved in translations, editing of journals, and collections of essays. These include *Peradeniya : Memories of a University* ( joint Contributory Editor), *A Garland for Ashley: Glimpses of a Life, Celebrating the 75th Birthday of Ashley Halpe' and His 50 Years of University Teaching* (joint Editor) , *Excursions and Explorations, Cultural Encounters Between Sri Lanka and the United States*( Editor) , *International Relations in a Globalising World* ( Editor). He was Chairman of the Board of Directors of the International Centre for Ethnic Studies, the Gratiaen Trust and a member, Board of Directors, the Centre for Policy Alternatives (CPA). He serves as a Member, Board of Directors, and the Law & Society Trust (LST).

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