

American Center in collaboration with
US-Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission hosts
DISCUSSIONS ON DISABILITY & ABILITY

AUTISM

Panelists:

- Treating Autism: Professor Hemamali Perera, Department of Psychological Medicine, University of Colombo, Faculty of Medicine
- A parent's view: Professor Amala De Silva, Professor, Economics Department, University of Colombo –
- Teaching Methods: Ms. Victoria Liyanage, Former principal of Ceylinco School for Autism / Author of *Practical Guide on Autism*

Followed by Screening of 'Temple Grandin'

A powerful movie about the true life story of an autistic woman who has become one of the top scientists in the humane livestock handling industry in the U.S. Today, she is a professor at Colorado State University. Dr. Temple Grandin, is the most accomplished and well-known adult with autism in the world. (Film running time - Apprx. 109 minutes)

Wednesday, March 21 @ 4:30 pm

RIGHTS

Panelists:

- Inherent Right to Accessibility at Built Environments: Dr. Ajith C.S. Perera, Accessibility Activist / Advisor
- Inclusive Education: Mr. R.S. Medagama, Retired Director General of Education and currently Consultant for partnership for Child development at Imperial College/World Bank project
- Inclusive Workplaces: Mr. Anver Dole, Chairman, Employer Network on Disability
- Mental Health Issues and New Legislation: Dr. Shehan Williams, Psychiatrist / Head of Department, Department of Psychiatry, University of Kelaniya

Discussions will be moderated by
Dr. Padmani Mendis, Advisor, Disability Issues

Wednesday, March 28 @ 4:30 pm

Entrance Free!

Venue: US-SL Fulbright Commission – Auditorium

#55 Abdul Caffor Mw. (Off Duplication Road— near 'Stone and String' bldg.), Colombo 3.

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"With support, people can overcome even severe disabilities while maximizing their abilities and lead fulfilling and productive lives. Opening opportunities and removing barriers to people with disabilities is a work in progress, but the results can be truly inspiring." eJournal USA