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Bio

BIO

Marlon Ariyasinghe (he/him) is a writer, editor, theatre practitioner and researcher from Sri Lanka. He is a master's graduate in English from the University of Geneva and received his BA (honors) in English from the University of Peradeniya. He was the co-editor of *Mise en Abyme: International Journal of Comparative Literature and Arts* (VIII, Issue 2), a special edition on Sri Lankan Combative Art, Angampora. He was the Senior Assistant Editor at *Himal Southasian*, a regional magazine of politics and culture. He served as the secretary of the Sri Lanka Association for Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies and has organized multiple international literary conferences from 2010-2023.

His rapportage has been featured in Reuters, DW, BBC World, WION, The Washington Post, NPR, and other outlets worldwide. Marlon has directed plays for Emmet Theatre Company in Geneva and published a collection of poetry *Froteztology* in 2011. Marlon's research interests include Southasian theatre and historiography, performing blackness, Southasian antiracism, cognition and performance, theatre pedagogy, and decolonizing actor-training methodologies. His research has been published in *The Journal of Dramatic Theory and Criticism*, *Theatre Research International*, *Mise en Abyme: International Journal of Comparative Literature and Arts*, and *Phoenix: Sri Lanka Journal of English in the Commonwealth*.

Selected directing credits include: *Exorcism* (2025), *Twelfth Night* (2019), *The Clean House* (2015), *Antigonick* (2014), and *Rizana* (2013).

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HONORS AND AWARDS

- RAISE Fellow, Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Education, Stanford University (2024-2027)
- EDGE Fellow, Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Education, Stanford University. (2023-2024)

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

- MA., University of Geneva , English (2016)
- BA., University of Peradeniya , English (2010)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Fugitive Sites: Tamil Memorialization in Post-War Sri Lanka** *Journal of Visual & Performing Arts Sri Lanka (JOVPA-SL) UVPA 20th Anniversary Edition*
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- **"The Migrant Writer as Historian: A Glissantian Reading of the Construction of Sri Lankan History in Running in the Family, When Memory Dies and Cinnamon Gardens."** *Phoenix: Sri Lanka Journal of English in the Commonwealth*
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