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Rohan Samarajiva is founding Chair and CEO of LIRNEasia, an ICT policy and regulation think tank active across 11 emerging Asian economies. His most recent book, *ICT infrastructure in emerging Asia: Policy and regulatory roadblocks* (Sage and IDRC, 2008), is a compilation of LIRNEasia research.

Samarajiva was Team Leader at the Sri Lanka Ministry for Economic Reform, Science and Technology (2002-04) responsible for infrastructure reforms, including participation in the design of the USD 83 million *e Sri Lanka* Initiative. He was Director General of Telecommunications in Sri Lanka (1998-99), a founder director of the ICT Agency of Sri Lanka (2003-05), Honorary Professor at the University of Moratuwa in Sri Lanka (2003-04), Visiting Professor of Economics of Infrastructures at the Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands (2000-03) and Associate Professor of Communication and Public Policy at the Ohio State University in the US (1987-2000). Samarajiva was Policy Advisor to the Ministry of Post and Telecom in Bangladesh (2006-09).

He serves as Senior Advisor to Sarvodaya (Sri Lanka's largest community based organization) on ICT matters. Samarajiva is a Board Member of Communication Policy Research south, an initiative to identify and foster policy intellectuals in emerging Asia. He is a member of the Board and former Chair of the Lanka Software Foundation and Board Member of the African Communications Research Institute (Research ICT Africa) and the International Communication Association. He serves on the editorial boards of six academic journals.

He was a member of the intergovernmental Joint Study Group on the India-Sri Lanka Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (2003) and chaired the GATS Advisory Committee of the Department of Commerce, Sri Lanka (2002-2004). Samarajiva chaired the expert workshop on fixed-mobile interconnection for the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) in 2000 and the first Digital Opportunity Forum for the Korea Agency for Digital Opportunity and Promotion (KADO) in 2006. He moderated the Ministerial Roundtable on ICT for Development at the Asian Forum on Information and Communication Technology Policies and Strategies in Kuala Lumpur in October 2003 and was an invited panelist at the World Bank *infoDev* sessions held in conjunction with the World Summit on the Information Society in Tunis in November 2005. More at <http://lirneasia.net/about/profiles/rohan-samarajiva/>

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PERSONAL

Place and date of birth: Kandy, Sri Lanka, 21 January 1954
Citizenship: Sri Lankan
Family: Married, with three children

CURRENT POSITIONS

- Chairman of the Board and CEO, LIRNEasia, 2004- (non-profit company with a budget of over USD 1 million p.a., currently funded primarily by International Development Research Centre of Canada and the Department for International Development, UK.)
- Member of the Board, Communication Policy Research *south* (CPR*south*), 2007-15
- Member of the Board, African Communications Research Institute (dba Research ICT Africa), 2009-
- Member of the Board, Lanka Software Foundation, 2003-
- Columnist, "Choices," *Lanka Business Online*, www.lankabusinessonline.com, 2005-

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Simon Fraser University, Canada. 1985.
M.A. (Communication), Simon Fraser University. 1982.
Attorney-at-Law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka. 1979.

EXPERIENCE

- Member, Academic Affairs Board, Sri Lanka Institute for Tourism and Hotel Management, 2007-10.
- Policy Advisor, Ministry of Telecommunications and Posts, Government of Bangladesh, 2006-07, 2009.
- Guest columnist, "Vikalpa," *Ravaya*, Sinhala weekly newspaper, 2006, 2008-10.
- Contributing writer, *Montage*, Sri Lanka news monthly, 2007-09.
- Visiting Faculty, TERI University, New Delhi, 2004-08
- Chairman of the Board, Lanka Software Foundation, 2005-07.
- Team Leader, Public Interest Program Unit, Ministry for Economic Reform, Science & Technology, Government of Sri Lanka, 2002-04.
- Honorary Professor, University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka, 2003-04.
- Member, Management Team, World Dialogue of Regulation for Network Economies (WDR; www.regulateonline.org), 2001-2007.
- Secretary & Director of External Programs, LIRNE.NET [Learning Initiatives on Reforms in Network Economies, a collaboration among leading universities of Denmark, the Netherlands, South Africa and the UK, and LIRNEasia], 2000 December-2007 March.
- Visiting Professor of Economics of Infrastructures, Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands, 2000-03.
- Associate Professor of Communication, Public Policy & Management, The Ohio State University. 1993-2000 (Assistant Professor, 1987-93).
- Director General of Telecommunications, Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka, 1998-99.
- Founding co-editor, *New Media & Society*, 1997-2000.
- President, Communication Technology Policy Section, & Member, International Council, International Association for Media and Communication Research, 1994-98.

- Vice-chair and chair-elect, Communication and Technology Division, International Communication Association, 1996-98 [resigned because of relocation to Sri Lanka].
- Chair, Graduate Studies Committee administering graduate programs in Communication and Journalism (1996-97) and Communication (1993-95), The Ohio State University.
- Visiting Professor, Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. 1995.
- Research Associate, Institute of Fundamental Studies & Arthur C. Clarke Centre for Modern Technologies, Sri Lanka, 1985-86.
- Assistant News Editor/Journalist, Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation, 1978-79.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- 2011 Mobile at the Bottom of the Pyramid: Informing policy from the demand-side (guest editor's introduction) (pp. iii-vii) & CellBazaar: Enabling m-commerce in Bangladesh, (A. Zainudeen, R. Samarajiva & N. Sivapragasam) (pp. 61-76), *Information Technology and International Development*, 7(3), special edition.
 "Technological challenges" (section 3.2; pp. 42-52) in ITU, *The role of ICT in advancing growth in least developed countries: Trends, challenges and opportunities*. Geneva: ITU. http://www.itu.int/ITU-D/ldc/turkey/docs/The_Role_of_ICT_in_Advancing_Growth_in_LDCs_Trends_Challenges_and_Opportunities.pdf
- 2010 Leveraging the budget telecom network business model to bring broadband to the people, *Information Technology and International Development*, 6, special edition: 93-97.
<http://itidjournal.org/itid/article/view/630/270>
 Enhancing the status of Colombo as a regional container shipping hub, *Economic Review* (People's Bank), 37(3&4): 10-13.
 Who's got the phone? Gender and the use of the telephone at the bottom of the pyramid, (A. Zainudeen, T. Iqbal & R. Samarajiva), *New media and society*, 12: 549-66.
<http://nms.sagepub.com/cgi/content/abstract/12/4/549>
- 2009 How the developing world may participate in the global Internet economy: Innovation driven by competition, in *ICTs for development: Improving policy coherence*, pp. 75-118. Paris: OECD.
<http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/39/15/44003919.pdf>
 PCs are not the best vehicles for providing IT-delivered services to rural areas, *Telecentre Magazine* (April-June): 30, 32. <http://lirneasia.net/wp-content/uploads/2009/08/Telecenter.pdf>
 Banded forbearance: A new approach to price regulation in partially liberalized telecom markets (R. Samarajiva & T. Iqbal), *International Journal of Regulation and Governance*, 9(1): 19-40.
 Peace of mind for a tourist paradise, *World Disasters Report 2009: Focus on early warning, early action*, pp. 29-30. Geneva: International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.
[http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/lib.nsf/db900sid/EDIS-7T3KR3/\\$file/ifrc_world_disasters_rpt2009.pdf?openelement](http://www.reliefweb.int/rw/lib.nsf/db900sid/EDIS-7T3KR3/$file/ifrc_world_disasters_rpt2009.pdf?openelement)
 Two complementary mobile technologies for disaster warning (R. Samarajiva & N. Waidyanatha), *Info*, 11(2): 58-65.
- 2008 Internet presence as knowledge capacity: The case of information and communication technology infrastructure reform (S.N. Gamage & R. Samarajiva), *Information Technology and International Development*, 4(3): 89-96. <http://itidjournal.org/itid/issue/view/16>
ICT infrastructure in emerging Asia: Policy and regulatory roadblocks, New Delhi & Ottawa: Sage & IDRC, including main introduction, section introductions and two co-authored chapters. [Book edited by Samarajiva, R. & Zainudeen, A.].
http://www.idrc.ca/en/ev-117916-201-1-DO_TOPIC.html
- 2007 Bridging the digital divide: Building Asia-Pacific capacity for effective reforms (R. Samarajiva & S. Gamage), *The Information Society*, 23(2), 109-117.
- 2006 Comment (Sri Lanka) (R. Samarajiva & H. Galpaya), *Regional Development Dialogue*, Special Issue on Pro-poor e-governance, 27(2): 236-239.
 Preconditions for effective deployment of wireless technologies for development in the Asia-Pacific, *Information Technology and International Development*, 3(2): 57-71.
<http://itidjournal.org/itid/article/view/224/94>
 Extending access to services: Policy and regulatory reforms and smart subsidies (R. Samarajiva & Ritin Singh), chapter 6 of *From envisioning to designing e Sri Lanka: Joining the information services economy*, volume 1, Nagy K Hanna. Washington DC: The World Bank.

- Concept paper for a dam-related hazard warning system in Sri Lanka, A participatory study on actions required to avoid and mitigate dam disasters, version 2.0 (R. Samarajiva, D. Goswami & R. Ennen). <http://www.lirneasia.net/2006/01/dam-safety-concept-paper-released/>.
- 2005 Mobilizing information and communications technologies for effective disaster warning: Lessons from the 2004 tsunami, *New Media and Society* 7(6); 731-47. <http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/APCITY/UNPAN022464.pdf>. Regulation and investment: Sri Lanka case study (R. Samarajiva & A. Dokeniya with Sabina Fernando, Shan Manikkalingam & Amal Sanderatne), in *Stimulating investment in network development: Roles for regulators*, eds. A.K Mahan and W.H. Melody, pp. 141-76. Monte Video: World Dialogue on Regulation. <http://www.regulateonline.org/content/view/435/31/> e-Government as part of Sri Lanka's overall development strategy (R. Samarajiva & A. Zainudeen), *e Gov*, May-June, 9-12. <http://www.egovonline.net/articles/print.asp?articleid=228&typ=Notebook> National Early Warning System: Sri Lanka (NEWS:SL), a participatory concept paper for the design of an effective all-hazard public warning system, version 2.1 (R. Samarajiva, M. Knight-John, P. Anderson & A. Zainudeen), <http://www.lirneasia.net/2005/03/national-early-warning-system/>, 17 March.
- 2004 Getting from dysfunctional government to e(ffective) government: Mapping a path in Sri Lanka, *International Journal of Regulation & Governance*, 4(2): 171-85. Key questions on ICT policies and e-strategies, in *ICT policies and e-strategies in the Asia-Pacific: A critical assessment of the way forward*, eds. Phet Sayo, J.G. Chacko and Gopi Pradhan, pp. 39-45. New Delhi: Elsevier. Sri Lanka's telecom reforms of 2002-03, *SAFIR Newsletter*, issue 17, pp. 5-9.
- 2003 Regulatory design for disaster preparedness and recovery by infrastructure providers: South Asian experience (L. Srivastava & R. Samarajiva), in *Critical infrastructures: State of the art in research and application*, eds. W. A. H. Thissen & P. M. Herder, pp. 103-120. Boston: Kluwer Academic Publishers. Designing next generation telecom regulation: ICT convergence or multisector utility? (A. Henten, R. Samarajiva & W. H. Melody), *Info*, 5(1): 26-33.
- 2002 Alternative regulatory practices and alternative dispute resolution & Analytical case studies of select judicial intervention: The Sri Lanka experience, in *Legal aspects of regulation in South Asia*, eds. S.K. Sarkar & V. Sharma, pp. 36-45 and 130-138. New Delhi: TERI. The next step for telecom regulation: ICT convergence regulation or multisector utilities regulation? (A. Henten, R. Samarajiva & W. H. Melody), *South African Journal of Information & Communication*, 3: 101-16. Utility regulation and competition policy in Sri Lanka: Prospects for change, chapter 1 of *Competition policy and utility regulation: The Sri Lankan experience*, ed. M. Knight-John, pp. 1-25. Colombo: Law & Society Trust. Rationales for convergence and multi-sector regulation (R. Samarajiva & A. Henten), *Communications & Strategies*, vol. 46, 2nd Quarter, http://www.idate.fr/an/publi/revu/num/dern/index_a.html#som **Networking knowledge for information societies: Institutions and intervention. Delft: Delft University Press. <http://www.lirne.net/resources/netknowledge/index.htm> [Book co-edited by R. Mansell, R. Samarajiva & A. Mahan]** Why regulate?, chapter 2 of *Effective regulation: Trends in Telecommunication Reform 2002*. Geneva: International Telecommunication Union.
- 2001 Disaster preparedness and recovery: A priority for telecom regulatory agencies in liberalized environments. *International Journal of Regulation and Governance*, 1(2): 1-16; also in *Proceedings of the Policy and Development Summit, ITU Telecom Africa 2001*. Johannesburg, December 2001. http://www.itu.int/TELECOM/afit2001/cfp/auth/4858/pap_4858.pdf Establishing effective regulation: South Asia's challenges. In *Regulation of infrastructure services: Progress and the way forward*, eds. S. K. Sarkar & K. Deb, pp. 45-58. New Delhi: TERI. The regulatory environment for fixed-mobile interconnection (R. Samarajiva, L. Srivastava & T. Kelly), *Communications and Strategies*, volume 42 (2nd Quarter): 23-50 http://www.idate.fr/an/publi/revu/num/n42/rlt_a.html Establishing regulatory legitimacy. In *Proceedings of the SAFIR workshop on regulatory strategy*, ed. S.K. Sarkar (chapter 1). New Delhi: TERI. <http://www.safirasia.org/safir/menueitems/events/wkshp/Proceedings.pdf> Regulating in an imperfect world: Building independence through legitimacy. *Info*, 3(5), 363-68.

- A privacy divide? *The Courier UNESCO*, March: 17 (also in French, Spanish and 24 other languages). Reprinted in *Computers in society*, 9th edition, ed. K. Schnellenberg. Guilford CT: McGraw Hill Dushkin. http://www.unesco.org/courier/2001_03/uk/index.htm
- ITU considers problems of fixed-mobile interconnection. *Telecommunications Policy*, 25(1&2): 155-60.
- Sri Lanka's telecom revolution. *OECD Observer* (February 1). <http://www.oecdobserver.org/news/fullstory.php/aid/487.html>
- 2000 Communicating legitimacy: Key to effective regulation, *Proceedings of Policy and Development Summit, Forum, ITU Telecom Asia 2000, Hong Kong S.A.R.* At http://www.itu.int/TELECOM/ast2000/cfp/pap_4195.pdf
- The role of competition in institutional reform of telecommunications: Lessons from Sri Lanka, *Telecommunications Policy*, 24(8/9): 699-717. <http://www.comunica.org/samarajiva.html>
- Establishing the legitimacy of new regulatory agencies, *Telecommunications Policy*, 24: 183-187.
- 1999 Editorial (N. Jankowski, S. Jones, R. Samarajiva & R. Silverstone), *New Media & Society*, 1(1), Apr: 6-9.
- 1997 Institutional reform of Sri Lankan telecommunications: The introduction of competition and regulation, in *Telecommunication systems in Western Asia and the Middle East*, ed. E. Noam, pp. 38-61. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Interactivity as though privacy mattered, in *Technology and privacy: The new landscape*, eds. P. E. Agre & M. Rotenberg, pp. 277-309. Cambridge MA: MIT Press.
- Telecommunication regulation in the information age, in *Telecom reform: Principles, policies and regulatory practices*, ed. W. H. Melody, pp. 421-39. Lyngby, Denmark: Den Private Ingeniofond.
- Telecommunication networks as social space: Implications for research and policy and an exemplar (R. Samarajiva & P. Shields), *Media, Culture & Society*, 19(4): 535-55.
- Regulation of on-line content in the new trade environment: NAFTA and communication policy (P. D. Hadley & R. Samarajiva), *The Communication Review*, 2(2): 207-33.
- Cybercontent: Unscharfer sittlichkeitsbegriff (trans. V. Mayer-Schönberger) *Juridikum - Zeitschrift im Rechtsstaat*, 2/97: 35-38.
- Privatization, Market Liberalization and Regulatory Reform in the Mexican Telecommunication System (L. Perez Chavolla & R. Samarajiva), in *Privatization and Competition in Telecommunications: International Developments*, ed. D.J. Ryan. Westport CT: Greenwood.
- 1996 Consumer protection in the decentralized network, in *Private networks, public objectives*, eds. E. Noam & A. Níshúilleabháin, pp. 287-306. Amsterdam: Elsevier.
- Surveillance by design: Public networks and the control of consumption, in *Communication by Design: The Politics of Information and Communication Technologies*, eds. R. Mansell & R. Silverstone, pp. 129-156 Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Regulating "Caller ID": Emulation and learning in the policy process (R. Mukherjee & R. Samarajiva), *Telecommunications Policy*, 20(7): 531-42.
- 1994 Changing discourses in US international information-communication policy: From free flow to competitive advantage? (A. Hollifield & R. Samarajiva), *Gazette*, 54(2): 121-43.
- Privacy in electronic public space, *Canadian Journal of Communication*, 19(1): 87-99.
- 1993 The customer web: Transaction generated information and telecommunication (R. Mukherjee & R. Samarajiva), *Media Information Australia*, 67: 51-61. <http://www.gu.edu.au/centre/cmp/abstracts/mukherjee67.html>
- Competing frameworks for research on information-communication technologies and society: Toward a synthesis (P. Shields & R. Samarajiva), *Communication Yearbook 16*, ed. S. Deetz, pp. 349-80. Newbury Park CA: Sage.
- Down dependency road? The Canada-US free trade agreement and Canada's copyright amendments of 1988, in J. Wasko and V. Mosco eds., *Illuminating the blindspots: Essays honoring Dallas W. Smythe*. Norwood NJ: Ablex, pp. 152-180.
- Regional Telephone Holding Companies: Structures, Affiliate Transactions, and Regulatory Options*, NRRI 93-05 (Rosenberg, E. A, Borrows, J.D., Hunt, C.E, and Samarajiva, R.). Columbus OH: National Regulatory Research Institute.
- 1992 Emergent institutions of the "intelligent network": Toward a theoretical understanding (R. Samarajiva & P. Shields), *Media, Culture and Society*, 14(3): 397-419.
- Customer information: Privacy and competitive implications*, NRRI 92-11 (R. Burns, R. Samarajiva, & R. Mukherjee). Columbus OH: National Regulatory Research Institute.
- 1991 Privacy and competitive implications of new uses of customer information, *The NCF91 proceedings*, pp. 84-87. Chicago IL: National Engineering Consortium.

- Regulation of 976 services and dial-a-porn: Implications for the intelligent network (R. Samarajiva & R. Mukherjee), *Telecommunications Policy*, 15(2): 151-64.
- 1990 Value issues in telecommunication resource allocation in the third world (R. Samarajiva & P. Shields), in *Telecommunications, values and the public interest*, ed. S. B. Lundstedt, pp. 227-53. Norwood NJ: Ablex.
- Integration, telecommunication, and development: Power in the paradigms (R. Samarajiva & P. Shields), *Journal of Communication*, 40(3): 84-105.

SELECTED HONORS

- Sole invitee from Sri Lanka to the 10th Indira Gandhi Trust Conference on “An Indian social democracy: Integrating markets, democracy and social justice,” New Delhi, 19-21 November 2010.
- Member, panel of judges for National Integrity Award 2010, Transparency International Sri Lanka.
- Shortlisted (one of three) for 2009 Bastiat Prize for Online Journalism by International Policy Network for “Choices” column in *Lanka Business Online*.
- *Communication Research as an Agent of Change* award 2009, International Communication Association.
- Elected Board Member at Large, International Communication Association, 2009-11.
- Program Committee, 17th Biannual Conference of the International Telecommunications Society, Montreal, June 24-27, 2008.
- Invited reviewer for “Body of Knowledge on Utility Regulation,” Public-Private Investment Advisory Facility, World Bank, Washington DC, April 21-22, 2008.
- Chair, panel session on "Designing regulation for convergence," Ministerial Program, GSMA Mobile World Congress, Barcelona, February 11-12, 2008.
- “Taking e-government to the bottom of the pyramid: Dial-a-gov?” International Conference on Theory and Practice of Electronic Governance, Macau China, December 11, 2007. Co-authors: Helani Galpaya (senior) and Shamistra Soysa. Award for paper best linking theory and practice.
- Chair, panel session on "Innovative private and public partnerships," Government Symposium, GSMA Mobile Asia Congress, Macau China, November 13-15, 2007.
- Organizing committee, 1st South Asia Broadband Communications Congress & Expo, Colombo, September 4-6, 2007.
- Chair, Session on “Universal, ubiquitous, equitable and affordable,” Forum of ITU Telecom World 2006, Hong Kong, December 4-8, 2006
- Conference Chair, First Digital Opportunity Forum, Korean Agency for Digital Opportunity and Promotion (KADO) and the International Telecommunication Union, Seoul, Aug 31-Sep 1, 2006.
- Expert advisor, Trade Cell, Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, 2006-
- Member, ICT Subcommittee, Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, 2005-08
- Member, National Reawakening Council, Lanka Jatika Sarvodaya Shramadana Sangamaya, 2005-06; and senior advisor to Networking Grassroots Movement of Sarvodaya, “Fusion,” 2006-
- Moderator, Ministers’ Roundtable on ICT for Development, Asian Forum on Information and Communication Technology Policies and Strategies, Kuala Lumpur, 20-22 October 2003.
- Member, Board of Directors, ICT Agency of Sri Lanka, 2003-05.
- Member, Advisory Committee, UNDP’s Asia Pacific Report on Information & Communication Technologies & Human Development, 2003-05.
- Member, Joint Study Group on India Sri Lanka Economic Partnership Agreement, 2003.
- Chair, GATS Advisory Committee of the Department of Commerce, Government of Sri Lanka 2002-04.
- Participant, International Discussion Forum, Denmark National IT & Telecom Agency, 17-18 Oct, 2002.
- Advisor, research priorities on ICTs, international cooperation and global security to the Peace and Social Justice Division of the Ford Foundation, New York City, June 2001-02.
- Member, advisory committee, Program on information technology and international cooperation and security, Social Science Research Council (New York), Dec. 2000-02.
- Chair, Expert Workshop on Fixed-Mobile Interconnection, International Telecommunication Union, Geneva, September 20-22, 2000.
- Member, Expert Group on International Telecommunication Regulations, the International Telecommunication Union, September 1999-2000.
- Faculty Member of the Year, School of Journalism & Communication/Department of Communication, 1997-98, 1989-90 and 1988-89; Ameritech Prize for accomplishments in the field of telecommunications, 1992, The Ohio State University.

- Graduate Research Fellowships, 1984-85; Open Graduate Scholarships, 1981; 1983-84; Steel Memorial Graduate Scholarship, Simon Fraser University, 1982-83.
- First Scholarship, Attorney's Preliminary Examination; and Prizes in Roman Law and Criminal Law, Sri Lanka Law College, Colombo, 1976.

CURRENT EDITORIAL BOARDS

- *Telematics and Informatics*, 2008 -
- *Nordic and Baltic Journal of Information and Communication Technologies*, 2007-
- *International Journal of Regulation and Governance*, 2002 -
- *Telecommunications Policy*, 2001-
- *Communication Review*, 2000 -
- *New Media and Society*, 1997-

SELECTED RECENT PRESENTATIONS AND INTERVIEWS

- "A regulatory regime that benefits citizens," presentation at eAsia 2011, Dhaka, 3 December 2011.
- "Hastening broadband access: What policy can do," presentation at eAsia 2011, Dhaka, 1 December 2011.
- "Communication for risk reduction," presentation at Third National Symposium on Disaster Risk Reduction & Climate Change Adaptation, Colombo, 24 November 2011.
- "Why not signing India-Sri Lanka CEPA is inimical to the national interest" presentation at Sri Lanka Institution of Engineers, Colombo, 17 October 2011.
- "Sri Lanka: Demographic trends, poverty, disasters," presentation to Caritas Sri Lanka strategic planning meeting, Colombo, 12 October 2011.
- "Effective regulation to curb grey traffic," presentation with Sriganesh Lokanathan to Tata Communications Partner Meeting, Colombo, 23 September 2011.
- "Tariff regulation," presentation at Telecom Regulatory Authority of India and Asia Pacific Telecommunity International Workshop on Regulatory Framework, New Delhi, 7 September 2011.
- "Physical connectivity within the southern SAARC region," Physical connectivity workshop organized by the SAARC Chamber of Commerce, Colombo, 28 July 2011.
- "SMEs & the inclusive information society," Asia Pacific Business Forum, Bangkok, 26 July 2011.
- "Inclusion through mobile," Future Gov Forum, Colombo, 20 July 2011.
- "Extending 'Budget Telecom Network' model: Voice → Broadband," CommunicAsia, Singapore, 22 June 2011.
- "Teleuse at the Asian BOP," 4th infoDev Global Forum, Helsinki, 31 May 2011.
- "Roaming: Regulate or not?" and "Regional cooperation for expanding connectivity," 11th Asia Pacific Policy and Regulatory Forum, Asia Pacific Telecommunity, Ha Noi, 19 May 2011.
- "Why sector-specific regulatory agencies since the 1990s? Were the objectives achieved?" inaugural plenary on "Rationale for Economic Regulation" at Conference on Reviewing the global experience with economic regulation: A forward looking perspective, New Delhi, 18-20 April 2011.
- Presentations on broadband quality of service and intra-South Asian calling charges and roaming at the 12th Meeting of the South Asian Telecom Regulators' Council, Tehran, 27-28 February 2011.
- "ICT innovations in South Asia: An assessment," "Asia's rise in ICTs: Looking for evidence" conference, EC Joint Research Center, Brussels, 16-17 February 2011.
- "Asia: Broadband and forms of government intervention" Delft University of Technology, 15 Feb 2011.
- "India-Sri Lanka transport and connectivity," Sanvada, Pathfinder Foundation, Colombo, 17 December 2010.
- "Budget telecom network model and its extension to wireless broadband," Mobile Broadband Workshop organized by IIM-Idea Telecom Center of Excellence, New Delhi, 26-27 November 2010.
- "Regional cooperation for expanding connectivity," Committee on ICT and Expert Group Meeting of UNESCAP, Bangkok, 22-26 November 2010.
- "Indo-Sri Lanka CEPA: Why and what," seminar on CEPA organized by the International Development Law Organization, Colombo, 16 November 2010.
- "Success in voice → success in data," Keynote at SAARC Operators' CEO Conclave organized by *Voice and Data*, New Delhi, 15 November 2010.
- "Bringing Internet to the next billion: The role of mobile 2.0," Connecting the Next Billion conference, Jakarta, 2-4 November 2010.
- "Connected nation," Future Gov Forum, Colombo, 29 October 2010.

- “Transport and connectivity,” India-Sri Lanka Dialogue, New Delhi, 22 October 2010.
- “Asia: Broadband and forms of government intervention,” International Institute of Communications Annual Conference, Barcelona, 18 October 2010.
- Comments on keynote speech at conference on Social Democracy in South Asia: The role of market and State in poverty reduction and improving distributive justice, Colombo, 2 October 2010.
- “ICTs and services trade within SAARC” and “Physical connectivity within the southern SAARC region,” SAARC@25 seminar organized by the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) and the India International Centre, New Delhi, 16-17 September 2010.
- “Imagining the future and making it happen,” keynote at WSO2CON, Colombo, 14 September 2010.
- “Trade policy in the aftermath of the Great Recession,” 7th annual general meeting of the Sri Lanka Ceramics Council, Colombo, 30 August 2010.
- “Analyzing policy problems” 5th Deshodaya National Assembly, Pore, Sri Lanka, 21 Aug 2010.
- “India-Sri Lanka Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement,” Alumni Association of the University of Peradeniya, Colombo Chapter, Colombo, 9 August 2010.
- “India-Sri Lanka Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement,” Institute of Chartered Accountants Sri Lanka, Colombo, 27 July 2010.
- “ICT indicators: LIRNEasia’s perspective,” International Seminar on Information & Communication Technology Statistics, Seoul, 19-21 July 2010.
- “Lessons of mobile voice success” and “Roaming: Regulate or not?” at 10th Policy & Regulatory Forum of Asia Pacific Telecommunity, Yogyakarta, Indonesia, 14-16 July 2010.
- “Realizing the five-hub strategy,” Sanvada policy dialogue on Achieving 8% growth rate of Mahinda Chintana: Constraints & challenges, 30 June 2010.
- “The workaround that connected Sri Lanka to e mail (and then to the Internet),” conference on .LK organized by University of Moratuwa, Mount Lavinia, 28 June 2010.
- Participant in live debate on CEPA [India-Sri Lanka Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement] on Neth FM radio, 7 June 2010.
- Interview on implementing five-hub strategy & the importance of CEPA, *BizFirst InFocus*, 4 June 2010.
- Participant in live debate on CEPA on Derana TV, 2 June 2010.
- Discussant, Conference on “Ten yearsof the India-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement,” Institute of Policy Studies, Colombo, 24 May 2010.
- “Telecom regulation: The state of the art,” keynote at pre-conference seminar on new technologies and their challenges for telecom regulation, Brasilia, 13 May 2010.
- Indicators for measuring efficacy of broadband initiative, Cabinet Office of the President of Brazil, Brasilia, 11 May 2010.
- “Emerging Asia’s path to the ‘Internet economy’: Mobile 2.0,” expert forum on Mobile 2.0: applications and conditions, co-organized by LIRNEasia and the Pakistan Telecom Authority, Islamabad, 26 April 2010.
- “Communication policy research: Why and how,” dinner talk, 1st CPRAfrica conference, Cape Town, 19 April 2010.
- “South Asia: Challenges of the Budget Telecom Network model,” Convergence India, New Delhi, 25 March 2010.
- “How the developing world may participate in the global Internet economy,” keynote at ICTs & Development: An International Workshop, IIT Delhi, 11 March 2010.
- “Framing (and making sense of) political developments in Sri Lanka,” Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, 11 March 2010.
- “Budget telecom network model to drive broadband in South Asia,” CPR_{south4}, Negombo, Sri Lanka, 7 December 2009.
- “How the developing world may participate in the global Internet economy: Innovation driven by competition,” keynote at OECD-infoDev workshop at Internet Governance Forum, Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt, 16 November 2009.
- Plenary panelist on international telecom policy, TPRC, 26 Sep 2009, Fairfax VA.
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- “Introducing broadband: Investment conditions, regulatory challenges and addressing QoS,” Telecoms World South Asia 2008 conference, Dhaka, 7-8 October, 2008.
- Member, industry leaders’ panel & Chair, Regulatory & policy session at GSM Asia Pacific Conference, Colombo, 8 September 2008.
- Chair, Forum session on “Promoting manga to the masses: Universal access for the 21st century,” panelist Telecom Development Symposium session on “Open innovation and ICTs: Tapping the talent,” and lead speaker Youth Forum session on “Business models,” ITU Telecom Asia, Bangkok, 2-4 September 2008.
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- “Effective use of telecom and electronic media in disaster risk reduction,” meeting convened by Ministry of Disaster Management and Human Rights, Colombo, September 7, 2007.
- “Broadband benchmarks South Asia: Performance indicators for effective policy and regulation,” keynote at 1st South Asia Broadband Congress & Expo, Colombo, September 5, 2007.
- “Mobile penetration in Sri Lanka: Implications for telecenters,” Meeting of the Telecenter National Alliance of Sri Lanka, Moratuwa, August 31, 2007.
- “Sri Lanka’s telecommunications commitments under GATS: Assessment and issues for the future,” Conference on the Doha Development Agenda and the Future of the Multilateral Trading System organized by the Sri Lanka Law College, Colombo, July 31-August 1, 2007.
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- “Widening access for rural communities,” panelist, GSM>3G Conference, Mumbai, January 22-23, 2007.
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- “Trade in services: Everything you wanted to know but were afraid to ask,” seminar organized by the Trade Cell of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, Colombo, 17 August 2006.
- “The university in the age of the Internet,” dinner speech at 1st International Symposium of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, Belihuloya, 7 July 2006.
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- “Demand-side perspective I,” Telecom and Information Industry Futures Roundtable, APECTEL meetings, Calgary, Canada, 24 April 2006.
- “Wireless and development: Institutions matter,” Yale Information Society Project conference on Access to Knowledge (A2K), New Haven CT, 22 April 2006.
- “What civil society can do in regulation” Association for Progressive Communication Regional consultation on ICT policy in South Asia, Dhaka, 19 April 2006.
- “Current Developments and Technical Challenges in Tsunami Warning Systems: Sri Lanka,” and “Current Technical Designs for Tsunami Warning Systems: Sri Lanka,” workshop on sensor-based networks for tsunami detection and warning sponsored by the US National Science Foundation, Maui, Hawai’i, 9-10 February 2006. <http://www.lirneasia.net/2006/02/mapping-disaster-research/>
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- “Wireless communication and development: Reviewing the evidence,” High-level workshop on wireless communication and development: A global perspective, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, 6-8 October 2005: <http://arnic.info/workshop05.php>

- “Challenges facing the media,” keynote at media professionals’ convention organized by Centre for Policy Alternatives, Tholangamuva, Sri Lanka, 9 September 2005.
- “Embedding competition principles in telecom regulation,” “advocacy and capacity building on competition policy and law in Asia” meeting, CUTS Centre for Competition Investment & Economic Regulation, Hanoi, 16-17 August 2005.
- “Mobilizing ICTs for early warning: Lessons of the 2004 tsunami,” International Association for Media and Communication Research conference, Taipei, 26-28 July 2005.
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- “Optimizing regulation for rural ICT access,” Asia Pacific Telecommunity and World Bank seminar on leveraging private investment for rural ICT development, Chiang Rai, Thailand, 5-7 July 2005.
- “Mobilizing information and communication technologies for effective disaster warning: Lessons from the 2004 tsunami,” colloquium at Department of Communication, University of California, San Diego, 1 June 2005.
- “e Sri Lanka in context of Sri Lanka’s development strategy,” e Transformation conference organized by the World Bank, New Delhi, 16-18 March 2005.
- “Competition in telecom sector: Regulator’s role,” Seminar on Competition Regulation in a Multi-operator Environment, Badan Regulasi Telekomunikasi Indonesia & Mastel, Jakarta, 9 March 2005.
- “Learning from the tsunami,” monthly meeting of the Sri Lanka Institute of Directors, Galadari Hotel, Colombo, 24 February 2005.
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- “What happened in Sri Lanka and why it won’t be so bad next time,” closing plenary of Pacific Telecom Council conference, Honolulu, Hawai’i, 19 January 2005.
- “Expanding access to ICTs: Regulatory reforms and smart subsidies,” Regional conference on universality of infrastructures, The Resources and Energy Institute, New Delhi, December 6, 2004.
- “Handicapping the runners in the global race,” keynote at the Launch of the Sinhala translation of Janos Kornai’s “Toward a free economy,” Pathfinder Foundation, Matara, Sri Lanka, November 6, 2004 (published in Sinhala in *Lankadīpa*, December 8, 2004, p. 22).
- “Sri Lanka case study on regulation and investment” at World Dialogue on Regulation Expert Forum, Mount Lavinia, Sri Lanka, September 17-18, 2004 (with Sabina Fernando).
- “Extending access to ICTs: Regulatory reforms and smart subsidies,” ITU Telecom Asia, Busan, Korea, September 9, 2004.
- “Independent regulation” and “universal access funds,” European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and Japan International Cooperation Agency, August 22-28, 2004.
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- “Overview of utility regulation in Sri Lanka: Problems and prospects,” Conference on Regulatory Impact Assessment in Sri Lanka organized by the Institute of Policy Studies, Colombo, June 21-22, 2004.
- “Competition advocacy and regulated industries: Sri Lanka’s experience,” regional workshop on competition policy, competitiveness & globalization, World Bank & European Commission, Colombo, May 19-20, 2004.
- “Telecommunications in Sri Lanka: Development and opportunities,” South Asia communications infrastructure conference, US Trade and Development Agency, New Delhi, April 21-23, 2004.
- “Dependency road revisited: Globalization and services trade liberalization in South Asia,” 9th Smythe Lecture, School of Communication, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C., Canada, March 29, 2004.
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- “Convergence and multi-sector regulation,” 43rd meeting of the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organization Council, Kampala, September 8, 2003.
- “Regulating in an imperfect world: The Sri Lankan experience,” APEC Privatization Forum & Expert Meeting on Utility Regulation, Bangkok, June 16, 2003.
- “Regulatory issues in infrastructure development in Sri Lanka,” Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE), World Bank, Bangalore, May 21-23, 2003.

- “Information and communication technologies and human development,” keynote at UNDP Asia Regional Human Development Report Stakeholders’ Meeting, Colombo, May 6, 2003.
- “e Sri Lanka and access: the Vishva Grama programme,” International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) workshop on the digital divide, Colombo, March 3, 2003. <http://www.nsf.ac.lk/slla/papers.htm>
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- “Multisector regulation,” Expert Forum of the World Dialogue on Regulation for Network Economies, Skodsborg, Denmark, September 12-13, 2002.
- “GATS and its implications for Sri Lanka,” Seminar organized by the SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi, August 20, 2002.
- “Why regulate?” 2nd Global Symposium for Regulators, International Telecommunications Union, Geneva, December 3-5, 2001.
- “Building effective regulators,” panelist Telecommunication Development Symposium, Africa Telecom 2001, Johannesburg, Nov 12-16, 2001. http://www.itu.int/TELECOM/aft2001/cfp/auth/4882/pap_4882.pdf
- “Regulating in an imperfect world,” International Conference on InfoCommunication Trends 2001, Hungarian Communications Authority, Budapest. October 9-11, 2001.
- “Why and how telecom regulatory agencies should address disaster preparedness and recovery,” 6th Asia-Pacific Regional Conference of the International Telecommunications Society, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, July 6-7, 2001.
- “Universal service and digital divide,” industry seminar on “Challenges in a deregulated telecommunications environment,” Office of the Telecommunications Authority, Hong Kong SAR, July 4-5, 2001. http://www.ofta.gov.hk/frameset/home_index_eng.html
- “Regulatory design for disaster preparedness and recovery by infrastructure providers: South Asian experience,” (with Leena Srivastava), 5th International Conference on Technology, Policy and Innovation, den Haag, June 26-29, 2001. <http://www.delft2001.tudelft.nl/paper%20files/paper2055.doc>
- “Telecom regulation in practice: Independence, legitimacy, credibility,” 1st Asia-Pacific Regulatory Forum, Asia-Pacific Telecommunity & World Bank, Phuket, Thailand, May 15-17, 2001. <http://www.aptsec.org/seminar/apt-meeting-2001.htm>
- “Lessons from fixed-mobile interconnection,” ANRT (Moroccan Telecom Regulatory Agency), Rabat, May 6, 2001.
- “Lessons from fixed-mobile interconnection,” workshop on “Practice and Possibilities for Infrastructure Technology Independent Regulation of Interconnection and Access in a Converging Environment,” Faculty of Technology, Policy & Management, Delft University of Technology & Institute for Information Law (IViR) of the University of Amsterdam, 27 April 2001. <http://www.nwo.nl/iter/workshop2001.html>
- “Regulatory framework: experience and issues,” conference on “Regulation in Infrastructure Services: Progress and the way forward,” Tata Energy Research Institute, New Delhi, November 14-15, 2000.
- “Competition and institutional reform,” keynote at Connect 2000 conference, COFETEL [Mexican Telecom Regulatory Agency], Cancun, Mexico, October 24-25, 2000.
- “Designing regulatory institutions,” 3rd annual scientific meeting of the Economics of Infrastructure Section, Faculty of Technology, Policy and Management, Delft University of Technology, May 19, 2000.
- Panelist, “The future for private companies in the telecommunications markets of developing countries,” Development Summit held as part of the International Telecommunication Union's 8th World Telecom Forum, Geneva, October 10-17, 1999.
- Weekly presenter on global/technology issues, *Shanida Ayubowan* [Saturday morning TV magazine program], Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation, August 1998-June 1999.

SELECTED TEACHING & TRAINING

- Instructor, units on use of comparative indicators in regulation, alternative dispute resolution and alternative regulatory practices, and broadband for small countries, Pacific ICT Regulatory Resource Center at University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji, 10-11 November 2011.
- Instructor, Tutorials for young scholars on ICT policy and regulation-relevant research, CPRAfrica conferences in Cape Town (April 2010) and Nairobi (April 2011).
- Director of two-day training program on “Communication for influence on policy and practice,” for members of DREAM-IT project, Ulaan Baator, Mongolia, 16-17 October 2009.
- Presenter at LIRNE.NET course on regulation at the Graduate School of Business, University of Cape Town, 14-17 April 2009 and 12-16 April 2010.
- Director and presenter at LIRNE.NET courses on regulation at Singapore, June 2008, February-March 2007, September 2005.
- Director and module coordinator (Regulatory Effectiveness and Telecommunications), 8th SAFIR core course (eight days), Kandy, Sri Lanka, April 1-8, 2007.
- Director and instructor, Tutorials for young scholars on ICT policy and regulation-relevant research, CPRsouth conferences in Manila (January 2007); Chennai (December 2007); Beijing (December 2008); Negombo (December 2009) and Xi’an (December 2010) and also in Singapore, July 2010.
- Designer and instructor, *infoDev*-Pacific Islands Forum Capacity Building Workshop for ICT/Telecom Regulators and Policymakers in the Pacific, Nadi, Fiji, October 2-3, 2006.
- Module instructor, Functions and design of infrastructures, Executive MBA course, University of Moratuwa, January-March 2006.
- Designer, coordinator & principal lecturer, Executive MBA courses on industrial organization of infrastructures and law and regulation of infrastructures, University of Moratuwa, 2004-07.
- Presentations on independent regulation and universal access to seminar for Central Asian policy makers and regulators organized by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Fujisawa and Tokyo, Japan, August 24-28, 2004.
- Presenter at Regulate regulatory training course offered by LIRNE.NET in Antigua, Guatemala, September 8-12, 2003.
- Co-director and presenter at five-day LIRNE.NET course on regulation at St. George’s, Grenada, February 25-March 1, 2002.
- Director and presenter at three-day course on infrastructure regulation for the Bhutan Telecommunications Authority, Thimphu, Bhutan, December 19-21, 2001.
- Co-director and presenter at five-day LIRNE.NET course on regulation at Aloe Ridge, South Africa, November 5-11, 2001.
- Co-director and presenter at six-day LIRNE.NET course on regulation at Rabat, Morocco, September 9-16, 2001.
- Director and sole presenter at course of Alternative Dispute Resolution in Telecom Regulation, LINK Centre, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, August 30-31, 2001.
- Co-director and presenter at five-day LIRNE.NET course on regulation and a two-day tutorial at Hilleroed, Denmark, March 9-16, 2001.
- Presentations on regulatory strategy, South Asian Forum on Infrastructure Regulation (SAFIR) Workshop, Dhaka, Bangladesh, September 12-13, 2000.
- Presentations on competition and establishment of regulatory agencies, International Training Program on Utility Regulation and Strategy, Gainesville FL, June 2000 & January 2001.
- Internal regulatory training, World Bank, Washington DC, March 30, 2000.
- Presentations on alternative dispute resolution, competition, regulatory legitimacy, telecom liberalizations in the USA, UK, Mexico, South Africa and Sri Lanka, design of regulatory agencies and regimes, price regulation, interconnection, user studies, universal access, and consumer relations at core training programs of South Asian Forum on Infrastructure Regulation, Kandy, Sri Lanka, April 1-8, 2007; Agra, India, Oct 22-30, 2005; Bhurban, Pakistan, October 3-11, 2004; Marawila, Sri Lanka, August 3-11, 2003; Goa, India, September 14-25, 2002; Agra, October 7-19, 2001; Dambulla, Sri Lanka, December 4-15, 2000; Agra, February 7-18, 2000.
- Over 15 years of graduate and undergraduate teaching experience at the Ohio State University, the University of Pennsylvania, the Delft University of Technology, and the University of Moratuwa on policy, economics, regulation, and communication.