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Rohan Samarajiva is Executive Director of LIRNEasia [pronounced Learn Asia], a regional Information and Communication Technology (ICT) policy and regulation think tank active across South and Southeast Asia. He is Senior Advisor to Sarvodaya (Sri Lanka's leading Community Based Organization) and serves on the ICT Subcommittee of the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce and on the Board of the Lanka Software Foundation. He is Board Member of Communication Policy Research south (CPR_{south}), which seeks to identify and foster policy intellectuals active in ICT policy and regulation. He is a visiting faculty member at the TERI University in New Delhi and serves on the editorial boards of eight academic journals and writes an online business column.

Samarajiva was Team Leader at the Ministry for Economic Reform, Science and Technology (2002-04) responsible for infrastructure reforms, including participation in the design of the *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 (2003-04), Visiting Professor of Economics of Infrastructures at the Delft University of Technology (2000-03) and Associate Professor of Communication and Public Policy at the Ohio State University (1987-2000).

Among his recent publications are *ICT infrastructure in emerging Asia: Policy and regulatory roadblocks* (New Delhi & Ottawa: Sage & IDRC, 2008), a co-edited volume of findings from LIRNEasia's first cycle of research, and articles in the journals *The Information Society*, *Information Technology and International Development*, and *New Media and Society*.

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.

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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 a year, currently funded primarily by International Development Research Centre of Canada)
- Member of the Board of Directors, Communication Policy Research *south* (CPR*south*), 2007-11
- Member, Academic Affairs Board, Sri Lanka Institute for Tourism and Hotel Management, 2007-
- Member of the Board, Lanka Software Foundation, 2003-
- Visiting Faculty, TERI University, New Delhi, 2004-
- Guest columnist, "Choices," *Lanka Business Online*, www.lankabusinessonline.com, 2005-
- Guest columnist, "Vikalpa," *Ravaya*, Sinhala weekly newspaper, 2006, 2008-
- Contributing writer, *Montage*, Sri Lanka news monthly, 2007-

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

- Policy Advisor, Ministry of Telecommunications and Posts, Government of Bangladesh, 2006-07.
- Guest columnist, *Montage*, Sri Lanka news monthly, 2007.
- 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

- 2009 R. Samarajiva, Peace of mind for a tourist paradise, *World Disaster Review*, forthcoming.
R. Samarajiva and N. Waidyanatha, Two complementary mobile technologies for disaster risk reduction through warning, *Info*, forthcoming.
- 2008 S.N. Gamage & R. Samarajiva, Internet presence as knowledge capacity: The case of information and communication technology infrastructure reform, *Information Technology and International Development*, 4(3): 89-96. <http://www.mitpressjournals.org/doi/pdfplus/10.1162/itid.2008.00019>
R. Samarajiva, Between a rock and a hard place, *Southasiadisasters.net*, issue 46, April 2008, p. 16.
R. Samarajiva & A. Zainudeen (eds.), *ICT infrastructure in emerging Asia: Policy and regulatory roadblocks*, New Delhi & Ottawa: Sage and IDRC, including main introduction, section introductions and two co-authored chapters. [Book]
- 2007 R. Samarajiva, Changing policy, *Beyond Tunis: Flightplan 1.5*: 8-9.
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R. Samarajiva & S. Gamage, Bridging the digital divide: Building Asia-Pacific capacity for effective reforms, *The Information Society*, 23(2), 109-117.
- 2006 R. Samarajiva and H. Galpaya, Comment (Sri Lanka), *Regional Development Dialogue*, Special Issue on Pro-poor e-governance, 27(2): 236-239.
R. Samarajiva, Preconditions for effective deployment of wireless technologies for development in the Asia-Pacific, *Information Technology and International Development*, 3(2): 57-71.
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R. Samarajiva & R. Singh, Extending access to services: Policy and regulatory reforms and smart subsidies, chapter 6 of *From envisioning to designing e Sri Lanka: Joining the information services economy*, volume 1, Nagy K Hanna. Washington DC: Finance and Private Sector Development Unit, South Asia Region, The World Bank.
R. Samarajiva, D. Goswami and R. Ennen, 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. <http://www.lirneasia.net/2006/01/dam-safety-concept-paper-released/> 23 January.
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R. Samarajiva & A. Dokeniya with Sabina Fernando, Shan Manikkalingam & Amal Sanderatne, Regulation and investment: Sri Lanka case study, 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/>
R. Samarajiva & A. Zainudeen, e-Government as part of Sri Lanka's overall development strategy, *e Gov*, May-June, 9-12
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R. Samarajiva, M. Knight-John, P. Anderson & A. Zainudeen, 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, <http://www.lirneasia.net/2005/03/national-early-warning-system/>, 17 March.
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- R. Samarajiva & A. Henten, Rationales for convergence and multi-sector regulation. *Communications & Strategies*, vol. 46, 2nd Quarter, http://www.idate.fr/an/publi/revu/num/dern/index_a.html#som
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- R. Samarajiva, Why regulate?, chapter 2 of *Effective regulation: Trends in Telecommunication Reform 2002*. Geneva: International Telecommunication Union.
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- 1990 R. Samarajiva & P. Shields, Value issues in telecommunication resource allocation in the third world, in *Telecommunications, values and the public interest*, ed. S. B. Lundstedt, pp. 227-53. Norwood NJ: Ablex.
R. Samarajiva & P. Shields, Integration, telecommunication, and development: Power in the paradigms, *Journal of Communication*, 40(3): 84-105.
- 1989 R. Samarajiva, Appropriate high tech: Scientific communication options for small third world countries, *The Information Society*, 6(1/2): 29-46.
- 1988 R. Samarajiva, Consecuencias para la periferia de las nuevas tecnologías de información-comunicación, *Telos* [Madrid], no. 15 (special issue for 16th Congress of the International Association

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1987 R. Samarajiva, Le nouvel ordre de l'information: rétrospective et prospective, *Revue Tiers-Monde*, t. XXVIII, no. iii: 677-86.

SELECTED HONORS

- Elected Board Member at Large, International Communication Association, 2008-10.
- 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 and 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, August 31-September 1, 2006.
- Expert advisor, Trade Cell, Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, 2006-
- Member, ICT Subcommittee, Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, 2005-
- 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, Regional Human Development Report on Information and Communication Technologies and Human Development, UNDP's Asia-Pacific Regional Initiative, 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.
- Invited participant at the International Discussion Forum of the National IT and Telecom Agency of Denmark, 17-18 October, 2002.
- Advisor on research priorities on information-communication technologies, 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-
- *South African Journal of Information and Communication*, 2004-
- *International Journal of Regulation and Governance*, 2002-
- *Information Technology and International Development*, 2002-
- *Telecommunications Policy*, 2001-
- *Communication Review*, 2000-
- *New Media and Society*, 1997-

SELECTED RECENT PRESENTATIONS AND INTERVIEWS

- “Roadmap to affordable mobility,” interview published in *Expanding Horizons*, 4/2008, <http://expandinghorizons.nokia.com/issues/?issue=ExpandingHorizonsQ42008&page=4>, pp. 4-6
- “Banded forbearance: A new approach to price regulation,” competitive paper at CPRsouth3, Beijing, 5-7 December 2008. Co-author: Tahani Iqbal.
- “Natural justice by the wayside in public interest litigation?” *Financial Times*, 27 November 2008. <http://www.dailymirror.lk/DM BLOG/Sections/frmNewsDetailView.aspx?ARTID=33405>
- “Small Screen, Big Scream: How much has the mobile really delivered, how much more to come?” presentation at the International Institute of Communication annual conference, Hong Kong, 3-4 November 2008.
- “New media and challenges,” presentation at the workshop on the Colombo Declaration on Media Freedom and Social Responsibility, Sri Lanka Press Institute, Colombo, 22 October 2008.
- “Economic freedom and consumer rights: Lessons from Sri Lanka experience,” Seminar of economic freedom, organized by the SAARC Chamber of Commerce, Colombo, 16 October 2008.
- “Introducing broadband: Investment conditions, regulatory challenges and addressing QoS,” presentation at Telecoms World South Asia 2008 conference, Dhaka, 7-8 October, 2008.
- Member, industry leader’s panel and Chair, Regulatory and 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.
- “Telecom tariffs in SAARC countries,” *Dawn Economic & Business Review* (Pakistan), 21 July 2008, p. 4.
- Thirty-minute interview on Sri Lanka telecom sector and security-related regulations on *BizFirst InFocus*, Sri Lanka’s highest-rated business-news program, 18 July 2008.
- “Sustainable development: What can ICTs contribute?” invited dinner speech at Second International Symposium organized by the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, Belihuloya, 10 July 2008.
- “Banded forbearance,” presentation at 17th Biannual Conference of the International Telecommunications Society, Montreal, June 24-27, 2008.
- “Reexamining universal service policies in telecommunications: Lessons from three countries,” paper presented at 17th Biannual Conference of the International Telecommunications Society, Montreal, June 24-27, 2008. Co-author: Payal Malik.
- “Intelligent regulation,” presentation at Expert Forum on ICT Sector Indicators and Benchmark Regulation for SAARC national regulatory authorities, Singapore, June 14-15, 2008.
- “Who’s got the phone? The gendered use of telephones at the bottom of the pyramid,” paper at International Communication Association Conference, Montreal, May 26, 2008. Co-authors: Ayesha Zainudeen, Tahani Iqbal, Dimuthu Ratnadiwakara.
- Presenter, “Bridging scholar/activist divides in the field of communication,” International Communication Association per-conference, Montreal, May 22, 2008.
- “Asia at the leading edge of communication and new media developments?” Keynote presentation at International Conference on Information, Communication and New Media & the First Annual Convention of the Information and Communication Association of Taiwan, Tamkang University, Taipei, May 17, 2008.
- “More than voice at the bottom of the pyramid: Telecom for development in Asia,” Information Communication Technologies and Society Center, University of Salzburg, April 3, 2008.
- “Information society policies and implementation in Asia,” invited plenary speaker, Euro CPR [European Communication Policy Research] Conference, Sevilla, March 31, 2008.

- Presentation on the design of an effective regulatory agency to four of seven newly appointed members of the Electricity Regulatory Commission of Thailand, Sheraton Grande Sukhumvit Hotel, Bangkok, March 1, 2008.
- Participant and working group leader at Roundtable on India's Mobile Future, Aspen Institute India and Confederation of Indian Industry, Trivandrum, India, February 7-9, 2008.
- "Business intelligence: Should there be limits?" Asian Business Forum 2008, organized by the Asia Marketing Federation and the Sri Lanka Institute of Marketing. Colombo, January 26, 2008.
- One-hour interview on "Kelin Kathava" program modeled on BBC's Hard Talk, Sirasa TV (Sinhala), January 9, 2008.
- "Taking e-gov to the bottom of the pyramid now: Dial-a-gov?" paper at CPR_{south2}, Chennai, December 15, 2007. Co-authors: Helani Galpaya (senior author) and Shamistra Soysa.
- "Creating Digital Opportunities from Digital Divide," presentation at India Telecom 2007, organized by Government of India and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi, December 13, 2007.
- "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.
- "Elements of a community-based warning system" and "Roles of policymakers, regulators, private sector and civil society," presentations at Knowledge sharing workshops on last-mile hazard information project, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, Dhaka, October 25, 2007; India Habitat Centre (organized by All India Disaster Management Centre), New Delhi, November 19, 2007; and Hotel Borobudur, Jakarta (organized by the Indonesian Institute for Disaster Preparedness), March 5, 2008.
- "Teleuse @ bottom of the pyramid: More than voice," 2nd National University of Singapore-Buzzcity Digital Forum Lecture, October 19, 2007, Singapore.
- "Telecom Regulatory Environment (TRE) assessment: Methodology and implementation results from five emerging economies" paper at the 35th Telecom Policy Research Conference, Fairfax VA, September 28-30, 2007. Co-authors: Helani Galpaya, Divakar Goswami and Dimuthu Ratnadiwakara, with contributions from Payal Malik, Joseph Wilson, Lorraine Carlos Salazar, and Malathy Knight John.
- "Teleuse @BOP: Owner users, non-owner users and how they use phones at the Sri Lanka BOP," 2nd Knowledge Forum of Sri Lanka Telecom Limited, Habarana, Sri Lanka, September 15, 2007.
- "Broadband benchmarks South Asia: Performance indicators for effective policy and regulation," keynote address 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.
- "Universal service in telecom: Regional experience," presentation to SAFIR Workshop on Universal Service Obligation, New Delhi, July 15th, 2007.
- "Telecom regulatory environment 2006," main presentation at Workshop on Telecom Regulatory Environment and Teleuse at the BOP organized by the Pakistan Telecommunications Authority, Islamabad, June 14, 2007 (with Joseph Wilson et al.). <http://www.lirneasia.net/2007/06/lirneasia-presents-its-research-in-pakistan/>
- "Measuring regulatory performance," keynote presentation at 8th SAFIR core course, Kandy, Sri Lanka, April 1, 2007.
- "Connecting the rural millions: Findings from a multi-country study of teleuse@BOP," presentation at the 15th Convergence India conference, New Delhi, March 21, 2007.
- "Widening access for rural communities," panelist, GSM>3G Conference, organized by Informa Telecom, Mumbai, January 22-23, 2007.
- "Telecom regulatory environment: A six-country comparison," paper presented at CPR_{south1} conference, Manila, January 19, 2007 [Co-authors Divakar Goswami and Helani Galpaya with contributions from Payal Malik, Joseph Wilson, Lorraine Carlos Salazar, Malathy Knight John and Deunden Nikomborirak].
- "Space for citizen journalism," keynote presentation at Seminar on Citizen Journalism organized by the Centre for Policy Alternatives, Colombo, Sri Lanka, January 10, 2007.
- "Tsunami warning," interview on *As it Happens*, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation radio news program, December 26, 2006.

- Comments from the chair, “Universal, ubiquitous, equitable, affordable” session, ITU Telecom World 2006, Hong Kong, December 4-8, 2006. <http://www.lirneasia.net/wp-content/uploads/2006/12/Universal,%20ubiquitous,%20equitable,%20affordable.pdf>
- Invited expert, “Business and finance – investing in the next generation,” ITU Telecom World 2006, Youth Forum, Hong Kong, December 4-8, 2006.
- “Sri Lankan media politics in the new era,” Workshop on Good Governance and Peace Building in Sri Lanka, Kandy, Sri Lanka, October 21, 2006.
- “Enabling investment: Lessons from the region,” presentation at Seminar organized by MASTEL and BRTI, Jakarta, September 21, 2006. http://www.mastel.or.id/files/HarbhakPostel_Seminar/13_Rohan%20-%20MASTEL%20investment%20-%20RS.pdf#search=%22mastel%20samarajiva%22
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- “Emerging trends in the telecommunications industry: Local and global perspectives,” Chartered Financial Analysts Sri Lanka Professional Development Program, Colombo, 24 August 2006.
- “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,” invited dinner speech at First International Symposium organized by the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, Belihuloya, 7 July 2006.
- “Lessons from the tsunami,” presentation at “Using ICTs for effective disaster management forum,” Commonwealth Telecommunications Organization, Ahungalle, Sri Lanka, 26 June 2006.
- “Action research on last-mile hazard information,” plenary presentation at International Forum, Global Knowledge Partnership, Colombo, 9 May 2006.
- “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,” presentations at 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/>
- “Telecom: Opportunities for public and private sector participation,” presentation to delegation of Korean ICT leaders at invitation of Korean Embassy in Sri Lanka, Colombo, 8 December 2005.
- Keynote presentation on “Submarine connectivity for ITES sector and the public of Bangladesh,” Seminar on Submarine connectivity: National readiness organized by Bangladesh Association of Software and Information Services, Dhaka, 1 December 2005. <http://www.lirneasia.net/2005/12/bangladesh-to-be-connected-to-submarine-cable-next-week/>
- Panelist, “Do policy and regulation matter?” *infoDev* Forum, World Summit on the Information Society, Tunis, 17 November, 2005. <http://www.lirneasia.net/2005/12/do-policy-regulation-matter/>
- “Wireless communication and development: Reviewing the evidence,” High-level workshop on wireless communication and development: A global perspective, Annenberg Research Network on International Communication, 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 the Centre for Policy Alternatives, Tholangamuva, Sri Lanka, 9 September 2005.
- “Embedding competition principles in telecom regulation,” presentation with Malathy Knight-John at Meeting on “advocacy and capacity building on competition policy and law in Asia,” CUTS Centre for Competition Investment & Economic Regulation, Hanoi, 16-17 August 2005.

- “Mobilizing ICTs for early warning: Lessons of the 2004 tsunami,” plenary presentation at the International Association for Media and Communication Research conference, Taipei, 26-28 July 2005. <http://www.lirneasia.net/2005/07/icts-and-early-warning/>
- “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,” presentation at e Transformation conference organized by the World Bank, New Delhi, 16-18 March 2005.
- “Competition in telecom sector: Regulator’s role,” presentation at Seminar on Competition Regulation in a Multi-operator Environment, organized by Badan Regulasi Telekomunikasi Indonesia and Mastel, Jakarta, 9 March 2005.
- “Learning from the tsunami,” presentation to monthly meeting of the Sri Lanka Institute of Directors, Galadari Hotel, Colombo, 24 February 2005.
- On lack of early warning system for disasters, *Assignment*, BBC World Service, 15 and 16 January, 2005, http://www.bbc.co.uk/print/pressoffice/pressreleases/stories/2005/01_january/14/sri_lanka.shtml
- “What happened in Sri Lanka and why it won’t be so bad next time,” presentation at closing plenary of Pacific Telecom Council conference, Honolulu, Hawai’i, 19 January 2005.
- “Expanding access to ICTs: Regulatory reforms and smart subsidies,” presentation (with Ritin Singh) at Regional conference on universality of infrastructures, The Resources and Energy Institute, New Delhi, December 6, 2004.
- “Handicapping the runners in the global race,” keynote speech 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 *Lankadipa*, December 8, 2004, p. 22).
- “Sri Lanka case study on regulation and investment” at World Dialogue on Regulation Expert Forum organized by LIRNEasia, Mount Lavinia, Sri Lanka, September 17-18, 2004 (with Sabina Fernando).
- “Extending access to ICTs: Regulatory reforms and smart subsidies,” plenary presentation at ITU Telecom Asia, Busan, Korea, September 9, 2004.
- “Independent regulation” and “universal access funds,” presentations at European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and Japan International Cooperation Agency, August 22-28, 2004. <http://www.ictseminar.org/ICTWorkshop/Presentations.asp?ID=37&CategoryID=732>
- “Universal e government and the digital divide,” presentation at Asia-Pacific 2004 Public Service Summit, organized by UNDP Asia Pacific Development Information Programme and CISCO Systems, Inc., Beijing, July 15-16, 2004, <http://www.apdip.net/public-services/papers/samarajiva.pdf>.
- “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,” presentation at regional workshop on competition policy, competitiveness and globalization, organized by the World Bank and the European Commission, Colombo, May 19-20, 2004.
- “Telecommunications in Sri Lanka: Development and opportunities,” presentation at South Asia communications infrastructure conference, organized by the US Trade and Development Agency, New Delhi, April 21-23, 2004.
- “Dependency road revisited: Globalization and services trade liberalization in South Asia,” Ninth Smythe Lecture at the School of Communication, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C., Canada, March 29, 2004.
- “e Sri Lanka” an interview with the Development Gateway, January 19, 2004, <http://www.developmentgateway.org/node/133831/sdm/docview?docid=866975>
- “Convergence and multi-sector regulation,” presentation at 43rd meeting of the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organization Council, Kampala, September 8, 2003.
- “Regulating in an imperfect world: The Sri Lankan experience,” presentation at APEC Privatization Forum and Expert Meeting on Utility Regulation, Bangkok, June 16, 2003.
- “Regulatory issues in infrastructure development in Sri Lanka,” presentation at Annual Bank Conference on Development Economics (ABCDE), organized by the World Bank, Bangalore, May 21-23, 2003.
- “Information and communication technologies and human development,” keynote presentation 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>
- “e-Sri Lanka infrastructure issues,” presentation to symposium organized by the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, Colombo, December 17, 2002.
- “Redefining universal service: Policy and regulatory actions.” In *Proceedings of ITU Telecom Asia 2002 Forum*, Hong Kong, December 2002. http://www.itu.int/TELECOM/ast2002/cfp/pap_5195.doc
- “Changing regulatory framework,” 5th CEO Forum, Lanka Business Reports/Lanka Business Online, November 17, 2002.
- “Making regulation pro-poor: Regulatory system design -- Lessons from telecom,” PPIAF-ADB Conference on Infrastructure Development, Manila, October 28-30, 2002. <http://www.ppiaf.org/conference/docs/Papers/Manila%20-%20Rohan.pdf>
- “Multisector regulation: The Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka,” presentation to symposium organized by the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, Colombo, September 25, 2002.
- “Multisector regulation,” presentation to the 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?” presentation at 2nd Global Symposium for Regulators, International Telecommunications Union, Geneva, December 3-5, 2001.
- “Building effective regulators,” panelist at session of the Telecommunication Development Symposium, Africa Telecom 2001, Johannesburg, South Africa, November 12-16, 2001. http://www.itu.int/TELECOM/aft2001/cfp/auth/4882/pap_4882.pdf
- “Regulating in an imperfect world,” presentation at the 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,” paper presented at 6th Asia-Pacific Regional Conference the International Telecommunications Society, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, July 6-7, 2001.
- “Universal service and digital divide,” presentation to industry seminar on “Challenges in a deregulated telecommunications environment,” Office of the Telecommunications Authority (OFTA), 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), paper presented at 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,” presentation to Asia-Pacific Regulatory Forum organized by the Asia-Pacific Telecommunity and World Bank, Phuket, Thailand, May 15-17, 2001. <http://www.aptsec.org/seminar/apt-meeting-2001.htm>
- “Lessons from fixed-mobile interconnection,” presentation at ANRT (Moroccan Telecom Regulatory Agency), Rabat, May 6, 2001.
- “Lessons from fixed-mobile interconnection,” presentation at workshop on “Practice and Possibilities for Infrastructure Technology Independent Regulation of Interconnection and Access in a Converging Environment,” ICT Section, Faculty of Technology, Policy & Management, Delft University of Technology and the 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,” presentation at national 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 presentation at Connect 2000 conference sponsored by 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.
- Invited 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 and 2nd Interactive Exhibition and 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 (also in May 2000).

SELECTED TEACHING & TRAINING

- Director and presenter at five-day LIRNE.NET course on regulation at Singapore, June 10-14, 2008.
- Director and module coordinator (Regulatory Effectiveness and Telecommunications), 8th SAFIR core course (eight days), Kandy, Sri Lanka, April 1-8, 2007.
- Director and presenter at eight-day LIRNE.NET course on regulation at Singapore, February 25-March 3, 2007.
- 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.
- Director and presenter at five-day LIRNE.NET course on regulation at Singapore, September 25-30, 2005.
- 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 Regulatel 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 subjects.