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Rohan Samarajiva is founding Chair of LIRNE*asia*, an ICT policy and regulation think tank active across emerging Asia. He was CEO for eight years from its inception in 2004. His most recent co-authored book (2013) is *Information lives of the poor: Fighting poverty with technology*, published in Burmese, English, French and Spanish. He serves on the Council of the University of Moratuwa, the Board of the Institute of Technology, University of Moratuwa and the National Advisory Council of the Sri Lanka Archives. He serves as Chair of Sarvodaya Fusion, the ICT unit of Sri Lanka's largest community based organization and advises Advocata Institute, a Sri Lankan economic policy think tank.

He was Chair of the ICT Agency, the apex body for information and communication technology within the government of Sri Lanka in 2018-19, having been one of its founding directors in 2003-05. He 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. Samarajiva as Director General of Telecommunications in Sri Lanka (1998-99), 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). He served on the Specialty Board in Biomedical Informatics of the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo (2018-22). He was a member of the UN Global Pulse Advisory Group on the Governance of Data and Artificial Intelligence. He served on its predecessor, the Data Privacy Advisory Group, since 2015.

He received the SLT ZeroOne Lifetime Achievement Award for contribution as a public policy maker and advocate to influence access to cost effective and high quality digital infrastructure in 2018, was recognized as an Internet Pioneer by the Sri Lanka Chapter of the Internet Society in 2015, and was presented with the "Communication Research as an Agent of Change" award by the International Communication Association in 2009. He co-founded the academic journal *New Media and Society* and serves on the editorial board of *Telecommunications Policy*.

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). He was a member of the Board (2003-22) and Chair of the Lanka Software Foundation. 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. More at: https://lirneasia.net/board/rohan-samarajiva/

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CURRENT POSITIONS
- Board Chair & Founder, LIRNE*asia,* 2004- (non-profit company with a turnover of ~ USD 1 million p.a., funded by International Development Research Centre of Canada, DFID, Ford Foundation, World Bank and others)
- Member of Council, University of Moratuwa & Member of Board of Management, Institute of Technology, University of Moratuwa, 2023-26
- Chair, Board of Management, Sarvodaya Fusion, 2022-23; Member, 2006-
- Member, National Archives Advisory Council, 2019-22, 2023-26
- Member, Drafting Committee, National Archives & Records Management Policy and new Archives law, 2023.
- Member, 4IR Committee of the National Science Foundation, 2022-23
- Member, LK Domain Registry, 2022-
- Member, Advisory Group on Code of Practice Global Social Media and other Internet Companies, 2022-
- Non-Resident Fellow, Carnegie India, 2018-
- Senior Fellow, Pathfinder Foundation, 2015- (participated in Track 2 exchanges with China and India)
- Member of Board of Advisors (2016-) and Chair of Expert Committee on State Owned Enterprises (2021), Advocata Institute
- Guest columnist, *Financial Times*, 2014- and *Anidda*, 2018-

EDUCATION
Ph.D., Simon Fraser University, Canada. 1986 (completed 1985).
M.A. (Communication), Simon Fraser University. 1982.
Attorney-at-Law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka. 1979.

EXPERIENCE
- Chair, Consultative Committee to Refine the Definition of Digital Literacy and Develop Measurement Criteria, Information and Communication Technology Agency, 2023.
- Member, UN Global Pulse Advisory Group on the Governance of Data and AI, 2019-2023. Member, UN Global Pulse Advisory Group on the Governance of Data and AI, 2019-2023.
- Member, Public Expenditure Review Committee, Education, 2023.
- Member, Committee on Court Automation & Digitalization, Bar Association of Sri Lanka, 2021-22.
- Member, Specialty Board in Biomedical Informatics, and Examiner, MSc in Biomedical Informatics & MD in Health Informatics, Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo, 2018-22.
- Member, Advisory Board, CITRA Social Innovation Lab, 2020-22
- Board Chair, Lanka Software Foundation, 2005-07 & 2020-2022; Board Member 2003-2022
- Chair, National Nominating Committee for Eisenhower Fellowships, 2022.
- Contributing writer, *Echelon*, 2021; and *Praja*, 2021.
- Board Chair, Communication Policy Research south (CPRsouth), 2016-20 (member 2007-20).
- Contributor, *A new economic vision for post-COVID-19 Sri Lanka*, Pathfinder Foundation report, 2020.
- Member, Data Privacy Advisory Group, UN Global Pulse, 2015-19.

- Board Chair, ICT Agency of Sri Lanka, 2018-19 (Acting CEO July-October 2019); Board Director, 2003-05.
- Member, Legal, Regulation and Governance Working Group, Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, 2019.
- Chair, Working Committee to Regularize Issuance of Radio and TV Licenses, Ministry of Finance & Mass Media, 2018.
- Member, Governing Council, National Institute of Business Management, 2018-19.
- Member of Experts' Committee appointed by the President to draft *2030 Vision of Sri Lanka*, 2017-18.
- Guest columnist, *Ravaya*, Sinhala weekly newspaper, 2006-18.
- Member of the Board, Research ICT Africa, 2009-17.
- Member, Study Group on Incentives for Investment, Prime Minister's Office, Government of Sri Lanka, 2015.
- Member, Steering Committee on Infrastructure Development, Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, 2013-15.
- Columnist, "Choices," *Lanka Business Online*, www.lankabusinessonline.com, 2005-15.
- Member, Subcommittee on Training, Professional Development and Capacity Building in the Sri Lanka Administrative Service, 2014-15.
- Member, Advisory Committee to UNICEF Sri Lanka on online behavior of youth in Sri Lanka, 2014-15.
- Founder Chair and CEO, LIRNE*asia*, 2004-12.
- Policy Coordinator & Spokesperson, Milinda Moragoda for Mayor Campaign, 2011.
- Member of the Board, International Communication Association, 2010-12.
- 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.
- Contributing writer, *Montage*, Sri Lanka news monthly, 2007-09.
- Visiting Faculty, TERI University, New Delhi, 2004-08.
- 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.
- 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 on Regulation for Network Economies, 2001-07.
- Secretary & Director External Programs, LIRNE.NET, a collaboration among universities of Denmark, the Netherlands, South Africa & the UK, & LIRNE*asia*, 2000-07.
- Visiting Professor of Economics of Infrastructures, Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands, 2000-03.
- Member, Expert Group on International Telecommunication Regulations, International Telecommunication Union, September 1999-2000.
- 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.
- Weekly presenter on global/technology issues, *Shanida Ayubowan [Saturday morning TV magazine program]*, Sri Lanka Rupavahini Corporation, August 1998-June 1999.
- 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/Lobby Correspondent, Sri Lanka Broadcasting Corporation, 1978-79.
- Relief interpreter, Parliament of Sri Lanka, 1978-79.

SELECTED HONORS

- Guest of Honor, 45th Annual Sessions of the Institute of Incorporated Engineers of Sri Lanka, 22 July 2023.
- "Inauthenticity of content in Internet regulation: Who decides and how?" Keynote at inauguration of ICA Hub conference, Manipal, Karnataka, India. 26 May 2023.
- "Disruptive innovations for development," keynote speech at 9th International Conference on Multidisciplinary Approaches, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, December 16, 2022.
- "Data science research in Sri Lanka: Human resource challenges and prospects," keynote at South Eastern University, Annual Science Research Sessions 2021, November 30, 2021.
- "Professor Cyril Ponnamperuma: Multidisciplinary Institution Builder," keynote address at Cyril Ponnamperuma Memorial International Conference on Multidisciplinary Research, National Institute of Fundamental Studies, Kandy, Sri Lanka, January 21, 2020.
- Convocation Speaker, NSBM Green University, Homagama, December 6, 2019.
- Keynote speaker, National IT Conference 2018 and 2019, Computer Society of Sri Lanka, Colombo, October 2, 2018 and October 8, 2019.
- Chief Guest, Graduation Ceremony of Sri Lanka College of Journalism, Colombo, June 11, 2019.
- "Contributions from research to solving Sri Lanka's problems," keynote address at 7th International Research Conference, Sabaragamuwa University, December 19, 2018.
- SLT ZeroOne Lifetime Achievement Award for contribution as a public policy maker and advocate to influence access to cost effective and high quality digital infrastructure, December 11, 2018.
- Chief Guest, Graduation Ceremony of BCS Sri Lanka, Colombo, October 21, 2018.
- Elected Chair, Asia Pacific Information Superhighway Steering Committee, UN ESCAP, 2018-2019.
- Best policy brief award at CPRsouth 2017, Yangon, Myanmar [with Gayani Hurulle].
- "Relevance of social sciences and humanities to global problems," keynote address to International Research Conference on Humanities & Social Science, University of Peradeniya, Peradeniya, July 28, 2017.
- "Communication policy in the age of Facebook," chief guest's address at International Conference on "India's Communication Policy and Strategy," at Manipal University, Karnataka, India, 17-18 March 2017.
- "Representation and stability: Experiences of the Indian and Sri Lankan Constitutions," Lecture at Indian Constitution Day, University of Colombo, 25 November 2016.
- Chief Guest at inauguration of International Research Conference on Humanities and Social Science, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Nugegoda, 10 November 2016.
- Chief Guest at 200th anniversary of Methodist High School, Katunayake, 30 October 2016.
- "Reconnecting the Bay of Bengal," Second BIMSTEC Foundation Lecture organized by BIMSTEC Secretariat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand and Indian Studies Center of Chulalongkorn University, 24 August 2016.
- Sole expert invited from Sri Lanka to the 1st Raisina Dialogue New Delhi, 1-3 March 2016.
- "Communication," 60th Founder's Day Oration at Thurstan College, Colombo, Sri Lanka, 11 January 2016.
- Internet Pioneer Award at 20 years of Internet in Sri Lanka Celebration, Internet Society Sri Lanka, 8 June 2015.
- Invitee from Sri Lanka to World Innovation Summit on Education (WISE 2013 & WISE 2014), Doha, Oct 29-31, 2013 & Nov 4-6, 2014.
- Chair, 1st Annual Telecoms Regulatory Affairs Forum, Singapore, 1-2 July 2013.
- Moderator, panel sessions at Ministerial Program & Asia Pacific Summit, GSMA Mobile World Congress, Barcelona, 26-27 Feb 2013 & at Public Policy Forum, GSMA Mobile Asia Expo, Shanghai, 27 June 2013.
- Sole invitee from Sri Lanka to 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, 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Member, National Reawakening Council, Lanka Jatika Sarvodaya Shramadana Sangamaya, 2005-06.
- Moderator, Ministers' Roundtable on ICT for Development, Asian Forum on Information and Communication Technology Policies and Strategies, Kuala Lumpur, 20-22 October 2003.
- Member, Advisory Committee, UNDP's Asia Pacific Report on Information & Communication Technologies & Human Development, 2003-05.
- 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.
- 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, 1982-83, Simon Fraser University.
- First Scholarship, Attorney's Preliminary Examination; and Prizes in Roman Law and Criminal Law, Sri Lanka Law College, Colombo, 1976.

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Forming policy intellectuals in the Asia Pacific and Africa: Communication Policy Research south, 2006-2018, *Journal of Information Policy*. August. (Samarajiva, R. & Gamage, S.N.). https://doi.org/10.5325/jinfopoli.13.2023.0004
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2021   Data science research in Sri Lanka: Human resource challenges and prospects, in Proceedings of the 10th Annual Science Research Sessions, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka.
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2018   **2004 සුනාමි විපතනයෙන් පසු උගත් දේ, කේ. එල්. ගුණවර්ධන (සංස්කාරක),** *උදාවක උදානය: සර්වෝදය ශාස්ත්‍රීය සංග්‍රහය* **(පිටු 186-201). මොරටුව: සර්වෝදය.** [What was learned after the 2004 tsunami disaster, in K.L. Gunawardene (ed.), *Udaavaka udaanaya: Sarvodaya scholarly collection* (pp. 186-201). Moratuwa: Sarvodaya.]

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2016   Improving the performance of Sri Lankan government universities: Insights from reforms in similar sectors. In *Present status and way forward for public universities in Sri Lanka* (eds. S. Weerakoon & S. M. Perera), pp. 31-46. Nugegoda: Vidya Publishers.

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2015   "'Research to Policy south' and contribution of think tanks: A mechanism to enhance and sustain contributions to policy from think tanks and university faculty," *Status and role of social sciences research in Asia – emerging challenges and policy lessons*, ed. Reena Marwah, pp. 229-242. New Delhi: Indian Council of Social Science Research.

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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, (Zainudeen, A.; Samarajiva, R.; Sivapragasam, N.) (pp. 61-76), *Information Technology and International Development*, 7(3), special edition. http://itidjournal.org/itid/issue/view/44

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        Customer information: Privacy and competitive implications, NRRI 92-11 (R. Burns, R. Samarajiva, & R. Mukherjee). Columbus OH: National Regulatory Research Institute.

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CURRENT EDITORIAL BOARDS
- *Nordic and Baltic Journal of Information and Communication Technologies,* 2007-
- *Telecommunications Policy*, 2001-
- *New Media and Society*, 1997- *(as founding co-editor)*

SELECTED TEACHING & TRAINING
- "WTO, Telecom, Internet," training program at Sri Lanka Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 25 February 2023.
- Two units on regulation at Central Province Passenger Transport Service Authority residential training program conducted by University of Moratuwa, 19-20 October 2021.
- "Role of the state in a market economy," Intensive course on agricultural policy analysis, Post Graduate Institute of Agriculture & Technical Assistance to the Modernization of Agriculture Program, 28 February 2021.
- Customized discussion on theory and practice of regulation to all five members of the Public Utility Commission of Sri Lanka, 7 September 2019.
- Director & instructor, six courses on "How to engage in broadband policy and regulatory processes," supported by Ford Foundation, Bangalore, India, 5-8 April 2013, in Sohna, India, 7-10 March 2014, in Nagarkot, Nepal, 28-31 March 2015, in Marawila, Sri Lanka, 25-28 September 2015, in Dhulikhel, Nepal, 14-17 July 2017, and in Pokhara, Nepal, 16-19 February 2019.
- Instructor, Tutorials for young scholars on ICT policy and regulation-relevant research, CPRsouth conference in Taipei, August 2015; in Zanzibar, September 2016; in Yangon, August 2017; in Maputo, September 2018.
- Introduction to regulation, Awareness Workshop for Staff, National Water Supply and Drainage Board, Ratmalana, Sri Lanka, 12 June 2018.
- Instructor, Workshop on ICT accessibility for persons with disability, Yangon, 12-13 December 2017; Kathmandu, 17-18 March 2018.
- Director & instructor, "A course on regulatory design and practice: Sharing international experience with Myanmar," Nay Pyi Taw, 4-6 September 2017.
- Co-director & instructor, two courses on "How to engage in broadband policy and regulatory processes," supported by Ford Foundation, at IIT Delhi, India, 19-22 August 2016 & 16-19 December 2016.

- Director and instructor, awareness program on e government for Yangon Region Legislature, Yangon, 22-23 June 2016.
- Director & instructor, Course on "Research relevant to broadband policy and regulatory processes," supported by Ford Foundation, New Delhi, 19-22 August 2014.
- Director and instructor, awareness program on ICTs for Myanmar Parliamentarians, Yangon, 26-27 July 2014.
- Director and instructor, five-day course on electricity regulation for Public Utility Commission of Sri Lanka, Colombo, 20-24 May 2014.
- Designer and instructor, two-day module on taking research to policy within UGC refresher course for university faculty on media and governance, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 27-28 January 2014.
- Designer and instructor, five-day program on telecom and Internet regulatory issues for Myanmar civil-society and government personnel, Taungoo, Myanmar, 28 September-2 October, 2013.
- Designer & instructor, one-day program on regulation for Myanmar government officials, Nay Pyi Taw, 20 August 2013.
- Workshop on broadband policy and regulatory issues for developing countries, Singapore, 3 July 2013.
- Units on mobile number portability and policy formulation at PiRRC training course, Suva, Fiji, 19 June 2013.
- Units on international gateway regulation and Pacific indicators at PiRRC training course, Apia, Samoa, 25-26 April 2013.
- Co-director, 12th SAFIR core course (three days), Tulhiriya, Sri Lanka, 5-8 March 2013; Director, 8th SAFIR core course (eight days), Kandy, Sri Lanka, April 1-8, 2007.
- 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, Tulhiriya, Sri Lanka, March 5-8, 2013; Hyderabad, India, March 1, 2012; 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, India, October 7-19, 2001; Dambulla, Sri Lanka, December 4-15, 2000; Agra, India February 7-18, 2000.
- 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), Nairobi (April 2011) and Port Louis (September 2012).
- 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.
- Presentation on the design of an effective regulatory agency to four of seven members of Electricity Regulatory Commission of Thailand, Bangkok, March 1, 2008.
- Director and presenter at LIRNE.NET courses on regulation at Singapore, June 2008, February-March 2007, September 2005.
- 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); Singapore (July 2010); Xi'an (December 2010), Bangkok (December 2011), Mysore (September 2013).
- 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.
- 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 LIRNE.NET course on regulation at St. George's, Grenada, February 25-March 1, 2002: at Aloe Ridge, South Africa, November 5-11, 2001; at Rabat, Morocco, September 9-16, 2001; and at Hilleroed, Denmark, March 9-16, 2001.
- Director and presenter at three-day course on infrastructure regulation for the Bhutan Telecommunications Authority, Thimphu, Bhutan, December 19-21, 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.
- 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, Gainsville FL, June 2000 & January 2001.
- Internal regulatory training, World Bank, Washington DC, March 30, 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.

SELECTED RECENT PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS AND INTERVIEWS
- Keynote on lessons from Sri Lanka's approach to online harms, Digital Freedom Summit, Lalitpur, 9 December 2023.
- "Lessons from Sri Lanka's ongoing efforts to criminalize online expression," CMR Nepal Journalism Academy, Kathmandu, 19 October 2023.
- Moderator, Panel on Debt Restructuring, The Management Club, Colombo, 6 September 2023.
- Finance & Budgeting Refresher for Senior officials of Ministry of Education, Chartered Institute of Management Accountants, Colombo, 8 August 2023.
- "Connecting to global markets," presentation at National Industry Week 2023, Industrial Development Board, Colombo, 28 June 2023.
- "A devolved mechanism to ensure supply of quality drinking water for all," presentation to Chief Secretaries of all nine Provincial Councils, for Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka, 20 June 2023.
- Panelist, "Charting a new course: Expert perspectives on restructuring state owned enterprise reforms," Center for Banking Studies, Colombo, 14 June 2023.
- "Data protection in an interconnected world," Department of Management Studies, IIT Delhi, 6 March 2023.
- Discussant, Panel on "Geopolitical Effects of Economic Changes: Politics in Command," at India in Asia: Deeper Engagement conference, CSEP, March 2023.
- How can we rise together? Presentation at National Conference of the Sri Lanka Institute of Architects, 22 February 2023 [with Randhula de Silva]
- Moderator of panels at Sri Lanka Economic Summit on "Implementing a roadmap for SOE reforms," 6 December 2022; "A resilient economy," 18 September 2019; "Energizing the bureaucracy," 14 September 2018; "Powering the Nation for the Future," 11 July 2013.
- Moderator of Virtual Dialogues on "Content moderation and models of regulation," "Tackling misinformation while protecting freedom of expression," and "Data Protection in an Interconnected World," organized by LIRNEasia, 27 October 2022, 11 October 2021, and 28 June 2021.
- "Transformation of State-owned Enterprises." Transform Now conference, Institute of Chartered Accountants, Thalawatugoda, 14 October 2022.
- "Research to policy in the Global South," CIRCLE Graduate South Asia Conference, September 30, 2022.
- "The Global Impact of TPRC: A retrospective view from offshoot conferences in Asia/Africa (CPRSouth), Latin America (CPR Latam) and Europe (EuroCPR), TPRC 50, Washington DC, 16-17 September 2022 [with Sujata Gamage]
- Panelist, "Centralizing the state's ownership functions," #ReformNow conference, Advocata Institute, 5 August 2022.
- "Ensuring effective performance of universal service schemes," Capacity Building Workshop on "Universal Service Fund Modernization in a Post-COVID19 World"under the Framework of Asia Pacific Information Superhighway, UNESCAP, 23 June 2022 [with Gayani Hurulle]
- "Democratizing future utilities." Lanka Electricity Company corporate planning meeting, 22 June 2022.
- Moderator, Panel on "Failure of the electricity pricing process," Sri Lanka Institution of Engineers, 13 June 2022.

- Panelist: Creating a level playing field for digital trade, UNCTAD E Commerce Week, 25 April 2022.
- "India in 2047: At the center of an interdependent neighborhood," presentation for India and the World in 2047 speaker series, Canada India Research Center for Learning and Engagement, 9 March 2022.
- Panelist, "Closing Digital Divide in the Age of Global Digital Interdependence," International AI Cooperation and Governance Forum 2021, Tsinghua University & UNDP, 4 December 2021
- Keynote at "ආර්ථිකයට ජාතික සම්මුතියක්" event with multi-party participation organized by Advocata Institute, 24 November 2021.
- "Achieving a More Sustainable Future for All: The Role of ICTs," International Masters Program "Digital Communication Leadership" at University of Salzburg, 15 November 2021.
- Panelist, Commerce and Connectivity, International Conference on Strategic High Tide in the Indo-Pacific: Economics, Ecology and Security, Observer Research Foundation, 10 November 2021.
- "Digital citizenship: Real v virtual," at Launches of "Be Internet Awesome" and "We think Digital with IT යහමග 2021," Sarvodaya Fusion, 20 November 2021 & 3 November 2021.
- Social and cultural implications of ICTs in rural development, at The 2nd International Conference on ICT for Rural Development, Ministry of Communications and Informatics Indonesia, 27 October 2021.
- Moderator of Third CSSL Dialogue on "New trends in GSLI and Sri Lanka's attractiveness in IT and ITES" [organized in response to op-eds https://www.ft.lk/opinion/Warning-signs-for-Sri-Lanka-s-IT-BPM-sector/14-720652 & https://www.ft.lk/opinion/How-to-overcome-the-people-skills-availability-constraint/14-721292], Computer Society of Sri Lanka, 27 September 2021.
- "Digital citizenship, safety and hygiene," keynote for Launch of We Think Digital, Computer Society of Sri Lanka, 31 August 2021.
- "Safety of information in a technology driven world," webinar organized by the Institute of Chartered Professional Managers Sri Lanka, 27 August 2021.
- "Right to Mobile Data and Freedom of Expression under a Pandemic Situation," webinar organized by the Young Professionals Network for Democracy, 1 August 2021.
- Moderator, "Deconstructing hateful narratives – shaping new narratives," UNESCO regional dialogue, 23 June 2021.
- Panelist, Webinar on "Nepal Rural Telecom Development Fund Utilization," 8 May 2021.
- Panelist, Webinar on "The Port City and its impact on Sri Lanka's future," National Unity Forum, 4 May 2021.
- "Digitalization in energy: Challenges & way forward," Launch of Sri Lanka Smart Energy Council, 29 April 2021.
- Speaker, "Connectivity," Webinar on Connectivity between India and Sri Lanka, Vivekananda International Foundation & Pathfinder Foundation, 7 April 2021.
- "Media regulation," Residential Workshop for Media Professionals, Aithiya, 28 March 2021.
- "Interdependency and self-reliance," Webinar on Reimagining South Asia, Indian Institute of Public Policy, 2 March 2021.
- Speaker, U.S.-Sri Lanka Roundtable, Asia Society Policy Institute & Pathfinder Foundation, 19 January 2021.
- Panelist, "AI governance for Sustainable Development," Tsinghua University International AI Cooperation and Governance Forum 2020, 18 December 2020.
- "Risk communication in a pandemic: Preliminary findings from the Asia Pacific," talk at webinar on SDG Sensitive Risk Communication & Community Engagement Response to COVID – 19, Tezpur University (Assam, India), 17 December 2020. (& Ramathi Bandaranayake).
- Panelist, "Media and disaster risk communication," Virtual International Symposium on Multi-Hazard Early Warning and Disaster Risk Reduction, Colombo, 16 December 2020.
- Discussant, "IT sector and the Northern Province," Jaffna Managers' Forum webinar, 29 November 2020.
- Panelist, "A new Constitution appropriate for the country," (7 November 2020); "Why a Constitution?" (29 November 2020), "Independent Commissions" (13 December 2020); and "Electoral reforms" (28 February 2021), Higher education (21 July 2021), "Direct democracy for Sri Lanka: Is representative democracy a mirage?" (19 September 2021) National Movement for Social Justice Kathikava webinar series.
- Panelist, "Deepening India - Sri Lanka Ties in the New World Order," RIS and Pathfinder Foundation, webinar, 29 October 2020.

- Panelist, "Realizing value in countries at varying degrees of readiness," fourth session of the UNCTAD Intergovernmental Group of Experts on E-commerce and the Digital Economy (IGE), Geneva, 14-15 October 2020.
- Panelist, "Data intelligence in COVID-19 response," Dhaka Forum, webinar, 9 August 2020.
- Invitee, ITU COVID-19 economic experts' roundtable, 26 June 2020.
- Panelist, Digital citizenship in the new normal, Sarvodaya Fusion, 25 June 2020.
- "Skills needed in the 'new normal,'" Sri Lanka Technological Campus, 15 June 2020.
- Panelist, "Sri Lanka's economic policies post-COVID-19: Inward vs outward policies," Advocata Institute, 23 May 2020.
- "Technology-based society elements in National Policy Framework Vistas of Prosperity & Splendour," Marga Institute, Colombo, 20 February 2020.
- "Consumerism and citizenship in digital society: Regulation of digital space," Neelan Tiruchelvam Trust, Colombo, 14 February 2020.
- Panelist, "Sambandh: Reconnecting India and the region," Brookings India, New Delhi, 6 February 2020.
- Panelist, "Phone recordings: Legal and ethical implications," Centre for Journalism and Education, Colombo, 22 January 2020.
- Presentation on "Agency and autonomy: Reflecting on the beginnings of the communication and development field," 1st Shillong International Communication Conference, EFL University, Shillong Campus, India, 13 December 2019.
- "Social innovation with impact," keynote at Conference on "From Innovation to Impact," Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science & Sri Lanka Inventors' Commission, Colombo, 22 November 2019.
- Invited discussant, "Developing robust cyber security mechanisms in the 21st Century," Lakshman Kadirgamar Institute, Colombo, 14 October 2019.
- Panel member, "Policy dialogue on the importance of an efficient energy sector for economic & investment growth" Colombo, 26 September 2019.
- "Hate speech," presentation at 1st Asia Democracy Research Network regional symposium, Colombo, 16 September 2019.
- Presentation on "Challenges of data-informed governance in Sri Lanka," at National conference on public sector in the digital era, Royal School of Administration, Phnom Penh, 4 March 2019.
- "Freedom at risk," dinner talk, and "Why are we afraid of opening up?" public lecture, at Asia Liberty Forum, Colombo, 28 February 2019.
- "Boards in the digital age," Sri Lanka Institute of Directors, Colombo, 30 January 2019.
- Presentation on "Data-Driven Governance in Sri Lanka" at inaugural plenary of Workshop on Data Driven Governance, APCICT, Incheon, South Korea, 5-7 December 2018.
- Presentation on "ICT acess and use by persons with disabilities in Nepal," and on "Use of e commerce in Nepal," Nepal IGF 2018, Kathmandu, 2-3 November 2018.
- "Countries of a feather: Analyzing homophily and connectivity between nations using Facebook data," paper presented at TPRC 46, Arlington VA, September 21-22, 2018 [Wijeratne, Y.; Lokanathan, S.; Samarajiva, R.]
- Invited participant, Global Summit on Grand Challenges for Tech Policy, University of Washington, Seattle USA, August 6-8, 2018; and August 2-4, 2016.
- "Use of data analytics in transport," presentation as Chief Guest at Research for Transport and Logistics Industry 2018 conference, Battaramulla, Sri Lanka, 7 July 2018.
- "Transforming Public Services and Improving Public Sector Productivity: Role of ICTs," International Forum on Public Sector Productivity, Colombo, 2 July 2018.
- "IT sector contribution for Northern Province," Jaffna Managers' Forum, Nallur, 27 June 2018.
- "Managing misinformation and disinformation," Symposium on Media and Democracy: Misinformation, fake news and its impact on National Security, Institute of National Security Studies Sri Lanka, Colombo, 14 June 2018.
- Invited participant, Future State leadership workshop, UN Foundation, Washington DC, 22-24 May 2018.
- "Challenges of digital-age politics," Festival of Our Future - 25th Anniversary Celebratory Event of Bates Strategic Alliance, Colombo, 5 April 2018.
- "Importance of environmental and disaster data," UNDP and Minstry of Disaster Management, Colombo, 19 February 2018.

- "Interrogating community and connectedness using Facebook and mobile network big data," Ashoka University, Rai, Haryana, India, 13 February 2018. [with Yudhanjaya Wijeratne]
- Workshop on future value of data, Future Agenda & Carnegie India, Bengaluru, 10 January 2018.
- "Using technology for governance," panel at Global Technology Summit, Bengaluru, 7-8 December 2017.
- "Confluence (or lack thereof) of data analytics and law," SAARC Law Conference 2017, Colombo, 28 October 2017.
- "Contributions from the service sector to the revival of the Northern Province economy," in Tamil in *Sunday Thinakkural,* 15 October 2017; in English in *Financial Times*, 19 October 2017 [with Perampalam Suthaharan & Mithula Guganesan]
- "Economic freedom and us," public lecture in Sinhala for Advocata Institute, Colombo, 13 October 2017.
- "SDGs amenable to measurement using big data: Examples and challenges," 2017 International Conference on Sustainable Development Goals Statistics, Manila, 4-6 October 2017.
- "Opportunities and challenges in global value chains," Marketing Alumni Association, Colombo, 29 September 2017.
- "Elements of effective broadband policy, based on regional experience," presentation at Sri Lanka Broadband Summit, Colombo, 12 September 2017.
- "Measuring disbursement efficacy of Universal Service Funds: Case studies from India, Malaysia, Pakistan & Sri Lanka," CPRsouth 2017 Conferences, Yangon, 29 August-1 September 2017. [and Gayani Hurulle]
- "Innovation ➔ transformation," presentation at Sri Lanka Economic Summit, Colombo, 25 July 2017.
- "Big data, development and governance," presentation at Carnegie India, New Delhi, 19 July 2017.
- "Considerations for formulating a trade policy for Sri Lanka," *Echelon*, June 14, 2017. http://echelon.lk/home/considerations-for-formulating-a-trade-policy-for-sri-lanka/
- "Way forward for BIMSTEC," presentation at BIMSTEC-Chulalongkorn University conference on strengthening cultural linkages in the Bay of Bengal, Bangkok, 28 May 2017.
- "How may MSMEs be better served by public utilities," presentation at Pathfinder Foundation-Konrad Adenauer Stiftung workshop on social market economy, Colombo, 23 May 2017.
- "Considerations for formulating a trade policy for Sri Lanka," Presentation to the "Peoples' Commission for National Policy on International Trade," Colombo, 18 May 2017.
- "Removing constraints and meeting aspirations: Addressing youth unemployment," keynote speech at Jaffna Science Association 24th Annual Sessions, Jaffna, Sri Lanka, 4 May 2017.
- "Challenges of understanding the ETCA debate," Jaffna Managers' Forum, Jaffna, Sri Lanka, 4 May 2017.
- "Air connectivity: Status and potential," Connectivity Conference organized by Pathfinder Foundation and Carnegie India, Colombo, 28 April 2017.
- Participant at consultation meeting on the establishment of a Data Ethics Council, Raising the Floor International, Washington DC, 21 April 2017.
- "Pre-conditions for the success of Trincomalee as a logistics hub serving the Bay of Bengal," Trincomalee Consultations organized by Pathfinder Foundation and Carnegie India, Colombo, 16-17 February 2017.
- Moderated high-level workshop on Public Private Partnerships in Sri Lanka, for World Bank Sri Lanka Country Office, Colombo, 2 December 2016.
- "Critical Analysis of Current Situation in Sri Lanka," Joint Meeting of Finnish and Sri Lankan Parliamentarians, OneText Initiative, Usvetakeyiyava, 14 October 2016.
- Participant, panel on "The future of universal service obligations," and moderator, panel on "Linking ICT policy and regulation with sustainable development goals and inclusive growth," IIC 2016 conference, Bangkok, 12-13 October 2016.
- "Connectivity in the Bay of Bengal," keynote address at APNIC 42 Conference, Colombo, 3 October 2016.
- "Media response to natural disasters," Ministry of Disaster Management, Colombo, 22 September 2016.
- "Big data for development research in the Global South: Experiential lessons," Symposium on Big Data and Human Development, Oxford Internet Institute, 16 September 2016.
- "Mobile network big data for urban planning in Sri Lanka, International symposium on applied analytics for a smart society organized by Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Moratuwa, Colombo, 1 September 2016.
- "Panel on geopolitics of the Indian Ocean," Chartered Financial Analysts Society Sri Lanka, 26 July 2016.
- "Options for reform of state-owned enterprises," presentation at Colombo Club, 22 July 2016.
- "Regulation under constrained capacity: Lessons for Myanmar," paper for 21st Biennial ITS Conference, Taipei, 26-29 June 2016 (and Gayani Hurulle).

- "Reforms: Why and how," presentation to Management Club, Colombo, 15 June 2016.
- "Improving the performance of Sri Lankan government universities: Insights from reforms in similar sectors," paper for International Industrial Mathematics Conference, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, 4 June 2016.
- "Reforms: Why and how," keynote address at Conference of University of Colombo MBA Alumni Association, Colombo, 17 May 2016.
- "Economic freedom and reform of state owned enterprises," keynote address at launch of Advocata Institute, Colombo, 5 May 2016.
- "Policy Challenges in Embracing Mobile Technology to Promote Socio-economic Development: The case of Myanmar," paper presented at Joint Lee Kuan Yew School-Qualcomm Research Conference on Socio-economic impacts of mobile communication: Implications for ASEAN, Singapore, 22-23 April 2016.
- "Implications of trade agreements for construction services," Chamber of Construction Industry, Colombo, 28 March 2016.
- Moderator of Electricity Consumer Forum 2016, Colombo, 14 March 2016.
- Main presentation at Seminar on "Does Sri Lanka need trade agreements?" Jatika Vidvath Mandalaya, Gampaha, 27 March 2016 and Colombo, 10 March 2016.
- Presentations on e-resilience and big data for disaster risk reduction and response; panel chair on multi-hazard early warning systems at ESCAP Training Workshop, Bangkok, 8-9 March 2016.
- Panel on "Competing globalisations: Managing economic & trade regimes in Asia," 1st Raisina Dialogue, New Delhi, 2 March 2016.
- Panel on "Survival and evolution of Sri Lanka print media in a digital age," Colombo, 26 February 2016.
- Panel on "Political changes across Asia: Are we better or worse off?" Asia Liberty Forum, Kuala Lumpur, 20 February 2016.
- "Proposed electoral reforms," Dr Sunil Gunaratne Memorial Lecture, Colombo, 11 February 2016. With Sujata Gamage.
- "Fighting poverty with technology," talk at College of Communication and Information, Florida State University, Tallahassee, USA, 7 January 2016.
- "Mobile network big data for smarter urban and transport planning," Expert meeting of Environment and Development Division, ESCAP, Bangkok, 14-15 December 2015.
- "Public interest research using big data: Opportunities and privacy implications," presentation at Big Data in the Global South International Workshop, Institute for Technology & Society of Rio de Janeiro, 16-17 November 2015.
- Presentations on access and human rights, big data & privacy and Internet economy at Internet Governance Forum, Joao Pessoa, Brazil, 10-13 November 2015.
- "Big Data for Development: New opportunities for emerging markets," presentation to senior Bangladesh government officials at Access to Information Unit of Prime Minister's Office, Dhaka, 8 October 2015.
- Presentation on impending Right to Information legislation at awards ceremony for investigative journalists organized by Transparency International Sri Lanka, Colombo, 2 October 2015.
- "Good governance in cross-border economic relations," National Management Conference, Colombo, 29 September 2015.
- "Big Data for development. New opportunities for emerging markets," presentation at International JRC-IPTS Workshop on 'Big Data for the Analysis of Digital Economy and Society,' Seville, 22 September 2015.
- "ICT impacts in developing Asia: What we know and what we need to know," lecture at Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, 31 August 2015.
- "Realizing Digital Bangladesh," presentation at Grameenphone event, Dhaka, 2 August 2015.
- "What can be learned from the experience of others?" presentation at Alliance for Affordable Internet event, Yangon, 27 July 2015.
- Panelist, sessions on "Broadband infrastructure and services for the next billion" and "Access to ICTs to further development." Asia Pacific regional Internet Governance Forum, Macau, 1-3 July 2015.
- "Mobile network big data for urban and transportation planning in Colombo, Sri Lanka," Data for Policy conference, Cambridge, 15-17 June 2015 (Samarajiva, R & Lokanathan, S.).
- Participant at Research Workshop on "Big data and resilience: realizing the benefits for developing countries," Data-Pop Alliance, London, 5 June 2015.
- Chaired opening plenary and moderated panel on "Asia country focus," at CommunicAsia 2015, Singapore, 2 June 2015.

- Participant, panel on "Corporate data sharing for the public good: Shades of open," International Open Data Conference, Ottawa, 29 May 2015.
- "Implementable electoral reforms," presentation at workshop organized by the Department of Elections and the UNDP Country Office, Colombo, 20 May 2015.
- "Regulatory and consumer issues in downstream petroleum," presentation at Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka workshop, Colombo, 27 April 2015.
- "Using mobile network big data for urban and transport planning in Colombo," Sri Lanka Institution of Engineers, Colombo, 16 January 2015 (with Sriganesh Lokanathan & Danaja Maldeniya).
- "Mobile network big data for development: Applications and policy issues," presentation at Yuan Ze University, Taiwan, 8 January 2015.
- Moderated panel on "big data for development," and participated in panel on "ITU: Balancing facilitation and participation," at ITU Telecom World 2014, Doha, 7-10 December 2014. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aaKI8oRnLd4
- "Sri Lanka: Broadband infrastructure & international connectivity," UN ESCAP Consultation, Paro, Bhutan, 1-2 October 2014.
- "Resilient ICT infrastructures to support disaster management," paper at National Disaster Management Conference, Colombo, 24-26 September 2014 (with Shazna Zuhyle).
- Presentations on access policy, globalization and cloud computing (four sessions) at Internet Governance Forum, Istanbul, Turkey, 2-5 September 2014.
- "The importance of building in resilience to ICT infrastructures," paper presented at ISCRAM 2014, Colombo, 20 June 2014 (with Shazna Zuhyle).
- "State of play," keynote at Roundtable on national telecom policy convened by Telecom Reporters' Network, Dhaka, 30 April 2014.
- "Consumer protection and the regulator," presentation at PITA-PiRRC policy and regulatory workshop, Port Vila, Vanuatu, 11 April 2014.
- "Mobile platforms to improve telecom & electricity service delivery to poor, urban micro-entrepreneurs in South Asia," 29th Euro CPR conference, Brussels, 24-25 March 2014.
- "'Research to Policy south': A mechanism to enhance and sustain contributions to policy from think tanks and university faculty," paper at Conference on status and role of social sciences research in Asia – emerging challenges and policy lessons, Indian Council on Social Science Research, New Delhi, 14 March 2014. [Samarajiva, R.; Gamage, S.; Kapugama, N.]
- Speaker at panel on regulatory and institutional framework at ICRIER conference on "Indian Telecoms Last Mile: So Near Yet So Far," New Delhi, 7 March 2014.
- "Consumer protection and the regulator," presentation at SAFIR workshop, Colombo, 29 January 2014.
- "Establishment of regulatory mechanisms and policy," presentation at ICT4D research session on Myanmar, and "Problems of evidence-based policy and regulation in PICs," at Pacific Telecom Conference 2014, Honolulu, 20 January 2014.
- "New media and cyber culture," presentation at University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Nugegoda, 5 January 2014.
- "Work in Sri Lanka: Problems, solutions, opportunities," presentation at Work in Sri Lanka conference, Colombo, 23 December 2013.
- "Consumer protection and the regulator," presentation with Helani Galpaya at Communication Regulatory Authority of Namibia, Windhoek, 11 December 2013.
- Speaker at panel at launch of *Information lives of the poor* book at ICTD 2013, Cape Town, South Africa, 10 December 2013.
- Moderator of session on "Balancing competition and subsidies in broadband promotion," ITU Telecom World Forum, Bangkok, 21 November 2013.
- Presentations on cloud computing, trade issues and privacy at Internet Governance Forum, Bali, Indonesia, 22-24 October 2013.
- "Encouraging value-added services & mobile apps: What policy & regulation should avoid," presentation at 13th APT Policy and Regulatory Forum, Kuala Lumpur, 8-10 October 2013.
- "Affordable and usable broadband: Need to address international bottlenecks," presentation to Phil ICT Research Network, Manila, 26 September 2013.
- "The resilience of ICT infrastructures and their role during disasters," UNESCAP expert consultation on Asian Information Superhighway and regional connectivity, Manila, 24-25 September 2013.

- "Sustainable Internet eco-system," public lecture organized by the Nepal Internet Society, Kathmandu, 1 August 2013.
- "Sustainable Broadband in South Asia: What regulators can contribute," & "Regulatory interventions to encourage value-added services and mobile apps," presentations at South Asian Telecom Regulators' Council policy workshop, Nagarkot, Nepal, 31 July-1 August 2013.
- "'Mobile First' in the context of 4G networks and smartphones," Future Gov SAARC Summit, Colombo, 25 June 2013.
- "Trust in electronic space," Daily FT-CIRCA Cyber Security Summit, Colombo, 25 June 2013.
- Panel on sustainable Internet ecosystem and closing plenary on way forward, INET, Bangkok, 7-8 June 2013.
- Moderator of panels on public transport (27 March 2013), higher education (27 August 2013), role of the private sector (7 November 2013), regeneration of Greater Colombo (20 February 2014) and decline in purchasing power (18 June 2014) for LBO-LBR CEO Forum, Colombo.
- "Organizing for policy impact in communication: A Social network analysis," 28th Euro CPR conference, Brussels, 21-22 March 2013 [Gamage, S.; Samarajiva, R. & Kapugama, N.]. http://ssrn.com/abstract=2329608
- "Policy & regulatory actions that will contribute to Digital Bangladesh," main presentation at Seminar organized by the Bangladesh Enterprise Institute, Dhaka, 12 February 2013.
- "E democracy: Preconditions and suggestions," keynote at 13th National ICT Conference of Nepal, Kathmandu, 8-9 February 2013.
- "Network bottlenecks in Pacific broadband?" PTC'13 conference, Honolulu, 20-23 January 2013.
- "Legal and ethical questions and challenges when addressing cyber security and surveillance : two case studies," 3rd South Asian Meeting on Internet and Freedom of Expression, Dhaka, 14-15 January 2013.
- "Infrastructure for e government," 2nd National E Government Conference, Baghdad, 2-3 December 2012.
- "Roads, water, solid waste . . . : Building on the Sri Lanka Infrastructure Assessment Report," presentation at the 1st conference of the Sri Lanka Forum of University Economists, Colombo, 29 November 2012.
- "Building regional connectivity: Insights from research," Committee on ICT and Expert Group Meeting of UNESCAP, Bangkok, 20-22 November 2012.
- Multiple speaking commitments, including as Panelist at Main Session on Internet Governance for Development, at Internet Governance Forum, Baku, Azerbaijan, 6-9 November 2012. http://lirneasia.net/2012/11/attracting-investment-and-encouraging-innovation-why-sending-party-network-pays-proposals-before-wcit-are-wrong/
- Principal speaker at "Media and stakeholder breakfast: Global Internet policy for the developing world," Accra, 26 September 2012.
- "Organizing for policy impact in telecommunication: A framework for action," paper presented at TPRC40, Arlington VA, 23 September 2012. [Gamage,S; Samarajiva, R & Kapugama, N.]. http://ssrn.com/abstract=2032319
- Participant in panel discussion on "A comparison of broadband strategies in developed and developing countries: Perspectives, challenges and lessons," at TPRC 40, Arlington VA, 21 September 2012.
- Discussant, "The Role of Infrastructure in Securing Economic Growth and Transition to Middle Income Country in Sri Lanka (Sri Lanka Infrastructure Assessment - SLIA)," World Bank HQ, Washington DC, 20 September 2012.
- "Estimating Internet Users: An evidence-based alternative in the absence of survey data," paper presemted at CPR*south* 7, Port Louis, Mauritius, 5-7 September 2012. Senior author: Roshanthi Gunaratne.
- "Research to policy: LIRNE*asia* and CPR*south*," Business, Society & Law Seminar, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, Melbourne, 31 July 2012.
- Participant in panel discussion "Independence of ICT regulators," at Pacific Broadband Forum, Denerau Island, Fiji, 26 July 2012.
- "Broadband Service Quality: Diagnosing the Bottlenecks," presentation at 5th Pacific Policy and Regulation Forum, Denerau Island, Fiji, 23 July 2012.
- "Inclusion of the agricultural poor through mobile," Future Gov SAARC Summit, Colombo, 18 July 2012.
- "Connected nation," keynote speech at 30th National Information Technology Conference, Colombo, 11 July 2012.

- "How the poor use ICTs: Findings from multi-country studies of Teleuse at the Bottom of the Pyramid," presentation at Workshop on "What can telecommunications do for agriculture?" organized by LIRNE*asia* in collaboration with Pakistan Telecom Authority, Islamabad, 3 July 2012.
- "Integrating South Asia: The case of telecom," Journalism Workshop on Regional Cooperation in South Asia, Kathmandu, 12-13 June 2012.
- "Tariff regulation," NLSIU-Center for Internet and Society Lecture Series, National Law School of India University, Bangalore, 27 May 2012.
- "Myanmar is last in the world for telecoms: What can be done?" *The Myanmar Times*, 32 (625), 7-13 May 2012. http://ssrn.com/abstract=2055556
- "How the poor use ICTs: Findings from a multi-country atudy of Teleuse@Bottom of the Pyramid," presentation at FAO Workshop on Mobile Technologies for Food Security, Agriculture and Rural Development, Bangkok, 3-4 April 2012.
- "What do we know about the teleuse of those 'not like us'?;" "Broadband: Wireless or wireline? An Asian perspective;" and "ICTs in post-conflict Sri Lanka: Preliminary findings," presentations at ICTD 2012 Conference, Atlanta GA, 12-15 March 2012.
- "Government services delivery: Transformation through mobile," presentation at Government Transformation Forum, Kovalam, India, 6 February 2012.
- "Policy entrepreneurship through research," presentation to IDRC Workshop on Inclusive Innovation for Development, Negombo, 3 February 2012.
- "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: LIRNE*asia*'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 Derana TV, 2 June 2010 and on Neth FM radio, 7 June 2010.
- Interview on implementing five-hub strategy & the importance of CEPA, *BizFirst InFocus*, 4 June 2010.
- Discussant, Conference on "Ten years of 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 LIRNE*asia* 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*south*4, 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, Arlington VA, 26 Sep 2009.

- "How the developing world may participate in the global Internet Economy: Innovation driven by competition," joint workshop on "Policy coherence in the application of information and communication technologies for development," Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) & *info*Dev, World Bank, 10-11 September 2009, Paris. http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/43/30/43603296.pdf
- Panelist on "Economic impact of public interest litigation," 28th LBR/LBO CEO Forum, Colombo, 25 August 2009.
- Measuring effectiveness of regulation using perception surveys. 4th regional conference of International Telecommunications Society, Perth, Australia, 16-18 August. Galpaya, H. (senior author).
- "Improving transport & tranportation Policy: Lessons from telecom," Sanvada policy dialogue on national transport policy, 23 July 2009.
- "Government services: Anytime, anywhere, any official language, now," Inaugural TEDx, Colombo, 19 July 2009.
- "Cell broadcasting: Public warning technology 'made for the Maldives,'" Early Warning Workshop, Communication Authority of the Maldives, Male, 15 July 2009.
- "Services, growth and regional integration: Insights from Sri Lanka," Roundtable on SAFTA: Prospects and opportunities for trade in services, Thimphu, Bhutan, 24 June 2009.
- Proponent for mobile at Great Mobile Debate, Pan Asia Networking conference, Penang, Malaysia, 14 June 2009.
- "Regulating government owned business enterprises," Sanvada policy dialogue on the impact of the new Electricity Act & regulatory challenges, 13 May 2009.
- "The path to the information society: Does it lie through the mobile?" SA Connect Public Seminar, University of Cape Town Graduate School of Business, South Africa, 14 April 2009.
- "Mobile ➔ broadband in emerging Asia: Lessons to be learned for Europe?" opening plenary presentation, Euro CPR Conference, Sevilla, 30 March 2009.
- "Pricing for sustainable provision of infrastructure services," UNCTAD multiyear expert meeting on services, development and trade: the regulatory and institutional dimension, Geneva, 17-19 March 2009.
- "The rural teleuser speaks: Findings from a six-country study of teleuse at the Bottom of the Pyramid," dinner speech, Workshop of ICT for Rural Livelihoods, Negombo, 16-17 February 2009.
- "Innovation in research infrastructure," IDRC roundtable on policy research organizations in Sri Lanka, Galle, 21 January 2009.
- "1.2 trillion dollar GDP, 1.1 billion people: How best can we grow with India?" Sanvada policy dialogue by Pathfinder Foundation, Colombo, 13 January 2009. Co-author: Priyanwada Herath.
- Interview on emerging totalitarian culture and violence against media on *BizFirst InFocus*, 9 January 2009.
- "Roadmap to affordable mobility," interview published in *Expanding Horizons*, 4/2008, 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.
- "Small Screen, Big Scream: How much has the mobile really delivered, how much more to come?" International Institute of Communication annual conference, Hong Kong, 3-4 November 2008.
- "New media and challenges," 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 on economic freedom, organized by the SAARC Chamber of Commerce, Colombo, 16 October 2008.
- "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.
- "Community-based approach to effective last-mile early warning: HazInfo project overview," International Disaster & Risk Conference, Davos, Switzerland, 28 August 2008.
- "Telecom tariffs in SAARC countries," *Dawn Economic & Business Review* (Pakistan), 21 July 2008, p. 4.
- Interview on Sri Lanka telecom sector and security-related regulations on *BizFirst InFocus*, 18 July 2008.
- "Sustainable development: What can ICTs contribute?" dinner speech at 2nd International Symposium of the Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, Belihuloya, 10 July 2008.

- "Banded forbearance," 17th Biannual Conference of the International Telecommunications Society, Montreal, June 24-27, 2008.
- "Reexamining universal service policies in telecommunications: Lessons from three countries," 17th Biannual Conference of the International Telecommunications Society, Montreal, June 24-27, 2008. Co-author: Payal Malik.
- "Intelligent regulation," Expert Forum on ICT Sector Indicators & Benchmark Regulation, Singapore, June 14-15, 2008.
- "Who's got the phone?   The gendered use of telephones at the bottom of the pyramid," 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 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," plenary speaker, Euro CPR Conference, Sevilla, March 31, 2008.
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