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1. WORK HISTORY

Executive Director & Chairman of the Board, LIRNEasia, 2004-

Chairman of the Board, Lanka Software Foundation, 2005-

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, LIRNEasia and LIRNEamericas], 2000 December-

Member, Management Team, World Dialogue of Regulation for Network Economies (WDR; www.regulateonline.org), 2001-

Honorary Professor, University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka, 2003-

Visiting Faculty, TERI School of Advanced Studies, New Delhi, 2004-

Guest columnist, "Choices," *Lanka Business Online*, www.lankabusinessonline.com, 2005-

Guest columnist, "Vikalpa," *Ravaya*, Sinhala weekly newspaper, 2006-

Team Leader, Public Interest Program Unit, Ministry for Economic Reform, Science & Technology, Government of Sri Lanka, 2002-04.

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.

2. 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.

3. EXPERIENCES

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.

4. SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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R. Samarajiva, Alternative regulatory practices and alternative dispute resolution & Analytical case studies of select judicial intervention: The Sri Lanka experience, in *Legal aspects of regulation in South Asia*, eds. S.K. Sarkar & V. Sharma, pp. 36-45 and 130-138. New Delhi: Tata Energy Research Institute.
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