

NIRMALI R. SIVAPRAGASAM

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Researcher, [LIRNEasia](#), Colombo (October 2007 – date)

Involved in research on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) access and use with a special emphasis on users at the Bottom of the Pyramid in South Asia; in charge of LIRNEasia's Media Coverage Database; assists in updating LIRNEasia's website.

Project Intern - [Institute of Policy Studies](#), Colombo (June – August 2006)

Assisted Researchers under the Industry, Public Enterprise Reform and Regulatory Policy Division in developing a Concept Paper titled 'Formulating Guidelines for a Consensus on a National Industrial Policy Framework for Sri Lanka'.

Responsibilities included/Experience gained in:

- Collection of information via interviews and literature
- Analysis and evaluation of information
- Preparation of summary reports

Field Research Officer – [Nielsen Lanka \(Pvt.\) Ltd](#), Colombo (June 2005 - September 2005)

Worked as a part-time Field Research Officer in the English Field Unit and was involved in several quantitative and qualitative research projects during this period.

[Maldives Investment Climate Assessment Survey](#): Conducted fieldwork operations in the Republic of the Maldives for an Economic and Investment Climate Study, commissioned by the World Bank. The main purpose of the study was to critically evaluate the investment climate of the Maldives and identify the most severe economic and political constraints facing investment growth in the country, especially in light of the destruction caused by the South Asian Tsunami in 2004.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

Zainudeen, A., Sivapragasam, N., de Silva, H., Iqbal, T., Ratnadiwakara, D.(2007). [Teleuse at the Bottom of the Pyramid: Finding from a Five-Country Study](#). Background Paper submitted at the 3rd Global Knowledge Partnership Conference (GK3), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. 11-13 December 2007.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Participated at the 3rd Global Knowledge Partnership Conference (GK3), 11 – 13 December 2007, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

EDUCATION

2004 – 2007 BSc. Economics and Management, First Class Honours
London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), University of London
(External Programme)

Course units taken included Statistics, Mathematics, Macroeconomics,
Managerial Economics, International Economics and Sociology.

SPECIAL ACADEMIC AWARDS

2003 Edexcel Award for achievement of highest marks in Sri Lanka for Commerce at
the GCE Ordinary Level Examination (London), 2002

2005 Edexcel Award for obtaining 3 As at the GCE Advanced Level Examination
(London), 2004

[REFERENCES PROVIDED UPON REQUEST]