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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Researcher, LIRNEasia

February 2006 to date, Sri Lanka

- Project Manager for LIRNEasia's capacity and field-building program, CPR*south* since 2006; responsible for a budget of USD xxx per year.

Organized two conferences in 2007, comprising of approximately 80 participants from upto 25 countries around the world. The conferences were held in Manila, Philippines and Chennai, India in association with the National College of Public Administration and Governance, University of the Philippines, Diliman, and the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras, respectively.

Managing the CPR*south* blog-based website and d-Space digital library.

Carried out knowledge mapping work in 2006, to identify and set-up a database of those involved in the field of telecommunications policy research (over 2000 author names and over 1500 titles).

- Contributed to the Measuring ICT Sector and Regulatory Performance project, in the areas of price and affordability indicators. This involves applying an adapted version of the OECD price basket methodology to South Asian telecom tariffs in order to determine the cost of ownership of a mobile/fixed telephone. For output, see Mobile Benchmarks, South Asia at: <http://www.lirneasia.net/projects/benchmarks>

- Contributed two chapters to *ICT infrastructure in Emerging Asia: Policy and Regulatory Roadblocks*. This peer-reviewed book, published in 2008 by a scholarly press, draws from Asian experiences in expanding information and communication technology (ICT) access.

Also contributing to a second book based on the findings of the 2006 Teleuse@Bottom of the Pyramid (BOP) study.

Research so far has focused on gender patterns of teleuse at the Bottom of the Pyramid (BOP).

- Assisting the management in all activities, including compilation of technical reports to funding organizations, activity reports, and other key documents.
- In charge of website maintenance at LIRNEasia.

Assistant, Economic Affairs Department, Secretariat for Coordinating the Peace Process (SCOPP)

June 2004 – February 2006, Sri Lanka

- Provided secretarial and administrative support to the Economics department. Assisted the department with data collection and processing, and research and report writing. Organized meetings and seminars, and assisted in preparation of minutes. Provided secretarial support to the Legal department on a needs basis.

Marketing Coordinator, Asian Adventures Travel Management Company

November 2003 – June 2004, Sri Lanka

- Worked on the company brochure, company profile and website. Involved in updating the travel website, general documentation, and when required, designing custom-made travel packages, products and services for clients. Assisted in the marketing write-ups and business proposals facilitating trade agreements with selected travel agents and travel companies.

Administrative Assistant, National Agribusiness Council (NAC)

April 2002 – August 2003, Sri Lanka

- Assisted the CEO with secretarial work (organizing meetings, workshops, seminars, conducting research, overseeing projects, etc); assisted the Manager, Business Information Centre with market research, cataloguing of reports, publishing the monthly newsletter, etc and assisted the Finance and Administration Manager with the management of computer hardware and software, networking/internet system, email services and trouble shooting.

PUBLICATIONS

2008 Zainudeen, A. & Iqbal, T. (2008). Who's got the phone? The gendered use of telephones at the bottom of the pyramid. Paper to be presented at ICA 2008, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, May 22-26 2008.

Zainudeen, A. and Iqbal, T. (2008). Strategies on a shoestring. In R. Samarajiva and A. Zainudeen (Eds.), *ICT infrastructure in Emerging Asia: Policy and Regulatory Roadblocks*. New Delhi & Ottawa: SAGE & IDRC.

Iqbal, T. and Purbo, O. (2008). Geektivism. In R. Samarajiva and A. Zainudeen (Eds.), *ICT infrastructure in Emerging Asia: Policy and Regulatory Roadblocks*. New Delhi & Ottawa: SAGE & IDRC.

2007 Zainudeen, A. & Iqbal, T. (2007). The gendered aspects of telecom access and use at the bottom of the pyramid in Emerging Asia. Paper presented at CPR*south2*: Empowering rural communities through ICT policy and research. Chennai, India, December 15-17, 2007.

<http://www.cprsouth.org/dspace/handle/123456789/244>

Zainudeen, A., Sivapragasam, N. de Silva, H., Iqbal, T. & Ratnadiwakara, D. (2007) 'Teleuse at the bottom of the pyramid: Findings from a five country study'. Background paper prepared for '3rd Global Knowledge Conference', Kuala Lumpur, December 11-13, 2007.

2005 Abeyratne S. & T. Iqbal (2005). A Note on the Regional Dimensions of Population and Unemployment in Sri Lanka, Economic Affairs Department, Secretariat for Coordinating the Peace Process (SCOPP), September, 2005.

http://www.peaceinsrilanka.org/peace2005/Insidepage/PressRelease/FeatureArticles/A_Note_on_the_Regional_Dimensions.pdf

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Participated in ITU-ASP Center of Excellence Network PTA Node for Policy & Regulations Workshop on Implementing Mobile Number Portability, Islamabad, Pakistan, August 22-24, 2007.
- Participated in 2007 WDR [World Dialog on Regulation] Asian Expert Forum, *ICT Sector and Regulatory Performance Indicators*, Singapore, March 2-3, 2007.
- Completed LIRNE*asia* and LIRNE.NET 11th Telecom Reform Course, Catalyzing Change: Strategies to Achieve Connectivity and Convergence, in association with CONNECT*asia* Forum Pte. Ltd), Singapore, February 25-March 1, 2007.
- Participated in LIRNE*asia* Workshop on ICT Indicators for Benchmarking Performance in Network and Services Development, New Delhi, India, March 1-3, 2006.

Made presentations at the following events:

- Workshop on Assessment of Telecom Regulatory Environment (TRE), Islamabad, Pakistan, June 14, 2007.

Sole presentation on price baskets available here:

http://www.lirneasia.net/wp-content/uploads/2007/06/pakistan_price-baskets.pdf/

- CPR*south* 2007: Research for Improving ICT governance in the Asia-Pacific, Manila, Philippines, January 19-21, 2007.

EDUCATION

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| 2002 – 2005 | B.Sc. (Honours) Economics and Management, London School of Economics and Political Science, University of London (External Programme), 2005. |
| 2004 | Advanced Diploma in Computer Science (major in Information Systems), certified by National Computing Centre (NCC) UK and University of Cambridge Local Examinations Syndicate (UCLES), 2004. |