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### 1. WORK HISTORY

Nov 2004-Current

#### **Director of Organizational Development & Projects**

LIRNEasia ([www.lirneasia.net](http://www.lirneasia.net)), Colombo, Sri Lanka

- Project manager for projects undertaken by LIRNEasia in the region, currently managing multi-component telecom research project in six countries (India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand) to ensure implementation of deliverables.
- Lead researcher on Indonesian project to assess telecom regulatory environment & benchmark sector performance in that country.
- Successfully managed six ICT-related projects in five countries in 2005.
- Lead researcher on Indonesian case study, *Wi-Fi “Innovation” in Indonesia: Working around Hostile Market and Regulatory Conditions* (2006).
- Written request for proposals (RFPs) which have generated more than USD\$450,000 in externally funded projects.
- Responsible for developing LIRNEasia into an effective virtual organization by facilitating networking of ICT researchers in the Asian region using online tools and identifying sustainable model for regional collaboration.
- Managing LIRNEasia’s website and facilitating online discussion on current ICT policy issues.

2001-2003

#### **Senior Researcher**

Economics of Infrastructures, Delft University of Technology, Delft, The Netherlands

- Conducted research on major telecommunications policy & regulatory issues.
- Worked on ICT research projects that have provided input to various stakeholders, including regulatory agencies.
- Contributed to two publications: *Designing Next Generation Telecom Reform: ICT Convergence or Multisector Utility?*, *Trends in European Telecommunication: A 2002 Status Report of Denmark’s Progress in Telecom Reform*.

- Designed and implemented online forum for generating and disseminating new knowledge in regulation and governance of network economies ([www.regulateonline.org](http://www.regulateonline.org)).

1999-2001

**Associate Director**

Office of the Chief Information Officer, The Ohio State University, Columbus OH USA

- Helped develop technology initiatives and funding; set priorities, goals, and policies in the realm of information technology (IT) at the Ohio State University; helped develop the university's five-year IT strategic plan.
- Played pivotal role on a proposal to generate \$30 million over five years for IT at Ohio State; designed communication of proposal to university community comprising 50,000+ students; collected student responses; presented recommendations on the proposal to the Board of Regents of the state of Ohio and to the university.

1995-1999

**Graduate Teaching Associate**

Department of Communication, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH USA

- Taught introductory courses on telecommunications and media policy, technologies and industry to undergraduate students. The average class consisted of 40 students and the courses were offered three times a year for 10 weeks each.

1996-1997

**Graduate Research Associate**

The Center for Advanced Study in Telecommunications, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH USA

- Analyzed implications of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 passed by the US Congress; helped organize conference that brought together businesses, regulators, telecom industry representatives to discuss the opportunities and challenges presented by the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

1994-1995

**Studio Producer**

WBGU-TV/PBS, Bowling Green, OH USA

- Produced the weekly broadcast TV show, "News Six." Wrote the script, supervised the in-studio production and scheduled the camera crew for field and in-studio production

1993-1994

**Production Assistant**

Interactive Multimedia Group, Research & Development, CMC Limited, Hyderabad, India

- Designed interactive multimedia courseware for waste-land development and rice cultivation, funded by the World Bank.

## 2. EDUCATION

1995-2000

**Ph.D Candidate** (ABD)

Department of Communication

The Ohio State University (OSU), Columbus, OH USA

1994-1995

**M.A. Mass Communication**

Bowling Green State University (BGSU)

Bowling Green, OH USA

1991-1993

**M.A. Communication**

University of Hyderabad

Hyderabad, India

1987-1990

**B.A. Political Science**

Sri Aurobindo International Center of Education

**Pondicherry, India**

## SIDE PROJECTS

2002 (January-April)

**Coordinator**

- Coordinated Telecom Reform study visit by the Royal Government of Bhutan staff to four different Telecom Regulatory bodies in Asia: NTA (Nepal), OFTA (Hong Kong), DTIT (Macau), and TRC (Sri Lanka); defined study objectives, drew up budget, and coordinated logistics. The study visit was funded by the World Bank.

## 3. EXPERIENCES

2006 April 23-28

- Presented concluding remarks at Leased Line Seminar, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Telecommunications and Working Group Meeting, Calgary, Canada.

2005 October 1-3

- Participated at LIRNEasia's Asia networking meeting that brought together ICT policy and regulation researchers in Jakarta, Indonesia.

2005 September 30

- Presented *WiFi for extending connectivity* at the WDR Expert Forum in Singapore.

2004 September 17-18

- Attended Asian Expert Forum on *Stimulating Investment in Network Development* in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

2002 September 12-13

- Attended WDR Expert Forum in Skodsborg, Denmark. Forum brought together international experts to discuss next generation telecom regulation.

2002 April 28-May 3

- Attended course *The Next Steps in European Telecom Reform: Assessing the New EU Directive*, in Helsingør, Denmark.

2001 September 9-15

- Attended course *International Telecom Regulation*, in Rabat, Morocco.

#### 4. SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Goswami, D. and O. Purbo. 2006. *Wi-Fi “Innovation” in Indonesia: Working around Hostile Market and Regulatory Conditions*, WDR Discussion Paper 0611, Available online: <http://www.regulateonline.org/content/view/737/31/>.

Goswami, D. 2006. Report on Workshop on ICT Indicators for Benchmarking Performance in Network and Services Development, New Delhi March 2006. Available online: <http://www.lirneasia.net/2006/05/report-on-workshop-on-ict-indicators-new-delhi/>

Samarajiva, R., D. Goswami, and R. Ennen. 2006. *Concept Paper for a Dam-related Hazard Warning System in Sri Lanka*. Available online: <http://www.lirneasia.net/2006/01/dam-safety-concept-paper-released/>

#### 5. AWARDS RECEIVED

1995-2000

##### **Graduate Assistantship**

Department of Communication, The Ohio State University.

1997

##### **Collaborative Research Award**

Award for best co-authored research publication by the Department of Communication, OSU

1995

##### **Outstanding M.A. Student of the Year**

Award for outstanding scholarly accomplishments, School of Mass Communication, BGSU.

1994-1995

##### **Graduate scholarship**

School of Mass Communication, Bowling Green State University.

1992-1993

##### **MCM Scholarship**

The University of Hyderabad

1989-1990

**Prix D'Excellence**

Recognition for scholarly excellence by Sri Aurobindo International Centre of Education.