

# ASHANI AMARASINGHE

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Australian and Sri Lankan Citizen

## EDUCATION

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### **Monash University, Australia**

2016 - 2020

Ph.D (Economics)

Department of Economics

*Thesis Title: Essays on Economic Shocks in Networks*

Advisors: Associate Professor Paul A. Raschky, Professor Yves Zenou

### **University of Colombo, Sri Lanka**

2007 - 2011

Bachelor of Arts (Economics) First Class Honours

*Top of the Class*

Department of Economics

## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

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### **SoDa Laboratories, Monash University, Australia**

2020 - Present

*Research Fellow*

### **Monash University, Australia**

2016 - Present

*Teaching Associate*

- ECF1100 : Microeconomics
- ECC1200/ECF1200 : Principles of Macroeconomics
- ECF2331/ECF5923 : Macroeconomic and Monetary Policy

### **University of Colombo, Sri Lanka**

2013 - 2014

*Visiting Lecturer*

- ECN 4184 : Principles of Insurance

## INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

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### **HNB Assurance PLC, Sri Lanka**

2010 - 2015

*Investments & Fund Management*

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

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2017 - Monash University CDES Competitive Travel Grant

2016 - Australia Post-graduate Award/ Research Training Program Scholarship

2011 - Professor of Economics Gold Medal for Economics for the best performance at the Final Degree Examination in Arts - University of Colombo

2011 - M. W. Jayasuriya Memorial Prize for Economics for the best performance at the Final Degree Examination in Arts - University of Colombo

2011 - Neil Bandaranaike Memorial Prize for the best performance at the Final Degree Examination in Arts - University of Colombo

2009 - Neil Bandaranaike Memorial Prize for the student who performs best at the Second Year Examination in Arts - University of Colombo

2008 - Neil Bandaranaike Memorial Prize for the student who performs best at the First Year Examination in Arts - University of Colombo

2008 - Faculty of Arts Scholarship for the student who performs best at the First Year Examination in Arts - University of Colombo

## WORKING PAPERS

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### [Diverting Domestic Turmoil](#)

[Key Players in Economic Development](#) *IZA DP No. 13071* with Roland Hodler, Paul A. Raschky and Yves Zenou

[Conflicts in Spatial Networks](#) *CEPR DP No. 14300* with Paul A. Raschky, Yves Zenou and Junjie Zhou

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

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### **Public Sentiment in Times of War**

**Learning from Disasters: Evidence from Economic Growth Effects of Tropical Cyclones**  
with Paul A. Raschky and Melvin Wong

## PRESENTATIONS

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**2020** - Applied Young Economist Webinar (AYEW), Oz Virtual Economics Research Seminar (OVERS), Brown Bag Seminar - Monash University

**2019** - Monash Business School Doctoral Colloquium, Conflict and Economic Development Workshop - Deakin University, Australian Conference of Economists, Australasian Development Economics Workshop - University of Western Australia

**2018** - Annual Conference of the Center for the Study of African Economies - University of Oxford

**2017** - Annual Australasian Public Choice Conference - Deakin University, 30th PhD Conference in Economics and Business - University of Melbourne, Summer School in Development Economics - Italian Development Economists Association, Australasian Development Economics Workshop - University of New South Wales

## SOFTWARE SKILLS

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Stata, ArcGIS, Matlab, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, Microsoft Office

## LANGUAGES

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English (fluent), Sinhalese (native)

## OTHER COMMITMENTS

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2020 - *to date* : Organizer - [Applied Young Economist Webinar](#)

2019 - *to date* : Co-organizer - SoDa Labs Reading Group

2017 - 2018: Co-organizer - PhD Seminar Series, Department of Economics - Monash University

## REFERENCES

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