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CURRENT POSITIONS

Assistant Professor (Lecturer) <i>School of Economics, University of Sydney, Australia</i>	July 2022 - Present
Adjunct Research Fellow <i>SoDa Laboratories, Monash University, Australia</i>	July 2022 - Present

PAST POSITIONS

Research Fellow <i>SoDa Laboratories, Monash University, Australia</i>	July 2020 - June 2022
Teaching Associate <i>Department of Economics, Monash University, Australia</i>	2016 - 2020
Visiting Lecturer <i>University of Colombo, Sri Lanka</i>	2013 - 2014

EDUCATION

Monash University, Australia Ph.D (Economics) Advisors: Professor Paul Raschky, Professor Yves Zenou	2016 - 2020
University of Colombo, Sri Lanka Bachelor of Arts (Economics) First Class Honours	2007 - 2011

PUBLICATIONS

Amarasinghe, A. (2022). [“Diverting Domestic Turmoil,”](#) *Journal of Public Economics* 208, Article No. 104608. [WP version](#)

WORKING PAPERS

[Public Sentiments in Times of Terror](#) *SoDa Labs Working Paper No.2021-08* (**Revise and Resubmit at *Journal of Development Economics***)

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

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

[Competing for Attention: The Effect of Talk Radio on Elections and Political Polarization in the US](#) *SoDa Labs Working Paper No.2022-02* with Paul Raschky

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Quantifying Government Behaviour through Text Analysis

Perceived Racism and Labor Supply Decisions, *with David Kreitmeir and Paul Raschky*

Geography, History and the Persistence of Political Attitudes, *with Paul Raschky and Miethy Zaman*

The Diffusion of the Internet, *with Klaus Ackermann, Simon Angus and Paul Raschky*

CONFERENCES AND INVITED SEMINARS

2022 - University of Sydney, Melbourne Institute - University of Melbourne, ASREC Conference, Australian Political Economy Network (APEN) Workshop - University of Queensland, Australian National University

2021 - Deakin University, Workshop on Natural Experiments in History, Australasian Development Economics Workshop, Annual Conference of the Royal Economic Society, Meeting of the European Public Choice Society

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

TEACHING

School of Economics, University of Sydney

2022 - ECOS3997 Interdisciplinary Impact in Economics: Conflict and Economic Development

ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

2020 - *to date* : Founder and Co-organizer - [Applied Young Economist Webinar](#)

2021 - 2022 : Member of the Leadership Board - SoDa Laboratories

2020 - 2022 : Organizer - [SoDa Labs Webinar](#)

2019 - 2022 : Co-organizer - SoDa Labs Reading Group

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

SCHOLARSHIPS, GRANTS AND AWARDS

2021 - Monash Business School ECR Research Grant Scheme, “Quantifying government behaviour through text analysis” (AUD 10,000)

2021 - Monash Business School COVID-19 Disrupted Research Grant Scheme (AUD 10,000), with Paul Raschky

2021 - Monash-Warwick Alliance Connections Fund, “Applied Young Economist Webinar Series” (AUD 4,000 & GBP 2,000), with Paul Raschky, Sascha Becker and Ivan Yotzov

2020 - “Purple Letter” for outstanding teaching performance - Monash University

2019 / 2017 - Australasian Development Economics Workshop Travel Grant

2017 - Monash University CDES Competitive Travel Grant

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

2011 - Professor of Economics Gold Medal for best performance - University of Colombo

2008 - Faculty of Arts Scholarship for best performance - University of Colombo

REFEREEING ACTIVITY

Journals: Economic Modelling, Empirica, Journal of Asian Economics

Conferences: Reviewer and Discussant at Monash University’s 2021 Doctoral Colloquium, Panel Member for selecting the best PhD paper at 2021 Australasian Development Economics Workshop

SOFTWARE SKILLS

Stata, ArcGIS, Matlab, L^AT_EX, Microsoft Office

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

HNB Assurance PLC, Sri Lanka
Investments & Fund Management

2010 - 2015

LANGUAGES

English (fluent), Sinhalese (native)

CITIZENSHIP

Australian and Sri Lankan

REFERENCES

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