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## OVERVIEW

Rajith is a Research Fellow in the Cities Cluster at the Institute of Development Studies, UK. Previously he was a senior lecturer in economics in the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka. He has a PhD in Economics from the University of Melbourne and has over 15 years of postdoctoral experience working on forced migration and refugee issues. His current research focusses on wellbeing of refugees, IDPs and irregular migrants within cities in South Asia, Europe and the Middle East. He has experience in working with organizations such as the UN-OCHA, UNHCR, the ILO, US Department of State, Plan International and the UK home office performing policy advice work and evaluations.

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## EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

**2003** PhD, 'Stock market inter-linkages in Southeast Asia', University of Melbourne, Australia.  
**1997** BA Honours (1<sup>st</sup> Class), Economics, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka.

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## RECORD OF EMPLOYMENT

**2021 –** Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies (IDS), University of Sussex, UK  
**2012 – 2021** Research Officer, Institute of Development Studies (IDS), University of Sussex, UK  
**2013 – 2014** Research Fellow, School of Law, Middlesex University London, UK  
**1999 – 2012** Lecturer, promoted to Senior Lecturer, Dept. of Economics, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

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## SELECTED EXPERIENCE

2021-ongoing Researcher, Interagency Humanitarian Evaluation (IAHE) for UN-OHCA  
2021-ongoing PI, Big Data for Development Studies, funded by NWO  
2020-ongoing CoI, Towards Trajectories of Inclusion, funded by ESRC  
2020-ongoing CoI, Protracted Displacement Economies, funded by ESRC  
2020-ongoing Researcher, GCRF Hub ARISE, Led by LSTMSE.  
2019-ongoing Consultant, GCRF Hub on Gender, Justice and Security, Led by LSE.  
2020 – 2021 PI, A dashboard on legitimacy making in Lebanon funded by NWO.  
2017 – 2018 Wellbeing of Urban Refugees: Syrians and Hosts in Jordan and Lebanon, funded by NWO.  
2016 – 2017 Researcher, 'Malnutrition in OIC Countries', funded by COMCEC  
2013 – 2016 Team leader, 'Internal displacement and urban violence', funded by IDRC and DfID  
2015 – 2016 Researcher, 'Wellbeing and Resilience Trade-offs in Coastal Fishing', funded by ESRC-DFID  
2012 – 2015 Researcher, 'Diasporas in Conflict Settings' with COMPAS, U. Oxford, funded by IDRC  
2011 – 2012 Consultant, 'Evaluation of the Early Legal Advice Project', UK Home Office.  
2010 – 2011 Researcher, 'The Cost of Statelessness: A Livelihoods Analysis', Funded by US Dept. of State.  
2010 – 2011 Researcher, 'The impact of Export Processing Zones', funded by Aus Aid

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- Kulathunga, S. T. K. and R. W. D. Lakshman (2013), "Responding to security threats: Livelihoods under protracted conflict", *Disasters*, 37(4), 604–626.
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- Amirthalingam, K. and R. W. D. Lakshman (2012), "Impact of Displacement on Women and Female-headed Households: A Mixed Method Analysis with a Microeconomic Touch", *Journal of Refugee Studies*. doi:10.1093/jrs/fes007
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- Amirthalingam, K. and R. W. D. Lakshman (2009) "Displaced livelihoods in Sri Lanka: An economics analysis", *Journal of Refugee Studies*, 22(4), 502-524.
- Lakshman, R. W. D. (2008) "Regional Coordination of Development Projects in Sri Lanka: A Case Study", *Sri Lanka Economic Journal*, 8(2), pp.21-46.

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- Jayatilaka, D., Lakshman, R. W. D., & Lakshman, I. M. (2018). 'Urban community profiles: safe relocation and resettlement in post-war Sri Lanka'. In Jennifer Erin Salahub, Markus Gottsbacher, John de Boer (Eds.), *Social Theories of Urban Violence in the Global South: Towards Safe and Inclusive Cities*. Routledge
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