

Biography of the Keynote Speaker



Dr Ramanie Samaratunge is an Associate Professor, Monash Business School, Monash University, Australia. She is an internationally renowned management scholar with 30 years of experience working in the public and private sector, including consultancies in Australia and Asia. She was previously at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, from which she had also graduated. She holds a Masters degree from Carleton University (Canada) and a PhD from Monash University (Australia). She has been a Visiting Fellow of the Institute for Development Policy and Management, University of Manchester, the Institute for Human Development, India, the Sri Lankan Institute of Development Administration and the University of Sri Jayewardenepura in Sri Lanka. She has served on international and local advisory bodies and is a member of many international professional bodies.

A/Professor Samaratunge has published a number of book chapters, several government and industry reports, and high-ranking journal articles in leading international management journals. Her recent book on “Skilled Migration, Expectation and Reality: Chinese Professionals and the Global Labour Market” was published in 2015. Her forthcoming book on *Management Across Cultures* will be published by Cambridge University Press in 2016. She is represented in conference proceedings and invited keynote speeches. She also reviews for many top ranking journals.

She has been instrumental in establishing and leading Monash University programs with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Australia and has received more than \$3million in Commonwealth Government funding. These programs have significantly enhanced operational and research capacity of public officials in Sri Lanka, in partnership with the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration. This program has become the flagship program in the Monash Business School, and many developing countries such as Bangladesh, India and Pakistan have also benefitted from this program.

A/Professor Samaratunge has received numerous awards, including a Dean’s commendation for research impact in 2014, and a Dean’s commendation for Innovation and External Collaboration in 2013 for research in collaboration at Monash University with Associate Professor Ken Coghill.

Her research interests include international management, international public policy and management, cross-cultural management, CSR, entrepreneurship and immigrants in Australia, and her supervision of students also includes interests in international management, change management, international human resource management and international public policy. She has supervised a number of PhD, Masters and Honours theses to completion.