

## **BIODATA OF ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR SHANDRE MUGAN THANGAVELU**

Associate Professor Shandre M. Thangavelu is currently the Regional Director (Southeast Asia) at Centre for International Economic Studies, Institute of International Trade, University of Adelaide, Australia. He was the Director of SCAPE (Singapore Centre for Applied and Policy Economics) at the Department of Economics, National University of Singapore. He was also the Assistant Dean at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences from January 2004 to May 2006. Shandre Thangavelu is also a Research Fellow at Leverhulme Centre for Research on Globalisation and Economic Policy (GEP), University of Nottingham; and Faculty (Research) Associate at Institute of Policy Studies at LKY School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore. Associate Professor Shandre Thangavelu is also appointed into the Governing Board for the Work, Safety, Health Institute (WSHI) of Singapore. He is also the member of the Competition Commission in Singapore. Shandre Thangavelu was also appointed as the Managing Editor for Asian Economic Journal (AEJ) in 2009.

Associate Professor Shandre Thangavelu is an active researcher on human capital development, technology transfer, foreign direct investment, trade, government infrastructure investment, productivity and economic growth. He has written extensively in technology transfer and economic growth and has published his research in major international journals. His recent publications are in Journal of Economic Development, Empirical Economics, Applied Economics, World Economy, Review of International Trade, Journal of Asian Economies, and Journal of Economic Studies. He has also worked on several international projects commissioned by UNDP, World Bank, ASEAN Secretariat, APEC, and Asian Productivity Organization (APO).

Associate Professor Shandre Thangavelu is also an active researcher on education, training and labour market policy in Singapore and ASEAN. He has nearly 13 years of experience in labour market policies attached as the Senior Consultant to Ministry of Manpower. In 2013, Associate Professor Shandre Thangavelu was engaged by UNDP to undertake a study on “Human Capital Dynamics and Industrial Policy for Cambodia” This study was presented to the Cambodian government in terms of educational reforms, development of TVET, and structural reforms for next stage of growth. The recommendations were adopted the Cambodian government as part of their IDP (Industrial Development Policy). He was actively involved in labour market and higher educational reforms in Singapore since 2003. He has undertaken several research projects using survey level data such as the returns to higher education; cohort study (tracer survey) to tertiary education; cohort study (tracer survey) to polytechnic graduates; international labour mobility; immigration policy, and returns to immigrants; structural adjustments and human capital; and returns to public training for the Singapore economy. His recent study in 2013 is on the private and social returns to public training for the Singapore labour market using administrative data. The results of the paper and policy reforms for vertical skills training were presented to the Singapore Government.

He obtained his graduate degrees from Queen’s University, Canada.