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**EDUCATION**

Harvard University

Ph.D. in Business Economics, June 1991

M.A. in Business Economics, June 1989

B.A. in Economics, *magna cum laude*, June 1986

**EMPLOYMENT**

*Senior Fellow*, Center for Global Development (2007-present) and Visiting Fellow (2004-2007).  
Member of the faculty of Georgetown University, 2004-present.

*Senior Economist*, The World Bank (1997-98 and 2001-04).

*Senior Economist*, Executive Office of UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan (1999-2001).

*Deputy Director*, Duke Center for International Development (1994-97), Terry Sanford Institute of Public Policy, Duke University.

*Teaching Assistant* to Peter Timmer and Amartya Sen, Department of Economics, Harvard University (1987-1991).

**SPECIAL PROJECTS**

Rapporteur to the *Africa Progress Panel*; drafted the 2008 [Report](#) of the Panel “*Africa’s Development: Promises and Prospects*” and the 2009 Chair’s [Report](#) presented at the World Economic Forum at Davos.

Assistant rapporteur to the UN High-Level Panel on Financing for Development, 2001.

## RECENT SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

Yale University, International Monetary Fund, Council on Foreign Relations, Acumen Fund, Institute for Private Investors, Cornell University School of Management, Private Investors for Africa Group, Africa Advisory Council of Heineken NV, Society for International Development, Corporate Council on Africa, Georgetown University, Center for Global Development, University of Cape Town Graduate School of Business, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, World Bank Annual Conference in Development Economics, World Bank Macroeconomics and Growth Workshop, University of California-Riverside, National Bureau of Economic Research, Millennium Challenge Corporation, United States Department of Defense.

## CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY

[The World Bank's Disclosure Policy Review and the Role of Democratic Participatory Processes in Achieving Successful Development Outcomes.](#)

## MEDIA

[Washington Post](#), [Huffington Post](#), [This is Africa \(Financial Times\)](#), [Voice of America](#), Business Day (South Africa), Al-Jazeera, [Helsingin Sanomat](#), Congressional Quarterly, The East African, several [blog posts](#) on CGD website, @vijramachandran on Twitter.

## PUBLICATIONS and WORKING PAPERS

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Vijaya Ramachandran, Benjamin Leo and Owen McCarthy, "Financing Food Assistance: Options for the World Food Programme to Save Lives and Dollars," manuscript, February 2010.

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Vijaya Ramachandran, "[Power and Roads for Africa](#)" in Nancy Birdsall ed., *The White House and the World*, (Washington, DC: Center for Global Development, 2008). Summary printed in *The Africa Journal* (Corporate Council on Africa).

Benn Eifert, Alan Gelb, and Vijaya Ramachandran, "The Cost of Doing Business in Africa: Evidence from Enterprise Survey Data," *World Development*, September 2008.

George Clarke, James Habyarimana, David Kaplan, and Vijaya Ramachandran, "Why Isn't South Africa Growing Faster? Microeconomic Evidence from a Firm Survey," *Journal of International Development*, Vol 20, pp 837-868, 2008.

Alan Gelb, Vijaya Ramachandran, Manju Kedia Shah and Ginger Turner, "[What Matters to African Firms? The Relevance of Perceptions Data](#)," World Bank Policy Research Working Paper #4446, December 2007.

Vijaya Ramachandran, Manju Shah, and Gaiv Tata, "Does Influence-Peddling Impact Industrial Competition? Evidence from Enterprise Surveys in Africa," [Center for Global Development Working Paper 127](#), October 2007.

Vijaya Ramachandran, Manju Shah and Ginger Turner, "Does the Private Sector Care About AIDS? Evidence from Firm Surveys in East Africa," *AIDS*, Vol. 21, Supplement 3, July 2007.

Alan Gelb, Vijaya Ramachandran and Ginger Turner, "Stimulating Growth and Investment in Africa: from Macro to Micro Reforms," *African Development Review* (African Development Bank), Vol. 19, No. 1, April 2007.

George Clarke, James Habyarimana, Michael Ingram, David Kaplan, and Vijaya Ramachandran, *An Assessment of the Investment Climate in South Africa* (Washington, DC: The World Bank, 2007).

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Vijaya Ramachandran, *Investing in Africa: Strategies for Private Sector Development*, (Baltimore: Overseas Development Council/Johns Hopkins University Press), December 2000.

Vijaya Ramachandran and Manju Kedia Shah, "Minority Entrepreneurs and Private Sector Growth in Sub-Saharan Africa," *Journal of Development Studies*, vol. 36, no.2, December 1999.

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Vijaya Ramachandran, Tyler Biggs and Manju Kedia Shah, "Enterprise Growth in the Manufacturing Sector: Is Africa Really Different?" Working Paper, Regional Program on Enterprise Development, The World Bank, July 1998.

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Rachel Cleetus and Vijaya Ramachandran, "Development Policies for Small and Medium-sized Firms in the United States," (in Spanish) *Comercio Exterior*, vol. 48, no.8, August 1998.

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