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- Professor and Executive Director, Centre for Executive and Professional Development London
- Professor at Business School, FHM University of Applied Science, Germany (since 2015)
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CEPD London is a Management Consultancy and Middle-Senior Management Training organisation which helps Leaders and CEOs transform their organisations through its unique Amethyst Development Programme™.

Professor Rajah works internationally on projects for the EU, World Bank, the UK Government, South African Government, the Reserve Bank of Nigeria, and was also Advisor to the Government of Malaysia on Entrepreneurship (2018-20). He was co-Author of the draft Media Act for the Government of Sri Lanka in 2020. His project to improve efficiency for the Cocoa Board of Ghana resulted in a 25% increase in revenue of US\$250 million to break through the US\$1 billion target. He was retained by Koperasi Gemilang Malaysia Berhad to build inward liquidity flows from overseas investors in 2023 -24.

Between 2009-2018 he was Dean at Business Schools in the UK (Royal Agricultural University) and South Africa. He presents on macroeconomics, international business, entrepreneurship and business creativity and leadership. Professor Rajah also advises senior management internationally on cognitive behaviour and strategies in risk, decision making and managing change.

In the UK, he is President of RISE UK – part of RISE Global for the economic upliftment of Tamils worldwide. He is also on the UK Advisory Board Member of the International Conference on IT and Management ITAM and the Korea Data Strategy Society KDSS, as well as Advisory Board Member of Enlightening Tourism: A Pathmaking Journal..

In India Chairman - Executive Council, Institute of Productivity & Management, Delhi with its four nationwide campuses. In Sri Lanka, Member of the International Advisory Panel to the University Business Linkage and Advisor to the Vice Chancellors of the University of Jaffna, University of Vavuniya and Eastern University respectively. Recently, Adjunct Professor at

the Iacocca Institute (2005-2020), USA, and Visiting Professor, Hanyang University Business School, South Korea (2020).

Prof Rajah's professional career spans Senior Executive roles in the food and agriculture industry when he held responsibilities for R&D (Kraft Food), International Marketing and Operations Management (Dairy Crest Ltd) and Agricultural Commodities Trading (Ernest George Limited).

In 2021, Prof Rajah's Keynote on the 'The New Abnormal from Lessons Learnt' at the International KAI Symposium in Virginia, USA was adopted by President Cyril Ramaphosa in his State of the Nation Address as one of his strategies to reverse youth unemployment in post pandemic South Africa. It's recorded in their Hansard.

Prof Rajah's training programme commissioned in 2005 by the Bankers Club, Indonesia on Wealth Management for all bank staff remains the de rigueur training. He is also currently active in the ASEAN region in Malaysia and Vietnam.

Prof Kanes has more than 200 publications. In the social sciences he writes and presents on innovation, business creativity and cognitive behaviour. In the life sciences he is an international expert in food processing, dairy and in edible oils technology.

Professor Rajah is a regular commentator on Bernama TV in Malaysia on budget days. He has also been interviewed in Malaysia by NTV7 TV and Radio, by BBC World TV, BBC Radio 4, TV Gambia, Radio South Africa, Radio Bangladesh, Sri Lanka TV1-Newsline and by the international press in the UK, Malaysia, Indonesia, Ghana, and South Africa.