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Dr Sriskandarajah writes regularly in *BBC Online, The Financial Times* and *The Guardian*; has given more than 500 broadcast interviews (including on flagship current affairs programmes such as *BBC Breakfast, Newsnight, Politics Show, Today, World at One and World Tonight*); and is regularly quoted in UK and international publications (including *The Economist, Newsweek* and *TIME*).

Born in Sri Lanka and a national of Australia, Dr Sriskandarajah has lived and worked in the UK for the ten years. He holds a first class honours degree from the University of Sydney, and an MPhil and DPhil from the University of Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar.