

## **Ahilan Kadirgamar**

### **Brief Biography**

Ahilan Kadirgamar is a Steering Committee member of the Sri Lanka Democracy Forum ([www.lankademocracy.org](http://www.lankademocracy.org)) and co-editor of Lines Magazine ([www.lines-magazine.org](http://www.lines-magazine.org)). In that capacity he has worked on the peace process in Sri Lanka. His concerns have included the need for State reform in Sri Lanka, particularly a political solution to the ethnic conflict through the devolution of power and constitutional reform addressing the grievances and aspirations of the minorities. Ahilan Kadirgamar is currently a visiting scholar at Columbia University.

### **Presentation**

*'The Idea of Minorities and Democracy in Sri Lanka'*