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Since 2009, Thillai Rajan has been instrumental in publishing the much admired annual India Venture Capital and Private Equity Report series. Since 2016, the report has been released in the TiE CON Chennai Conference, the state's largest entrepreneurship conference. The 2018 report is the tenth edition in the series. In 2017, he co-founded YNOS Venture Engine CC Private Limited to address the pain points of the early stage entrepreneurs.

He is also a recipient of the Young Faculty Recognition Award at IIT Madras and Association of Indian Management Schools' C.P. Ramaswamy Aiyar Award for Young Faculty for his teaching and research activities. Three of his publications have been selected for a Highly Commended Award by the Emerald Literati Network. Between 2013 – June 2018, he was a member of the Board of Governors of IIT Madras' Rural Technology and Business Incubator. He is a co-founder director of Money-Wizards a finance education company. He is also in the board of technology start-ups CloudAdic and Merkel Haptics. From 2012 to March 2016, he was an advisory trustee of Hand-in-Hand Seed Trust – a social and developmental organization working in the areas of health, child labour, and micro-enterprises.

In 2005, he was selected for the UK Governments' Chevening Gurukul Fellowship on globalization and leadership at the London School of Economics and Political Science. In 2008 he was awarded the Australian Governments' Endeavour Executive Fellowship to pursue independent research at the Macquarie Graduate School of Management, Sydney. His work at Macquarie focused on public private partnerships in the infrastructure sector. In 2010, he was selected by the US India Educational Foundation for a Fulbright Nehru Senior Research Fellowship to pursue independent research at the Harvard Kennedy School.