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L to R: Mr Vikram Kapur IAS, Prof P G Babu, Dr Palanivel Thiagarajan (Hon'ble Minister for Finance, GoTN), Mr N Gopalaswami IAS, Dr J Jeyaranjan at the official launch of the books on *Economic Policy in Covid-19 Times* on 2 August 2022.



L to R: Mr S Krishnan IAS, Prof Brinda Viswanathan, Prof Sunil Mani, Prof Kala Sridhar, Dr Santanu Pramanik and Prof Vidya Mahambare during the Round-table discussion on *The Challenges of Rebuilding a Resilient Economy in the Post-Pandemic Era* on 15 March 2023.

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# 1. Mission

Malcolm S. Adiseshiah and Elizabeth Adiseshiah founded the Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS) in 1971 with the following objectives:

- To undertake studies and research pertaining to development problems with special reference to the agro-rural aspects of Tamil Nadu, and the problems of the economically and socially backward sections of the population throughout the country.
- To conduct seminars and conferences on development problems and programmes of Tamil Nadu.
- To foster inter-university cooperation among social scientists of the universities of the four southern states.
- To promote interdisciplinary research and bring out publications relating to the above three functions.

In 1977, MIDS was reconstituted as a National Institute jointly funded by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi and the Government of Tamil Nadu (GoTN).

The research foci of the faculty are wide-ranging, from the concerns of development economics, such as agriculture, rural development, industry, urbanisation, and labour, to interdisciplinary areas, such as gender, environment and climate change, human development, social and political movements, and social criticism.

Through its seminars and workshops, MIDS has become a centre for critical thinking on development issues relating to India in general and Tamil Nadu in particular. The services of faculty members are sought by state and central government departments, autonomous agencies, universities and colleges, and non-governmental and international organisations.

## 2. Governing Council

Ex-officio Chairperson

**N. Gopalaswami**

Chairperson, MIDS

Representatives of  
Government of Tamil Nadu (GoTN)

**Additional Chief Secretary**

Finance Department, GoTN, Secretariat, Chennai

**Additional Chief Secretary**

Planning, Development & Special Initiatives  
Department, GoTN, Secretariat, Chennai

Representatives of the  
Indian Council of  
Social Science Research (ICSSR)

**Member–Secretary**

ICSSR

JNU Institutional Area, Aruna Asaf Ali Marg  
New Delhi

**Richa Sharma**

Deputy Director  
Nominee of ICSSR

Representatives of  
four Southern Universities

**Saji Gopinath**

Vice Chancellor  
Kerala University of Digital Sciences  
Thiruvananthapuram

**Phanindra Goyari**

Professor, School of Economics  
University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad

**S. Pushparaj**

Head, Department of Econometrics  
Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai

**T. S. Somashekar**

Registrar  
National Law School of India University  
Bengaluru

Co-opted Social Scientists

**Pami Dua**

Director, Delhi School of Economics  
University of Delhi, Delhi

**Sugata Marjit**

First Distinguished Professor  
Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Kolkata

Trustees

**M. Govinda Rao**

Member, 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission

**Girija Vaidyanathan**

Former Chief Secretary  
Government of Tamil Nadu

**Ajit Ranade**

Vice Chancellor  
Gokhale Institute of Politics & Economics, Pune

Representatives of Faculty

**L. Venkatachalam**

**M. Vijayabaskar**

Ex-officio Member–Secretary

**L. Venkatachalam**

Officiating Director, MIDS



### 3. MIDS Trust

Ex-officio Chairperson

**N. Gopalaswami**  
Chairperson, MIDS

Members

**C. T. Kurien**  
Former Chairperson, MIDS

**Ajit Ranade**  
Vice Chancellor  
Gokhale Institute of Politics & Economics, Pune

**M. Govinda Rao**  
Member, 14<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission

**Girija Vaidyanathan**  
Former Chief Secretary  
Government of Tamil Nadu

**P. Duraisamy**  
Former Vice-Chancellor  
University of Madras

Ex-officio Invitee

**P. G. Babu**  
Director, MIDS (till 28 November 2022)

**A. R. Venkatachalapathy**  
Officiating Director, MIDS  
(28.11.2022 – 17.03.2023)

**L. Venkatachalam**  
Officiating Director, MIDS  
(17.03.2023 onwards)

## 4. Academic Council

Ex-officio Chairperson	<b>P. G. Babu</b> (relieved on 28.11.2022) Director, MIDS
External Members	<b>Ram Singh</b> Delhi School of Economics University of Delhi Delhi  <b>Brinda Viswanathan</b> Madras School of Economics Chennai  <b>Chandan Gowda</b> Shri Ramakrishna Hegde Chair Professor Institute for Social and Economic Change Bengaluru
MIDS Faculty	Ajit Menon S. Anandhi Ananta Kumar Giri K. Hafsal K. Jafar Karen Coelho A. Kalaiyarasan Kripa Ananthpur C. Lakshmanan M. Umanath L. Venkatachalam (Officiating Director, 17.03.2023 onwards) A. R. Venkatachalapathy (Officiating Director, 28.11.2022 – 17.03.2023) M. Vijayabaskar
MIDS Student Representative	Prashant Kumar

## 5. Academic Staff

<b>Ajit Menon</b> , Professor	Political ecology; Environmental politics; Environmental history; Agrarian studies.
<b>S. Anandhi</b> , Professor	Gender; Caste; Identity politics.
<b>Ananta Kumar Giri</b> , Professor	Social movements and social transformation; Social theory; Criticism; Creativity.
<b>P. G. Babu</b> , Professor & Director (relieved on 28.11.2022 AN)	Microeconomic theory; Game theory; Environmental and natural resource economics; Law and economics; Politics, philosophy and economics, and their applications.
<b>K. Hafsal</b> , Assistant Professor (joined on 06.03.2023 FN)	Financial economics, Macroeconomics, Applied econometrics, Efficiency and Productivity analysis
<b>K. Jafar</b> , Assistant Professor	Education and development; Migration; Financial inclusion; Local planning; Informality; Intellectual property rights; Gender.
<b>A. Kalaiyarasan</b> , Assistant Professor	Labour markets and their link with poverty and inequality; Regional political economy in India.
<b>Karen Coelho</b> , Professor	Urban anthropology; Urban studies; State reforms; Urban water management and ecologies; Affordable housing; Slums and resettlement.
<b>Kripa Ananthpur</b> , Associate Professor	Civil society and governance; Local institutions; Local governance; Farmers' movements; Women's political participation in local governance; Decentralisation; Mixed methods.
<b>C. Lakshmanan</b> , Associate Professor	Political theory and culture; Political economy; Dravidian politics; Subordinated social groups/movement; Governance; Film studies.
<b>M. Umanath</b> , Assistant Professor	Agricultural production; Natural resource management; Institutional arrangement for sustainable development.
<b>L. Venkatachalam</b> , Professor, RBI Chair and Officiating Director (17.03.2023 onwards)	Environmental economics; Ecological economics; Behavioural economics; Institutional economics.

**A. R. Venkatachalapathy**, Professor  
and Officiating Director  
(28.11.2022 – 17.03.2023)

Social and political change; Social history;  
Cultural history; Intellectual history.

**M. Vijayabaskar**, Professor  
(on deputation to State Planning  
Commission w.e.f. 01.03.2022)

Political economy of regional development;  
Agrarian change; Rural–urban interactions;  
Industrialisation; Value chains; Labour processes.

## 6. Non-Academic Staff

### Administration

Administrative Officer	T. R. Ramakrishnan (Relieved on 16.06.2022 AN) B. Narasimhan (Joined on 16.06.2022 AN)
Assistant	E. Lakshmanakumar
Receptionist	N. Cibi
Junior Assistants	C. Anitha G. Karpagam R. Sumathi
Drivers	P. Pargunan S. Srinath
Record Clerk	A. Sampathkumar
Sweeper	K. Pencilamma

### Finance

Finance Officer	S. Janakavalli
Junior Assistant	B. Azhagarsami S. Dhinakaran (Joined on 02.05.2022)

### Information Technology

System Analyst	R. Dharumaperumal
System Assistant	P. Thyagarajan

### Library

Librarian	R. Murugan
Library Assistants	A. Tamil Selvi G. Murugan S. Ramakrishnan

### Publication

Publication Officer	M. R. Prasanna
Publication Assistant	A. Arivazhagan



## 7. Research Scholars

	Scholar	Title of Research	Supervisor
<b>Full-time</b>			
1	Arya Sankar R	Environmental economics	Venkatachalam L
2	Prashant Kumar	Political ecology of groundwater abstraction in India	Ajit Menon
3	Zakiyya K	Gender and popular culture	Venkatachalapathy AR
4	Aishwarya GVN	Understanding state-society relations in the context of urban governance	Karen Coelho
5	Ajisha KV	An enquiry into the marine fishing technology and the approach of market towards sea: The case of Kerala	Ajit Menon
6	Anitha PC	Social and cultural change among tribal community	Vijayabaskar M (guide) Kalavathi S (co-guide) (Queen Mary's college)
7	Unnimaya UG	Labour economics	Umanath M
8	Jijin P	Investment impact of remittances: The case of India	Vijayabaskar M
9	Brinda G Krishnan	Climate change and regional farming systems: A study of spice production in Kerala	Vijayabaskar M
10	Muhammad Shafeeque Aliparambil	Institutional interventions and transaction costs in agriculture: A study of the weekly market programme in Kerala	Venkatachalam L
11	Titu Mahanta	Institutions, upgrading and livelihoods: Study of small tea growers of Assam	Vijayabaskar M
12	Rituparna Borah	Ecotourism in Majuli: Glocal assemblages in the changing political ecology of a river island	Ajit Menon Kalavathi S (co-guide) (Queen Mary's college)
13	Anjaly Baby	Poverty: A behavioural economics approach	Venkatachalam L
14	Rahul Reghu	Tribal development in Kerala: Discourse, the everyday state and Kadars in the Vazhachal-Malakkapara region	Ajit Menon Lakshmanan C (co-guide)
15	Balamurugan S	Economic analysis of trade-offs between ecosystem services: A case study of Veeranam Lake, Tamil Nadu, India	Venkatachalam L

	<b>Scholar</b>	<b>Title of Research</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>
16	Chandrasekar D	Dalits and access to common property resources	Ajit Menon
17	Saravanakumar R	Diffusion of new technologies in agriculture: An analysis of system of rice intensification	Vijayabaskar M

### **Part-time**

1	Muhammed Aslam ES	Social history of Mappilla muslims	Anandhi S
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### **Non-Stipendiary**

1	Gargi Sridharan	Division of labour and subjective well-being: A household level study in Tamil Nadu, India	Venkatachalam L
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### **Synopsis Submitted**

1	Pema Choden Bhutia	Estimating the recreational value of ecotourism benefits: Travel cost method	Venkatachalam L
2	Boddu Srujana	Mobility and segmentation in urban informal labour markets: The case of Hyderabad city	Vijayabaskar M
3	Andrew Michael	Impact of MGNREGS on rural development with special reference to a rights-based approach in Villupuram District, Tamil Nadu	Kripa Ananthpur John Sundar David VIT University (co-guide)

### **Thesis Submitted**

1	Bhavana A	Special economic zones: Contributions and controversies	Ganesh Prasad G S
2	Anee Bhattacharyya	Transgender space, subject formation and new forms of discrimination in contemporary Assam	Karen Coelho Lakshmanan C (co-guide)

### **Degree Awarded**

1	Aparajay Kumar Singh	Distributional analysis of group differentials relating to deprivation	Jayaraj D (Retired)
2	Suriya S	Gender and the Hindu marriage reform: A case study of legalising self-respect marriage in Tamil Nadu	Anandhi S
3	Sethunath R	Parental perceptions on schooling: Unravelling the school choice process in Kerala	Karen Coelho
4	Surabhi G	Contract farming in southern India: Can the state make it beneficial to small farmers?	Ajit Menon

## 8. Visiting Scholars

### Affiliates

	Scholar		Research Topic	Guidance
1	Maire Peregrine White	PhD Student College of the Holy Cross Massachusetts, USA	Hinduism: Digital Religion and Sociality in Tamil Nadu	A R Venkatachalapathy Professor, MIDS
2	Eleanor A Power	Assistant Professor Department of Methodology London School of Economics and Political Science, UK	Social and Economic Inequality in Rural Tamil Nadu	A Kalaiyaran, Assistant Professor, MIDS
3	Theo Whitcomb	PhD Student University of Redland California, USA	Politics of Adaptation; Development, US India Internationalism and the climate crisis	Karen Coelho Professor, MIDS
4	Mahishan Gnanasekaran	PG Student Dept. of History Princeton University New Jersey, USA	Nationalising Self-Respect: A History of Relation among Periyar, Ambedkar and Jinnah	A R Venkatachalapathy Professor, MIDS
5	Anjana Ramkumar	PhD Student Cornel University Dept. of Global Development New York, USA	Traditional Rice varieties and Agricultural Development in Tamil Nadu, India	Ajit Menon Professor, MIDS
6	Mark Edward Balmforth	Post-Doctoral Fellow Dept. of Historical and Cultural Studies University of Toronto Scarborough, Canada	Buried Legacies: Slavery, Caste and Dye Root	A R Venkatachalapathy Professor, MIDS

### ICSSR Senior Fellows

	Scholar		Research Topic	Period
1	V. Suryanarayan	Former Director Centre for South and South East Asian Studies University of Madras	The Other Tamils of Sri Lanka: People of Indian Origin: New Opportunities New Challenges	5 October 2020 to 4 October 2022

## 9. Director's Report

The Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS) has successfully travelled for 50 years focusing on social science research and is progressing in achieving many more diversified goals in research and teaching. The uniqueness of MIDS as one of the ICSSR research institutes in the country lies in the fact that it focuses on multi-disciplinary research and provides complete freedom to its faculty and students to research in a broad area within development studies; subjects that expand the scope of development studies are also embedded in the purview of the current research undertaken by the faculty and students of our institute.

### Teaching Programmes

MIDS as a research institute is supposed to have a comparative advantage in research over teaching. However, individual faculty are involved not only in research but also in teaching complete courses on specific topics in various other institutions such as IIMs, Madras School of Economics, etc. This means that MIDS already has the potential to gain a comparative advantage in teaching as well. Some of the other higher educational institutions established after MIDS gradually not only became popular in teaching but also attained Deemed University status. In India, teaching and research are conducted in two different streams—colleges and universities focus on teaching while research institutions carry out research. Cross-fertilisation between research and teaching is essential for promoting knowledge. However, MIDS being a relatively smaller institute with 15 faculty members working in diversified areas, conducting full-fledged teaching programmes with our space constraints becomes a difficult task. There is an alternative mechanism to promote formal teaching at MIDS. Initially, we would need to focus on short-term programmes that involve teaching. For example, MIDS can conduct one-month Certificate Courses on Public Policy, Benefit-Cost Analysis, Project Evaluation, Research Methodology, Economic Valuation Techniques, Survey Methods, etc. The feedback from the participants—mostly academicians, policymakers and NGOs—of the ongoing series of golden jubilee seminars and workshops suggests that there is a significant demand for such short-term courses. Lessons learned from these short-term courses would help us to move forward in providing diplomas (of 3–6 months' duration) and ultimately to master courses in Development Studies in the long run.

### Ph.D. Programme

Since the Ph.D. programme has been streamlined with well-structured coursework, bi-annual seminars, regular Research Advisory Committee (RAC) meetings to monitor the progress of the students, and the tireless work of the Ph.D. Coordination Committee at the institute, more students have been able to submit their theses successfully in recent years. Dropouts have reduced significantly. However, the MIDS has had difficulty in attracting more Ph.D. candidates ever since the ICSSR introduced centralized selection policy. Till 2019–20, MIDS used to get four ICSSR fellowships and one fellowship from Malcolm & Elizabeth Adiseshiah (M&EA) Trust. At

present, we focus on attracting more students with UGC fellowships. M&EA Trust continues to support us with one fellowship.

We need to mobilize more funding for the award of Ph.D. fellowships. As a way of doing this, we have constituted a non-statutory committee consisting of MIDS faculty, which will work out a plan to approach various funding agencies such as Azim Premji Foundation, Infosys Trust, SRM Foundation, VIT Foundation, etc. for securing funds. Similarly, the Committee will also approach corporate firms to secure funding under their CSR initiatives.

We shall now look at the academic and research activities of MIDS in the year 2022-23, the post-pandemic era.

## **Policy Research**

MIDS continues to make remarkable contributions to development policy and programme evaluation in the state of Tamil Nadu in particular, and India in general. The MIDS faculty serve as members of numerous important commissions and in various high-level expert committees. MIDS has supported the formulation of planning documents for various plans for the state governments of Tamil Nadu and Puducherry, and the Government of India, and it continues to assist and do more for the state.

### ***Ajit Menon, “Coastal Transformation and Fisher Wellbeing: Synthesized Perspectives from India and Europe”, sponsored by ICSSR, New Delhi.***

As part of the Equip EU–ICSSR research project ‘Coastal Transformations and Fisher Wellbeing: Synthesized Perspectives from India and Europe’, Professor Ajit Menon has focused primarily on understanding the impact of coastal industrialization on fishing and other coastal communities in Cuddalore district, Tamil Nadu. Their findings are that industrialization has undermined fishing communities’ access to the coastal commons, which they have historically used to berth their boats and dry their nets, polluted fishing grounds and the environment more generally, and not resulted in any major employment to local communities. While in 1991, the coastal zone regulation (CRZ) notification recognized the primacy of fishing communities on the coast and adopted a precautionary principle, over time this has been diluted in favour of ‘development’ and supra-local priorities.

Prof Ajit Menon is also a part of the coastal research chapter team in the “Social Development Report for Tamil Nadu,” a research initiative of the State Planning Commission, Government of Tamil Nadu.

### ***K. Jafar, “Evaluating the Welfare Schemes of the Puducherry Government”, sponsored by Government of Puducherry.***

Dr Jafar has completed a short-term research project titled *A Study on Welfare Schemes Implemented by the Government of Puducherry*, supported by the Department of Economics and



Statistics, Government of Puducherry. The project primarily focused on reviewing the process of identifying the beneficiaries for various welfare schemes implemented in the union territory of Puducherry. The project mapped the government's welfare regime in order to evaluate the method and criteria followed in identifying the beneficiaries. The project explored the possibility of convergence, avoiding duplication and conducted a comparative analysis with alternatives from around the world.

***A R Venkatachalapathy, “Dalits and the Making of the Public Sphere in Colonial Tamilnadu: A Documentation of Tamilar, 1907–1914”, sponsored by ICSSR SC-ST Component.***

During the year, Prof Venkatachalapathy completed a documentation project on Dalits and the Public Sphere in Colonial Tamilnadu. This project collated the various hitherto unheard Dalit voices through the *Tamilar* (1908–1914) journal edited by the pioneering Buddhist revivalist, Iyothethoss Pandithar.

***Kripa Ananthpur, “How Did Karnataka’s Grama Panchayat Task Forces manage the Pandemic? A Qualitative Study”, sponsored by Government of Karnataka.***

Dr Kripa Ananthpur was the Lead Qualitative Researcher with Dr. Vijayendra Rao and Dr. Lingaraj Jayaprakash on the Karnataka Covid Research project in collaboration with the State Institute of Rural Development (SIRD) and Rural Development University, initiated and supported jointly by the Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (RDPR) Department, Government of Karnataka and the World Bank to study the impact of Covid-19 and the subsequent lockdown measures on rural population, 2020-21. The qualitative study focussed mainly on assessing how the Gram Panchayat Task Force (GPFT) created by the Department of RDPR was effective in bringing all the street-level bureaucrats at the Panchayat-level in combating the pandemic and lockdown-related challenges in rural Karnataka.

***Kripa Ananthpur, Jafar K., & Venkatachalam L., “Tamil Nadu Household Panel Survey (TNHPS)”, sponsored by Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Department, Government of Tamil Nadu.***

The Tamil Nadu Household Panel Survey (TNHPS) is an important panel survey supported and funded under the TANII scheme from the Planning and Development department of the Government of Tamil Nadu (GoTN). TNHPS aims to show how social and economic outcomes evolve over time as a result of policies as well as trajectories of individual and societal development. The TNHPS aims to measure change in income, occupation, and other outcomes at the household level over a period of time in Tamil Nadu. This project is a collaborative effort of the Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS), the Department of Economics and Statistics (DES), GoTN, and the Survey Research Center (SRC) at the University of Michigan. Currently, preparations are underway to launch the baseline survey.

**Karen Coelho, “Managing Covid-19 in India’s Cities: Reshaping People’s Everyday lives in Poorer Urban Neighbourhoods”, sponsored by The University of Sheffield, Western Bank, UK.**

Dr Karen Coelho has completed a project on managing Covid-19 in Indian cities. The project studied the everyday lives of people living in poorer urban neighbourhoods.

## **The MIDS Publication Programme**

We are on a publication cycle that focuses on bringing frontier research in the area of economic, cultural and social development to the public, with equal importance on quality and reach as well as in both English and Tamil.

MIDS faculty have published 23 research papers and articles in Journals during the year 2022-23. The institute published 13 research papers and articles in its UGC Care Listed Journal *Review of Development and Change* during the year 2022-23.

Seven books were published by MIDS faculty during this year. There are also numerous chapter contributions from the MIDS faculty to various edited books. The faculty’s work continues to be covered by the press and media frequently. The institute’s flagship journal, now published by SAGE, saw publication of its biannual issues on time in June and December 2022.

### **Review of Development and Change – The MIDS Journal**

The MIDS Journal *Review of Development and Change* (RDC), now in its twenty-eighth year, is the successor to the monthly *Bulletin: Madras Development Seminar Series* started by Malcolm Adiseshiah. The last regular issue of the *Bulletin* was published in December 1994, and the journal RDC was launched in 1996. It is a biannual peer-reviewed journal and its objective is to examine diverse aspects of the changes taking place in our society and encourages multidisciplinary theoretical and applied scholarship that perceives problems of development and social change in depth, documents them with care, interprets them with rigour and communicates the findings in a way that is accessible to readers from diverse backgrounds. The journal focuses on multidisciplinary scholarship pertaining to issues related to industry, agriculture, urbanisation, environment, social sector, and poverty and inequality.

The journal continues to see increased submissions of manuscripts, a 16.5% increase from the last year, and wide circulation and online usage. The acceptance rate stands at 18% in 2022. 13 original articles and 7 book reviews featured over two issues of RDC Vol. 27 in 2022. The circulation includes 71 institutional subscriptions and 1876 package subscriptions with a 100% renewal rate. With respect to online usage of RDC, the journal saw 18,325 full-text downloads in 2022 and 8,551 full-text downloads until July 2023. All these developments were made possible

due to the cooperation of members of the editorial advisory board, editorial committee members, reviewers, authors and readers.

## **Books**

### *Perunthottrum Porulathara Kolgaiyum*

Following up on the publication of English volume titled *Economic Policy in Covid-19 Times*, a work that we, MIDS faculty, produced during the pandemic, which reflected on the immediate impact of Covid-19 on the lives, livelihoods, and policies in Tamil Nadu, we have also brought out the Tamil translation of the book on economic policy titled *Perunthottrum Porulathara Kolgaiyum* published by MIDS in May 2022. ICSSR's Southern Regional Centre, Hyderabad partially funded the Tamil publication.

### *Navasevviyal Poruliyal and Adam Smith mudhal Karl Marx varai*

The two books written by former MIDS Director late Professor Neelakantan, in Tamil, have now been re-published by Tamil Nadu Textbook Society in association with MIDS. “Navasevviyal Poruliyal” is an important and rare text on *History of Economic Thought* and “Adam Smith mudhal Karl Marx varai” is the original book that appeared first in Tamil on classical economic thought.

Professor A R Venkatachalapathy has published three books through multiple international publishers during the current year. He edited a volume of rare documents on the great patriot, V. O. Chidambaram Pillai (1872–1936) who was the pioneer of economic nationalism in South India. The second book is the collection of rare documents written by the great national poet C. Subramania Bharati. These writings reveal the ideas of the Tilak wing of the Indian National Congress during the first World War. It throws much light on trends in Indian nationalism before the Gandhian era. The third book, an authored one, *The Brief History of a Very Big Book: The Making of the Tamil Encyclopaedia* is a pioneering work on the making of encyclopaedias in Indian languages with special reference to Tamil. The central theme is the interrelationship between nation-building and language development.

Professor Ananta Kumar Giri has authored a book titled *The Calling of Global Responsibility: New Initiatives in Justice, Dialogues and Planetary Realizations* published by Routledge.

In the MIDS Working Papers series, Dr Kripa Ananthpur, Dr Jafar, Ms Gargi Sridharan and Prof. Venkatachalam have published a paper which discussed the *Impact of the Covid-19 waves on Tamil Nadu's economy and society*.

A research summary report by Dr Kripa Ananthpur, Prof Venkatachalam, and Dr Jafar titled *Tamil Nadu Household Panel Survey (TNHPS)—Pre-Baseline Survey (PBS) 2018-19* was brought out in both English and Tamil in September 2022 co-published by MIDS.

Led by Dr Kripa Ananthpur, Prof Venkatachalam, and Dr Jafar, the TNHPS team has brought out five Policy Briefs, in both English and Tamil, which provided coverage on the status of a) Water, Sanitation and Hygiene b) Economic Indicators c) Education and Literacy d) Employment e) Housing, Electricity and Fuel in Tamil Nadu which showcased different socio-economic issues as part of the Pre-baseline analysis.

## Academic Events

MIDS is actively engaged in conducting academic events in its campus and 2022-23 saw the institute organize 7 Seminars, 3 Public Lectures, 3 Panel Discussions, 5 Book Releases and discussions, and 3 Library Exhibitions, 2 Bi-annual Seminars, 1 Research Methodology Workshop to a total of 24 events. The cumulative total number of participants in these events were over 1300.

In particular, the highlights of the year among these events include:

1. the official release of the two books by MIDS faculty titled *Economic Policy in Covid-19 Times* and *Perunthottrum Porulathara Kolgaiyum* on 2 August 2022 at which Dr. Palanivel Thiagarajan, Hon'ble Minister for Finance, Government of Tamil Nadu was the Chief Guest and Dr. J. Jeyaranjan, Vice Chairman of State Planning Commission was the keynote speaker. Hon'ble Minister Dr. Palanivel Thiagarajan in his address said, "Much of our politics today is shaped and built on differences in philosophies, values and approach, but what gets lost in that process is finding out whether any of the outcomes are fully achieved. Much of our policies are bereft of data packing or thorough analysis." He added that "an institution like MIDS could add a lot of value to the right government with the right kind of mindset and connectivity at the right time of process." He said that a disconnect between intent and outcome among all levels of government was common, but it would help the government if that gap could be bridged with good and independent data such that it can help frame policies. Dr. J. Jeyaranjan in his keynote address discussed the lack of availability of data and the process of data collection and said that the State departments should look to collect their own datasets, and opt for their early publications while working in close collaboration with institutions like MIDS that could analyse, interpret and summarize data faster.
2. the Three-day Research Methodology Workshop organised together with M&EA Trust on 21–23 July 2022
  - The workshop was meant for those candidates who have applied for a research grant (2022–23) from the Malcolm and Elizabeth Adiseshiah (M&EA) Trust. Participants were introduced to the basics of research methodology covering important topics namely, critical review of literature, research design, sampling design, methods of data collection, analysis of data, research ethics, and writing the report. Based on the learnings from these lectures, the potential research grantees were required to revise their proposals already submitted to the trust

and present their revised proposal to the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) of M&EA Trust. For the benefit of a larger academic society, the workshop was open to interested researchers as well.

3. the one-day National Seminar on Revisiting the Impact of COVID-19: Rebuilding a Resilient Economy and Society on 15 March 2023
  - The seminar presented and discussed the longitudinal effects of the pandemic on the economy, livelihoods, and other related sectors, thereby juxtaposing these impacts with cautions and lessons for governance and policymaking. The technical sessions provided a platform for researchers that studied the prolonged effects of the pandemic across periods in India using a longitudinal or panel design. A round table discussion between academics and policymakers was also conducted with public participation.
4. the Panel Discussion on Indian Economy and Climate Change: Issues and the Way Forward organised in association with Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on 23 March 2023.
  - The Panel brought together eminent experts working on various aspects of climate change and discussed the current issues, progress made, and the future course of action under the broad spectrum of the Indian economy and the environment. More specifically, the Panel focused on the sector-specific impacts of climate change in India, measures in place and the progress made on achieving the climate-related goals, additional measures required to enhance the progress, emerging areas which need more focus, the issues with climate finance and ways to generate resources, and cost-effective local solutions to deal with the climate change issues in the Indian context.

## **Continuing Agenda**

Prof. Sugata Marjit delivered the MIDS Founder's Day Lecture on "Gender Discrimination, Competition, and Efficiency" in June 2022. Several reputed and international scholars visited MIDS during the year and presented their research in the seminars and public lectures organised by MIDS. The themes of these seminars also varied greatly: with the topics ranging from Sri Lanka Crisis, discussion on works of Maulana Wahiduddin Khan, Global Sustainability and Regenerative Futures, Implications of Electric Vehicles for Emissions, Energy Imports, Women's Employment, European Colonial Cities on the Coromandel Coast, etc. A regular discussion on Tamil Nadu Budget was also held focussing on SCs' and STs' Development.

The impromptu exhibitions done by the vastly resourceful MIDS library during the major events have also garnered attention among the research institutions and public. In addition, the MIDS library has planned two major book exhibitions for the next year.

During the academic year 2022-23, four scholars were awarded the PhD degree, one scholar has submitted their PhD thesis and awaiting viva-voce and 22 other scholars were still pursuing their research work including three who have submitted their synopsis during this period.



MIDS has elaborate plans for the upcoming year 2023-24 in terms of academic activities. We intend to continue conducting seminars and workshops covering policy discussions on Millet Economy, History of Economic Thought (HET), Data Science for social science scholars and a Doctoral Colloquium on Economics and Development Studies and on the broad aspects outlined as above in various spheres such as research, publications and teaching.

## 10. Research Projects

### Completed Projects

	Project Title	Sponsoring Agency	Principal Investigator(s)
1	Coastal Transformation and Fisher Wellbeing-synthesized Perspectives from India and Europe	ICSSR, New Delhi	Ajit Menon
2	Evaluating the Welfare Schemes of the Puducherry Government	Government of Puducherry	K Jafar
3	Dalits and the Making of the Public Sphere in Colonial Tamilnadu: A Documentation of <i>Tamilan</i> , 1907–1914	ICSSR SC-ST Component (one-time grant by MIDS)	A R Venkatachalapathy

### Ongoing Projects

	Project Title	Sponsoring Agency	Principal Investigator(s)
1	Tamil Nadu Household Panel Survey (TNHPS)	Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Department, Government of Tamil Nadu	Kripa Ananthpur, K Jafar & L Venkatachalam
2	Managing Covid-19 in India's Cities: Reshaping People's Everyday lives in Poorer Urban Neighbourhoods	The University of Sheffield, Western Bank, UK	Karen Coelho

### New Research Initiatives / Projects

	Project Title	Sponsoring Agency	Principal Investigator(s)
1	Social Development Report for Tamil Nadu (as part of the Coastal Research Team)	State Planning Commission, Government of Tamil Nadu	Ajit Menon

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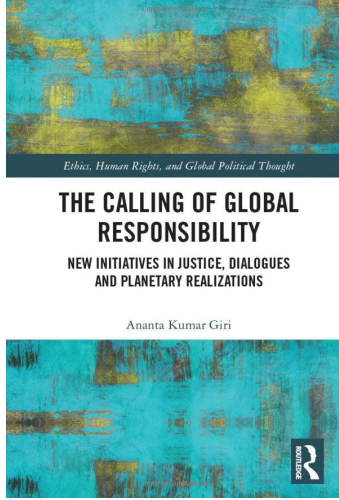
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## About the Books



### ***The Calling of Global Responsibility: New Initiatives in Justice, Dialogues and Planetary Realizations***

Ananta Kumar Giri

Routledge, 2022

This book rethinks and transforms the current discourse on globalization and global justice. It expands the idea of globalization from an economic or corporate context to mean humanization and planetary realizations — moving beyond the boundaries of nation-states and other human-made demarcations. The author challenges the notion of human primacy and makes a fervent call to reconfigure the paradigm of anthropocentrism. Through a careful study of movements for justice and inter-faith dialogue from across the world, the book makes a unique contribution to the emerging study of global responsibility. It also helps us overcome our current

civilizational crises and cultivate a new civilization of planetary care and co-responsibility.

As part of the Ethics, Human Rights and Global Political Thought series, the volume will be of great interest to scholars and researchers of law and society, especially social movements, political theory, and philosophy.



### ***பெருந்தொற்றும் பொருளாதாரக் கொள்கையும்***

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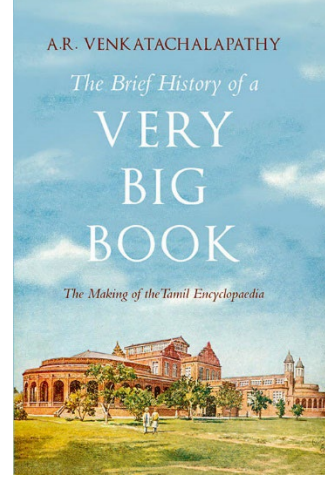
MIDS, 2022

கோவிட்-19 பெருந்தொற்று ஏற்படுத்தியுள்ள பொருளாதார அதிர்ச்சியில் நாம் வாழ்ந்துகொண்டிருக்கிறோம். இந்த நெருக்கடியான சூழலில், கிடைக்கக்கூடிய தரவுகளின் அடிப்படையிலான உடனடி

கொள்கைவகுப்பும் செயல்திட்டமும்  
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நெருக்கடியைக் குறித்துச் சிந்தித்தும்,  
அது விடுக்கும் அறைகூவல்களை  
எதிர்கொண்டும், ஒன்றோடொன்று  
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இந்த நூலில் பரிந்துரைக்கின்றனர்.

இத்தொகுப்பிலுள்ள கட்டுரைகள்  
தமிழகப் பொருளாதாரத்தின் மீதான  
கோவிட்-19 பெருந்தொற்றின் உடனடித்  
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மேலும் அதை எதிர்காலக் கல்விசார்  
தேவைகளுக்காகப் பதிவு செய்யும்  
வரலாறாகவும் இந்நூல் அமைகிறது.

காலம் கருதி வெளிவரும் இந்நூல்  
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## **The Brief History of a Very Big Book: The Making of the Tamil Encyclopaedia**

A. R. Venkatachalapathy

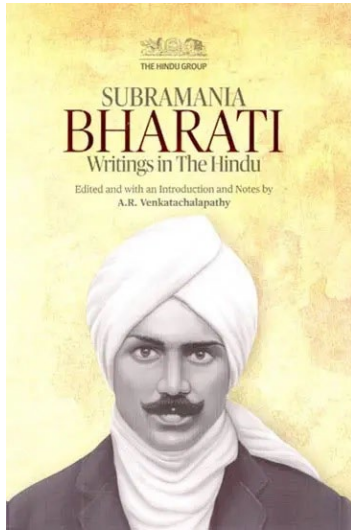
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In the age of Wikipedia, it has been forgotten how important the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* once was in the mind of the English-reading Indian. Seen as the supreme repository of knowledge, it was also a status symbol sought as bookshelf adornment.

What most people do not know *at all* is how an intrepid band of Tamil intellectuals, inspired seventy-five years ago by the *Britannica*, decided to create an encyclopaedia in their own language. They felt a linguistic system as advanced as theirs, with a literary history stretching two millennia, needed to showcase its civilisational achievement: it was imperative that Tamil boast its own encyclopaedia. The odds against realising this ideal were impossible. And yet the project of compiling the *Kalaikkalanjyam* – the Tamil

Encyclopaedia – began and was soon unstoppable.

This intriguing episode of Indian intellectual life is as forgotten as its narration here is compelling. Book history comes brilliantly alive in A.R. Venkatachalapathy's vibrant chronicling – from the conception of an extravagant idea to its execution as a printed work. This story of lofty ideals and financial scandals, bruised egos and ideological conflicts reveals a fascinating world of cultural enterprise, political struggle, and regional nationalism.



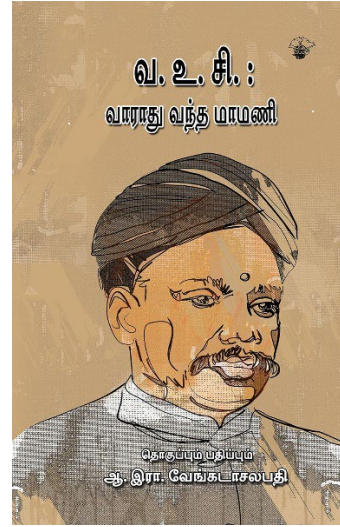
### **Subramania Bharati: Writings in the Hindu**

A. R. Venkatachalapathy (Editor)

The Hindu Group, 2022.

On December 27, 1904, *The Hindu* carried a letter titled 'Mr. Sankaran Nair's Pronouncement' by a then-unknown 22-year-old journalist. This was only his second piece of writing to appear in print; his first in English. Over the next decade, he would

emerge as the foremost poet of Tamil Nadu: C. Subramania Bharati (1882–1921). Based on research into the back volumes of *The Hindu*, this book brings together all of Bharati's writings in India's premier national daily. Critically edited with notes and appendixes, this book not only expands our knowledge about the great poet but also showcases how *The Hindu* provided a forum for Bharati to express his political views when in exile in Pondicherry.



### **வ. உ. சி. : வாராது வந்த மாமணி**

A. R. Venkatachalapathy (Editor)

Kalachuvadu Publications, 2022

கப்பலோட்டியும் செக்கிழுத்தும் தமிழரின் மனங்களில் தியாகத்தின் திருவுருவாக நீங்காத இடம்பெற்றவர் வ.உ.சி. சுதேசி இயக்கத்தில் ஈடுபட்டு, ஆங்கிலேய ஏகாதிபத்தியத்திற்கு எதிராகக் கப்பல் கம்பெனி நடத்தி, 1908இல் கைதாகிக் கடுந்தண்டனை பெற்ற வ.உ.சி., 1912இல் விடுதலையான பிறகு 24 ஆண்டுகள் வாழ்ந்தார். வறுமையில் துன்புற்ற நிலையிலும்

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## Abstracts of Chapters and Articles

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### Ajit Menon

Menon, A., Arunkumar, A. S., Nithya, K., & Shakila, H. (2023). Salinizing livelihoods: The political ecology of brackish water shrimp aquaculture in South India. *Maritime Studies*, 22(1), 6.

The growth of brackish water aquaculture globally and in India is driven by a discourse that naturalizes salinity and sees aquaculture as an alternate livelihood and a good source of food and nutrition in coastal areas. In this paper, we take issue with such a discourse and argue in particular that brackish water shrimp aquaculture is as much a cause of increased salinity as it is a response to it. We also highlight, through a case study of two villages in south India, that aquaculture farmers are relatively influential in political and economic capital and are mostly not small farmers. The paper further claims the growth of shrimp farms in the region has resulted in a declining area under paddy cultivation and pollution of fishing grounds and drinking water as well. Our findings suggest the need for policy makers to take a more critical look at brackish water aquaculture and the possible irreversible costs that they might have on coastal lands and rural livelihoods.

Arora, S., Menon, A., Vijayabaskar, M., Sharma, D., & Gajendran, V. (2022). Everyday politics of care and exclusion: Conceptualising agency in rural south India. *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space*.

Confronting social exclusion is considered critical for grappling with poverty, livelihoods, inequality and participation in rural India. Studies highlight how exclusion is produced through hierarchical relations of caste, gender, class, religion, disability and ethnicity, while documenting people's agency to confront exclusions. However, the making of such agency through people's relations with ecologies and technologies is currently neglected. To address this neglect, we focus on different sociomaterial ways of relating – care and exclusion – which constitute people's agency. We argue that giving close attention to multiple ways of relating that coexist and interweave with each other, may be crucial for supporting grassroots transformations for justice and sustainability. To illustrate this ways-of-relating approach to agency, we rely on oral history narratives with three elderly people from rural Tamil Nadu, while building on insights from feminist scholars as well as science and technology studies. Central to the people's histories narrated in this article are uncertainties that yield non-linearities and loose ends. They foreground plural and flexible dimensions of each of our core concepts, from care and exclusion to intersections and relational agency. This open-ended plurality of dimensions, we conclude, may be crucial for concepts to find relevance in widely different settings.

## **Ananta Kumar Giri**

Giri, A. K. (2022). Rethinking and transforming area studies and Indian studies: A new cosmopolitanism and the challenges of planetary realisations. *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, 56(3), 312–325.

Area studies was an important way of studying different areas of the world after the Second World War by US-European academic establishment. It emerged after the end of the Second World War and it then reflected geopolitical construction of the world into different areas of the world. It was also part of the then cold war to apply American social science tools to different parts of the world. This essay tries to rethink and transform such a geopolitical construction of area studies. It also critically engages with the epistemologies of the Euro-American world behind such area studies projects and strives to reconstitute areas with epistemologies and ontologies of the areas studied. It strives to decolonize area studies. It then engages with Indian studies and critically discusses the prevalent conceptions of book views and field views of India. It offers a plural realization of book views of India as part of a global dialogues of civilizations. It tries to transform fieldwork into footwork and calls for a trigonometry of footwork, philosophy and history for understanding India. It pleads for making area studies and Indian studies part of a new cosmopolitanism where we tried to put our area studies in dialogue with studies of others parts of the world. It also strives to make both area studies and Indian studies part of planetary conversations and planetary realizations which involve dialogues and foot work across borders.

Giri, A. K. (2022). Political economy, moral economy, moral sociology, spiritual ecology and beyond. *Gandhi Marg*, 44(4), 391–412.

Political economy has been an important tradition of critical thought about economy, self and society. The essay explores different aspects of contemporary condition such as rising social and economic inequality and precarious lives. It argues how the current regime of neo-liberal capitalism in many parts of the world calls for a renewal of political economy critiques of economy and society. The essay then explores some of the limitations of conventional modes of political economy such as its statism. It then links critiques of political economy with critiques of moral economy. The essay strives to cultivate integral visions and practices of critique, creativity and transformation of economy, self, society and ecology by bringing political economy, moral economy, moral sociology, and spiritual ecology together. It argues that this way we can move beyond the trappings of the present condition of exploitation and alienation and move towards alternative presents and futures at the levels of self, society and the planet.

Giri, A. K. (2022). Interrogating, confronting and reconstituting displacement and a new politics, poetics and spirituality of dwelling: The ethics, aesthetics and responsibility of home and the world. In M. T. Mbu, M. Chakravorty, & J. Clammer (Eds.), *Writing in Times of Displacement: The Existential and Other Discourses*. Routledge. ISBN 9781003333234.

Development has been accompanied by displacement most of the time. We need to interrogate both displacement and development. This article follows the narratives of both displacement as well as resistance to displacement as in the case of building of Hirakud dam and construction of National Test Range in Baliapal. It also discusses briefly resistance and Jal Satyagraha against Sardar Sarovar dam. The essay also invites us to understand how displaced how cope with the pain of social and soul suffering of displacement and how they build homes, hearths and habitat in their new places of living. This challenges us to understand the courage, creativity, persistence and thriving quality of the displaced. To make sense of this, it discusses the discourses on dwelling by thinkers, philosophers and anthropologists such as Henry David Thoreau, Martin Heidegger and Tim Ingold. It then discusses ethics and aesthetics issues of ethics, aesthetics and responsibility of development, displacement, responsibility and dwelling creatively in our homes and the world.

## **Jafar K**

Jafar, K. (2022). Mobility in the margins: Experience of migration and development in Kerala, India. In A. Rahman, M. Sameer Babu, & PA Ansari (Eds.), *Indian migration to the gulf: Issues, perspectives and opportunities*. Routledge. ISBN 9781032307640.

The development experience of Southern Indian state Kerala has been widely discussed for its unique patterns. 'Kerala model' of development and 'virtuous growth' can be used as two distinct phases of development to understand how education plays a critical role in the process of migration and remittance-driven development that Kerala experienced in the recent decades. The positive effects of labour migration in the form of triggering upward socio-economic mobility have been reported by various scholars. Broadly, these narratives present Kerala's migration as a 'successful model' for local development; they tend to ignore its differential impact on the marginalised sections and the variations from the larger model. This chapter tries to highlight some micro evidence associated with the pattern of migration across vulnerable groups and explores the exclusive nature of this larger model and its implications for migration-led development in the state. The exclusion of marginalised communities (SCs and STs) and limited participation from other vulnerable groups keep them as the outliers of Kerala's development.



Jafar, K. (2022). Managing the 'Lockdown Generation': A review of post-pandemic challenges for the youth. In P. Sajida & V. K. Hafees (Eds.), *Regional development: Emerging issues and challenges* (pp. 78–92). Malabar Centre for Development Studies & Amal College of Advanced Studies.

The Covid-19 outbreak and the restrictions followed in its containment strategies have affected the everyday living of people across the globe. While recognising its macro impact and broad nature of challenges, one cannot ignore the specific challenges faced by people across regions, communities, genders, age groups, and sectors. The closure of educational and training institutions for an extended period and the uncertainty around the prospects need a closer look. In the absence of effective policy interventions, many students, especially those from socially and economically vulnerable backgrounds, may not return to their education and training and widen the existing socio-economic inequalities further. The chapter reviews the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic on youth, education, training and employment prospects against the larger context of education and employment of youth that existed before the pandemic. It also attempts to highlight the distinct challenges faced by the youth and issues faced by the lockdown generation.

Bhattacharjee, P., & Jafar, K. (2022). A study of informality and financial inclusion in Assam's tea gardens. In P. Sajida & V. K. Hafees (Eds.), *Regional development: Emerging issues and challenges* (pp. 3–35). Malabar Centre for Development Studies & Amal College of Advanced Studies.

Globally, there has been a steady increase in the share of informal economic activities and new waves of informalisation in almost all sectors. Scholars identify various factors that lead to widespread proliferation of informal economy across the globe in recent years. Along with the traditional informal sector, the phenomenon of informalisation in the formal sector has been changing the dynamics of informality in the developing countries. As a global player, India's tea industry also faces this pressure to intensify its competitiveness and triggered the process of informalisation. The study looks into plantation workers' experience in the tea gardens of Dibrugarh district in Assam and makes an attempt to understand the process of informalisation, conditions of work, living, pattern of savings and borrowings and response to policy changes in plantation economy of Assam.

## **Karen Coelho**

Coelho, K. (2022). Water's edge urbanisms along the Buckingham Canal in Chennai. In R. Padawangi, P. Rabé & A. Perkasa (Eds.), *River cities in Asia: Waterways in urban development and history*. Amsterdam University Press. ISBN 9789463721851.

This paper examines the edges of urban waterways as intra-urban peripheries where dynamic processes of place-making and appropriation occur. Chennai's Buckingham Canal has undergone shifting valuations in the city's urbanization history since its construction

by the British as a navigation channel in the late 1800s. Having degenerated into an urban drain after the 1950s, it was revalorized in the 2000s through new eco-restoration visions. This dynamic ignored other histories of the canal including those of informal settlements and small-scale industries that had grown along its banks, offering working class families a foothold in the city, and that now face eviction. This paper draws on multi-sited ethnography in three canal-bank settlements to describe the shifting trajectories of opportunity, challenge and threat that water's edge urbanism offers.

Coelho, K., Srivathsan, A., & Pattnam, G. (2022). From serviced sites to peripheral tenements: A long-arc history of Chennai's unaffordable housing. *Urbanisation*, 7(2), 163–184.

Housing policies in India tend to reduce the urban housing challenge to a volumetric problem of increasing stock, particularly in the “affordable” category, and increasingly by “crowding in private investment”. This standardized policy agenda has overwritten local histories and sociological understandings of housing as embedded in social relations. The singular focus on facilitating private markets in affordable housing is everywhere confounded by contextual factors that determine local geographies of housing, land markets, and parameters of affordability. What explains the conspicuous absence of private builders in Chennai's affordable housing market despite strong demand in this segment and over two decades of state policies aimed at incentivizing their participation in this market? This paper proposes that a long-range history of Chennai's settlement and land-use shifts, social/demographic changes, and housing policies from the early 20th century can provide clues toward understanding its current housing market, and can contribute policy-relevant insights that expand the question of urban housing beyond measures of stocks and prices to qualitative concerns. The paper employs archival material (including government reports, plans, policies and media reports) and primary data from a recent study by the authors on the supply, location, and prices of current affordable housing stock in Chennai.

Coelho, K. (2022). Urban waterlines: Socio-natural productions of indifference in an Indian city. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, 46(2), 160–181.

How is water engaged in, or mobilised for, the production of social difference and indifference? This paper proposes the rubric of “urban waterlines” to examine the political agency of various urban waters in inscribing categories of personhood and effects of discrimination. Waterlines are conceived as material (socio-technical, historical) formations that set out to channel, contain, or accelerate water, but are ultimately effected by pushbacks, overflows and outbreaks, or the subsidence and vanishing of water. They are dialectically assembled by the workings of water in two registers: first as a variable form historically shaped through shifting valorisations of water as resource, factor of production, object of consumption, aesthetic feature, or waste. And second, as a relatively autonomous natural element that resists or exceeds these makings. The paper

discusses three kinds of urban waterlines: boundaries, flows and infrastructures, using case studies from Chennai to illustrate how each is assembled through socionatural, technological and discursive operations, and works to dispossess or disadvantage specific people and places. This paper brings Urban Political Ecology's analyses of water-forms as historically crafted socionatural assemblages into conversation with anthropological scholarship on how indifference is produced through everyday workings of the state.

## **Kripa Ananthpur**

Ananthpur, K. (2022). Fostering participatory governance through P-tracking: An innovative experiment converging technology with participation through GPDP. In N. Sivanna, N. Billava, & N. S. Nayak (Eds.), *Decentralised governance and planning in India* (pp. 229–244). Concept Publishing. ISBN 9789355942081.

Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) initiated under the 14th UFC mandates a participatory mode of planning. The GPDP guidelines are based on the use of conventional participatory tools and techniques such as Transect walk, Social mapping, Community resource mapping, Venn diagram etc. in the village development planning process. However, since the advent of participatory methods in the '80s, phenomenal advances have taken place in the field of ICTs. So, how does participation work in this predominantly digital era? We know that social media platforms, in recent times, have changed the nature of participation on various causes and issues across the globe. However, in terms of policy and research, this shift has still not happened or is happening very slowly. Can conventional participatory tools be made more efficient/ accessible/ refined using technologically advanced tools like digital data collection process, capturing GPS coordinates for resource mapping and data visualisation tools to make data more easily understandable and accessible? What impact would this have on the way citizens participate and engage in local governance particularly in rural areas?

## **Umanath M**

Umanath, M., Paramasivam, R., Saravanakumar, V. (2022). Choice of millets cultivation in India: Evidence from farm household survey data. *Agricultural Economics Research Review*, 35, 145–163.

This study aims at investigating the determinants of millets production at the farm household level in India. We have used farm household survey data collected by the National Sample Survey for the year 2018-19. Using Heckman sample selection model, the study has estimated the functional relationship between area adoption under millets and various farm household-related characteristics to avoid the sample selection problem associated with the survey data. The results reveal that the price of millets is the key

factor affecting the choice of millets production and area expansion. Ensuring a higher price for millets may encourage the expansion of area under millets. As millets are considered less input intensive crops and rich in nutrients, more area adoption under millets may help achieve the sustainable development goals of food security and efficient use of resources.

### **Jafar K, Kripa Ananthpur, & Venkatachalam L**

Jafar, K., Ananthpur, K., & Venkatachalam, L. (2023). Digital divide and access to online education: New evidence from Tamil Nadu, India. *Journal of Social and Economic Development*, 25(2), 313–333.

The pandemic and the long closure of educational institutions have changed the learning and teaching practices across the globe. A massive and unplanned shift towards online education with unequal access to digital infrastructure deepens the existing digital divide and socio-economic inequalities. Tamil Nadu Covid Pulse Survey shows the state's commitment to strengthening evidence-based policymaking and continuing its welfare tradition including its efforts to provide uninterrupted education during the crisis. Based on the three recent rounds of the panel survey conducted in October 2020 and August 2021, this article discusses Tamil Nadu's experience in continuing education during the pandemic. The result highlights the existing digital divide and challenges faced by students in accessing online education. Some of the government initiatives like Kalvi TV telecasting classes for school students have been effective in addressing the digital divide between rural and urban areas in the state and making its education system more inclusive.

Ananthpur, K., Jafar, K., Sridharan, G., & Venkatachalam, L. (2022). *Impact of the Covid-19 waves on Tamil Nadu's economy and society* (MIDS Working Paper No. 241). MIDS Publication.

The Tamil Nadu Covid Pulse Survey (TNCPS), a rapid response panel survey designed to take place at regular intervals of four months over the course of one year, assessed the impact of the global pandemic and the subsequent lockdown measures on a sample of approximately 13,000 households in Tamil Nadu. The TNCPS showed that a whopping 53% of the sample households faced job loss when a sudden nationwide lockdown was imposed in March 2020. This was coupled with a reduction in income and an increase in food insecurity at the household level. While the pandemic weakened in Tamil Nadu by the end of 2020 and fewer households reported job loss (17%), the subsequent second wave created irreparable damage to the economy. This paper uses data from the TNCPS undertaken in collaboration with the Department of Economics and Statistics, Government of Tamil Nadu, to illustrate the differences in the economic impact faced by the sampled households between the first and second waves of the Covid-19 pandemic. The paper also emphasises the need for governments to adopt data-driven practices in their disaster management strategies.

## 12. Academic Activities: Faculty

### Paper Presentations

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#### Ajit Menon

Menon, A. (2022, September 19). *Blue economy infrastructure and small-scale fisheries: The case of Kunthukal harbour, Tamil Nadu* [Paper presentation]. Fishing for Life 2022—South and Southeast Asia on Conference on Small Scale Fisheries and Aquaculture, Ocean University, Sri Lanka (online).

Menon, A. (2022, November 23). *Rupture, gendered adaptations and the social economy of small-scale fisheries in the Indian Ocean* [Paper presentation]. GAF 8—Gender in Aquaculture and Fisheries—Shaping the Future: Gender Justice for Sustainable Aquaculture and Fisheries, Society of Fisheries Technologists (SOFTI) and ICAR Central Institute of Fisheries Technology (CIFT), Kochi.

#### Ananta Kumar Giri

Giri, A. K. (2022, July 15). Media, Meditation and Communication [Presentation]. In Sudarshana Jena (Chair), Citizen's Group, Balasore.

Giri, A. K. (2022, September 26). *Contemporary Critiques of Political Economy: Political Economy, Moral Economy, Moral Sociology and Spiritual Ecology* [Presentation]. In Abhyaraj Nayak (Chair), Workshop at Center for Spiritual Ecology, Coxtown, Bangalore.

Giri, A. K. (2022, September 29). *Rethinking Modernity and Postmodernity: Transmodernity and Planetary Realizations*. Department of Sociology, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar.

Giri, A. K. (2022, November 28). *Faith and Hope* [Presentation]. Seminar at O.P. Jindal Global University, Haryana.

Giri, A. K. (2023, January 29). *Life of a Student and Sri Aurobindo's Yoga* [Presentation]. Integral School, Ayodhya, Balasore.

Giri, A. K. (2023, February 27). *Manoja Viswa Srujana: Sahitya, Darshna o Manabiya Divya Uttarana (Manoj World Creation: Literature, Philosophy and Human Divine Transcendence)* [Presentation]. Manoj Das Memorial Lecture, Fakir Mohan University, Balasore.

#### Babu P G

Babu, P. G. (2022, April 12). *Key results of the TNHPS and TNCPS projects* [Presentation to the Hon'ble Finance Minister, Secretaries of Finance and Planning & Development]. Secretariat, Government of Tamil Nadu.

## **Jafar K**

Ananthpur, K., & Jafar, K. (2022, November 28–30). *Income and employment from the unorganised sector in Tamil Nadu: Results from household panel surveys* [Paper presented under the session on Labour and Employment]. National Conference on Indian Economy, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum.

Jafar, K. (2023, February 8). *Impact of climate change on vulnerable sections of society* [Paper presentation]. Training programme on Climate Change and Forestry, Anna Administrative Staff College, Chennai.

Jafar, K. (2023, March 15). *Impact of the pandemic on Tamil Nadu's economy and society: Results from a panel survey* [Paper presentation]. Seminar on Revisiting the Impact of Covid-19: Rebuilding a Resilient Economy and Society, MIDS, Chennai.

## **Karen Coelho**

Coelho, K. (2022, September 10). *Contested transformations in a resettlement colony: Remaking the urban in Kannagi Nagar, Chennai* [Paper presentation]. Remaking Cities and Margins through Peripheral Resettlement, MIDS, TISS and Hyderabad Urban Lab (Online).

Coelho, K. (2022, September 29). *Affordable housing, resettlement housing and vacant units in Chennai* [Paper presentation]. Urban India's Affordable Housing Challenge, Ford Foundation and ICRIER (Online).

Coelho, K. (2023, January 13). *Introduction: Remaking the urban through peripheral resettlement in India: Proposing a two-volume symposium* [Paper presentation]. Roundtable on Remaking Indian Cities through Peripheral Resettlement at Urban Arc, Indian Institute for Human Settlement, Bangalore.

## **Kripa Ananthpur**

Ananthpur, K., & Rashmi, S. (2022, September 19–22). *Can capability emerge as an unintended outcome? – A qualitative analysis of the Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihood Mission's convergence programme* (Paper presented under the session on Collective Capabilities). The HDCA Conference on Capabilities and Transformative Institutions, Antwerp, Belgium.

Ananthpur, K. (2022, November 3–4). *From last mile delivery enablers to political leaders: How rural SHG women in Tamil Nadu use convergence scheme as a pathway political participation* [Paper presentation]. National Seminar on Women Leadership in Decentralised Governance, ISEC, Bangalore.

Ananthpur, K. (2022, November 28–30). *Challenges of own resource mobilization—Insights from Tamil Nadu village panchayats* [Paper presented under the session on Local Self-

Government]. National Conference on Indian Economy, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum.

Ananthpur, K., & Jafar, K. (2022, November 28–30). *Income and employment from the unorganised sector in Tamil Nadu: Results from household panel surveys* [Paper presented under the session on Labour and Employment]. National Conference on Indian Economy, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum.

Ananthpur, K., Venkatachalam, L., Jafar, K., Gargi, S., & Karthick, V. (2023, March 15). *Impact of the pandemic on Tamil Nadu's economy: Inter-district comparison* [Paper presentation]. Seminar on Revisiting the Impact of Covid-19: Rebuilding a Resilient Economy and Society, MIDS, Chennai.

### **Lakshmanan C**

Lakshmanan, C. (2023, February 25–26). *Dalit politics: Then and now* [Paper presentation]. 25<sup>th</sup> Year of *Puthiya Kodangi* Tamil Magazine, TTS, Madurai.

### **Umanath M**

Umanath, M. (2023, January 12–13). *Millets production choice by India farmers: An evidence from farm household survey data* [Paper presentation]. Conference on Evolving Pathways for Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development, Institute of Social and Economic Change, Bangalore.

### **Venkatachalam L**

Venkatachalam, L. (2022, August 18). *Economic valuation of ecosystem services of wetlands in Tamil Nadu, India* [Paper presentation]. World Water Week, Swedish International Water Institute, Stockholm.

Venkatachalam, L. (2022, November 28–30). *Economic valuation of ecosystem services and public policy: A case study of wetland ecosystem services in the context of Tamil Nadu, India* [Paper presentation]. Seminar on Indian Economy, CDS, Trivandrum.

Venkatachalam, L. (2023, January 30). *Environment and sustainable development in independent India* [Paper presentation]. 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress of Indian Social Science Academy, Ahmedabad and Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli.

Ananthpur, K., Venkatachalam, L., Jafar, K., Gargi, S., & Karthick, V. (2023, March 15). *Impact of the pandemic on Tamil Nadu's economy: Inter-district comparison* [Paper presentation]. Seminar on Revisiting the Impact of Covid-19: Rebuilding a Resilient Economy and Society, MIDS, Chennai.

## Venkatachalapathy A R

Venkatachalapathy, A. R. (2022, June 23). 'Democracy': Its Tamil genealogy [Paper presentation]. India's Politics in its Vernaculars: Launch Conference, King's College London, University of Cambridge (online).

## Participation in seminars / conferences / workshops

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### Ajit Menon

Menon, A. (2022, October 21). *Discourse and Materiality of Brackish Water Aquaculture in South India* [Invited speaker]. Lecture at HSS, BITS Hyderabad.

Menon, A. (2022, November 1). *Coastal Transformation and Fisher Wellbeing in Cuddalore* [Invited speaker]. Fish Workers and Coastal Transformation: Sharing Perspectives, French Institute Pondicherry.

Menon, A., & Priya, S. (2022, November 30). *Commons, Sustainability and Equity: Some Issues in Conception and Measurement*. Winter School on Economic Inequalities and Sustainability, French Institute of Pondicherry.

### Anandhi S

Anandhi, S. (2022, June 30). *History of Socio-Religious Reforms and Laws* [Special lecture]. One-Week Faculty Development Programme on Teaching History in the Legal Educational Institution. Legal Centre for History of South India, TNNLU, Srirangam.

Anandhi, S. (2022, August 11). *Caste, Nationalism and Women's Political Participation* [Resource person's lecture]. National Symposium on Women in Nation Building: Pre- and Post-Independent India. Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University, Hyderabad.

Anandhi, S. (2022, August 22). *Gender and Politics: A Question of Representation* [Guest lecture]. National Conference in Commemoration of 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Celebration on Women's Participation, Representation and Empowerment. Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai.

Anandhi, S. (2022, October 29). *Caste, and Gender Interface* [Lecture]. Special Symposium on Understanding Caste and Tribes in India. Asian College of Journalism, Chennai.

Anandhi, S. (2022, November 9). *Caste, Sexuality and Neo-Liberalism* [Resource person's lecture]. National Workshop on Sexuality: Looking in and Looking out. Nirantar Women's Research Resource Centre, New Delhi.



- Anandhi, S. (2022, November 17–18). *Systematically marginalised: Discerning State-Market Nexus and its connections with Informality* [Resource person's lecture]. Workshop on Women and Work: Making it Count 2.0. Institute of Social Studies Trust, Delhi.
- Anandhi, S. (2022, November 28 to December 2). *Young Women, Work, Caste and Domesticity & Systematic Marginalisation: Gender, Labour and State Welfare* [Two lectures as resource person]. Workshop 3: Interrogating and Narrating Inequalities—Youth Anxieties and Aspirations in India Today. French Institute at Pudhucherry, MIDS and Social Sciences Winter School.
- Anandhi, S. (2022, November 28 to December 2). Coordinator of Workshop 3: Interrogating and Narrating Inequalities—Youth Anxieties and Aspirations in India Today. The Social Sciences Winter School Workshop on Rethinking Inequalities. French Institute at Pudhucherry, MIDS and Social Sciences Winter School.
- Anandhi, S. (2022, December 8). Participant at the Workshop on Gender Toolkit, World Bank, Directorate of Municipal Administration, Raja Annamalaipuram, Chennai.
- Anandhi, S. (2022, December 19). Participant and Resource Person at the Workshop on The Public and the Digital: Examining the Spatial Dimensions of Increasing Gender-Based Violence in India. Krea University, Chennai.
- Anandhi, S. (2023, February 7). *Gender and Intersectional Inequality* [Special lecture]. Women's Day Lecture, Department of Sociology, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNIYD), Sriperumpudur.
- Anandhi, S. (2023, March 7). *Caste, Gender and Work in the Times of Neo-liberalism* [Special lecture]. International Conference on Women in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, The Loyola College Management and the Department of Sociology, The Loyola College, Chennai.
- Anandhi, S. (2023, March 23). *Women's Movements – Histories and the Intersectional Perspectives* [Resource person's lecture]. Dakshayini Velayudan Centre for Women's Studies Ten-Day Short-Term Course on Intersectionality Studies, Sri Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady, Kerala.
- Anandhi, S. (2023, January 17 to March 9). *Gender and Development* [22 lectures]. Gender Elective Course at the Asian College of Journalism, Chennai.
- Anandhi, S. (2023, January 26–27). Panel Discussion on Body (in)visible: Opening out Feminist Research [Resource person, discussant and panelist]. Workshop on Body Worlds: Feminist Conversations and Dis/agreements. Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT-Bombay, Mumbai.

## **Ananta Kumar Giri**

- Giri, A. K. (2022, April 25). *Learning the Art of Wholeness* [Lecture]. Indian Institute of Advanced Studies.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, April 26). *Media, Meditation and Communication* [Lecture]. Chandigarh University.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, May 11). *Transforming Democracy and Development* [Lecture]. KIIT Law School, Bhubaneswar.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, May 13). *New Education Policy and the Calling of a Creative Transdisciplinarity* [Lecture]. F. M. University, Balasore.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, May 17). *Rethinking and Transformative Public Policy and Public Administration* [Lecture]. Department of Public Administration, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, May 18). *Towards a New Dharma of Peace Building* [Lecture]. Malaviya Center for Peace, Benares Hindu University.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, May 20). *Rethinking and Transforming Area Studies* [Lecture]. Department of Anthropology, Allahabad University.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, May 23). *Religion, Spirituality and Society* [Lecture]. Center for Central Asian Studies, Kashmir University, Srinagar.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, May 23). *Rethinking State and Community* [Lecture]. Central University of Kashmir.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, May 24). *Colors of Creativity* [Lecture]. Girl's School in Bandipore, Kashmir.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, May 25). *Dealing with Goods, Dealing with People* [Lecture]. SKUAST, Kashmir.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, May 25). *Religion, Society and Spirituality* [Lecture]. Center for Central Asian Studies, Kashmir University.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, May 27). *Life Divine and Realization of a Divine Society* [Lecture]. National Seminar on Life Divine, Rishihood University.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, May 30). *Rethinking Nations and Narrations: Ethics, Aesthetics and Responsibility* [Lecture]. Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, Delhi.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, June 20). *Cultivating Integral Development and the Calling of Trans-civilizational Dialogues* [Lecture]. Darul Huda Islamic University.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, June 21). *Sri Aurobindo and Alama Iqbal* [Lecture and Workshop]. Darul Huda Islamic University.

- Giri, A. K. (2022, June 24). *Contemporary Contributions to Critiques of Political Economy* [Lecture]. Central University of Kerala.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, June 24). *Learning the Art of Wholeness* [Online Lecture]. Swami Vivekananda Chair, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, July 18). *Social healing* [Presentation]. Department of Anthropology, Central University of Odisha, Koraput.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, July 23). *Walking and Meditating with Sri Narayana Guru on Social Justice* [Lecture]. Hyderabad.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, July 25). *Social Theorizing in Contemporary India* [Lecture]. Department of Sociology, Central University of Hyderabad.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, July 27). *Towards a Social and Ecological Bodhichitta* [Lecture]. Seminar on Buddha, Department of Philosophy, Pachyappa's College.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, July 27). *Love and Humanism in Chinese Culture and the Calling of Planetary Realizations; Confucianism, Vedanta and Beyond* [Lecture]. Presentation in the Online International Summer School in China.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, August 15). *Bharatiya Swadhinata Sangramare Adhyatimaka (Spirituality in Indian Freedom Struggle)* [Online Lecture]. Srujani Parivara Chennai.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, September 27). *Realizing India* [Workshop and Lecture]. Indus Business Academy, Bangalore.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, September 28). Presentation on books *Bahudhara Barnabiva* and *Sikahara o Buddhapada*. Department of Odia, Utkal University.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, October 3). *Lecture on Chitta Ranjan Das*. Puri.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, October 3). *Gandhi and Indigenous Social Sciences* [Chair's Remarks]. Online Discussion.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, October 11). *Creativity and Cultivating Inner and Relational Environmental Responsibility* [Lecture in a school]. Bhusandeswar, Bhogarai.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, October 14). *The Social Thought of Chitta Ranjan Das* [Lecture]. Subhadra Mahavidyalaya, Asureswara.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, October 25). *Life Worlds and Living Words* [Lecture]. Center for Philosophy, Jawaharlal Nehru University.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, November 20). *Indian Management* [Lecture]. Seminar on Indian Management, MIT World Peace University.

- Giri, A. K. (2022, November 22). *With and Beyond the Anthropocene* [Lecture]. Department of Political Science, S. P. University, Pune.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, November 23). *Universities, Experimental Creativity and New Visions and Practices of Transdisciplinarity* [Nurturing and lecturing in a one-day faculty development workshop]. Symbiosis University, Pune.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, November 30). *New Education Policy* [Lecture]. ITM University, Gwalior.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, December 1). *Gandhi and Wittgenstein* [Workshop]. Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Mumbai.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, December 9). *Rethinking Business Studies*. Book Release Symposium, IBA Bengaluru.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, December 16). *With and Beyond Sustainable Development: The Calling of Evolutionary Flourishing* [Lecture]. XIM University, Bhubaneswar.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, December 21). *Rethinking Tribes and Environment* [Lecture]. Odisha Environment Congress, Koraput.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, December 24). *An Invitation to Sociology* [Lecture]. Department of Sociology, GM University.
- Giri, A. K. (2022, December 27). *Philosophy, Anthropology and Literature* [Lecture]. Badagada Panchyat College.
- Giri, A. K. (2023, January 16). *Realizing India* [Lecture]. Department of Sociology, Faroke College, Kerala.
- Giri, A. K. (2023, January 17). *Integral Learning: Science, Culture and World Knowledge* [Lecture]. World Institute, Knowledge City, Kozhikode.
- Giri, A. K. (2023, January 21). *Philosophy, Learning and Literature* [Lecture]. Department of Philosophy, Balugan College.
- Giri, A. K. (2023, January 22). *Chitta Ranjan: Dharanasila Bikasha o Savyatara Sanalpa [Chitta Ranjan: Sustainable Development and Dialogue among Civilizations]* [Lecture]. Bagalpur, Jagatisinghpur.
- Giri, A. K. (2023, January 27). *Bharata Hind Vishwa: Sadhana, Sangrama, Anubhava o Pruthvi Sacheta Bastabayanara Sampratika Ahwana* [Lecture]. Cultural Academy, Rourkela.
- Giri, A. K. (2023, January 28). *Realizing India* [Presentation as Chief Speaker]. Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Tapundia School, Baliapal, Balasore.
- Giri, A. K. (2023, January 31). *Rethinking and Transforming Public Policy and Corporate Spiritual Responsibility* [Lecture]. Army Institute of Management, Kolkata.

- Giri, A. K. (2023, February 2). *Transforming the Subjective and the Objective: Transpositional Subject-objectivity* [Lecture]. Department of Philosophy, Presidency University, Kolkata.
- Giri, A. K. (2023, February 3). *Jeebana, Kahani o Sikhara Arohana (Life, Story and the Ascent of Education)* [Lecture]. Budhabalanga Sorishakotha High School.
- Giri, A. K. (2023, February 4). *Life Worlds and Living Words* [Lecture]. Department of Philosophy, Ravenshaw University.
- Giri, A. K. (2023, February 4). *Towards a New Geography of Human Life: Self-Development, Inclusion of the Other and the Calling of Planetary Realizations* [Lecture]. Department of Geography, Ravenshaw University.
- Giri, A. K. (2023, February 21). *Rethinking Economics and Critiques of Political Economy* [Lecture]. Department of Economics, Pondicherry University.
- Giri, A. K. (2023, February 22). *Co-nurturing International Webinar on Rethinking and Transforming Business, Politics and Society: Thirukkural, Arthasastra and Beyond*. Indus Business Academy, Bangalore.
- Giri, A. K. (2023, February 28). *Science, Social Science and Self-Knowledge* [Lecture]. Science Camp, Thanachaka, Bhogarai.
- Giri, A. K. (2023, March 2). *Rethinking Media Studies: Media, Meditation and Communication* [Lecture]. St. Xavier College, Kolkata.
- Giri, A. K. (2023, March 9). *Rethinking Business and Economics: Political Economy, Moral Economy, Moral Sociology and Spiritual Ecology* [Lecture]. XLRI, Jamshedpur.
- Giri, A. K. (2023, March 14). *Rethinking Satyagraha: Truth, Travel and Translation* [Lecture]. Department of English, Central University of Jharkhand.
- Giri, A. K. (2023, March 17). *Pluriversal Development* [Plenary Lecture]. International Seminar on Technology, Climate Change and Global Warming, Ethnographic and Folk Culture Society, Lucknow and Department of Sociology, University of Lucknow.
- Giri, A. K. (2023, March 21). *The Calling of Poetry and Philosophy* [Online Lecture in Odia]. Srujani Parivara, World Poetry Day.
- Giri, A. K. (2023, March 28). *Contemporary Contributions to Critiques of Political Economy* [Lecture]. Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad.
- Giri, A. K. (2023, March 28). *Rethinking and Transforming Area Studies and Indian Studies* [Lecture]. Department of Political Science, MAANU, Hyderabad.

Giri, A. K. (2023, March 22). *Primal Communities, Ecology of Knowledge and Pluriversal Development* [Keynote Address]. National Seminar on Indigenous Knowledge and Sustainable Development, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarakantak.

*Participation only*

Giri, A. K. (2022, September 22–25). Learning Symposium on Non-Violent Economy, Gandhi Museum, Madurai (Participation only).

Giri, A. K. (2022, October 16–20). Meeting of Humboldt Foundation, Lalitpur, Nepal (Participation only).

Giri, A. K. (2022, November 24–25). Indo-German-Vietnamese Conference on Environment, JNU (Participation only).

Giri, A. K. (2023, January 2–3). International Seminar on Religion and Culture, Adamas University (Participation only).

Giri, A. K. (2023, January 12–15). Kerala Literature Festival, Kozhikode (Participation only).

Giri, A. K. (2023, January 25). Nikhila Utkala Mahila Pathachakra Sammilani in Jharsuguda (Participation only).

Giri, A. K. (2023, February 25). Panel Discussion on Odia Identity [Panelist]. Kalinga Literature Festival, Bhubaneswar.

Giri, A. K. (2023, March 2–4). Seminar on Mind, Ramakrishna Institute of Culture, Kolkata (Participation only).

**Babu P G**

Babu, P. G. (2022, November 16). *Education: Contrasting Theories and Puzzles* [Keynote address]. SDG Goal 4: Quality Education Conference, SRM University, Chennai.

Babu, P. G. (2022, November 24). *Inaugural Address as Chief Guest*. International Seminar on Quality Assurance through Accreditation, National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTR), Chennai.

Babu, P. G. (2022, November 24). *Quality Education: Lessons Learnt, Issues and Strategies* [Invited Lecture]. International Seminar on Quality Assurance through Accreditation, National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTR), Chennai.

Babu, P. G. (2022). *Covid-19 and the Economy* [Plenary lecture]. International Conference, Presidency College, Chennai.

## **Jafar K**

Jafar, K. (2022, July 21–23). *Ethics in social science research and publishing* [Lecture]. Three-Day Online Workshop on Research Methodology, MIDS & MEA Trust, Chennai.

Jafar, K. (2023, January 31). *Trajectories of welfare and social policy: Revisiting key debates* [Invited talk]. St. Aloysius College, Thrissur.

## **Kalaiyaran A**

Kalaiyaran, A. (2022, August 3). *Understanding agrarian crises of India* [Resource Person]. Research Methodology in Social Sciences, ICSSR and The Institute for Studies in Industrial Development, New Delhi.

Kalaiyaran, A. (2022, August 4). *Anatomy of fiscal federalism* [Special lecture as Invited Speaker]. Department of Finance and Business Economics, University of Delhi.

Kalaiyaran, A. (2022, September 9). *Role of caste in structural transformation* [Special lecture as Invited Speaker]. Azim Premji University, Bangalore.

Kalaiyaran, A. (2022, November 9). *Politics of welfare and freebies in India* [Special lecture as Invited Speaker]. Azim Premji University, Bangalore.

Kalaiyaran, A. (2022, November 29). *Crisis of youth, inequalities and structural transition in economy* [Invited Speaker]. Winter School on Economic Interrogating and Narrating Inequalities—Youth Anxieties and Aspirations in India Today, French Institute of Pondicherry.

Kalaiyaran, A. (2022, November 30). *Women and work in Tamil Nadu* [Invited Speaker]. Winter School on Economic Interrogating and Narrating Inequalities—Youth Anxieties and Aspirations in India Today, French Institute Pondicherry.

Kalaiyaran, A. (2022, December 1). *Limits of numbers and economic theories* [Invited Speaker]. Winter School on Economic Interrogating and Narrating Inequalities—Youth Anxieties and Aspirations in India Today, French Institute Pondicherry.

Kalaiyaran, A. (2023, February 24). *Democracy, development and rural transformation since 1990s* [Special lecture as Invited Speaker]. Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi.

Kalaiyaran, A. (2023, February 27). *Development through democratization: Interpreting the Dravidian model* [Special lecture as Invited Speaker]. Centre de Sciences Humaines, New Delhi.

Kalaiyaran, A. (2023, March 9). *The Dravidian model and its limits* [Special lecture as Invited Speaker]. The Centre for Development and Environment Policy (CDEP), IIM-C, Kolkata.

Kalaiyaran, A. (2023, March 10). *Changing contours of Indian federalism* [Special lecture]. Centre for Studies in Social Sciences Calcutta, Kolkata.

Kalaiyarasan, A. (2023, March 15). *Economic impact of the pandemic on vulnerable population* [Discussant]. Revisiting the Impact of Covid-19: Rebuilding a Resilient Economy and Society, MIDS.

Kalaiyarasan, A. (2023, March 24). *Remaking federalism and its contents* [Special lecture]. CPS, IIT-Bombay.

### **Karen Coelho**

Coelho, K. (2022, July 13). Two lectures as Resource Person. Research Methodology Workshop, MIDS.

Coelho, K. (2022, September 9–10). Co-organiser (with Anant Maringanti and Amita Bhide). *Remaking Cities and Margins through Peripheral Resettlement*, MIDS, TISS and Hyderabad Urban Lab (Online).

Coelho, K. (2023, January 12–14). Co-organiser and Chair's Remarks. Roundtable on *Remaking Indian Cities through Peripheral Resettlement*. Urban Arc Conference, Indian Institute for Human Settlements.

### **Kripa Ananthpur**

Ananthpur, K. (2022, April 12). *Key findings of the TNHPS–PBS* [Presentation]. Special meeting with the Hon'ble Finance Minister of Government of Tamil Nadu, The Secretariat, Chennai.

Ananthpur, K. (2022, April 22–26). Two lectures at ICSSR Research Methodology Workshop. Shetty College, Mumbai (Online).

Ananthpur, K. (2022, May 4). Invited Speaker at Half-a-day Workshop on Female Labour Force Participation in India. Chennai.

Ananthpur, K. (2022, May 18–19). Two lectures in PhD Coursework, CDD, ISEC (Online).

Ananthpur, K. (2022, May 27). *Technical Session on Capacitation of Local Governments for Crisis Effectiveness and e-governance in Service Delivery* [Chair's Address]. Centre for Rural Management, Kerala (Online).

Ananthpur, K. (2022, May 27). *Workshop on Empowerment of Local Governments in Tamil Nadu: Potentials & Possibilities* [Invited Speaker]. Centre for Rural Management and RGNIYD, Sriperambadur (Online).

Ananthpur, K. (2022, October 28). *Key findings of the TNHPS–PBS* [Presentation]. All Secretaries' meeting convened by the Chief Secretary, The Secretariat, Chennai.

Ananthpur, K. (2022, November 3–4). Discussant for two papers. National Conference on Women Leadership in Decentralised Governance. ISEC, Bangalore.



Ananthpur, K. (2022, November 1). Invited Speaker at National Webinar on Decentralised Local Governance in India: Issues, Challenges and Trends. Department of Political Science, University of Madras (Online).

Ananthpur, K. (2023, January 10). Invited Participant at Two-day International Conference on India, Island States and the Indo-Pacific: Towards a Sustainable Blue Economy. The Peninsula Foundation, Chennai.

Ananthpur, K. (2023, March 30). *Challenges of implementing a panel survey* [Lecture]. Madras School of Economics, Chennai.

## **Lakshmanan C**

Lakshmanan, C. (2022, April). *Celebration of Ambedkar Jayanthi* [Keynote Address]. Voice of People, Chennai.

Lakshmanan, C. (2022, April 14). *Celebration of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar's birth anniversary* [Chief Guest's Address]. Food Corporation of India, Regional Office, Chennai.

Lakshmanan, C. (2022, June 11). *Discussion on everyday social and the impact of socio-political movements in the post-independent Tamil Nadu* [Invited Panelist]. Celebration of 75th Year of Independence of India. Tamil Nadu National Law University (TNNLU), Tiruchirappali.

Lakshmanan, C. (2022, July). *Constitutional rights of women* [Resource Person]. Celebrate 75 years of our Independence, Department of Social Sciences, Tamil University, Tanjore.

Lakshmanan, C. (2022, September 26). Moderator of Book Discussion: The Knowledge Foundation of the Adi Dravidars by Captain S. Kaliaperumal. MIDS, Chennai.

Lakshmanan, C. (2022, December 16). *Literature of Resistance: Gender, Caste and Quality in South India* [Inauguration and Keynote Address]. Centre for Literary Studies, IQAC and Multi-Disciplinary Research Centre, St. Thomas College, Kozhencherry, Kerala.

Lakshmanan, C. (2023, February 2). *Relevance of Periyar and Babasaheb B. R. Ambedkar Thoughts* [Invited Lecture]. Loyola College, Thiruvannamalai.

Lakshmanan, C. (2023, February 8). *Anti-Caste Politics: Then and Now* [Special Lecture]. BAPSA, JNU, New Delhi.

Lakshmanan, C. (2023, February 17). *Indian Economy and Social Justice* [Resource Person]. Ensuring Social Justice in Today's Nation, Department of Social Work, Patrician College of Arts and Science, Chennai.

Lakshmanan, C. (2023, March 3). *Caste Today* [Invited Speaker]. Universalising Caste: Exploring the interface of caste, religion and region Asian College of Journalism, Taramani, Chennai.

Lakshmanan, C. (2023, March 4). *Critical Review on Dalit Literature and Research* [Resource Person]. Arivu Samugam (Intellectual Society), ICSA Centre, Chennai.

Lakshmanan, C. (2023, March 29). *Panel Discussion on Tamil Nadu Budget 2023-24 and the SCs and STs Development* [Moderator and Opening Remarks]. MIDS, Chennai.

## **Umanath M**

Umanath, M. (2022, May 28). *Emerging trends in cropping pattern and its implication on food consumption and nutrient intake* [Resource person]. ICSSR-Sponsored Two-Day National Seminar on e-Nam—Agricultural Marketing in India Towards One-Nation, One Market, One Ration Card. IFET College Engineering, Villupuram.

Umanath, M. (2022, July 23). *Analysing data and interpreting results* [Resource person]. Three-Day Online Workshop on Research Methodology. MIDS and Malcolm & Elizabeth Adiseshiah (MEA) Trust, Chennai.

Umanath, M. (2022, September 3). *Data description, visualization and presentation* [Resource person]. One-day National Workshop on Basic Data Analysis for Social Sciences, Kumaraguru Institute of Agriculture, Erode.

Umanath, M. (2022, September 3). *Normal distribution and its properties* [Resource person]. One-day National Workshop on Basic Data Analysis for Social Sciences, Kumaraguru Institute of Agriculture, Erode.

Umanath, M. (2022, September 3). *Sampling distribution and its properties* [Resource person]. One-day National Workshop on Basic Data Analysis for Social Sciences, Kumaraguru Institute of Agriculture, Erode.

Umanath, M. (2022, September 3). *Hypothesis testing* [Resource person]. One-day National Workshop on Basic Data Analysis for Social Sciences, Kumaraguru Institute of Agriculture, Erode.

Umanath, M. (2022, September 3). *Application, statistical tools and technique (software use) and its application in social science* [Resource person]. One-day National Workshop on Basic Data Analysis for Social Sciences, Kumaraguru Institute of Agriculture, Erode.

Umanath, M. (2022, October 29–30). *Parametric tests: Independent sample t-test, paired sample t-test, one-way analysis of variance, one-way between-groups ANOVA with post-hoc test, one-way repeated measures ANOVA, and two-way between-groups ANOVA* [Resource person]. Two-day Workshop on Methods and Tools for Business Analytics, Department of Agricultural & Rural Management, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore.

Umanath, M. (2022, October 29–30). *Parametric tests: Multivariate analysis of variance, one-way MANOVA analysis of covariance ANCOVA, one-way ANCOVA, and two-way ANCOVA* [Resource person]. Two-day Workshop on Methods and Tools for Business Analytics,

Department of Agricultural & Rural Management, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore.

Umanath, M. (2022, October 29–30). *Non-parametric analysis: Chi-square test goodness of fit Chi-square test for independence, McNemar's test, Cochran Q test* [Resource person]. Two-day Workshop on Methods and Tools for Business Analytics, Department of Agricultural & Rural Management, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore.

Umanath, M. (2022, October 29–30). *Kappa measure of agreement, Mann-Whitney U test, Wilcoxon signed rank test, Kruskal–Wallis test, Friedman test* [Resource person]. Two-day Workshop on Methods and Tools for Business Analytics, Department of Agricultural & Rural Management, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore.

Umanath, M. (2022, October 29–30). *Hands-on training on parametric and non-parametric tests using Excel and Stata* [Resource person]. Two-day Workshop on Methods and Tools for Business Analytics, Department of Agricultural & Rural Management, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore.

Umanath, M. (2022, October 29–30). *Spearman correlation coefficient, regression, multiple regression analysis* [Resource person]. Two-day Workshop on Methods and Tools for Business Analytics, Department of Agricultural & Rural Management, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore.

Umanath, M. (2022, October 29–30). *Binary logistic regression, ordinal regression analysis multinomial logistic regression, factor analysis* [Resource person]. Two-day Workshop on Methods and Tools for Business Analytics, Department of Agricultural & Rural Management, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore.

Umanath, M. (2022, October 29–30). *Hands-on training on regression analysis using Excel and Stata* [Resource person]. Two-day Workshop on Methods and Tools for Business Analytics, Department of Agricultural & Rural Management, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore.

Umanath, M. (2022, October 29–30). *National Sample Survey (NSS) data: Extraction, processing and analysis* [Resource person]. Two-day Workshop on Methods and Tools for Business Analytics, Department of Agricultural & Rural Management, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore.

Umanath, M. (2022, October 29–30). *Hands-on exercise and training on NSS data extraction, processing, and analysis of data using Excel & Stata* [Resource person]. Two-day Workshop on Methods and Tools for Business Analytics, Department of Agricultural & Rural Management, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore.

Umanath, M. (2023, February 19). *Fundamentals of sampling method* [Resource person]. Ten-Day Research Methodology Course, Department of Studies and Research in Economics, Tumkur University, Tumakuru.

Umanath, M. (2023, February 19). *Application of quantitative methods in social science research and practical class* [Resource person]. Ten-Day Research Methodology Course, Department of Studies and Research in Economics, Tumkur University, Tumakuru.

## **Venkatachalam L**

Venkatachalam, L. (2022, April 29). *Sustainable development in India* [Keynote Address]. National Conference on Atmanibhar Bharath: Opportunities for Empowering India, Department of Studies and Research in Economics, Tumkur University, Karnataka.

Venkatachalam, L. (2022, May 9). *Behavioural economics* [Resource person]. Guest Lecture Series, Department of Economics, Kannur University, Kerala.

Venkatachalam, L. (2022, May 10). *Experimental economics* [Lecture]. Guest Lecture Series, Department of Economics, Loyola College, Chennai.

Venkatachalam, L. (2022, May 14). *Research design* [Resource person]. Research Methodology Workshop, School of Economics, Pondicherry University, Puducherry.

Venkatachalam, L. (2022, May 23). *System of National Accounts (SNA) and Natural Resources Accounting (NRA)* [Resource person]. National Training Programme on NRA with Special Reference to Mineral and Energy Resources, International Centre for Environmental Audit and Sustainable Development (iCED), Jaipur.

Venkatachalam, L. (2022, May 27). *Sanitation economy: Opportunities and challenges* [Panelist]. National Seminar on Clean India Campaign for New India: Achievements and Challenges, Department of Population Studies, Annamalai University.

Venkatachalam, L. (2022, May 28). *Urban water supply and public policy* [Guest speaker]. Public Policy Programme, Mount Carmel College, Bengaluru.

Venkatachalam, L. (2022, May 30). *Economic valuation of ecosystem services of wetlands in Tamil Nadu* [Speaker]. Project Dissemination Meeting, State Planning Commission, GoTN.

Venkatachalam, L. (2022, June 9). *Water resources management and SDGs* [Speaker]. Colloquium Series on Sustainability and Beyond, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham's UNESCO Chair on Experiential Learning for Sustainable Innovation and Development, Kollam, Kerala.

Venkatachalam, L. (2022, July 1). *How to teach economics* [Resource person]. Two-Day Workshop on Teaching Economics for School and College Teachers in Economics, Centre for Liberal Arts and Science, Anna University, Chennai.

- Venkatachalam, L. (2022, July 7). *Environmental challenges in achieving \$5 trillion economy* [Resource person]. Refresher Course on Marching Towards Trillion Economy, UGC-HRDC-Department of Economics, University of Madras.
- Venkatachalam, L. (2022, July 9). *Review of literature and report writing* [Resource person]. Research Methodology Workshop (Inter-disciplinary), UGC-HRDC-Department of Sociology, University of Madras.
- Venkatachalam, L. (2022, July 21). *How to write a successful research proposal* [Resource person]. Research Methodology Workshop, MIDS and M&EA Trust, Chennai.
- Venkatachalam, L. (2022, July 21). *Research design* [Resource person]. Research Methodology Workshop, MIDS and M&EA Trust, Chennai.
- Venkatachalam, L. (2022, July 27). *How to study economics!* [Guest lecture]. Interactive Session with the MA Economics Students, Department of Economics, Lady Doak College, Madurai.
- Venkatachalam, L. (2022, July 29). *Economic values of prioritised wetlands in Tamil Nadu* [Invited speaker]. Visiting GIZ Working Group on Indian Wetlands, State Planning Commission (SPC), GoTN.
- Venkatachalam, L. (2022, August 8). *Overview of Tamil Nadu Household Panel Survey (TNHPS)* [Resource person]. Training for the Staff of Department of Economics and Statistics (DES), GoTN, DES and MIDS, Chennai.
- Venkatachalam, L. (2022, August 16). *Overview of Tamil Nadu Household Panel Survey (TNHPS)* [Resource person]. Training for the Staff of Department of Economics and Statistics (DES), DES and MIDS, Chennai.
- Venkatachalam, L. (2022, August 17). *The inter-disciplinary aspects of development studies* [Invited speaker]. Inaugural Talk—Programme for the MA Integrated Development Studies' Students, Department of Development Studies, Calicut University, Kerala.
- Venkatachalam, L. (2022, August 23). *Institutional and behavioral issues in agriculture sector in India* [Invited speaker]. Brainstorming Session on Researchable Issues in Agricultural Economics, Department of Agricultural Economics, CARDS, TNAU, Coimbatore.
- Venkatachalam, L. (2022, August 26). *Innovation, institutions and economic development* [Valedictory address]. Two-Day International Conference on Innovations, Department of Commerce, Patrician College of Arts and Science, Chennai.
- Venkatachalam, L. (2022, September 5). *Environmental issues in India: Policy solutions* [Resource person]. UGC-HRDC Sponsored Refresher Course on 75 Years of Economic and Social Transformation in India, School of Economics, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai.

- Venkatachalam, L. (2022, September 15). *Overview of Tamil Nadu Household Panel Survey (TNHPS)* [Resource person]. Training Programme for the Department of Economics and Statistics (DES) Staff (Chennai Region), DES and MIDS.
- Venkatachalam, L. (2022, September 16). *Behavioral economics* [Guest lecture]. Guest Lecture Series, Department of Economics, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore.
- Venkatachalam, L. (2022, September 26). *Environment and development* [Guest lecture]. Guest Lecture Series, Madras School of Social Work, Chennai.
- Venkatachalam, L. (2022, October 19). *Wetlands and SDGs* [Keynote address]. ICSSR-Sponsored National Seminar on SDGs and Sustainable Development, Government Arts College, Nandanam, Chennai.
- Venkatachalam, L. (2022, October 20). *Market-based instruments for environmental governance* [Resource person]. Training Programme on Public Policy for the Senior Indian Economic Services (IES) Officials, Indian Institute of Management (IIMK), Kozhikode, Kerala.
- Venkatachalam, L. (2022, October 26). *Panel to discuss the book 'Macroeconomics: An Introduction' (Tamil)* [Discussant]. Madras Christian College (MCC), Chennai.
- Venkatachalam, L. (2022, October 27). *Experimental methods in social sciences* [Resource person]. Research Methodology Workshop for the Faculty in Social Sciences, Stella Maris College, Chennai.
- Venkatachalam, L. (2022, November 10). *Market-based instruments for environmental governance* [Resource person]. Training Programme on Public Policy for the Mid-Career Indian Economic Service (IES) Officials, Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Kozhikode, Kerala.
- Venkatachalam, L. (2022, November 17–18). *Issues related to economic growth in UTs* [Panelist]. Brainstorming Session at the National Conference of the Chief Secretaries of UTs, Government of Puducherry.
- Venkatachalam, L. (2022, November 21). *Costs of regulation and the environment* [Speaker]. Workshop on Cost of Regulation and Regulatory Impact Assessment, NITI Aayog and Government of Tamil Nadu.
- Venkatachalam, L. (2022, November 23). *Research design* [Inaugural address]. ICSSR-Sponsored Research Methodology Workshop, Department of Commerce, Vivekanandha College of Arts and Science for Women, Thiruchengodu.
- Venkatachalam, L. (2022, November 23). *Writing successful research proposal in social sciences* [Guest speaker]. Interactive Session with the Faculty Members, Vivekanandha College of Arts and Science for Women, Thiruchengodu.

- Venkatachalam, L. (2022, December 7). *Chair's Remarks*. Seminar on Potential Implications of Electric Vehicles for Emissions, Energy Imports, Government Revenues and Employment: The Case of India by Dr. Deepak Rajagopal, MIDS, Chennai.
- Venkatachalam, L. (2022, December 8). *Chair's Remarks*. Seminar on Who is Asked What? The Effect of Respondent Identity and Question Framing on Estimates of Women's Empowerment by Dr. Rosa Abraham, MIDS, Chennai.
- Venkatachalam, L. (2023, January 18). *Research design* [Resource person]. ICSSR-Sponsored Research Methodology Workshop, Department of Economics, Karnataka State Akkamahadevi Women's University, Vijayapura.
- Venkatachalam, L. (2023, January 25). *Panel discussion on the Book 'Macroeconomics: An Introduction' (Tamil)* [Discussant]. MIDS, Chennai.
- Venkatachalam, L. (2023, February 2). *Sustainable development in India: Current status and the way forward* [Inaugural address]. National Conference on Challenges of Indian Economy and Sustainable Development, Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women, Coimbatore.
- Venkatachalam, L. (2023, February 15). Chair/Moderator at Young Economist Summit on Climate Change, MOP Vaishnav College, Chennai.
- Venkatachalam, L. (2023, February 19). *Conducting primary surveys and experiments in social sciences (2 Lectures)* [Resource person]. ICSSR-Sponsored Research Methodology Workshop, Department of Economics, Tumkur University, Karnataka.
- Venkatachalam, L. (2023, February 20). *Leadership in research* [Plenary speaker]. Short-Term Capacity-Building Programme on Academic Leadership 5.0, Academic and Administrative Development Centre (AADC) of Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women (Deemed to be University), Coimbatore.
- Venkatachalam, L. (2023, February 21). *Indian economy and environmental challenges endowment* [Lecture]. Sakthi Charities Endowment, Department of Economics, University of Madras, Chennai.
- Venkatachalam, L. (2023, March 7). *Accounting for minerals and environmental degradation* [Resource person]. 3rd International Training Programme on 'Audit of Extractive Industries', International Centre for Environment Audit and Sustainable Development (iCED), Jaipur.
- Venkatachalam, L. (2023, March 23). *Panel discussion on Indian economy and climate change: Issues and the way forward* [Moderator]. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS), Chennai.

Venkatachalam, L. (2023, March 26). *Emerging research issues in environmental economics* [Resource person]. Training Programme on Writing Research Proposals in Environmental Economics, Department of Agricultural Economics, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University.

Venkatachalam, L. (2023, March 31). *Indian economy: Challenges in expanding its GDP* [Plenary speaker]. Annual Research Colloquium, SRM University, Kattangulathur.

### **Venkatachalapathy A R**

Venkatachalapathy, A. R. (2022, July 22). *Keynote Address*. Writing the Past: Young Researchers' National Conference, Department of History, Sree Sankaracharya Sanskrit University, Kalady.

Venkatachalapathy, A. R. (2023, January 8). Special Lecture at Chennai Literary Festival, Directorate of Public Libraries, Government of Tamil Nadu.



## Awards and Honours

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### Venkatachalapathy A R

1. *Iyal Virudhu* (Lifetime Contribution to Tamil Culture), Canada Literary Garden (Toronto), May 2022
2. *Bharatiyar Award*, Dinamani Daily (Chennai), December 2022
3. *Mahakavi Bharatiyar Award*, Government of Tamil Nadu, January 2023

## Other Academic Activities

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### Ajit Menon

- Associate Editor, *Maritime Studies*
- Editor, *Conservation and Society*
- Was part of the MIDS Team that helped jointly organize the Winter School on Economic Inequalities and Sustainability at the French Institute Pondicherry between 28 November to 2 December 2022. Was also part of organizing the workshop on Economic Inequality as part of the Winter School.
- Was part of a Faculty Selection Committee at BITS Hyderabad on 21 October 2022.
- Externally rapporteered a PhD thesis on conservation, development and politics in Kerala for the Ecole de Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, France and participated in the PhD viva online for the same.
- Refereed articles for *Journal of Political Ecology and Maritime Studies*.
- Co-supervisor for Aarthi Sridhar, University of Amsterdam
- Co-supervisor for Tara Lawrence, Arctic University of Norway
- Library Committee Chairperson, on-going for three years

### Anandhi S

- Member of the Board of Examiner and Evaluator of a thesis, Department of Sociology, University of Delhi, 14 January 2023
- External examiner of thesis, Centre for Women's Studies, University of Hyderabad, 7 September 2022
- External Examiner of Thesis, School of Human Studies programme in Women's and Gender Studies, Dr.B.R.Ambedkar University Delhi, 9 November 2022
- Project Advisory Committee Member, Gender and Policy Lab Perception Study, Chennai Corporation, Chennai, from October 2022 to January 2023.
- Member Advisory and review committee for curriculum and course Modules on women and work, National workshops on 'Women and Work: Making it Count', Institute of

Social Studies trust, New Delhi, Institute of Social Studies, trust, New Delhi. 4 August 2021 to 30 November 2022.

- Member, Doctoral Committee, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at IIT(M)
- Member, Sub-committee on Education of Socially and Educationally Backward People, State Education Policy High-Level Committee, Government of Tamil Nadu, 5 January 2023 to the Present.
- Advisory group member, Dravida Kalanjium Publication of the Tamil Nadu Textbook Committee, Tamil Nadu Text Book Publication Committee, Government of Tamil Nadu
- Member Advisory Committee, Centre for Women's Studies, Ethiraj College, Chennai, Ethiraj College, Chennai
- Associate Editor and Book Review Editor, *Review of Development and Change*.
- Peer-reviewed an article for the journal, *Men and Masculinities*. 16 May 2022
- Peer-reviewed a book manuscript for Routledge India, 30 May 2022
- Peer-reviewed an article for the journal, *Caste: A Global Journal on Social Exclusion*, 26 November 2022
- Peer-reviewed an article for the journal, *Contemporary Voice of Dalit*, 28 November 2022
- Reviewed an article for *Oxford Research Encyclopaedia of Asian History*, 27 January 2023
- Supervisor for Anna Thomas, HSS, IIT Madras
- Supervisor for Kiran Kumar DN, HSS, IIT Madras
- Supervisor for Preethi Mariam George, HSS, IIT, Madras
- Supervisor for Varsha Prasad, HSS, IIT, Madras
- Supervisor for Thampatty Madhusood, HSS, IIT Madras
- Supervisor for Asraf Pulikamath, Department of Women's Studies, University of Madras
- Member, Infrastructure Committee, till present
- Member, Anti-Sexual Harassment Committee, until Jan 2023

### **Ananta Kumar Giri**

- Conducting weekly dialogue sessions every Sunday on different aspects of contemporary philosophical, social and global challenges on the online platform of Vishwaneedam Center for Asian Blossoming.
- Member, The Club of Rome, an organization of intellectuals and business leaders whose goal is a critical discussion of pressing global issues.

### **Babu P G**

- Managing Editor, *Journal of Quantitative Economics*, Springer Nature, Since 2015.
- Editor-in-Chief, *Review of Development and Change*, MIDS Journal in association with SAGE Publishing, June 2019 to November 2022.
- Member, Board of Governors, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi (2019–2022)
- Member, Academic Council of Maharashtra National Law University, Mumbai
- Senate Member, IIT Bombay, Since 2019

- Member, Technical Committee, Tamil Nadu Operations Research Program, World Bank and Government of Tamil Nadu, Since 2021
- Member, Erasmus Mundus Law and Economics Board of Management, Since 2009
- Panel Member, Amsterdam University College Scholarship Fund Selection Committee, Since 2021
- Member, Faculty of Arts Standing Committee, Annamalai University, 2021–24
- Member, Executive Committee, Tamil Nadu Council for Science and Technology, Since 2019
- Member, Executive Committee, Tamil Nadu Rural Transformation Project, World Bank and Government of Tamil Nadu, Since 2019
- Subject Expert, Board of Studies Department of Economics, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur, 2019–2022
- Journal Proposal Reviewer, Springer Nature
- TNHPS Advisory Committee Meeting, 20 April 2022.
- IISER Bhopal Faculty Selection Committee Meeting, IISER Bhopal, 23 April 2022.
- Amsterdam University College Scholarship Selection Committee Meeting, 25 April 2022.
- Kautilyan Auctions, research paper, manuscript in processing, co-authored with Dr Vikas Kumar.
- Organised the official launch of the books *Economic Policy in Covid-19 Times* and *Perunthotturam Porulathara Kolgaiyum* in an event chaired by the Hon'ble Finance Minister, GoTN in August 2022.

## **Jafar K**

- Associate Editor of the MIDS Journal, *Review of Development and Change*
- Compiled and edited the *MIDS Doctoral Programme: A Handbook*.
- Refereed a manuscript for *International Journal of Educational Research* published by Elsevier, February 2023
- Refereed a manuscript for *The Margin: The Journal of Applied Economic Research* published by SAGE, March 2023
- Joint-organiser, One-day national seminar on Revisiting the Impact of Covid-19: Rebuilding a Resilient Economy and Society.
- Evaluated a PhD thesis in Economics from University of Kannur, Kerala.
- Evaluated three Masters Dissertations for MSE, Chennai.
- Member, State Research Guidance Cell, TNSCERT, since 2021-22
- Internship for Akash M. B., MSE Chennai, July–September 2022
- Course coordinator, Research and Publication Ethics, June–November 2022
- Course coordinator, Decentralised Governance and Inclusive Development, June–November 2022
- Indian Economic Development, 24 lectures, 2021-22

- Coordinator, MIDS PhD Committee, since September 2021
- Serving as Doctoral Committee member for 3 candidates in MIDS, 2 in MSE, 1 in Stella Maris.

### **Kalaiyaran A**

- Was part of the MIDS Team that helped jointly organize the Winter School on Economic Inequalities and Sustainability at the French Institute Pondicherry between 28 November to 2 December 2022.
- Was part of organizing the workshop on Narrating Inequalities – Youth Anxieties and Aspirations in India as part of the Winter School.
- RAC member for Arya Sankar, MIDS.
- Doctoral Committee Member for Manimadan, IIT Madras.

### **Karen Coelho**

- Member of International Scientific Advisory Panel for the project *Revitalising Informal Settlements and their Environments (RISE)*, Monash University, Melbourne, funded by Wellcome Trust UK, and Asian Development Bank. Since 2018, ongoing.
- Member, Advisory Committee, Research Unit on Local Self Government, Center for Development Studies, Trivandrum, Kerala, 2020–2022
- Founding Member, “Writing Urban India”, a fellowship program supporting writing on urban issues in India, supported by the Urban Studies Foundation, 2021–June 2022
- Editor, *Urban Studies*, Since 2022
- Member, Editorial Board, *Review of Urban Affairs, EPW*, Since 2011
- Refereed articles for: *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research (IJURR)*, *Urban Studies Journal*, *Review of Urban Affairs, EPW*, *International Development Planning Review*.
- Reviewed a book manuscript for UCL (University College London) Press
- Assisted in drafting the *Tamil Nadu State Housing Policy*.
- Helped launch a new British-Academy-funded research project, *Reimagining the Good City from Ennore Creek*, University of Westminster and the British Academy, April 2022 to March 2024.
- DC member for 3 students at MIDS
- DC member for Sumedha Priyadarshini, TISS, Mumbai
- Chair of the Internal (Sexual Harassment) Complaints Committee, from 2018 to March 2023
- Member of Publications Committee, from March 2023
- Member of Research Advisory Committee, from 2019–2022

### **Kripa Ananthpur**

- Reviewed a manuscript titled “*Nuancing the Spheres of Authority of Chiefs: State Perspectives on Hybrid Governance*” for *Governance*, 20 July and 14 December 2022.

- Review of ISEC PhD scholar's paper on *Persisting Gender Inequality*, 6 January 2023
- Reviewed a NCAER paper titled "*To Answer or Not to Answer: What Determines Telephone Survey Response Rates in Times of Lockdown?*" 1 March 2023.
- External DC member of Varsha Amutha Kumar, Stella Maris, Chennai
- External DC member of Manthra Sree, Madras School of Social Work, Chennai
- External Examiner, Comprehensive viva of Varsha Prasad, 10 Nov 2022, IIT, Chennai
- External Examiner, Master's thesis, three students, MSE, Chennai
- Expert advisor, APU on women leaders training module, 1 February 2023
- Organiser, MIDS Golden Jubilee National Seminar, Inter-District Comparison of Pandemic Impact.
- Member of PhD Committee, 2022-2023
- Member of Research Ethics Committee, 2022-2023
- Member of MIDS Academic Council 2022-2023
- Presiding Officer, Internal Complaints Committee 2023–24 (constituted in March 2023)
- Internal DC member for Gargi Sridharan, 2022–2023
- Internal DC member for Rituparna Borah, 2022–2023
- Member of State-Level Coordination Committee (GO #29), 2022-2023
- Organiser, MIDS Lecture (Online), Who is asked What? The effect of respondent identity and question framing on estimates of women's employment by Rosa Abraham, APU, on 8 Dec 2022.

### **Lakshmanan C**

- External Member, ONGC SC/ST Grievance Committee, Public Sector Organisation, Chennai, past 5 years
- University Nominee, Board of Studies of the Department of History, Loyola College, Chennai, Since 2021
- Advisory Committee Member, Asian Women University, Chittagong, Bangladesh, Since March 2023
- Ms. Eva Jyoti Lakra's Doctoral Committee Member, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras, Chennai, Since 2022
- Ms. Carol Blaizy D'Souza's doctoral Committee Member, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT-Madras, Chennai, Since 2022
- Subject Expert-External Member (Faculty Selection/Promotion), Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, 17 December 2022
- As an academic activist and national convenor of Dalit Intellectual Collective, constituted three Fact-Finding Teams for three different cases of discrimination and atrocities against Dalits. (i) EVR Periyar Govt Arts and College, Trichy (ii) Ooty Govt Art & Science College and dumping of human faeces in the water tank that supply drinking water to Dalit of Vengaiyaval, Pudukottai district, Tamil Nadu.

- PhD thesis evaluation of Mr. A. Binoy, Colonial Modernity and Caste Reforms in Kerala: Implications for Dalit Culture and Identity. School of Social Sciences, M G University, Kottayam
- Rule of Law vs. Rule of Culture: An Exploration in the Realm of Everyday Caste, Defining Rule of Law, Submitted for publication
- Report: Capacity Building Workshop on “State, Society and Market: Understanding Interface and Dynamics”, Coordinating Editor, Submitted for publication.

### **Umanath M**

- Internal member in Research Advisory Committee for Mr. Shafeeqe Mohammed in MIDS, Chennai, 1 year
- Member, Research Ethics Committee, 4 years
- Member, Research Advisory Committee, 4 years
- Member, PhD Committee, 2 years
- External member for PhD student Sanjeevi. P., Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore
- External member for MSc student Devika RS, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore
- “Microeconomics II” for the Post Graduate students of Applied Quantitative Finance – 2023 (17 Lectures)
- “Microeconomics II” for the Post Graduate students of Actuarial Economics – 2023 (17 Lectures)

### **Venkatachalam L**

- Managing Editor and Editor-in-Chief, *Review of Development and Change*
- Member of Tamil Nadu State Wetland Authority, Government of Tamil Nadu
- Member of Technical Committee, TN State Wetland Authority, Government of Tamil Nadu
- Member of Committee to Evaluate the Companies to carry out studies on the Monetising of Carbon Sequestration of Forests in Tamil Nadu, Department of Forests, Government of Tamil Nadu
- Member of Expert Committee on Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS), National Biodiversity Authority
- Member of Programme Advisory Committee, Malcolm & Elizabeth Adiseshiah Trust, Chennai
- Referee for *Journal of Social and Economic Development*, 4 October 2022
- One of the coordinators of One-Day National Seminar on “Revisiting the Impact of Covid-19: Rebuilding a Resilient Economy and Society”
- Coordinator of RBI-Sponsored Panel Discussion on “Indian Economy and Climate Change: Issues and the Way Forward.”

- Coordinator, Three-Day Online Research Methodology Workshop (jointly by MIDS and M&EA Trust)
- Coordinator, Panel Discussion for the book *An Introduction to Macroeconomics* (Tamil).
- Member of the Organising Committee for the Seminar on Economy and Employment by CDS, 28th -30th November 2022.
- External Examiner to conduct Ph.D. viva-voce exam for Mr. Sarfraz, a Ph.D. candidate, Department of Economics, New College, Chennai, on 12 May 2022;
- External Examiner to conduct Ph.D. viva-voce exam for Mr. Lakhiraj, Department of Economics, University of Madras, 12 July 2022.
- External Examiner to conduct Ph.D. viva-voce exam for Ms. V. Pavithra, Department of Economics, Queen Maris College, Chennai, 5 August 2022.
- External Examiner to conduct Ph.D. viva-voce exam for Mr. Ho Man Gian, Department of Economics, University of Madras, 30 September 2022.
- External Examiner to conduct Ph.D. viva-voce exam for Mr. K. Shanmugam, Madras School of Economics, 7 December 2022.
- External Examiner to conduct Ph.D. viva-voce exam for Ms. Tiny S. Palathara, Department of Economics, University of Madras, 20 January 2023.
- Guided 17 interns (from Mount Carmel College, Bengaluru; Stella Mari's College, Loyola College, Madras Christian College, M.O.P Vaishnav College and the University of Madras from Chennai; Kumaraguru College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore; and Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvallur).
- Member, Committee to Review the Progress of the Post-Doctoral Fellows under the RUSA 2.0 Project, University of Madras, 24 February 2023.
- Member, Committee to Review the Centres and Chairs at the University of Madras, 13–15 June 2022.
- Member, Board of Studies, Department of Economics, MOP Vaishnav College, Chennai - 2022-24.
- Member, Board of Studies, Tamil Nadu Open University, Chennai, 2022-23.
- Member, Board of Studies, Department of Economics, Avinashilingam University, Coimbatore, 2023-2025.
- Member, Board of Studies, Department of Economics, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, 2022-23.
- Member, Board of Studies, Department of Economics, St. Berchmans College, Changanassery, 2021-23.
- Member, Selection Committee, Faculty Recruitment in Department of Economics, Lady Doak College, Madurai, 27 July 2022.
- Member, Selection Committee, Recruitment of Assistant/Associate Dean, Kumaraguru College of Arts and Science, Coimbatore, 3 August 2022.
- Member, Selection Committee, Faculty Recruitment in Department of Economics, VIT, Vellore, 26 September 2022.

- Co-Guide for Ms. Kavita Rajeswari, OP Jindal Global University, New Delhi
- Environmental Governance and Sustainability (Executive Programme, IIM Kozhikode), 30 Hours, II Semester, 2022
- Environmental Governance and Sustainability (Public Policy Programme, IIM Kozhikode), 15 Hours, III Semester, 2022
- Environmental Studies, Madras School of Economics, Chennai, 30 Hours, III Semester, 2023
- Member, Governing Council, MIDS, 2019–2023
- Member, Finance Committee and Executive Council, MIDS, 2019-2023
- Member, Academic Council, MIDS, 2017 onwards
- Member, PhD Committee, MIDS, 2006 onwards
- Member, Research Advisory Committee (RAC), MIDS, 2019 onwards
- Member, Publication/Editorial Committee, MIDS, 2019 onwards
- Member, Investment Committee, MIDS, 2019 onwards
- Member, IT Infrastructure Committee, MIDS, 2019 onwards
- Member, RAC, Ms. Sruthi Kesh, Ph.D. Scholar at MSE
- Member, RAC, Mr. Shanmugaraja, NIT, Tiruchirapalli
- Member, RAC, Mr. Karthikeyan, NIT, Tiruchirapalli.
- Member, RAC, Mr. Vineesh, NIT, Tiruchirapalli.
- Member, RAC, Mr. Anees, Department of Economics, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore
- Member, RAC, Ms. Aditi, Department of Economics, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore
- Member, RAC, Ms. Smrithi Rajya, Department of Economics, Madras Christian College, Tambaram.
- Member, RAC, Ms. Rida Wanbha Nongbri, HSS, IIM.
- Member, RAC, Ms. Gauri Sreekumar, HSS, IITM.
- Member, RAC, Ms. Aryama Sarkar, HSS, IITM.
- Member, RAC, Ms. V. Samyuktha, Department of Economics, Stella Maris College.
- Member, RAC, Ms. TSK Durgesh Nandini, Department of Economics, Madurai Kamaraj University.

### **Venkatachalapathy A R**

- Adviser, The Hindu Centre for Politics and Public Policy.
- General Editor, MIDS Publications.



## 13. Academic Activities: Research Scholars

### Publications

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#### **Anjaly Baby**

Baby, A. (2023, March). Access to financial services: A study of households in the resettlement colonies in Chennai. *Ambedkar Law University Journal*, 17, 213–244.

#### **Gargi Sridharan**

Ananthpur, K., Jafar, K., Sridharan, G., & Venkatachalam, L. (2022). *Impact of the COVID-19 waves on Tamil Nadu's economy and society* (Working paper no. 241). Madras Institute of Development Studies. [https://www.mids.ac.in/assets/doc/WVP\\_241.pdf](https://www.mids.ac.in/assets/doc/WVP_241.pdf)

Sridharan, G., & Ananthpur, K. (2023, April 8). Challenges of implementing 'Magalir Urimai Thogai'. *The New Indian Express*. <https://www.newindianexpress.com/states/tamil-nadu/2023/apr/08/challenges-of-implementing-magalir-urimai-thogai-2563824.html>

#### **Jijin P**

Jijin, P., Nithin, M., & Mishra, A. K. (2023). How serious is India's nonperforming assets crisis? A structural satellite version of the financial-macroeconometric model. *Asia-Pacific Financial Markets*, March, 1-34.

#### **Titu Mahanta**

Mahanta, T. (n.d.). *Moving towards sustainability and resilient agriculture value chain: A study on organic small tea growers of Assam* [Chapter accepted for publication]. In an edited book of Department of Economics, Nalbari Commerce College affiliated to Gauhati University.

### Papers Presentations

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#### **Anjaly Baby**

Baby, A. (2022, June). Access to financial services: A study of urban low-income households in the resettlement colonies in Chennai [Paper presentation]. Young Graduates Doctoral Colloquium, IIT-Mandi.

#### **Brinda G Krishnan**

Krishnan, B. G. (2022, December 21–23). *Integrating autonomous and planned adaptation to climate change: The case of Indian agriculture* [Paper presentation]. Three-day Conference, Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai.

## **Muhammad Shafeeque Aliparambil**

Aliparambil, M. S. (2023, January 23). *Can weekly markets reduce farmer's transaction costs? Evidence from the Malappuram district* [Paper presentation]. International Conference on Towards Zero for a Sustainable Tomorrow, Amal College of Advanced Studies, Nilambur.

## **Titu Mahanta**

Mahanta, T. (2022, November 10–12). *Moving Towards Value Chain Upgrading or Diversification? A case of Small Tea Growers (STGs) of Assam in Brahmaputra Valley* [Paper presentation]. The 82nd Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Agricultural Economics, College of Agriculture, Iroisemba, Central Agricultural University, Imphal.

## **Biannual Presentations at MIDS**

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### **23 June 2022**

Jijin, P. *Investment impact of remittances: The case of India.*

Aishwarya, G. V. N. *Understanding state–society relations in the context of urban governance.*

Muhammad Shafeeque Aliparambil. *Institutional interventions and transaction costs in agriculture: A study of the weekly market programme in Kerala.*

Titu Mahanta. *Institutions, upgrading and livelihoods: Study of small tea growers of Assam.*

Anitha. P. C. *Social and cultural change among tribal community.*

### **24 June 2022**

Unnimaya. U. G. *Labour economics.*

Rahul Reghu. *Tribal development in Kerala: Discourse, the everyday state and Kadars in the Vazhachal–Malakkapara region.*

Ajisha. K. V. *An enquiry into the marine fishing technology and the approach of market towards sea: The case of Kerala.*

Brinda G. Krishnan. *Supply chains and local ecology.*

Gargi Sridharan. *Division of labour and subjective well-being: A household level study in Tamil Nadu, India.*

Anjaly Baby. *Financial inclusion of urban poor: A study of households in the urban slums of Chennai.*

## **15 December 2022**

E. S. Muhammed Aslam. *Social history of Mappila Muslims.*

D. Chandrasekar. *Dalits and social capital.*

Muhammad Shafeeque Aliparambil. *Institutional interventions and transaction costs in agriculture: A study of the weekly market programme in Kerala.*

P. Jijin. *Investment impact of remittances: The case of India.*

Brinda G Krishnan. *Climate change and regional farming systems: A study of spice production in Kerala.*

R. Arya Sankar. *Environmental economics.*

Mithun Louis. *Development and marginalisation.*

## **16 December 2022**

U. G. Unnimaya. *Labour economics.*

G. V. N. Aishwarya. *Understanding state–society relations in the context of urban governance.*

Prashant Kumar. *Political ecology of groundwater abstraction in India.*

K. Zakiyya. *Gender and popular culture.*

P. C. Anitha. *Social and cultural change among tribal community.*

Titu Mahanta. *Institutions, upgrading and livelihoods: Study of small tea growers of Assam.*

K. V. Ajisha. *An enquiry into the marine fishing technology and the approach of market towards sea: The case of Kerala.*

## 14. Events@MIDS

### Seminars

6 May 2022	<i>The Life, Thoughts, and Peace Works of Maulana Wahiduddin Khan</i> (coordinated by Ananta Kumar Giri)
1 August 2022	<i>Continuing Crisis in Sri Lanka: Implications for India</i> by V Suryanarayan
11 August 2022	<i>New Initiatives in Social Entrepreneurship, Creative Collaboration and Emerging Technologies for Global Sustainability and Regenerative Futures</i> by Bian Li
7 December 2022	<i>Potential Implications of Electric Vehicles for Emissions, Energy Imports, Government Revenues and Employment: The Case of India</i> by Deepak Rajagopal
8 December 2022	<i>Who is asked what? The effect of respondent identity and question framing on estimates of women's employment</i> by Rosa Abraham
23 January 2023	<i>Public Lecture on Comparison and Contrast in European Colonial Cities on the Coromandel Coast</i> by Nuno Grancho from University of Copenhagen
15 March 2023	<i>One-Day National Seminar on Revisiting the Impact of COVID-19: Rebuilding a Resilient Economy and Society</i> (organised by Kripa Ananthpur)

### Public Lectures

29 June 2022	<i>Founder's Day Lecture on Gender Discrimination, Competition, and Efficiency</i> by Sugata Marjit
22 July 2022	<i>Public Talk on What will the world say? Moral evaluation, gossip, and its consequences: The "reputational poverty trap" in rural Tamil Nadu</i> by Eleanor Power
15 November 2022	<i>Public talk on Remembering Birsa Munda: An Introduction to the Tribal Leader on his birth anniversary</i> by C Lakshmanan

### Panel Discussions

15 March 2023	<i>Round-table Discussion on The Challenges of Rebuilding a Resilient Economy in the Post-Pandemic Era</i>
23 March 2023	<i>Panel Discussion on Indian Economy and Climate Change: Issues and the Way Forward</i> (with RBI, organised by L Venkatachalam)
29 March 2023	<i>Tamil Nadu Budget 2023-24 and the SCs' and STs' Development</i>

## Book Discussions / Releases

2 August 2022	Official Launch of the books <i>Economic Policy in Covid-19 Times &amp; பெருந்தொற்றும் பொருளாதாரக் கொள்கையும்</i> (in which Dr. Palanivel Thiagarajan, Hon'ble Minister for Finance, Government of Tamil Nadu was Chief Guest and Dr J Jeyaranjan, Vice-Chairman, State Planning Commission was Keynote Speaker)
5 September 2022	A discussion on the book <i>Thirunelveli Eluchiyum VOC-yum 1908</i> by A R Venkatachalapathy
26 September 2022	A discussion on the book <i>The Knowledge Foundation of the Adi Dravidars</i> (ஆதிதிராவிடர் கட்டமைத்த அறிவுத்தளம்) by S Kaliaperumal (coordinated by C Lakshmanan)
25 January 2023	A discussion on the book <i>Periyal Poruladhaaram: Oar Arimugam</i> (பேரியல் பொருளாதாரம்: ஓர் அறிமுகம்) by Alex M Thomas (coordinated by L Venkatachalam)
25 March 2023	Book Discussion—A Contemplative Deliberation of Two Dalit Biographies (coordinated by C Lakshmanan)

## Exhibitions

15 November 2022	Book Exhibition on Tribal Studies' Literature at MIDS Library
15 March 2023	An Exhibition of Literature on Covid and its impact on Health, Employment, Economy and Development Studies at MIDS Library
23 March 2023	Book Exhibition on Contemporary Literature on Environment and Climate Change

## Bi-Annual Seminars

23–24 June 2022	MIDS Bi-Annual Seminar
15–16 December 2022	MIDS Bi-Annual Seminar

## Research Methodology Workshop

21–23 July 2022	Three-day Workshop on Research Methodology (with M&EA Trust)
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## Summary

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## 15. MIDS Publications

### Authored Books

Neelakantan, S. (2022). *Navasevviyal Porulial*. Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation in association with MIDS.

Neelakantan, S. (2022). *Sevviyal Arasiyal Porulatharam*. Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation in association with MIDS.

### Edited Book

Babu, P. G. (Ed.) (May 2022). *Perunthottrum Porulathara Kolgaiyum*. MIDS Publication, Chennai. ISBN: 9788194753322.

### Journal

***Review of Development and Change***, indexed in UGC Care List, the MIDS journal published biannually in association with SAGE Publishing, New Delhi. ISSN: 0972-2661. Two issues published in the year 2022.

- a. Volume 27 Issue 1 (June 2022)
- b. Volume 27 Issue 2 (December 2022)



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ISSN 0972-2661

### Working Paper

Ananthpur, K., Jafar, K., Sridharan, G., & Venkatachalam, L. (2022). Impact of the Covid-19 waves on Tamil Nadu's economy and society (MIDS Working Paper No. 241). Madras Institute of Development Studies. [https://www.mids.ac.in/assets/doc/WP\\_241.pdf](https://www.mids.ac.in/assets/doc/WP_241.pdf)

## 16. Support Services

### Administration

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The Administration section reported the following activities:

**Grants:** Correspondence with the funding agencies—ICSSR and Government of Tamil Nadu; submitting proposals towards sanction and release of salary and maintenance grants; monitoring the grants received as per the sanction order; ensuring the grant-in-aid bill and audited utilisation certificate are periodically submitted to the funding agencies.

**Projects:** Supporting the faculty for preparation of detailed project report (DPR) / project proposal and vetting of MOU before execution and signing of the projects. Preparation and maintenance of all project-related appointments, issue of relieving orders, experience certificates, etc. Submission of Audited Utilisation Certificate, Statement of Expenditure, returning of unspent amount and final report of the project to the clients.

**Malcolm & Elizabeth Adiseshiah (M&EA) Trust:** Handling of all correspondence requesting support for the Research and Academic activities, PhD fellowship, Founder's Day Lecture, and other academic programmes.

**RBI Chair and other Endowments:** Supporting the RBI Chair for conduct of academic events as per the MOU with RBI; Assisting in periodical submission of progress report; forwarding of Audited Utilisation Certificate and Statement of Expenditure periodically; Maintenance of records pertaining to the endowments fund of Ford Foundation and Union Planning Commission.

**Affiliation:** Dealing with Affiliate-related issues, including obtaining approval, preparation of academic certificates, and updating of details of Affiliate (joining, academic performance and exit, etc.) in the website of Foreigners Regional Registration Officer from time to time.

**Appointment of Fellows** (ICSSR Senior Fellow, Visiting Professor/Fellow, Post-Doctoral Fellow): Preparing the approval note and issuing appointment letters, forwarding of joining reports, forwarding six-month reports, and submitting grant-in-aid bill to ICSSR.

**PhD programme:** Facilitated the PhD programme, by issuing the advertisement for admission; assisting the PhD Committee in admission (shortlisting of candidates, conduct of written test and oral interview, publication of results, issue of admission letters); coordinating with candidates to get their University admission, registration and formation of Research Advisory Committee; conducting biannual seminars; and assisting scholars in submission of synopsis and thesis, facilitating viva-voce exams, etc.

**Establishment:** Handled the service-related matters of academic and non-academic employees of MIDS, conducting the process of recruitment, preparation of minutes, issue of appointment letters, fixation of pay, coordinating DA related matters, obtaining sanction of annual increment,

promotion, maintenance of leave records, correspondence with LIC of India for periodical remittance of premium for Employees Group Gratuity and Encashment of Leave and following up for getting funds for settlement of the terminal benefits of the employees, monitoring the superannuation of employees and timely settlement of their terminal benefits, etc. Maintenance of personal files and service records of all the employees. Proposing for CAS for faculty, constitution of IQAC, conduct of interview and promotion thereon.

**Maintenance and Logistics:** Carrying out routine Repairs and Maintenance works such as civil, electrical etc.; booking of air and train tickets for delegates; making arrangement for accommodation, transport; providing logistics and coordinating with the vendors for all the institute meetings and academic events; renewal of insurance for office buildings and cars; floating of tender for outsourcing services such as housekeeping, security etc., and selection thereon.

During this year, the Repairs and Renovation works have been taken up and the Tamil Nadu Police Housing Corporation (a Govt. of Tamil Nadu Undertaking) has been entrusted with the work; the administration is coordinating with the organisation and is monitoring the ongoing work.

**Conduct of Statutory Meetings:** All statutory meetings of the Institute for the year 2022-23 are conducted as per the schedule.

## Finance

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The Finance section reported the following activities:

**Sources of Finance:** Handled funding from ICSSR, matching grant from Government of Tamil Nadu, Corpus endowed by RBI, Corpus endowed by Planning Commission, Corpus fund of the institute, M&EA Trust (for Fellowship and Founder's Day Programme), UGC fellowships to students and Other receipts (such as affiliation charges, user charges for the use of auditorium for public affairs events by other agencies).

**Accounting:** Accounting all receipts and monitoring the proper utilisation of receipts; Payroll for regular staff and project staff; maintaining separate accounts for each funding agency; preparing the detailed financial statement for each account and consolidated financial statement; preparation of budget estimates for 'Plan' and 'Non-Plan' under Institute's main accounts for approval by the FC/EC/GC/BOT; preparation of Cash Flow and Funds Flow Statement.

**Statutory Compliance:** Ensuring statutory compliance, return filing, and remittance are within the due date for PF, ESI, GST, TDS, IT Return, and FCRA.

**Projects:** Preparing the utilisation statement for the funding agency as per their prescribed format; sending the monthly utilisation statement of project accounts to the Project Director to intimate the funds position and availability of funds under each budget head.



**Co-ordination:** With academic, non-academic, and project staff; with EC/FC/GC/AC/BOT (meeting detail preparation); with funding agencies; With auditors (Comptroller and Auditor General of India, Local Fund Audit department of Government of Tamil Nadu, and Statutory auditor.)

**Investment:** Maintaining the investment and ensuring the plough back deposit as per the condition of the endowments. Monitoring the maturity date of the investment to intimate the management to take an appropriate decision.

## Information Technology (IT)

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The IT infrastructure in MIDS consists of state-of-the-art computing facilities with latest hardware, software and supporting equipment. As on March 2023, the Institute has around 80 Intel-based Desktops and 13 Notebooks, 23 multi-function printers, laser printers, scanners, LCD Projectors and digital display for presentation. The Desktops and notebooks are loaded with Windows 10 / 8.1 / 7 / XP. Office automation package used at MIDS include Open Office, MS Office 2016, Adobe Readers, Statistical software (SPSS, Stata, Eviews), DTP software (Adobe Creative Cloud for Teams), Accounting software (Tally ERP), under windows environment.

**Services:** A Linux based web server is hosted in the campus and it works round the clock on all days. A structured Ethernet based Local Area Network and Wi-Fi is configured in the campus. A Linux based library automation server is configured using LIBSYS software. The Institute has two Internet Service Providers i.e., from National Knowledge Network, Government of India and Tata Communications Ltd for e-mail and Internet facilities. A centralized antivirus EPO server is installed in the campus using McAfee Endpoint Protection Suite to prevent virus threat in the internal network. The systems department provides IT support for the members of faculty, staff and students.

The following are the activities of the systems department from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

### Procurement / Upgrades / Maintenance

- ☐ During this period, HP Pavilion laptop and Lenovo Tab was purchased for the use of Tamil Nadu House Hold Panel Survey Project. An Ado package, ASDOCX.STATA tool was also purchased for TNHPS project.
- ☐ The annual subscription and maintenance related to firewall licenses, anti-virus licenses, Tally ERP subscription, Adobe Creative Cloud for Teams license and AMC for server room UPS are renewed.

### Development Activities

- ☐ The Institute's website ([www.mids.ac.in](http://www.mids.ac.in)) is constantly updated using php, html and java scripts and has been made compatible for the current generation devices.

- ❑ The Institute is using *libsys* software for library automation, which is very old. The IT department is in the process of improving it with *Koha*, an open-source automation software widely used by other libraries. Accordingly, the system department installed and customized Koha software under Linux (Ubuntu) environment for the Institute's library. The installation and customization is completed. The data migration from the existing Libsys is exported in ASCII format with the support of Library staff members.

## IT Support

- ❑ Manages the web server in the campus, which works round the clock on all days without any annual maintenance contract. Updating the Institute's website regularly.
- ❑ Manages the mailing solutions using G Suite.
- ❑ Manages library automation server and take back up of library data on a regular basis.
- ❑ Manages McAfee EPO Server in the campus, and ascertain the daily updates to the server and clients to prevent virus threat.
- ❑ Provides hardware (PC, Laptop, Tab, Printers), software related issues and network troubleshooting (LAN / Wi-Fi) to faculty, staff and students on a daily basis.
- ❑ Provides data processing related support to the faculty, students and research project personnel.
- ❑ Publications like working papers, discussion papers and other report published in MIDS are updated periodically.
- ❑ Provides periodic updates to the Institute's website.
- ❑ Provides Technical support for the workshops / conferences / seminar presentations / meeting / organized by the Institute through offline/online mode using video conferencing tools namely Zoom and Google meet.

## Library

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The MIDS Library with its vast collection of knowledge resources and innovative information services provides important services to the students and faculty in the institute and where possible, to the general public in their intellectual pursuits. The library has over 62,000 printed documents and subscribes to 106 Journals.

### Services Available

The MIDS library provides the following services:

- ❑ **Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) Service**
- ❑ **E-Journals:** The MIDS library subscribes to print versions of 105 academic journals, out of which 56 + 2 (fully online) journals are now available through online access and the

members can access these journals within the campus. The ICSSR provides remote access through NASSDOC of J-Stor, IP-based Econlit and IndiaStat annually on a consortium basis.

- ❑ **Database:** The MIDS library procures electronic databases such as Census of India, NSSO, ASI etc on a regular basis.
- ❑ **Digital Library:** The library provides documents, reports, journals etc. in electronic format from the Institute's archive, public domain and from other libraries to its users.
- ❑ **Reference Services:** The library provides reference services to the readers in the library. The library staff assist the users in locating their reference materials from the archives.
- ❑ **Document Delivery Services:** The library arranges to provide specific documents on request from other libraries to its faculty members and students. To avail this facility, we associate with some of the academic libraries in Chennai.
- ❑ **Reprographic Services:** The library provides photocopying services to its members and other library users.
- ❑ **Information and Update:** The library provides Information Service in which the bibliography details are provided on request to the faculty and students based on their specific subjects. Periodic updates on the arrival of new books/reports added in the library are sent to the students and faculty.
- ❑ **Inter-Library Loan Services (ILS):** The MIDS Library associates with Anna University Central Library to provide inter-library loan facilities for the faculty and research scholars in the Institute.

### **Digitization / Software Services**

The MIDS Library is using LIBSYS software for its in-house operations. J-Stor, Econlit, CMIE-Economic Outlook, EPWRFIT, and India stat Databases are available in the library to enrich the knowledge base of students and faculty. The library acquires databases in the form of DVD for academic use. The Collection includes Census of India, DLHS, NSSO (mainly Consumer Expenditure, Employment and Unemployment, Household Assets, Morbidity and Health Care, etc.).

### **Subscription of Journals**

MIDS Library subscribes to 105 academic journals: 55 international and 50 national periodicals. The international journals are available via online access and the users can access these journals from within the campus on all days. Remote access to J-Stor is provided through NASSDOC. IP-based access is available for Econlit and IndiaStat.

### **New Additions**

MIDS Library has had 163 new additions to its collection in the year 2022-23.

## Publication

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The MIDS Publication continued to be active in its editorial work, offering technical support to the institute faculty and coordinating academic events as part of the golden jubilee at the institute during 2022–23.

### Review of Development and Change (RDC)

The MIDS Publication copyedited and proofread all the articles and book-reviews published in RDC issues of June and December 2022 and continued to handle correspondence with the publisher SAGE on plagiarism check, editorial, technical support, and billing. The Publication ensures that the RDC issues are published on time continuously, without any delay.

### Books Published

The MIDS Publication brought out in May 2022 the Tamil translation of the book *Economic Policy in Covid-19 Times*, titled *Perunthottrum Porulathara Kolgaiyum* edited by Prof. P G Babu. The translated raw manuscript had been comprehensively copyedited to ensure machine-free language and the production has been overseen closely. Two books on Neoclassical Economics in Tamil (*Navasevviyal Porulial* and *Sevviyal Arasiyal Porulatharam*) written by late Prof. S Neelakantan were co-published in association with Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation (TNTB & ESC).

### Working Papers and Reports

In the MIDS Working Papers series, a new paper (#241) has been brought out as the MIDS Publication copyedited, typeset and published the paper in print and online.

The MIDS Publication compiled and submitted the *Academic Council Report 2021–22*, the institute's *Annual Report 2021-22*, *Annual report to ICSSR* (in summary and full) and continued to provide its support in preparing official documents and reports under the Director's instructions. The Publication continued to work with MIDS faculty to copyedit research reports and manuscripts from time to time as also coordinate their printing requirements. The Publication also worked with the TNHPS team to bring out the *Research Summary Report of Pre-Baseline Survey* and five policy briefs.

### Signing of Agreements

The MIDS Publication worked with SAGE to ensure smooth proceedings in renewal of the publishing agreement for the MIDS journal RDC.

An agreement with Primus Books has been signed in February 2023 for the book by late Prof. S. Neelakantan titled *A Town and a Hamlet*. The book is slated for publication in early 2024.

## **Event / Programme Coordination**

The MIDS Publication continued to work with the faculty members in organizing the academic events as part of the golden jubilee from preparing content for posters, to copyediting speaker profiles, individual session summaries and overall coordination.

The MIDS Publication disseminates information on the MIDS monthly seminars, public lectures, panel discussions, book releases and workshops organized at the institute. In particular, the MIDS Publication worked with the Director's office in inviting the Hon'ble Minister for Finance, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Dr Palanivel Thiagarajan for the official release of MIDS books on Economic Policy in August 2022.

In February–March 2023, the MIDS Publication has coordinated the MIDS Golden Jubilee Essay Competition. The competition saw over 300 submissions from graduate students and research scholars from all over Tamil Nadu. The submissions were reviewed by the faculty and the Publication and the results were posted on the MIDS website. A prize distribution event for the winners is also being planned to be held in June 2023.

The MIDS Publication works closely with the MIDS Library in organizing book exhibitions during the academic events. In this period, three such exhibitions were held.

The MIDS publication played its part in coordinating all major events at MIDS as proposed by MIDS faculty to ensure smooth proceedings. The Publication continued to provide notes, write-ups, reports on various events to the IT team for website upload.

In addition, the publication officer handled five sessions in June 2022 as part of the PhD coursework classes on Research and Publication Ethics for the first-year students.

## **Digitization**

The cataloguing of the digitized archive of 25 years of *Bulletin* is nearing completion. The online archives of *Bulletin* will be opened to the public in a staggered process for the benefit of larger academic community.

## 17. Finances

### Balance Sheet as on 31 March 2023

Source of Funds	Amount in Rs.
I. Corpus fund	43,54,24,359.73
2. Current liabilities	
(i) Sundry creditors	1,22,08,263.09
(ii) Other current liabilities	2,49,425.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44,78,82,047.82</b>

Application of Funds	Amount in Rs.
I. Non-current assets	
Fixed assets	
(i) Computer assets	1,28,03,029.65
(ii) Library assets	5,25,54,165.56
(iii) General assets	1,02,68,716.63
2. Current assets	37,22,56,135.98
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44,78,82,047.82</b>

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Partner, Membership No. 231703

Place: Chennai  
Date: 25-09-2023

## Income and Expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2023

Expenditure	Amount Rs. P.	Amount Rs. P.	Income	Amount Rs. P.	Amount Rs. P.
Salary and other allowances		4,89,52,467.32	Direct Income		6,47,78,460.00
Salaries	4,29,02,879.32		Grant—ICSSR	2,67,00,000.00	
Fellowship	6,51,666.00		Grant—GOTN	2,63,00,000.00	
Project staff remuneration	53,97,922.00		Grant—ICSSR-Fellowship	3,59,250.00	
			Project Grants	1,14,19,210.00	
Other administrative expenses		2,10,31,303.08	Other Income		1,85,09,751.31
Library	43,41,347.00		Dedicated funds	45,84,228.00	
Research Programmes	1,88,073.00		SB Interest	8,32,748.00	
Maintenance—Computer	5,92,385.42		Interest on sweep account	10,07,049.00	
Research Publications	1,97,526.00		Interest on funds, FD		
			and bonds (excl. accrual)	1,12,34,166.16	
Printing & Stationery	2,74,405.00		Write back	1,66,400.00	
Postage & Telephone	1,41,396.99		Other Income	6,85,160.15	
Travelling Expenses	2,07,353.00				
Campus Maintenance	33,67,065.00				
Vehicle Maintenance	2,67,594.00				
Other Admn. Expenses	54,91,823.62				
Research Project Expenses	42,92,564.65				
Unspent returned to funding agency	12,73,219.40				
Written off Assets & Bad Debts	3,96,550.00				
Excess of Income over Expenditure		1,33,04,440.91			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>8,32,88,211.31</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>8,32,88,211.31</b>

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Place: Chennai

Date: 25-09-2023



L to R: Dr Shromona Ganguly, Mrs Uma Sankar, Prof T Jayaraman, Prof K S Kavi Kumar, Dr A Arivudai Nambi, Prof R R Krishnamurthy, Prof L Venkatachalam, Mr P Vinay Rajiv and Mr B Narasimhan at the Panel Discussion on *Indian Economy and Climate Change: Issues and the Way Forward* on 23 March 2023.



Dr C Lakshmanan speaks on *Remembering Birsa Munda* at the MIDS Library on 15 November 2022.





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