

## Director's Annual Report: July 2008-June 2009

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## 1. Preamble

Despite the organizational and financial challenges, which are common to most ICSSR institutes, MIDS has been rather resilient, showing remarkable performances in its academic and research activities during the academic year 2008-09. During the year under consideration, a new Director took charge from April 2009. The new Director has the benefit of building on the excellent work achieved under the able leadership of the previous directors and with the willing cooperation and commitment of the faculty members and staff. The academic and research productivity of the Institute is indicated well by the steady improvement in the performance of the Ph.D Programme and the constantly increasing quantity and quality of the research outputs by the faculty members. The organizational and funding roles of the faculty are also increasing, though funding roles can be enhanced further. The Institute's publications, including its journal *Review of Development and Change* evince healthy trend, though still better performance can be expected in coming years. The same applies also to the seminars and workshops, particularly faculty seminars. Individual affiliations and institutional collaborations also remain significant. Since the academic year under review coincides with the centenary year of Prof. Malcolm Adiseshiah, there are also few additional events and publications during this and next academic years.

## 2. Ph.D Programme

The Ph.D Programme constitutes a key component of the academic activities of MIDS. This program is supported by the Ph.D fellowships offered by three agencies: (a) ICSSR, (b) RBI and (c) Malcolm and Elizabeth Adiseshiah Trust. Of the three, ICSSR offers four fellowships every year. But, the other two agencies support two fellowships each at any given point in time. However, the Institute continues to fund the fourth year fellowship of successful students with the support of the Malcolm and Elizabeth Adiseshiah Trust.

The academic component of the Ph.D Programme is administered by the Faculty Committee for the Ph.D Programme (or the Ph.D Committee in short) since the last quarter of 2006. Currently, the Ph.D Committee is headed by S. Anandhi and is supported by M. Vijayabhaskar, Karen Coelho, Ajit Menon, and L. Venkatachalam (till August 2009). Vijayabhaskar and Karen Coelho also serve as the Ph.D Course Coordinators. The Ph.D Committee plays the following important role in the administration of the Ph.D Programme:

- (a) Selection of the Ph.D candidates through a rigorous process of screening, tests, and interview;
- (b) Organization of the five-month foundation course;
- (c) Organization of the English language course;
- (d) Establishment of the Mentoring Committee for each student;
- (e) Helping the Monitoring and Evaluation of Students' performance

The Annex-1 to this report provides more details on the important roles played by the Ph.D Committee, the structure and content of the foundation course conducted during 2008-09, and the monitoring and evaluation of the performance of all Ph.D students. The structure and content of the foundation course have evolved over the past three years with considerable

improvement in terms of both coverage and depth. Similarly, the English language coaching classes were very useful in improving the writing and presentation skills of students.

Currently, 32 Ph.D students are in the role of MIDS. The status and details of these students are given in Annex-2 and 3 respectively. Of the 32 students, two are awarded Ph.D degree, three have submitted their thesis, three have discontinued, and three are not reporting. The remaining 21 students are in various stages of their Ph.D Programme.

Some of the long-standing problems facing the Ph.D Programme and students are as follows:

- Lack of hostel facility constrains the Institute's ability in attracting good and motivated students;
- The above problem is complicated further by the lower fellowship amount offered by the ICSSR as compared to that offered by the UGC;
- As many students stay over 5 or more years, there is likely to be space problems as well as pressures on facilities (e.g., computer, zexxing, etc.) provided by the Institute to students.

### **3. Broad Areas of Faculty Research during 2008-09**

During the academic year 2008-09, the faculty members of the Institute, with their different research foci and diverse activities and outputs, have demonstrated their deep involvement in the various dimensions of the development issues concerning the state and the country. There are also international comparative studies covering countries such as Pakistan and China. Although most have focused attention on contemporary issues and applied socio-economic problems, there are a few, who worked in the theoretical and analytical aspects of the process of development. As can be seen from the individual work reports of the faculty and students (see Item 4), the research activities and outputs are quite diverse. But, they can be broadly classified under eight thematic areas. The following paragraphs provide a synoptic view of the faculty research and outputs during the academic year 2008-09.

#### ***3.1. Poverty and Deprivation***

S. Subramanian has concentrated on aspects of deprivation, distributional analysis, and welfare economics, apart from issues in development relating to demography. His work has appeared and accepted for publication in books published by Oxford at Clarendon and Routledge, and in journals like *Journal of Development Studies*, *Journal of Human Development and Capabilities*, *Pacific Economic Review*, *Indian Journal of Human Development*, *Economic and Political Weekly*, *Social Choice and Welfare*, and *Mathematical Social Sciences*. He has also completed, in collaboration with D Jayaraj, a draft of a collection of essays titled: "Poverty, Inequality, and Population: Essays in Development and Applied Measurement". Besides he has also been an examiner for an M.Phil Thesis, refereed papers for journals, and served as an Associate Editor on the Board of a journal.

K. Nagaraj has focused his research on the agrarian distress and farmers' suicide deaths reported widely across different parts of the country. Currently, he is involved in a project on Resurvey of Slater Villages along with Prof. John Harriss as collaborator funded by the Simon Fraser University, Canada. He has also delivered a series of 14 lectures covering deprivation at the Asian College of Journalism, Chennai.

V. Chandrasekara Naidu has also worked in the areas of poverty, particularly in the context of agricultural transformation and village studies.

### ***3.2. Human Development***

D. Jayaraj works on the wellbeing of populations in general and that of women in particular. One crucial aspect of the wellbeing of population is wealth distribution. His work with S. Subramanian provides an account of wealth distribution in India over a period of 4 decades. In this work, horizontal or group inequality in the distribution of wealth in India had been assessed. His work with S. Subramanian on the wellbeing implications of a change in the sex ratio of a population is published in *Social Choice and Welfare* and that on factors contributing to the declining trend in the sex differentials in mortality in India is published in *Economic and Political Weekly*, and that on excess female mortality and discrimination in 'natality' is published in the *Developing Economies*. These works suggest that (a) summary real-valued socio-economic measures (for example, the sex ratio measure) are largely in the nature of end state descriptions and, therefore, are not always completely reliable as guides to the processes underlying their realization; (b) a complex interplay of biological, socio-economic and cultural factors determine the trend in relative wellbeing of women in the sphere of survival; and (c) there persist subtle forms of discrimination in the intra-family allocation of resources.

### ***3.3. Natural Resource Management and Sustainable Development***

This is a theme on which a number of faculty members have contributed during the academic year 2008-09. It is also a core area of interest and specialization for them. This theme covers the management of forests and coastal ecosystems, water resource institutions and governance, environmental implications of development, and economic and resource implications of climate change and adaptation. The methods adopted are quite diverse and they include review-based approach, survey analysis, econometric analysis, and other quantitative techniques.

Ajit Menon has focused his research over the last year mostly on 'Public Policies and Forests in the Central Western Ghats of South India' in which he (and his collaborators) has tried to understand the impact of forest policy and law on the forest use and livelihoods of local communities. Besides, he has undertaken a short collaborative study on 'Social Movements against Industrial Water Pollution: A Case Study of Bhavani River Protection Joint Council, Tamil Nadu' and is part of an on-going multi-institution project on 'Building Capacity for Sustainable Governance in South Asian Fisheries: Poverty, Wellbeing and Deliberative Policy Networks'. Earlier collaborative work on 'Land Use Change, Hydrology and Socio-economic Impacts' in the Karnataka part of the Western Ghats has been recently published as a SANDEE Working Paper (No. 36-08). He is also a visiting faculty at the Institute of Ocean Management, Anna University, Chennai, where he teaches a course entitled 'Socio-Economic Building Blocks for Coastal Management' in the M.Tech on Coastal Management.

L. Venkatachalam works in the areas of water, environment, and institutions. In his paper "Alternative Institutions in Urban Water Supply Sector: A Critique of Public Private Partnership (PPP) model", he provides empirical evidences to demonstrate how improvements in water supply services in urban areas of developing countries achieved through innovative institutional approaches can lead to substantial increase in human wellbeing. In another article, using an economic theoretic framework and taking Chennai

city as a case, he attempts to address important issues such as: how water supply institutions evolve in a particular urban context, why a particular combination of these institutions prevails in a given context and how to measure the economic impacts of different combinations of underlying institutions. His research project on the Bhavani River Basin tries to estimate the 'compensating' and 'equivalent' variations of farmers' willingness to pay and measure the transaction costs associated with the alternative water allocation mechanisms. In this project, a repeated game theoretic approach is used to investigate whether the compensating and equivalent variations can converge in repeated experiments. Another of his project extends the transaction cost approach to the study of informal water markets in Chennai city. During the later part of 2009 and early part of 2010, Venkatachalam will be visiting the University of California at Berkeley, USA under a Fulbright Fellowship.

K. Sivasubramaniyan's research focuses on water management and impact assessment. Currently, he is revising the report of an ICSSR sponsored project on: 'Irrigation and Productivity under Canal Project' for publication as a book. He is also involved in the evaluation of the integrated wastelands development program and drought-prone areas program, which involve field visit and observations, and the outcome of which has scope for policy research. Another project in which he is recently involved is the Union Ministry of Rural Development funded 'Skills Programme for Inclusive Growth' (SPRING), which provides training and placement for 30,000 below poverty rural youths in industrial sewing machine operations in 5 states viz., Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, and Bihar. The IL&FS Cluster Development Initiative Ltd, which implements a part of the SPRING programme, has approached the Institute to do a national level impact evaluation.

S. Janakarajan is primarily engaged in the ongoing research project: 'Climate Change, Vulnerability analysis and Adaptation Challenges in the Tamil Nadu Coastal Regions'. He has prepared two papers related to (a) vulnerability analysis in the context of coastal extreme events and (b) understanding adaptation in the context of climate change threat. He is also trying to develop a water budget for Chennai and its peri-urban areas, which is due for publication shortly. The paper: "Negotiation through social dialogue: Insights from the Cauvery Dispute" is published in an edited volume by Routledge. Another paper: "Urbanization and peri-urbanization: Aggressive competition and unresolved conflicts: The case of Chennai city in India" is published in *South Asian Water Studies* (Vol. 1, No. 1, Dec 2008). The paper: "Impact of Tannery Pollution on Agriculture and Human Health" was presented in the IHDP open meeting held in Bonn, Germany April 26-30, 2009 and another paper: "Negotiation through Social Dialogue: The Experience of the Cauvery Interstate Water Dispute" was presented in the World Water Forum 5 held in Istanbul, Turkey.

R. Maria Saleth continues to work in the areas of water management, institutional economics, agricultural policy, and impact assessment of individual and multiple development programs in agricultural and water contexts. Specifically, he was working on preparing two journal papers from papers or reports completed in his previous organization. These papers are: "Impact Synergies and Institutional Roles in Development Processes: Modeling the Effects of Multiple Policy Interventions on Food Security" and "Promoting Irrigation Demand Management in India: Options, Linkages, and Strategy". Work is also progressing on another paper: "Land-dominated Approach to Water Policy: Influence, Effects, and Relevance" that looks at the way land ownership and access are linked with water access and allocation in the Indian context. Saleth is also working on putting together an edited volume to be published in memory of Prof. Malcolm Adiseshiah. Besides these research works and related academic activities such as participation and contribution to national and international seminars, he also

continues to serve as the Associate Editor of *Water Policy* and as a member of the Editorial Advisory Board of *Technological Forecasting and Social Change*.

### **3.4. Women's Studies**

The gender concerns and, more specifically, women's studies have been one of the key areas of research focus of the Institute over the years. The approach adopted is based both on historical analysis and on empirical analysis with quantitative results.

S. Anandhi continues to pursue her research in the area of caste and gender in colonial Tamil Nadu with her publications related to women's writing on caste and modernity. Her public lectures and reviews are broadly related to the themes of gender in Dravidian politics, institutionalization of women's studies, and institutional histories of women's organizations in south India. During the academic year under consideration, she has been elected to the Executive Committee of the Indian Association for Women's Studies (IAWS), a premier all India academic-activist association, which has a significant number of distinguished academicians, activists, researchers, students, social workers and all others interested in women's development. Currently, she is the editor of IAWS newsletter. She also continues to coordinate the PhD Programme at MIDS and serves on various academic boards and curriculum committees for women's studies in colleges and one university.

A major focus of Padmini Swaminathan's academic work during 2008-09 has been mapping the nature of 'inclusion/exclusion' in economic development. Using national level data and supplemented with field-based studies, quantum and levels of inclusion/exclusion have been captured through analysis of data relating to literacy and formal levels of education of the population as a whole and for different segments of the population. These exercises reveal, among other things that, for females, education and employment move in opposite directions in the sense that literacy among female workers is lower than literacy among non-working females and that development is not closing the gender gap measured in terms of females per 1000 males. Bulk of females 'included' in development disproportionately constitutes the unorganized workers. The latter includes the unorganized sector plus workers working in the formal sector as informal workers. Padmini Swaminathan has also engaged with the theme of the status of Higher and Vocational Education in the country through a critical study of Official Reports, such as the *All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) Review Committee Report*, the *Report on Skill Formation and Employment Assurance in the Unorganized Sector* brought out by the National Commission on Enterprises in the Unorganized Sector. A major assumption of these Reports is that the inability of the economy to generate formal employment is taken as given. This assumption defeats the purpose of imparting and/or upgrading skills of the young and working population of the country. A third aspect that Padmini Swaminathan has engaged with is the theme of occupational health. Her paper: 'Women, Work and Health: Examining Linkages, Addressing Challenges' will appear shortly in the Indian Journal of Human Development. She is a member of the Expert Committee appointed by the High Court of Madras to Clean the Noyyal River. She is also on the Advisory Board of a couple of journals, and member of Board of Studies in Economics in a couple of Colleges in Chennai.

### **3.5. International Trade Negotiations and WTO**

Moana Bhagabati, who is currently on deputation as faculty in the National Institute of Administrative Research (NIAR), Mussoorie, continues her research relating to trade

facilitation and WTO. She has also presented papers and delivered lectures on the themes Indo-US free trade, role of foreign direct investment in the Indian economy, globalization, and multilateral economic systems.

### ***3.6. Industrialisation, Regional Development, and Employment***

M. Vijayabaskar works broadly on the socio-political economy of urban labour markets, urban governance processes, industrialization, and regional development. In November 2008, he prepared a position paper for the National Commission for Enterprises in the Unorganised Sector on: "Micro and Small Scale Enterprises in Global Value Chains". During the academic year, he has worked on two major projects. The first one titled: 'Transforming livelihoods: work, migration and poverty in the Tiruppur garment cluster, India' is a two-year collaborative project with scholars from the University of Sussex and Oxford and funded through a research grant from ESRC/DFID, UK. It examines how an export-oriented region transforms livelihood options in the region, within the export sector, and across sectors that are linked to this export segment through labour, capital, and other material flows. The other project titled: 'The Politics of India's Special Economic Zones' examines how local politics and institutions shape the implementation and governance of SEZ policies using a case study of Tamil Nadu. He has also completed a short study titled: "Regional Labour Markets and Industrial Development: Exploratory Insights from an India-China Comparison" for the Institute for Developing Economies, Tokyo. This work involved two weeks of fieldwork among the textile and garment firms in the Shandong province of China.

### ***3.7. Governance, Institutions, Social Mobilization and Social Justice***

This is another core area in which a number of faculty members have worked on and contributed to during the academic year 2008-09. The works under this theme are multidisciplinary in nature and involve different methods, varying from review-based works to empirical analysis based on primary and secondary data.

G.S.Ganesh Prasad, who is currently on deputation with ANS, the State Institute for Rural Development at Mysore, continues with his research on decentralized governance, panchayat finances, and rural development. He is also involved in a research project on indicator development funded by the Planning Commission.

Kripa Ananthpur, who has just started her sabbatical, focuses her research in understating the dynamics of local democracy and governance. Her work focuses on unpacking the various dimensions of local politics that shape local democracy and governance. Of particular interest has been the ways in which informal institutions influence local democratic process and shape governance outcomes. She has recently completed a five-year study on analyzing the interaction between formal and informal local governance institutions in Karnataka using both quantitative and qualitative research methods to illustrate the various ways in which the informal institutions influence the formal ones. This work has now grown into a comparative study of Rajasthan and Pakistan. She also published extensively on this aspect including in referred journals such as *Development and Change* and *Journal of Development Studies*. To assess the extent people's participation can make local democracy more effective, attempted as part of a World Bank study on: 'Deepening Democracy', Kripa Ananthpur is currently studying 200 villages in 5 districts of northern Karnataka. She is also trying to look into the way local elections are engineered by informal institutions and elites by placing limits on

pluralism and local electoral competition and the impact of such interventions on local citizenship.

P. Radhakrishnan, apart from continuing his work on his book on backward classes, has been active through publication in journals, newspapers, and internet portals. His article, 'Globalisation and Exclusion: The Indian Context' in the January-March issue of *Global Asia* (both print and online) was published with a lot of prominence, as the editors felt that the article was of special significance. He has continued his publications on current issues such as reservation politics and electoral politics. He completed a major project report on higher education in the context of access, quality, disciplinary diversity, and academic freedom. Radhakrishnan has served on various professional committees in IGNOU and in state universities. On a request from the editor of *Asian Tribune*, an Internet newspaper published from Sweden, he has been contributing every week on topical issues. His other activities included his role as resource person in the annual meet of the Pathways Programme for the higher education of the socially deprived sections; presentation of papers in seminars on the social problem of suicides, and on understanding Dalit autobiographies; key note speaker on issues in identifying the economically backward among the non-reserved social groups for which the Government of India has constituted a high power commission; interviews to TV channels on election issues; and to the *rediff.com* on the plight of Tamils in Sri Lanka and the future of the LTTE.

Ananta Kumar Giri is engaged in a range of publications dealing with issues related to 'Tibet, China and the World: Realizing Peace, Freedom and Harmony' and 'Sociology as Quest for a Good Society: A Conversation with Robert Bellah'. He continues his work on new horizons of human development, social mobilization, and social theory with a focus on cosmopolitanism, practical spirituality and new initiatives in education. He has visited several universities in India, South East Asia, and Europe for delivering lectures, organizing workshops on themes of cosmopolitanism, and carrying out fieldwork.

C. Lakshmanan continues to engage with the film politics of Tamil Nadu and issues of social justice. Particularly, his focus towards problems of reservation policy and understanding caste and gender-based subordination has drawn considerable attention. He had jointly worked for a book based on field study of Puthirai Vannars in Tamil Nadu. The book attempts an in-depth analysis of a service caste for the Dalits and provides new insights for understanding graded inequalities. As an organizing member, he has been very active in Dalit Intellectual Collective (DIC), an independent forum that explores the possibilities of constructing theoretical understanding of the socio-cultural and political economy of the Dalits across the country and locating it in contemporary politics. Lakshmanan is also trying to create a network among the faculty members in the Centres of Social Exclusion and Dalit Studies so as to streamline the pedagogical framework for social exclusion and Dalit studies. As a resource person, he also provides intellectual support for Dalit movements in the south.

Karen Coelho's research critically examines aspects of urban governance and reforms as well as the urban state and society, with a focus on the city of Chennai. From her previous work in examining the state-run water bureaucracy's journey through reforms, she has moved now to the exploration of the ways in which urban collective action in "civil society" is shaped by, or shapes, the implementation of reforms in urban governance. During 2008-09, her work is centered on consolidating and publishing the findings from a two-year research project on urban neighbourhood-based collective action. As a follow-up to this study, she and her collaborators organized a national workshop entitled 'Opening Up or Ushering In:

Interrogating Discourses of Citizen Participation and Public Consultation in Urban Governance' in Pondicherry during July 25-26 2009. She also continues to present and publish papers based on her work on water sector reforms. In June 2009, she was invited by PUKAR to present a paper at their one-day symposium on "The State of India's Water" at the National Gallery of Modern Art in Mumbai. The academic year concluded with a three-month teaching fellowship (late March to early June 2009) under which she designed and taught a graduate seminar entitled 'Urban Politics in India' at the University of Washington in Seattle, USA.

V. Chandrasekara Naidu's research also covers aspects of governance such as administrative and financial decentralisation, especially at the state and local level. Specifically, he has worked on issues relating to: (a) the state financial status of Tamil Nadu and (b) urban and local body finances, especially with a focus on Chennai Municipal Corporation. Besides his research, he has also been active in teaching college teachers at a Faculty Improvement Programme conducted by the University of Madras.

### **3.8. Social and Cultural History of Tamil Nadu**

A.R. Venkatachalapathy has continued with his multi-dimensional and bilingual exploration into aspects of the social and cultural history of colonial and contemporary Tamil Nadu. His pioneering documentation and analysis of the first modern encyclopedia in any Indian language, the Tamil *Kalaikalanjiyam*, was published as was his essay on the emergence of the genre of autobiography. He has completed a project on the Indo-Danish cultural encounter with specific reference to print under the aegis of the Tranquebar Initiative of the National Museum of Denmark. Based on the research outcomes of the various projects under the Tranquebar Initiative, he is guest-editing (with Esther Fihl, Professor of Anthropology, University of Copenhagen) a special double number of the *Review of Development and Change*. It is also proposed to extend this into a book (tentatively titled: *Beyond Tranquebar: Colonialism and Culture in South India*) for publication. In his attempt to enrich social science discourse in Tamil language, Venkatachalapathy has translated Romila Thapar's *Past and Prejudice* into Tamil and it has been published by the National Book Trust of India. He is presently finalizing a book manuscript on print culture in colonial Tamil Nadu.

## **4. Paper Presentations and Publications by Ph.D. Scholars**

A few of the Ph.D. Scholars have also presented papers in workshops and seminars held both within and outside India. Notable among them are:

- (a) "Freedoms and Un-freedoms of the Poor: Learning from their Lived Experiences" by Ann George.
- (b) "Livelihoods and Global Challenges: Understanding Human Interaction with the Environment" by M.Arivalagan.
- (c) "Some aspects of the socio-economic changes in the Rural Arani – with special reference to handloom silk weaving in the Arani region" by N.A.Arivukkarasi.
- (d) "Impact of Globalisation on Economic Zones in India" by A.Bhavana.
- (e) "Understanding issues of Adaptation through Assessment of Vulnerability: A Case Study of Orissa, India" by Chandra Sekher Bahinipati.
- (f) "Stock Brokering Branches and Urban Spaces: exploring a new phenomenon in Kerala" by V.P.Nirmal Roy and B.S.Sumalatha.

Similarly, a few of them have also published papers in refereed journals. Among publications, the notable one is: “Merchandise Trade Performance after Economic Reforms in India: An Explorative Analysis” by Chandra Sekher Bahinipati and Nirmal Chandra Sahu, which is published in the *Asian Journal of Public Affairs*.

## **5. Other Institutional Activities of the Faculty**

The other institutional activities of faculty members cover their roles both in governance process of the Institute as well as in the generation of resources for the Institute through externally funded research. A number of faculty members serve in different committees and assist the Director and the management in an efficient functioning of the Institute. These committees include the Faculty Committee for the Ph.D Programme (or the Ph.D Coordination Committee in short), Editorial Committee of the institute’s journal *Review of Development and Change*, Publication Committee that oversees Institute’s publications. Besides this, a few of the members also serve in the Academic Council, Executive Council, Finance Committee, and Governing Council. In the Academic Council, all professors are members and a few of the associate and assistant professors serve as members on rotation. The governance participation of the faculty members in different committees and councils other than the Academic Council are shown in Annex-4. Some of the faculty members also assist the Institute in terms of resource generation through externally funded research. Relevant details on the externally funded research are given in Annex-5.

## **6. Seminar Presentations by Faculty, Visitors, and Students**

The Academic Council in its previous meeting has noted the low number of seminars given by the faculty members. Efforts are now afoot to increase the number of the seminars given by faculty. Besides the faculty seminars, there were also a number of seminars and presentations given by external members and visitors to MIDS. The complete list of faculty and visitors seminars is given in Annex-6 and that for the students is given in Annex-7.

## **7. Workshops/Conference/Memorial Lectures/Special Lectures**

### ***7.1. Identity and Universality***

This is a half a day workshop and festival of learning, which was held on July 28, 2008 at MIDS Auditorium. Speakers are: Professor Felix Wilfred, Emeritus Professor, University of Madras; Dr. N. Sreekumar, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras; Dr. Ananta Kumar Giri, MIDS

Identity has become one of the central questions of our time. While there are many movements for realization of dignity of one’s own identity in the face of assault, annihilation and humiliation, there have also been movements, which assert an exclusive view of identity and do not wish to relate to the identities of others in a dialogical and transformative manner. Such identitarian mobilizations lead to violence and much suffering. So, there is a crucial challenge to rethink identity and explore relationships between identity and difference, identity and universality. But, this also calls for rethinking universality because often in the name of universality, only one dominant model of identity such as the Euro-American is imposed upon the globe. Along with cultivating a creative vision and praxis of identity formation, we need to transform universality into a relational one, indeed a transversal one, which emerges for the yearning for the transversal from each of the spaces of our lives and

cultures. Therefore, the present day conception of monolithic and singular universality needs to be transformed by a vision and praxis of transversality. We are invited to rethink both identities and universality as rainbows of self and mutual blossoming.

### ***7.2. Gijubhai Badekha Memorial Lecture 2009***

This lecture was on “Culture and Development: Implications for Classroom Practices” and it is given by T.S. Saraswati on January 20, 2009 at MIDS Auditorium. Professor T.S. Saraswati retired Senior Professor in Human Development and Family studies, Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda. This is the first Gijubhai Badekha Memorial Lecture held in South India and this event is organized jointly by NCERT and MIDS.

According to Dr. Saraswati, culture is aimed at understanding and evaluating the importance and significance of culture and cultural differences influencing the society and individuals. It examined the construction of knowledge and cultural variations and similarities in various domains of human functioning. This lecture tried to give a new panorama for the role of culture and development and its implications for teacher training and classroom practices. Class rooms are considered as the best place for stereotyping the children and they are accepting the determined role and unknowingly mould the behaviour and personality on the basis of class room experiences. It was urged that culture has to be viewed in a broader manner, based on evaluative comparisons and the importance of tolerance for differences. One must be ready to accept and enhance the richness of cultural differences in a positive and productive manner to brighten the class room climate and the learning process.

### ***7.3. Workshop on Research Methodology for Doctoral Scholars***

This workshop was held on March 16-19, 2009 at MIDS. The workshop sought to bring research scholars working on different dimensions of the research theme so as to: (a) provide them a forum to interact and exchange notes on their ongoing work and (b) expose/train them to the various conceptual and methodological issues involved in studying such processes.

The theme for this year’s workshop was Contemporary Issues and Methods in Social Research. The major objective of the workshop was to bring young researchers together in order to introduce them with fundamental aspects of contemporary research methodology in social sciences. 43 researchers from various colleges and universities in Tamil Nadu as well as from ICSSR institutions in South India participated in the workshop and presented their research proposals. 13 resource persons spoke on different aspects of social science research. The researchers were familiarized with key aspects of research such as, formulating and refining the research questions, objectives and methods. The topics covered various contemporary research issues such as: interplay between theory and empirical work, role of deductive and inductive methods, importance of right combination of qualitative and quantitative data and issues involved in combining subjective and objective information. The feedback from the research scholars indicated that the Workshop was useful to refine their proposal and they wanted it to be held for a week instead of the four days at present.

### ***7.4. Founder’s Day Lecture 2009***

The Founder’s Day Lecture is organised in honour of the founder of MIDS, Dr. Malcolm S. Adiseshiah (1910-1994) since 2004 as a grateful acknowledgement of the vision of our founder. It is his foresight and commitment and the combined generosity of him and his wife

Mrs. Elizabeth Adiseshiah that created MIDS. This year's Founder Day Lecture was given on April 3, 2009 by Partha Chatterjee, who is Professor at the Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta and has been its director during 1997-07. His lecture: "Lineages of political society" deals with the relationship between norms and practices that has resulted in a series of improvisations. It is the theorization of these improvisations that has become the task of postcolonial political theory. Detailing a number of exceptions to normative political theory, he shows how they may constitute the foundations for a more inclusive concept of democracy.

### ***7.5. Launch Function for Professor Malcolm Adiseshiah Centenary***

The Launch Function for the Professor Malcolm Adiseshiah Centenary Celebrations was held on May 4, 2009. It was launched with a ceremonial lecture on "Agrarian Crisis: The Way Ahead" given by Prof. M.S. Swaminathan, Chairman, MSSRF. This was followed by MIDS-NABARD co-sponsored Workshop on 'Financing for Rural Development'. This Workshop explored how old and new forms of rural financing such as loans from rural banks and cooperatives and micro credits from self-help groups and micro financial institutions act as a counter to farmers' distress and agrarian crisis. In the first session on 'Rural Indebtedness and Agrarian Crisis' two papers were presented, i.e., (a) "Farm Sector Indebtedness: Whipping a Wrong Horse" by Yogeshwari and R.S. Deshpande, ISEC, Bangalore (b) "Debt, Distress and Farmers' Suicides in Vidarbha, Maharashtra" by Srijit Mishra, IGIDR, Mumbai. In the second session on 'Financial Innovations and New Approaches', two papers were presented, i.e., (a) "Institutional Innovations and Rural Credit to the Poor Including Marginal and Small Farmers: Some Initiatives from Andhra Pradesh" by D. Narasimha Reddy, University of Hyderabad and (b) "Financing Rural Development: Need for a Sustainable Livelihood Approach" by K. Narayanan Nair, CDS, Trivandrum.

## **8. Institute's Publications**

The institute's publications include the Institute's journal: *Review of Development and Change*, MIDS working papers, discussion papers and monographs published under Guhan Series, and the special annual publications under the Founder's Day Lectures Series. During the academic year 2008-09, there were no monographs published. The details of other publications are presented below.

### ***8.1. Review of Development and Change***

Committed to critically examining diverse aspects of development and change taking place in our society, *Review of Development and Change* (RDC) is a refereed biennial journal of MIDS published since the past 14 years. RDC aims to encourage scholarship that perceives problems of economic development and social change in depth, documents them with care, interprets them with rigour, and communicates the results in an accessible form to multidisciplinary readers. The theme of the upcoming issue for 2009 (Vol. XIV; No.1-2) is 'Cultural Interaction in Early Colonial India, with special reference to Tranquebar' and the articles are based on the Tranquebar initiative of the National Museum of Denmark with which MIDS was associated. This issue is guest edited by A.R. Venkatachalapathy and his team involved in the project. The Editorial Committee of RDC meets as and when needed. As per the editorial committee's recommendation and in order to increase the subscription base, letters have been sent to selected colleges, universities, and research institutions both for soliciting for subscription and for inviting articles for RDC.

## 8.2. Working Papers

Month & Year	Title	Author
July 2008	Adapting capability approach to understand the life experiences of the poor (Working Paper No. 201)	Ann George, Research Scholar, MIDS
July 2008	Pain, Politics and Persistence: The Power of Powerlessness (Working Paper No. 202)	Rajakishor Mahana Research Scholar, MIDS
August 2008	Beyond Colonialism Towards A New Environmental History of India (Working Paper No. 203)	M. Arivalagan Research Scholar, MIDS
September 2008	The Manifesto and the Modern Self: Reading the Autobiography of Muthulakshmi Reddy (Working Paper No. 204)	S. Anandhi Associate Professor, MIDS
December 2008	Tibet, China and the World: Realizing Peace, Freedom and Harmony (Working Paper No. 205)	Ananta Kumar Giri Associate Professor, MIDS
December 2008	Sociology as Quest for a Good Society: A Conversation with Robert Bellah (Working Paper No. 206)	Ananta Kumar Giri Associate Professor, MIDS

## 8.3. Discussion Papers

Month & Year	Title	Author
June 2009 (Discussion Paper No.11)	A Chakravarty-D'Ambrosio Class of Social Exclusion Measures as a Foster-Greer-Thorbecke class of Headcount Indices of Multidimensional Deprivation: An Interpretive and Expository Note	S. Subramanian Professor, MIDS

## 8.4. Founder's Day Lecture Series

Month & Year	Topic	Author
April 2009	Lineages of Political Society	Partha Chatterjee Professor, Centre for Studies in Social Sciences, Calcutta

## 9. Prof. Malcolm Adiseshiah's Centenary Activities

This 45<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council coincides with the centenary of Prof. Malcolm S. Adiseshiah, the Founder Chairman and Director of MIDS. Throughout the Centenary Year (April 2009-April 2010), MIDS is planning for several events and publications to celebrate the memory of Prof. Adiseshiah and to highlight his major contributions. The centenary celebration was formally launched on May 4, 2009 by Prof. M. S. Swaminathan, Chairman of MSSRF and Member of Parliament, with his ceremonial presentation: *The Agrarian Crisis: The Way Ahead*. On that same day, an MIDS-NABARD co-sponsored workshop: *Financing for Rural Development* was also held as the first event of the year-long centenary celebration. The Launch Function on May 4, 2009 is also notable for the fact that it brought together most of the past chairpersons and directors of MIDS in one stage!

MIDS is also planning to have at least one national seminar during the centenary year and a number of public lectures under Prof. Malcolm Adiseshiah Centenary Public Lecture Series, which will be organized jointly with some prominent academic institutions both in Chennai and other major educational centers in Tamil Nadu. The inaugural lecture under this series was delivered by Prof. Kaliappa Kalirajan of the Australian National University on July 9, 2009 at MIDS. MIDS is also planning few significant publications during the centenary year. S. Janakarajan is working on a post-scripted Tamil translation of Prof. Guhan's book:

*Cauvery River Dispute: Towards Conciliation.* A. R. Venkatachalapathy is working on a bilingual book: *Remembering Prof. Malcolm Adiseshiah.* R. Maria Saleth is working on an edited Volume: *Issues in Development Studies: Essays in Memory of Prof. Malcolm Adiseshiah.* Oxford University Press has shown interest in publishing this edited volume. This book and the other two books noted above are expected to be released by mid-2010.

## **10. Individual Affiliations and Institutional Collaborations**

During the academic year 2008-09, MIDS has provided affiliation to 11 scholars. Of them, two are from India and the rest of them are from abroad. The affiliation ranged from six months to a year. The list of affiliates and their details are provided in Annex-8. Besides the individual affiliation, MIDS is also developing formal institutional collaborations with other academic and research institutions both within India and abroad. Three of these deserve to be detailed here. First, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between MIDS and the Center for Asian Studies at Kyungpook National University, Daegu, Korea on May 5, 2009. This MOU provides a basis for cooperation between the two institutes for the mutual benefit, especially in the enhancement of research capability and promotion of academic linkages. Specifically, this MOU allows for (a) exchanging of researchers in areas of special interest to both institutes; (b) exchanging of information and publications that are interested to both institutes; and (c) holding collaborative and joint symposia and conferences. As per the MOU, each institute will cover the costs of its own participation, but will explore the possibility of third party funding for joint research activities and seminars. Second, recently, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has approached MIDS for collaboration on two important academic programmes: (a) organizing an Orientation Programmes for the faculties of Centre for Social Exclusion, Dalit Studies, Ambedkar Chairs and related institutions in Tamil Nadu and Kerala and (b) preparing a Background Paper on Dalit Children's School Education in Tamil Nadu. This collaboration is expected to take up in the later part of 2009. And, third, the recently created Central University of Tamil Nadu (CUTN) has approached for having a mentoring relationship with MIDS. Under this relationship, MIDS faculty can teach social science courses as well as supervise doctoral students of CUTN. This proposed relationship is now under consideration.

## **11. Proposed Academic Activities for 2009-10**

The following are some of the academic activities proposed for the academic year 2009-10.

- National Workshop on Climatic Change to be organized in the latter part of 2009
- Series of Malcolm Adiseshiah Centenary Public Lectures to be organized jointly with some of the Institutions in Chennai and other Cities in Tamil Nadu
- Research Scholars' Workshop to be scheduled in early 2010.
- Inter-disciplinary Research Methodology Workshop to be scheduled in early 2010.
- Malcolm Adiseshiah Centenary Valedictory Function to be held in early 2010.
- Founders' day lecture to be scheduled in April 2010. Suggestions from the Council members are requested for identifying a suitable speaker.

More ideas for additional activities are solicited from the members of the Academic Council.

## ANNEXES

### **Annex-1: Report of the Faculty Committee for Ph.D Programme, 2008-09.**

The Ph.D Programme at MIDS is offered to students from different social science disciplines such as Economics, Sociology, History, Anthropology, and Political Science. MIDS offers three types of doctoral fellowships:

1. ICSSR Fellowship - Four
2. RBI Fellowship - One to Two
3. Malcolm & Elizabeth Adiseshiah (M&EA) Trust Fellowship - One to Two

#### ***Faculty Committee for the Ph.D Programme***

As the term of the former members of the Faculty Committee for the Ph.D Programme came to an end, the Committee was reconstituted in June 2008 for a term of one year. The members were:

- S. Anandhi - Coordinator
- Kripa Ananthpur - Adviser (also former Coordinator)
- M. Vijaya Bhaskar - Course Coordinator
- Karen Coelho - Course Coordinator
- L. Venkatachalam - Member.

The Committee was reconstituted, again, in June 2009, for another term of one year with the approval of the Director. The new members of the Committee are:

- S. Anandhi - Coordinator
- M. Vijaya Bhaskar - Course Coordinator
- Karen Coelho - Course Coordinator
- Ajit Menon - Member (Since June 2009)
- L. Venkatachalam - Member (Till August 2009)

#### ***The Ph.D Programme and the Role of Faculty Committee***

Selection of Candidates: During the academic year 2008-2009, the Committee was involved in processing the Ph.D applications and in devising guidelines for the selection process which consisted of written test and an interview. For this year, MIDS received 30 applications. These applications were received only for the Four ICSSR fellowships because the RBI and M&EA Trust fellowships were not available till the completion of Ph.D thesis by students already holding those fellowships. Out of the 30 applicants, 22 were short listed to take the written test in economics or in social sciences along with the oral interview. On the basis of the marks scored both in written test and oral interview, the following four students were selected:

- R. Abida Begum
- V. Michael Venish
- Nitya Nair
- P.V. Ramanathan (employed scholar on study leave)

Of these four selected, Ramanathan later quit the Programme as he was called back to accept the promotion by his office.

Mentoring Committee: The Faculty Committee also plays a role in establishing the Mentoring Committee for each of the selected Ph.D students with three faculty members (with at least one recognized doctoral supervisor with the Madras University) in each committee. The members met the student, either individually or collectively, to help in identifying the research topic and in writing the research proposal and the term paper. Some of the members have suggested reading lists, gone through student's write-ups, and offered suggestions for improvement.

### **2008-09 Ph.D. Course Work**

Based on the feed back from the faculty and the students on the course work provided in the previous year, the Faculty Committee, especially the course coordinators, devised a calendar of course schedule with details of lectures, duration and modules for each lecture. This foundation course schedule is given below in tables A1-A3. This year the course work included not only theme based lectures but also a series of lectures on research methods, research tools and computer skill development.

**Table A1: Ph.D. Foundation Course, 2008-09, Module 1.**

No.	Faculty	Title
<b>Module 1: Basics of Social Theory and Evolution of Development Thought</b>		
1	Prof. A.R.Venkatachalapathy	Enlightenment and the birth of the social sciences
2	Dr. C. Lakshmanan	Liberal Theories of State, Society and Politics: Concepts, Approaches and Analysis -1
		Liberal Theories of State, Society and Politics: Concepts, Approaches and Analysis -2
		Liberal Theories of State, Society and Politics: Concepts, Approaches and Analysis -3
3	Dr. Karen Coelho/Dr. Ajit Menon	Weber and Marx
4	Dr. Ajit Menon	Marxist political economy -1
5	Dr. Karen Coelho	History of Development Thought – 1
		History of Development Thought – 2
		History of Development Thought – 3
6	Dr. M. Vijayabaskar	Marxist political economy -2
7	Dr. S. Anandhi	Feminism and Post-modernism – 1
		Feminism and Post-modernism – 2
		Social Stratification — caste and gender
8	Dr. C. Lakshmanan	Social Stratification — caste and class
9	Dr. A.R. Venkatachalapathy	Models of Historical Change
		Models of Historical Change
10	Dr. L. Venkatachalam	Changes in Economic Thought – 1
		Changes in Economic Thought – 2
		Changes in Economic Thought - 3
		Changes in Economic Thought – 4
		Changes in Economic Thought – 5

**Table A2: Ph.D. Foundation Course, 2008-09, Module 2.**

No.	Faculty	Title
<b>Module 2: Major Theories in Development Studies</b>		
1	Prof. D. Jayaraj	Development and Fertility
		Development and Declining Sex Ratio
		Development and Infant Mortality Rates
2	Prof. Padmini Swaminathan	Survey of Theoretical Debates: Women in Development, Women and Development, Gender and Development, Southern Theoretical Perspectives
		Gender and Work: Family and Employment Choices, Paid and Unpaid Work, Ideology of Domesticity
		Gender, Care and the Welfare State: cross-national perspective
		Researching these problems from a gender perspective: illustrations based on case studies
3	Dr. L. Venkatachalam	Environment and Development – 1
		Environment and Development – 1
4	Prof. S. Janakarajan	Water resources management: Issues, concerns, politics and development
		The role of water control institutions in irrigation management
		The tragedy of the commons: the use and abuse of groundwater, impacts on ecology and environment
		Conflicts and conflict resolution methods in natural resource management
		Climate change and adaptation: perspectives and policy concerns
5	Dr. Ajit Menon	Common property resources and the agrarian economy
		Changing face of the commons
		Environmental Politics and the commons
		Conceptualizing the commons: competing explanations (2 lectures)
6	Dr. G.S Ganesh Prasad	Decentralisation – an evolutionary perspective
		Decentralised planning and development
		Local governments and poverty alleviation
7	Dr. Kripa Ananthpur	Governance: historical perspectives, concepts, definition
		Theories of governance, indicators of good governance
8	Dr. M. Vijayabaskar	Technology, Labour and Development – 1
		Technology, Labour and Development – 2
		Technology, Labour and Development – 3
		Technology, Labour and Development – 4

**Table A3: Ph.D. Foundation Course, 2008-09, Module 3.**

No.	Faculty	Title
<b>Module 3: Research Methods</b>		
1	Dr. Brinda Viswanathan, MSE	Basic Survey Methods
		Basic Survey Methods
		Basic Survey Methods
		Basic Survey Methods
		Basic Survey Methods
2	Dr. L. Venkatachalam	Basic Econometrics
		Basic Econometrics
		Basic Econometrics
3	Prof. Sundar Sarukkai	Introduction to Research Methodologies
		Introduction to Research Methodologies
4	Dr. Kripa Ananthpur	PRA methods 1. Philosophy and history of participatory methods
		PRA methods 2. Some basic tools and their application in qualitative research
5	Dr. Karen Coelho	Basics of ethnographic method -1
		Basics of ethnographic method -2
6	Mr. R. Dharumaperumal	Introduction to SPSS and Excel
		Introduction to SPSS and Excel
		Introduction to SPSS and Excel
		Introduction to SPSS and Excel
		Introduction to SPSS and Excel
7	Prof. S. Janakarajan	Village Survey and Aspects of Data Management
		Village Survey and Aspects of Data Management
8	Prof. K. Nagaraj	Introduction to Secondary Data Analysis
		Introduction to Secondary Data Analysis
		Introduction to Secondary Data Analysis

The foundation course during 2008-09 marked its third year of operation. With four students, this course largely followed the structure and design laid out in the previous year, with some efforts to systematize and standardize the course. For example, reading lists for almost all lectures were assigned by the faculty. Relevant papers were photocopied and made available to students at the beginning of the course so as to enable them to have a prior reading.

The course for 2008-09 consisted of three broad modules, as in the previous year. The first was on the Basics of Social Theory and Evolution of Development Thought, which consisted of about 20 lectures. The second was on the Major Themes in Development Studies, which comprised of 28 lectures, and the third was on Research Methods, comprising 21 lectures. The course began at the end of October 2008 and continued until the middle of March 2009. Lectures were conducted daily from Monday to Friday and each lecture was about 2 hours in duration. The vast majority of the lectures were covered by MIDS faculty; however, in a few cases, outside experts were also invited to cover some additional topics.

Besides the theme and methodology-based course, an English language course was also provided with the help of a professionally trained person. The English language course consisted of diagnostic test and regular classes in English language for two hours a day. At the end of this course, students made a presentation based on their learning the language on topics of contemporary relevance and on their proposed research.

## **Monitoring and Evaluation of Ph.D. Students**

The Ph.D Programme also involves a systematic monitoring and evaluation of the performance of all the Ph.D students. The Faculty Committee for the Ph.D Programme also plays an important role in this respect. Based on the guidelines evolved for monitoring and evaluating the performance of students, the Committee evaluated students' performance in terms of: (a) submission of work report (mandatory for all students); (b) seminar presentation, especially for students within the first three years of their Ph.D Programme; (c) a seminar, which is mandatory before the extension of Ph.D to the fourth year; (d) working paper, at least one before the submission of thesis; (e) meeting of the doctoral advisory committee.

Regarding the submission of work reports, a few students fail to turn in their work reports. The Committee has already urged the administration to follow the decisions of the Governing Council and the Academic Council for further actions to be taken against the non-compliant students. The office has been requested to routinely intimate the students on scheduled seminars, tutorials, and dates for the submission of working papers. The Ph.D students, who have joined in 2006, 2007, and 2008 have given their third, second, and first seminars respectively on July 29-30, 2009. The 2008 batch students presented seminar based mainly on their research proposals and have received comments from the faculty who attended the seminar. Two students of 2006 batch failed to make the presentation. Of the 2007 batch students, one student, who has already quit the Programme, did not make the presentation.

The Committee also followed up the regularity of students in attending the course work and the English language classes which is mandatory for all the first year Ph.D students. Based on the feedback from the foundation course teachers as well as the English language teacher, the Committee felt that the present batch of students had expressed keen interest in learning, although their term papers required some revision work. They have been regular with their course work, except for one student who joined the classes much later, as he had to get the study leave granted from his employer.

**Annex-2: Status of Ph.D Scholars (As on July 30, 2009).**

No.	Name of the Scholar	Name of the Supervisor	Name of the Fellowship	Date of Joining	No.of years completed (approx.)	Reporting to office/not
1	Abida Begum	S.Anandhi	ICSSR	13/10/08	1 year	Yes
2	Michael Venish	S. Janakarajan	ICSSR	15/10/08	1 year	Yes
3	Nitha Nair	Ajit Menon	ICSSR	21/10/08	1 year	Yes
4	P.V. Ramanadhan	-	ICSSR	-	1 year	<b>Discontd.</b>
5	A Bhavana	Ganesh Prasad	M & EA	16/10/07	2 years	Yes
6	Annapoorani	C. Lakshmanan	ICSSR	27/11/07	2 years	<b>Discontd.</b>
7	P. Chandrasekaran	L. Venkatachalam	ICSSR	2/12/2007	2 years	Yes
8	Manjushree Panda	S. Anandhi	M&EA	31/10/07	2 years	<b>No</b>
9	Vanathy	S. Janakarajan	ICSSR	1/11/2007	2 years	Yes
10	Sumalatha B.S.	M. Vijayabaskar	ICSSR	21/10/07	2 years	Yes
11	Nirmal Roy V.P.	M. Vijayabaskar	RBI	22/10/07	2 years	Yes
12	Sajin Philip	M. Vijayabaskar	RBI	30/10/06	3 years	Yes
13	Chandrasekar Bahini pati	L. Venkatachalam	ICSSR	30/10/06	3 years	Yes
14	Arivukkarasi N.A.	K. Nagaraj	ICSSR	16/10/06	3 years	Yes
15	Anbu Packiaraj	K. Nagaraj	RBI	16/10/06	3 years	Yes
16	T.V.Vijayan	P.Radhakrishnan	ICSSR	22/11/04	5 yrs	Yes
17	R.Nithya	P.Radhakrishnan	ICSSR	18/11/04	5 yrs	<b>Discontd.</b>
18	V.Gandhiraj	K. Sivasubramanian	ICSSR	3/11/2004	5 yrs	Yes
19	J.Balasubramanian	A.R. Venkatachalapathy	M&EA	2/11/2004	5 yrs	Yes
20	Ann George	Padmini Swaminathan	RBI	9/2/2004	5 1/2 yrs	Yes
21	Rajakishor Mahana	Ananta Kumar Giri	ICSSR	4/2/2004	5 1/2 yrs	Yes
22	S.Kumaran	K.Nagaraj	M&EA	23/1/04	5 1/2 yrs	<b>No</b>
23	K. Jayashree	Padmini Swaminathan	ICSSR	19/1/04	5 1/2 yrs	Yes
24	M.Arivalagan	A.R. Venkatachalapathy	ICSSR	13/2/03	6 1/2 yrs	Yes
25	Dr.Revathy	P.Radhakrishnan	M&EA	28/1/03	6 1/2 yrs	<b>No</b>
26	Jerome Samraj	M. Thangaraj	RBI	27/1/03	6 1/2 yrs	Yes
27	R.Manivasagan	D.Jayaraj	ICSSR	24/1/03	6 1/2 yrs	Yes
28	K.Kalpana	Padmini Swaminathan	JNU	12/11/2001	Thesis submitted	
29	Gayathri Balagopal	K.Nagaraj	RBI	29/12/98	Thesis submitted	
30	Mahendra Nayak.	S. Janakarajan	RBI	20/6/00	Thesis submitted	
31	Sushanta Kumar Mahapatra	S.Janakarajan	M&EA	9/1/01	<b>Degree awarded</b>	
32	M.Velusamy.	P.Radhakrishnan	ICSSR	4/1/99	<b>Degree awarded</b>	

**Annex-3: Details of Ph.D Scholars (As on July 30, 2009).**

Name of the Scholar	Name of the guide	Fellowship	Date of Joining	Date of completion of Stipend	Doctoral Advisory Committee Yes/No	Registrations status in University			Thesis should be submitted before	Dates on Doctoral Advisory Committee met	Doctoral Advisory Committee Members	Field of Research	Remarks
						Form Submitted	Provisionally Registered	Con-firmed					
Gayathri Balagopal	K.Nagaraj	RBI	29/12/98	28/12/02	Yes			16/2/00		5/9/2003	Dr. V.R.Muraleedharan (IIT) Dr.Padmini Swaminathan Dr. K. Nagaraj	Health Economics-Economics	(Thesis Submitted. Awaiting Viva intimation)
M.Velusamy	P.Radhakrishnan	ICSSR	4/1/99	3/1/03				24/7/98	Synop-sis sub-mitted on 7.2.05	7/12/2000	Dr. Paul P. Appasamy Dr.D.Sundaram Dr.P.Radhakrishnan	Indian Constitution and Dalit Welfare: A Study of Tamil Nadu 1950-2005 Community Development	<b>Ph.d. Degree awarded.</b>
Mahendra Nayak.	S. Janakarajan	RBI	20/6/00	19/6/03	Yes			3/5/02	2/5/2007	22/7/03	Dr.S.Janakarajan Dr.D.Jayaraj Prof. Jayalakshmi, HOD, Dept.of Sociology, University of Madras	Water Management-Economics	(Thesis Submitted. Awaiting Viva intimation)
Sushanta Kumar Mahapatra	S.Janakarajan	M&EA	9/1/01	8/1/04	Yes			9/8/02	8/8/2007	17/10/02, 8/9/03	Dr.S.Janakarajan Dr.D.Jayaraj Prof. Jayalakshmi, HOD, Dept.of Sociology, University of Madras	Water Management-Economics	<b>Ph.d. Degree awarded.</b>
K.Kalpna.	Padmini Swaminathan	JNU	12/11/01		Yes			17/8/02	16/8/07	29/8/03	Dr.K. Nagaraj Dr.K. Shanthi, Dept.of Econometrics, University of Madras, Dr.Padmini Swaminathan	Rural Credit History-Economics (In-Disp)	Thesis submitted

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Name of the Scholar	Name of the guide	Fellowship	Date of Joining	Date of completion of Stipend	Doctoral Advisory Committee Yes/No	Registrations status in University			Thesis should be submitted before	Dates on Doctoral Advisory Committee met	Doctoral Advisory Committee Members	Field of Research	Remarks
R.Manivasagan	D.Jayaraj	ICSSR	24/1/03	23/1/06	Yes	24.1.03	27.11.03	3.2.04	23/1/08	23/8/04	Dr.Padmini Swaminathan Dr.T.Lakshmanasamy Dept.of Econometrics Dr.D.Jayaraj	Poverty and Nutrition-Applied Economics	
Jerome Samraj	M. Thangaraj	RBI	27/1/03	26/1/06	Yes			27/1/03	26/1/08	11/1/2005	Dr.M.Thangaraj Dr.G.Rajendran, Asst. Professor, Anna University Dr. K. Nagaraj	The Question of land to the Dalits A Historical Perspective Economics	Synopsis submitted
Dr.Revathy	P.Radhakrishnan	M&EA	28/1/03	27/1/06	Yes		1.12.03	12.4.04	27/1/08	8.12.05	Dr.P.Radhakrishnan Dr.V.Sudarsen, Dept.of Anthropology, University of Madras Dr.Prema Rajagopalan, IIT.	Practice of Ethnomedicine Among the Tribals of Nilgiri Districts and Districts of Southern Tamil Nadu (Inter Disciplinary)	<b>Not reporting since July 2005.</b>
M.Arivalagan	A.R. Venkatachalapathy	ICSSR	13/2/03	12/2/06	Yes	16.6.03	28.11.03	31.5.04	30/6/08 (extended upto 29.6.09)	2.6.05 &13.7.09	Dr. Nirmal Selvamony, MCC, Chennai & K.Sivasubramaniayan & Dr.A.R. Venkatachalapathy	Forests, Environmental Change and Tribal Communities in colonial Tamil Nadu - Tamil-Social Science (Inter-Disciplinary)	DC reconstituted due to demise of Veeraragavan
K. Jayashree	Padmini Swaminathan	ICSSR	19/1/04	18/1/07	Yes			1/4/04	30/3/09 (extended upto 30.3.2010)	15/10/04	Dr.Padmini Swaminathan Dr.V.R.Muraleedharan (IIT) Dr.K. Nagaraj	Enhancing Capability Through Public Policy Economics	GotJNU Fellowship
S.Kumaran	K.Nagaraj	M&EA	23/1/04	22/1/07	Yes		25/10/04	2.6.05	9.4.09	7.4.06	Dr.Thangaraj & Dr.Naganathan & Dr.K.Nagaraj	Trends in Public Expenditure in Tamil Nadu - Study of Social Sector Expenditure	<b>Not reporting since January 06.</b>

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Name of the Scholar	Name of the guide	Fellowship	Date of Joining	Date of completion of Stipend	Doctoral Advisory Committee Yes/No	Registrations status in University			Thesis should be submitted before	Dates on Doctoral Advisory Committee met	Doctoral Advisory Committee Members	Field of Research	Remarks
Rajakishor Mahana	Ananta Kumar Giri	ICSSR	4/2/04	3/2/07	No		3/5/04	29.7.05	05.05.2009 (Extended upto 4.5.2010)	3.2.06	Dr.S. Sumathi, Lecturer, University of Madras & DR.Kripa Ananth Pur, MIDS	Bondo Highlanders at the Cross Road of Development and Change: A Critique & A Plea	
Ann George	Padmini Swaminathan	RBI	9/2/04	8/2/07	Yes	23.3.04	20.5.04	25.10.04	31/3/09 (extended upto 30.3.2010)	12.5.06; 6.11.07	Dr.Brinda Viswanathan, Asst. Professor, MSE Dr.Prema Rajagopalan, Asst. Professor, Dept.of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT	Issues of Well Being	
J.Balasubramanian	A.R. Venkatachalapathy	M&EA & UGC	2/11/04	1/11/07	Yes	13/12/04	9.3.05	2.3.06	31.3.10	18.5.06	Dr.Veeraraghavan, IIT & Dr.C. Lakshmanan, MIDS	Dalits and print Media: A Historical Study from 1939-1967	Got Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for 5 years from 1.4.05. DC Member to be nominated in the place of Dr.Veeraraghavan.
V.Gandhiraj	K. Sivasubramanian	ICSSR	3/11/04	2/11/07	Yes	28/12/04	23.4.05	22.2.06	22.04.10	20.6.06	Dr.S. Manivasakan, Lecturer, Centre for South and Southeast Asian Studies, Univeristy of Madras & Dr. V. Chandrasekara Naidu	Changing Phase of Irrigation Tanks: with special reference to two major Tanks in Tamil nadu.	
R.Nithya	P.Radhakrishnan	ICSSR	18/11/04	17/11/07	No		10/2/05					Human Rights And Health in India	<b>Discontinued</b>
T.V.Vijayan	P.Radhakrishnan	ICSSR	22/11/04	22/11/07	Yes		10/2/05	29.5.05	13.12.10	10.04.06	Prof.K. Kumaran, Prof.V.D.Swaminathan	Education And Society in India	

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N.A.Arivukk arasi	K. Nagaraj	ICSSR	16/10/06	15.10.09	Yes	20.12.06	09.08.07	10.10.07	08.08.12		R. Rukmani, MSSRF, director, MIDS	Structure and Transformation of Household Industries in Tamil nadu with special reference to Silk Weaving.	Stipend has been stopped till such time seminar is given in three months time. Ref.Lt.dt.10.7.08. Started getting stipend from1.11.08.
Chandra Sekhar Bahinipati	L. Venkatachalam	ICSSR	30/10/06	29.10.09	Yes	18.12.06	15.03.07	28.09.07	14.3.2012	17.6.09	Dr. S. Janakarajan, MIDS; Dr. Kavikumar, Madras School of Economics, Chennai.	Climate Chnge Environmental Implications & Adaptive Strategies	
Sajin Philip	M. Vijayabaskar	RBI	30/10/06	29.10.09	Yes	20.12.06	21.03.07	26.10.07	20.03.12		Dr.Padmini Swaminathan, MIDS; Dr. Suresh Babu, Dept.of Humanities, IIT, Madras	Social Exclusion, Gender and Poverty:A Study of Western/Southern Orissa	
Anbu Packiaraj	K. Nagaraj	RBI	16/10/06	15.10.09	No		28.2.2007	20.4.09	1.3.2012			Agricultural Transformation in Tamil Nadu	Stipend has been stopped till such time seminar is given in three months time. Ref.Lt.dt.10.7.08. Started getting stipend from1.11.08
Annapoorani		ICSSR	27/11/07	26.11.10									<b>Discontinued</b>
P Chandrasekaran	L. Venkatachalam	ICSSR	3/12/07	2.12.10	Yes	20.12.07	01.7.08	1.12.08	02.12.2012		Dr. Hema, MSE	The Economic Valuation of health Impact	

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S Vanathy	S. Janakarajan	ICSSR	2/11/07	1.11.10	Yes	20.12.07	13.3.08	16.5.08	12.03.13		Professor N.K. Ambujam, CWC, Anna University	Growing Urban Stress, lack of Long Term Policy Perspectives and Fragmented Institutions: The Study of Chennai Urban and Peri-urban Eco-Systems.	
B S Sumalatha	M. Vijayabaskar	ICSSR	22/10/07	21.10.10	Yes	20.12.07	23.5.08	11.8.08	21.10.2012		K. Nagaraj, MIDS & Dr.Suresh Babu, IIT	Commodity Future Markets under the Globalization Regime: A Study of Indian	
Manjushree Panda	S. Anandhi	M&EA	31.10.07	30.10.10	Yes	27.12.07	14.3.08	12.5.08	13.03.13		Dr. Prema Rajagopalan, IIT & Dr. Padmini Swaminathan, MIDS		Not reporting since January 09
A Bhavana	G.S. Ganesh Prasad	M&EA	16.10.07	15.10.10	Yes	20.12.07	23.5.08	11.8.08	15.10.2012	22.4.09	Dr.M. Thangaraj, Univ.of Madras & Director MIDS	Special Economic Zones: contributions and Controversies	
V P Nirmal Roy	M. Vijayabaskar	RBI	22.10.07	21.10.10	Yes	20.12.07	23.5.08	20.11.08	21.10.2012		Ajit Menon MIDS, Dr. Suresh Babu, IIT	Political Economy of Land Use and Price	
R. Abida Begum	S. Anandhi	ICSSR	13.10.08	12.10.2011	Yes	22.1.09	26.2.09	10.6.09	12.10.2013		Dr. Prema Rajagopalan, IIT & Dr. Padmini Swaminathan, MIDS	History of Muslim Women Education in Colonial Tamil Nadu	
Micheal Venish	S. Janakarajan	ICSSR	15.10.08	14.10.2011	No	9.2.09	26.2.09					Water Pollution	
Nitha G. Nair	Ajit Menon	ICSSR	22.10.08	21.10.11	Yes	22.1.09	19.2.09	8.4.09	20.10.2013	29.7.09	Professor Nirmal Selvamony, Dept.of English, MCC & Professor Padmini Swaminathan, MIDS	Gender Dimensions of Environmental Issues	
P.V. Ramanadhan	Ajit Menon	ICSSR	22.1.09										Resigned w.e.f.1.4.09

**Annex-4: Faculty Members Serving in Various Committees, 2008-09.**

No.	Name of the faculty member Committee	Ph.D. Coordination Committee	Publication & Editorial Committee	Other Committees (specify)
1	S. Anandhi	Coordinator		Member, Committee to look the TOR for Library Committee
2	M. Vijayabaskar	Course Coordinator		Member, Committee to look the TOR for Library Committee; Coordinator, Malcolm Adiseshiah Centenary Public lecture Series
3	Karen Coelho	Course Coordinator	Member	
4	Ajit Menon	Member (Since June 2009)	Member	Coordinator: Malcolm Adiseshiah Centenary Public lecture Series
5	L. Venkatachalam	Member (Till August 2009)		
6	Kripa Ananthpur	Member (Previous Committee)		
7	A.K. Giri			Member, Committee to look the TOR for Library Committee
8	C. Lakshmanan		Member	
9	A.R. Venkatachalapathy		Member	Member, Malcolm Adiseshiah Centenary Celebration Committee
10	K. Sivasubramanian		Member	
11	S. Janakarajan			Member, FC/EC/GC; Member, Malcolm Adiseshiah Centenary Celebration Committee
12	D. Jayaraj			Member, GC; Member, Malcolm Adiseshiah Centenary Celebration Committee

**Annex-5: Externally Funded Research Projects, 2008-09.**

<b>No</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Funding Agency</b>	<b>Project Director</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
1	Analyses of discourse on sustainable development in forest policies and of local practices in tree and forest management	The Centre for National De La Recherche Scientifique, Public Establishment for Scientific and Technological Research, 3 Rue Michel Ange 75794 Paris Cedex 16, France	Ajit Menon	2000 Euros	March 2008-	February 2010
2	Transforming Livelihoods: Work, Migration and Poverty in the Tiruppur Garment Cluster, India	ESRC, UK	M. Vijayabaskar	15190 pounds	Jul-08	Jun-10
3	Politics of India's Special Economic Zones (I Phase)	The Centre de Sciences Humanes (CSH), New Delhi	M. Vijayabaskar	Rs. 1,50,000	Oct-08	Jun-10
4	Politics of India's Special Economic Zones (II Phase)					
5	Urban Water Sector Reforms & Poverty Reduction : In Search of Appropriate Institutions - A Case Study of Bangalore City, India	Global Development Network, New Delhi	L. Venkatachalam	US\$ 5,000	Feb-07	Dec-07
6	Adaptation and Livelihood Resilience	IDRC, Canada	S. Janakarajan	Canadian \$ 25,000	Mar-06	Mar-09
7	A Study of Rural social Economic Change in Tamil Nadu	Simon Fraser University, Vancouver	K. Nagaraj	Rs. 3,50,000	Aug-07	Jul-08
8	Informal Local Governance Institutions, State and Public Action in ASIA Contract No.08/259 Project No.GO/01514/3E	IDS, Sussex	Kripa Ananthpur	7382.50pounds	Nov-08	Jun-09
9	Neighbourhood Associates in Urban Collective Actors : A comparative Study of Bangalore and Chennai	IDS, Sussex	Karen Coelho & M. Vijayabaskar	Rs.3,20,000	Jul-07	Feb-08

**Annex-6: Faculty/Visitors Seminars, 2008-09.**

Month	Date & Time	Topic	Speaker	Chair Person
July 2008	01-07-2008 Tuesday	Tibet, China and the World: Realizing Peace, Freedom and Harmony	Ananta Kumar Giri Associate Professor MIDS	Nirmal Selvamony Reader in English Madras Christian College
August 2008	11-08-2008 Monday	Transfer of Powers from Labour to Revenue Departments: Legal and Political Implications for Unorganized Workers' Social Security in Tamil Nadu	Mr Mohan Mani National Trade Unions Initiative Ms Sujata Mody Joint Secretary, NTUI Mr M Subbu General Secretary, TMKTS	Padmini Swaminathan Professor MIDS
August 2008	20-08-2008 Wednesday	The Energy Scenarios to 2050	Shailaja D. Sharma Researcher <i>Business Development (Future Fuels ) and CO2 Policy</i> Shell India Pvt. Ltd, Gurgaon	L. Venkatachalam Associate Professor MIDS
August 2008	27-08-2008 Wednesday	Gender, Development and the Indian State: A Study of Multi-level Governance with a focus on Tamil Nadu	Carole Spary Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Politics and International Studies University of Warwick, Coventry CV4 7AL	S. Anandhi Associate Professor MIDS
September 2008	01-09-2008 Monday	Improving Standards of School Education: A Dialogue	S. Muthukumaran Former Vice Chancellor, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchi	Ananta Kumar Giri Associate Professor, MIDS
January 2009	07-01-2009 Wednesday	Implementation of Labour Rights: Experiences from the Construction Industry in Chennai	Annika Wetlesen Affiliate, MIDS	Padmini Swaminathan Professor, MIDS
January 2009	27-01-2009 Tuesday	Libraries, Social Development and Public Communication in Contemporary India	Ajit Pyati Assistant Professor University of Western Ontario, London, Canada	Ananta Kumar Giri Associate Professor, MIDS
January 2009	28-01-2009 Wednesday	Putting People First: Towards a Pedagogy of the Heart	Anne Escrader University of Western Ontario, London, Canada	Ananta Kumar Giri Associate Professor, MIDS
April 2009	15-04-2009 Wednesday	'Herskovits at the Heart of Blackness' A Vital Pictures Production: Film directed by Llewellyn Smith	Discussant : Vincent Brown, Producer / director of Research Chair : S. Anandhi, Associate Professor, MIDS Introduction : Kalpana Karunakaran, IFMR, Chennai	

**Annex-7: Research Scholars' Seminars, 2008-09.**

Month	Date & Time	Topic	Speaker	Chair Person
July 2008	09-07-2008 Wednesday	Integration of society and economy: An enquiry into the growth resurgence of Kerala	Sajin Philip Research Scholar, MIDS	M. Vijayabaskar Asst. Professor, MIDS
July 2008	09-07-2008 Wednesday	Vulnerability to climate change and climate extremes in the coastal regions of India: An exposure analysis of the coastal districts of Orissa	C.S. Chandra <i>Sekhara Bahinipati</i> Research Scholar, MIDS	S. Janakarajan Professor, MIDS
December 2008	04-12-2008 Tuesday	Land Market under Transition	Nirmal Roy Research Scholar MIDS	M. Vijayabaskar Asst. Professor, MIDS
December 2008	04-12-2008 Tuesday	Commodity Futures Trading and Agricultural Commodity Price Setting	Sumalatha Research Scholar MIDS	M. Vijayabaskar Asst. Professor, MIDS
December 2008	04-12-2008 Tuesday	Special Economic Zones: Contributions and Controversies	Bhavana Research Scholar MIDS	G.S. Ganesh Prasad Asst. Professor, MIDS
December 2008	04-12-2008 Tuesday	Analysis of ' Policy - Induced' Externality in the Industrial Sector in Tirupur.	Chandrasekaran Research Scholar MIDS	L. Venkatachalam Associate Professor, MIDS
December 2008	04-12-2008 Tuesday	Growth Experience of Metropolitan Cities With a Particular Focus On Chennai	Vanathy Research Scholar MIDS	S. Janakarajan Professor, MIDS
January 2009	12-01-2009 Monday	Structural Changes in Silk weaving in Arani Region	Arivukkarasi Research Scholar MIDS	K. Nagaraj Professor, MIDS
January 2009	12-01-2009 Monday	Some Aspects of Agricultural Growth in Tamil Nadu	Anbu Packiaraj Research Scholar MIDS	K. Nagaraj Professor, MIDS

**Annex-8: List of Affiliates, 2008-09.**

No.	Name & Address of the person	Nationality	Date of application	Research Topic for Affiliation	Duration		Local Supervisor, (MIDS)	Affiliation fee paid on
1	Ms.Roos Gerritson, CNWS, School of Asia, African and Amerindian Studies, P.O.Box 9515, 2300 RA Leiden, The Netherlands.	Netherlands	11.7.07	From Movie Star to Public Star: The Entanglement of Cinema and Politics in South India	7.12.07	6.11.08	A. R. Venkatachalapathy	7.12.07
2	Ms.Sudha Narayan, Ph.D. Student, Department of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University, U.S.A.	Indian	6.3.07	Choosing Farmers: Selection and Screening Mechanisms in Contract Farming Systems in India	2.1.08	30.9.08	K. Nagaraj	2.1.08
3	Ms. Victoria Loblay, 6/5, Imperial Ave, Bondi, NSW, Australia 2026.	Australia	24.7.07	Arresting Amnicentesis: The Impact of regulating pre-natal diagnostic technology in Tamil Nadu, South India	31.3.08	31.8.08	S. Anandhi	31.3.08
4	Ms. Giulia Battaglia, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London.	Italian	8.3.07	Media activism and documentary filmmaking in south India	15.4.08	14.4.09	A. R. Venkatachalapathy	15.4.08
5	Ms. ANNIKA WETLESEN, Department of Sociology and Human Geography, University of Oslo, Norway	Norway	Apr-08	Implementation of labour standards: Experiences from the construction industry in Chennai, India	16.12.08	15.06.09	M. Vijayabaskar	16.12.08
6	Dr. Geert De Neve, Department of Anthropology, University of Sussex, UK	United Kingdom	29.1.08	Transforming Livelihoods: Migration, work and poverty in the Tiruppur garment cluster, India	6.11.08	5.5.09	P. Radhakrishnan	6.11.08
7	Dr. Grace Carswell, Department of Geography, University of Sussex, UK	United Kingdom	29.1.08	Transforming Livelihoods: Migration, work and poverty in the Tiruppur garment cluster, India	6.11.08	5.5.09	P. Radhakrishnan	6.11.08
8	Mr. Matthew H. Baxter, Ph.D. Studet, University of California, Berkeley, California	USA	26.10.2007	Periyar, Ambedkar, and Gandhi: A Study in Comparative Political Theory	5.1.09	4.10.09	A.R. Venkatachalapathy	5.1.09

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9	Mr. Leonardo Niccolai, Ph.D. Student Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, U.K.	Italian	7.12.07	Development with Identity: Using Traditional Knowledge in Promotion of Sustainable Livelihoods and Biodiversity Conservation in Nilgiris Biosphere	24.12.2008	23.06.2009	Ajit Menon	19.1.09
10	Ms. Kitana S. Ananda, Colombia University, New York, NY, USA	Canadian	26.12.07	Home, Family and Politics After a Ceasefire: Becoming Tamil Subjects in Diaspora	7.1.2009	6.07.2009	A.R. Venkatachalapathy	9.1.09
11	MS. WEE TENG SOH , Ph.D. Student, University of North Carolina, USA.	Singaporean	12.1.09	The Regional History And Development Of Organic Farming In Tamil Nadu	16-7-2009	15.7.2010	K. Nagaraj	16.7.09