

## Founder's Day Lecture 2011

The Founder's Day Lecture for 2011 was delivered by Prof. Gopal Guru on the theme, "The language of Social Sciences in India" on April 28, 2011 at MIDS.



Gopal Guru is Professor of Political Theory and Chairperson, Centre for Political Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

His contribution is immensely valued in theory of social sciences globally.

Prof. Gopal Guru's main arguments in this lecture revolve around two central points. First, the socio-political thought in India is represented by a multiple of ideas or images of India. The ideas or images range from the 'incredible India' associated with Nehru and 'village India' or 'Ram Rajya' conceived by Gandhi to the 'Mother India' related to the nationalist thinking in West Bengal and 'Father India' and 'Holy India' developed by Savarkar. There are also alternative images as well, which are proposed especially by Dalit leaders and literary figures. These include the Jotirao Phule's 'India of Baliraja' (a mythological benevolent peasant king) and Ambedkar's 'Prabuddha Bharat' (enlightened India) and 'Bahishkrut Bharat' (ostracized India). Second, those who proposed these ideas or images of India have also adopted a particular

language with distinct vocabulary for the articulation of these images. The differences in the language can be seen in the methodological, conceptual, and hermeneutic routes taken by different proponents of the images of socio-political thought in India.

Prof. Guru concludes that the social and political thought that has emerged in the sphere of 'Beyond' has an epistemological capacity to make reality more adequate to the concept. Thus, the concept of freedom within the nationalist problematic is adequate only in the absence of social freedom. Similarly, the concept of freedom becomes adequate only in terms of the capacity to accommodate within itself untouchability or caste question as social reality. While the categories 'Derivative' and 'Deshi' either try to avoid or rhetorically accommodate the Dalit questions, the political thought from the category 'Beyond' tries to provide a more substantive treatment of the most relevant concepts.

### VIVA VOCE EXAMINATION

The viva-voce examination of Mr. **C. Jerome Samraj** on "The Question of Land to the Dalits: A Historical Perspective" was held on 21 December 2010 at MIDS. His Ph.D. Guide is Prof. M. Thangaraj, Department of Economics, University of Madras.

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## From the Director...

Greetings! There have been a number of academic activities during the period covered by this Newsletter. Three of them deserve a special mention here. The Malcolm Adiseshiah Award Function was organized on November 22, 2010. Prof. Pratap Bhanu Mehta of the Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi has delivered the Adiseshiah Memorial Lecture on: "The Politics of Social Justice". The other important event was the Founder's Day Lecture organized on April 28, 2011. This year's Founder's Day Lecture was delivered by none other than Prof. Gopal Guru of the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. The third event is equally, if not more, important. This relates to the two-day MIDS-ICSSR National

Seminar: "Indian Economy in Transition: Prospects, Issues, and Concerns" organized during February 10-11, 2011. This National Seminar assumes importance because it was organized in honor of Prof. C.T. Kurien, the former Director and Chairperson of MIDS, who has made immense contribution to the teaching and research in Economics during his long career. In this well attended seminar, some 14 papers pertaining to the theme of the seminar was presented by some of the leading scholars from both within and outside India. Besides these major events, there have also been a number of seminars and presentations made both by MIDS faculty and students as well as by visitors.

MIDS owes its existence to the commitment and generosity of Dr. Malcolm Adiseshiah and his wife Elizabeth, who founded it as a private institute in 1971. In 1977, it was reconstituted as a national institute jointly sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi and the Government of Tamilnadu. Dr. Adiseshiah's vision has helped MIDS to develop as a forum for critical thinking on development issues.

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## FOCUS OF FACULTY RESEARCH

Dr. **Ajit Menon** has continued to work on the 'politics of environmental landscapes in Gudalur' and 'fisheries conflict in the Palk Bay' as part of his main interest in the political economy of natural resource management. With regard to the former, he co-published a joint paper in *Economic and Political Weekly* entitled 'Can A Tiger Change Its Stripes: The Politics of Conservation as Translated in Mudumalai (Vol. 45, No. 28). Another co-authored paper entitled 'Impacts of Public Policies and Farmer Preferences on Agroforestry in Kerala, India' is shortly to be published in *Environmental Management*. Two more co-authored pieces based on earlier work were also published: (1) Forests, Hydrological Services, and Agricultural Income: A Case Study from Mysore District of the Western Ghats of India', in *Environmental Economics Valuation in South Asia*, ed. A.K.E. Haque, M.N. Murty and P. Shyamsundar, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge and (2) 'Social Analysis of the Coast: Introducing Human Dimensions', in *Integrated Coastal Management: From Post-graduate to Professional Coastal Management – A Teaching Manual*', ed. Martin Le Tissier, Dik Roth, Maarten Bavinck and Leontine Visser, Eburon Academic Publishers, Delft, The Netherlands. He continues to be a Visiting Faculty in the M.A. in Environment and Development in Ambedkar University, Delhi. He was a resource person and gave two background lectures on 'Environmental History in India' and

'Political Ecology in India' in the course, *Issues of Leadership–Coromandal Coast* organized by IOM, Anna University and University of Amsterdam held at Anna University, 4-22 April, 2011.

Dr. **S. Anandhi's** main focus has been on Dalit women's activism and the conceptualization of development issues within their discourse on caste and gender. Against this background, she has carried out an extensive field study in a village to understand how multiple realities shape varied discourses on caste, gender and development that are sometimes autonomous and even contradictory to the international discourses of rights and development promoted by NGO activism. Broadly this research has focused on issues of marginalization and mobilization with reference to caste and gender. Her other area of research is a fall out of the long association with the women's movement and activism on Feminist Research Methodology. She has also coordinated a series of workshops on this theme at the national and regional level mainly for young research scholars and activists engaged in women's studies. This has also resulted in a special issue on the above theme for *Economic and Political Weekly*, besides advising department of women's studies at various universities such as the Ambedkar University, Delhi in devising new curriculum and teaching on feminist research methodology.

widening disparity and discrimination, deprivation, social exclusion, poor healthcare arrangements, low literacy, high infant mortality, poor social security system, unhealthy sex-ratio, gender discrimination, and so forth continued to be a big source of distress and disappointment. Above all, all the growth and development measures have concomitantly brought in a great deal of irreplaceable ecosystem losses and environmental degradation in the country. ○

### MALCOLM ADISESHIAH AWARD FUNCTION 2010



Malcolm Adiseshiah Award Function was held on November 22, 2010 at 5.00 p.m. Prof. Pratap Bhanu Mehta, (President & Chief Executive, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi) was the recipient of the award.

The abstract of the lecture is: The politics of social justice is a major challenge of our times. For the first time in our history, real social and economic change seems like a possibility, and the sheer unleashing of aspiration and energy across different sections of Indian society is staggering. But, there are some concerns about the form the politics of justice will take, even in this newly buoyant and optimistic era. First, we have a limited set of instruments to do justice to the aspiration of social equality. Second, caste still remains an entrenched category around which the politics of social justice is constructed. The present challenge of the politics of social justice must be seen against the backdrop of a general, perhaps more global and historical pessimism about the relationship between democracy and equality. The most obvious instrument is redistribution through taxation. But, there is no serious politics structured around using this instrument for several reasons. What are these reasons? What are the consequences of the institutionalisation of caste as the basis of equality? Why are identity politics and other forms of politics centred around welfare and justice often posed as alternatives? This lecture provided answers to these and related questions.

them. On transnational hegemony, he opined that it was constituted by a dual existential structure and an inter-locking of production and consumption – half real, half-illusory. To a query whether he regarded the Gandhian tradition as a hegemonic one, he replied that it had been marginalized in the Indian National Movement by the time he was assassinated. However, he said, Gandhi had wielded great moral authority in the 1940s and had he lived longer, he would have made a difference. Prof. Anderson spoke of China becoming a hegemonic power and the possible formation of a G-2 comprising the U.S. and China resulting in bifurcation of hegemonic powers – military might resting with the U.S. and economic might with East Asia. Mr. Arvind Sivaramakrishnan, Senior Deputy Editor, The Hindu, introduced the speaker and the session was chaired by Prof R. Maria Saleth, Director, MIDS.

The second public lecture on “Modes of Secularism” was delivered on February 12, 2011 by Prof. Charles Taylor, formerly Professor of Social and Political Theory, University of Oxford and now Professor Emeritus of Political Science and Philosophy, McGill University, Montreal, Canada. He was introduced by Professor Rajeev Bhargava, Director, CSDS, Delhi, previously Professor of Centre for Political Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and University of Delhi. Prof. R. Maria Saleth, Director, MIDS chaired the session.

The third public lecture on “Climate, Peace & Sustainability” was held on March 18, 2011. The speaker Prof. John Clammer, University of Tokyo spoke on the interrelationships and nexus between Climate, Peace and Sustainability. The session was chaired by Dr. Ananta Kumar Giri, Associate Professor, MIDS.

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### Joint ICSSR-MIDS National Seminar

The Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi and The Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai jointly organized a three-day National Seminar on “*Indian Economy in Transition: Prospects, Issues and Concerns*” during February 10-11, 2011. This National Seminar was organized with a view to honoring Professor C. T. Kurien, whose contributions to development studies in particular and social sciences in general are widely appreciated. A select set of papers presented in the seminar will be published later as an edited volume. The Indian economy today is more prosperous on many counts: The recorded growth rate of the economy has been 8 to 10 percent over the past decade. There is an enormous flow of foreign direct investment. Foreign exchange reserve in the country is more than comfortable. The prosperity is manifested in the changing face of Indian cities, increased consumption and changing life-styles, speedy industrialization process, swift building of infrastructure facilities such as express highways, flyovers, airports etc., rapid urban expansion, mushrooming of five-star corporate hospitals and so on. While one may feel proud about these achievements of the Indian economy, the other side of the coin is visibly a source of distress and disappointment.

Almost all these achievements, though considered a national pride, are well beyond the reach of the common man, particularly the vast majority of the rural population and also the increasing number of the urban poor. Persisting poverty,

Dr. **Ananta Kumar Giri** is engaged in writing a book “*Learning the Art of Wholeness: Integral Education and Beyond*” an attempt in education for wholeness, such as integral education movement in India and Steiner Waldorf schools from Europe in a comparative global perspective. He is also working on a book on ‘Global Responsibility’ studying emerging movements in both trans-civilizational dialogues as well as global justice; on a project called “Towards a New Art of Integration” on nurturing Foundation for Asian Blossoming which organizes an annual dialogue on theoretical issues as part of Asian Forum for Social Theory; on holding a World Spiritual Transformation Forum in February 2012 and a co-edited volume with Marcus Bussey on ‘*Hearts of Unfolding Rainbows: The Discourse and Practice of Child-Centered Education in a Comparative Global Perspective*’.

Dr. **Ganesh Prasad** reported for duty during the month of February 2011 after completing the deputation period at ANSSIRD, Government of Karnataka. He continues to work on issues related to Decentralisation and Rural Development focussing on the policy sciences. He has recently completed the assignment on the ‘Effectiveness of Rural Development Programmes’ for the Expenditure Reforms Commission,

Government of Karnataka. He is associated with the ‘Mid Term Appraisal of the 11th Plan for the Union Territory of Puducherry’ which is sponsored by the Union Planning Commission.

Prof. **S. Janakarajan** has been the project director on ‘*Sustaining the Ecology of Chennai and its Peri-urban Areas: A long-term strategy document for water conservation*’ funded by Department of Science and Technology, Government of India since April 2011. He also organized a workshop, in collaboration with Nile Basin Initiative (NBI) promoted by World Bank. The study involved a workshop and a tour to understand the core agricultural functions, water governance and conflict resolution methods in the Cauvery River Basin. The theme of the workshop was on ‘Food security and amidst water scarcity, conflict and rapid economic growth’. The participants were basically from the Nile basin countries from East Africa such as Uganda, Kenya, Egypt, Rwanda, Sudan, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Burundi, Congo and Tanzania. The Workshop was held on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> April 2011 in Chennai and the study tour during April 18-19, 2011.

Prof. **D. Jayaraj** has completed a paper on “Extent, Nature and Causes of Internal Family Migrations in India: An Exploratory Analysis”, and the empirical results were presented in the Institute’s monthly seminar series. He has done the Review of the book on ‘*Wealth, Health, and Democracy in East Asia and Latin America*’, accepted for publication in the journal: *The Developing Economies*, Vol.49(2). He has also presented a paper on “Economic Growth, Agrarian Distress, Casualisation of the Workforce

and Family Migration in India”, in the workshop on “*Poverty and Indo-Norwegian Relations*”, organised by the Centre for the Study of Mind in Nature, University of Oslo, in collaboration with Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi, and The Research Council of Norway, held at RIS, April 29-30, 2011. Besides, he is a Member of the Doctoral Committee of the research scholar Ms. Anu Abraham, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT, Chennai.

Dr. **Karen Coelho** has submitted an article on ‘Urban Ecologies’ to the journal *Geoforum*, and preparing for two invited lectures at the Institute for Advanced Study, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, USA, in October 2011; setting up a long-term collaborative initiative on informal labour in urbanizing contexts for which a symposium is being planned for December 2011 and continuing on the project “Locations and Livelihoods” – a study of informal work patterns in Kannagi Nagar and Ambedkar Nagar, Chennai.

Dr. **Kripa Ananthpur** was the principal researcher with Dr. Vijayendra Rao of the World Bank and Dr. Jeff Hammer, Princeton University, on World Bank sponsored research on ‘*Deepening Democracy* in 200 villages in 5 districts in north Karnataka’, June 2007-09. The data analysis is completed and she is in the process of writing two joint papers with Dr. Vijayendra Rao, on: a) ‘Political and Social accountability’ and b) ‘The impact of participatory

interventions on deepening democracy in Karnataka’. Besides she is also completing her paper on ‘Uncontested elections in Karnataka’ with Prof. Mick Moore.

Dr. **C. Lakshmanan** has been organizing and contributing to many academic seminar/ workshops, noted among them are: “Environment, Socio-Economic Impact of SEZs: Resistance of the Marginalized People”, 27 July, 2010; Prof. Perry Anderson’s Public lecture on, “Theory of Hegemonies – West and East” at MIDS, November 18, 2010; Charles Taylor’s Public Lecture on “Modes of Secularism”, 12 February 2011 at MIDS which was jointly organized with CSDS, Delhi. He had presented a paper on “CSR and Extension of Reservation in Private Sector”, at the National Symposium on Social Equilibrium in Growing Economy, organized by ONGC, at New Delhi 5-6 January, 2011. He was Visiting Faculty at Dept of English, HCU 7<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011, presented paper and delivered lectures on diverse themes, such as “Portrayal of Social Realities in Contemporary Novels”, “The Post-Colonial Dalit Movement/ Politics: A Critical Perspective” (Lecture in Collaboration with School of Humanities) and “Understanding the Dalits’ Perspective on English Language Education”. He along with Dr. Ragupathi has completed the final draft for a book in Tamil on ‘*Puthirai Vannars: Caste Profile*’.

Professor **R. Maria Saleth** continues to work in the areas of water resource management, institutional economics, agricultural

## WORKSHOP, NATIONAL SEMINAR AND PUBLIC LECTURES

### ☐ Workshop on Research Methodology in Social Sciences

The Workshop was held between August 30 and September 4, 2010. There were 24 Technical sessions. The inaugural address was a brief introduction to the theory of scientific methods in Social Sciences presented by Prof. S. Neelakantan, former Director, MIDS. The technical sessions concentrated on Philosophy of Science, Methodological Issues, Role of Theory, Multi-disciplinary and Inter-disciplinary approaches, Theoretical Perspectives, Archival materials, Economic Imperialism and Methodology, Ethnographic Techniques synthesizing research problem, Issues of Empirical Research/primary surveys and secondary data, Research Design, Sampling, Use of Statistics in Social Science Research and Government sources of Information and Internal Resources. Besides the need to write a good research proposal along with the relevant statistical packages in social sciences research with implications on measuring policy outcomes was also discussed.

### ☐ Environmental & Social Implications of the Draft CRZ Notification 2010

The workshop was held on October 22, 2010. The Speakers included Aarthi Sridhar, *Dakshin Foundation, Aurofilo*, Nityanand Jayakumar, S. Vivekanandan and Ajit Menon. The objective of the workshop was to review the participatory/ consultative processes that went into the drafting of the CRZ notification 2010, by examining their outcomes as reflected in the draft. Discussions were also held on the Draft CRZ Notification in terms of its environmental, socio-economic implications, its probable effects on the country’s/region’s coastal ecologies and coastal livelihoods.

### ☐ A one day workshop on “Literature, Philosophy & Social Transformations: A Dialogue”

A one day workshop was held on February 7, 2011. It sought to explore new horizons of literature, philosophy and social transformations that emerges from creative struggles from mother languages of India and in dialogue with liberatory perspectives from the whole world. This discussion were on the seminal contribution of Chitta Ranjan Das, a creative seeker, writer and experimenter from Odisha who just left his mortal body on January 16, 2011 as a prelude to a connected and much wider discussion on literature, philosophy and social transformations. The workshop also explored literature, philosophy and social transformations in the Tamil country with a discussion of a recent work of Dr. S. Paneerselvam, Professor of Philosophy, University of Madras entitled, ‘Cultural Paradigm and Social Workshop: A Tamil Perspective’.

### ☐ Public Lectures

The public lecture on “Theory of Hegemonies – West & East” was held on November 18, 2010. The Speaker was Professor Perry Anderson, Professor of History & Sociology at UCLA, University of California, U.S.A. He stressed that the concept of hegemony continues to be relevant despite globalization and the inter-dependence of nations. Prof. Anderson mentioned that at the international level, the concept could not be dispensed with. In the United Nations, one bloc called the shots. The sanctions against Iran were adopted at the behest of the United States, and India too supported

- Distributional Analysis of Group Differentials Relating to Deprivation and Achievement, Aparajay Kumar Singh

**26-7-2010 & 28-7-10**

- Muslim Educational Organizations and Associations in Colonial Tamil Nadu, Abida Begum
- Gender and Participatory Forest Management in Wayanad, Nitha Nair
- A Study on Water Pollution and its Impact on Human Health and Livelihoods, Micheal Venish
- Chennai Water: Growing Urban Stress, Myopic Policy and Fragmented Institutions, Vanathy
- Land sales transactions in the presence of intermediaries, Nirmal Roy
- Futures Trading in Agricultural Commodities: An Empirical Analysis, Sumalatha
- Special Economic Zones: Contributions and Controversies, Bhavana
- Implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme: A Comparative Study of Tamil Nadu and Mizoram, Ruth Lalrampari

**03-2-2011**

- Gender and Informal sector: A case study on the issues of women paid domestic worker in Chennai city, E. Deepa
- History of Housing Rights Movements in Chennai and the Changing Politics of the Urban Poor, Venkata Naga Narasimhan
- Dynamics and Politics of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Process: An Analysis of EIA in Selected Developmental Projects, K.V. Preetha
- Implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, Ruth Lalrampari
- Measurement of multi dimensional group deprivation and inter-personal deprivation disparity between and within groups, Aparajay Kumar Singh
- Voices of Muslim Women and the Role of Hobart Muslim Girl's School, Madras, behind the agenda of Muslim Women's Education in Colonial Tamil Nadu 1873-1947, Abida Begum

**04-2-2011**

- A Study on Water Pollution and its Impact on Agriculture, Human Health and Livelihoods with special reference to SIPCOT Tuticorin, Micheal Venish
- Gender and Participatory Forest Management in Wayanad, Nitha Nair
- Special Economic Zones contributions and controversies, Bhavana
- Economic Valuation Methodology for Measuring the Health Impact, Chandrasekaran
- The Market for Land Role of intermediaries in Land Sales Transactions, Nirmal Roy
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policy, and impact assessment. He has published the paper: "Water Scarcity and Climatic Change in India: Need for Water Demand and Supply Management" in the recent issue of the *Hydrological Sciences Journal*. Recently, he has completed the institutional consultancy project: 'Water Policy in India: Context, Issues, and Reforms', funded by the National Council for Agricultural Economics Research and Policy under its National Agricultural Innovation Project. As the Chairman of the Sub-Committee of the Committee on Agricultural and Allied Statistics, Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation, Government of India, he has submitted the Report on Land and Water-related Statistics.

Dr. **Sivasubramaniyan** has taken up a short-term project for the Government of Tamil Nadu funded, Department of Evaluation and Applied Research (DEAR) sponsored on, 'Skill Upgradation of Rural Youths and Employability Potentials in Different Sectors in Tamil Nadu'. The draft report was submitted in October 2010. Based on the comments received from the Director, DEAR, the report was suitably revised and resubmitted in May 2010. As an independent evaluator, he had done a mid-term Evaluation Study on Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP), in Tirunelveli District, sponsored by the Central and State governments.

Professor **S. Subramanian** has published papers in the following journals: 'Inter-Group Disparities in the Distributional Analysis of Human

Development: Concepts, Measurement, and Illustrative Applications', *Review of Black Political Economy*, 38(1): 27-52; 'Liberty, Equality, and Impossibility: Some General Results in the Space of "Soft" Preferences', *Journal of Economic Policy Reform*, 13(4): 325-341; 'A Gender-Adjusted Measure of Literacy', *Economics Bulletin*, 31(1): 436-441; 'Inclusive Development and the Quintile Income Statistic', *Economic and Political Weekly*, XLVI (4): 69-72. He has presented two papers in conferences and workshops which include: 'Inequality Measurement with Subgroup Decomposability and Level Sensitivity.' Presented at Indian Statistical Institute (Kolkata) Conference on Mathematical Methods and Models in Kolkata, February 2011 and 'Global Poverty, Inequality, and Aid Flows' presented at RIS-Norwegian Research Council Workshop on 'Poverty and Indo-Norwegian Relations' in New Delhi, April 29-30, 2011. Besides he delivered lectures on poverty and addressed the Ph. D. students at the Centre for Social studies, Kolkata, in February 2011. He is also a member of the Editorial Board: *Contemporary Issues and Ideas in the Social Sciences* (Web Journal) and Associate Editor: *Journal of Human Development and Capability*.

Dr. **L. Venkatachalam's** research paper on 'Common Pool Resources and Community Management' has been accepted for publication in *Economic and Political Weekly*. Another paper on 'Market-Based Instruments for Water Allocation' is to be included in an

edited volume and a third paper has been published as MIDS working paper. He has completed a research report on 'Review of Irrigation and Water Management' commissioned by the ICSSR. He has handled 60 hours of classes on Port Economics and Economics of Sea Transportation at the Indian Maritime University, Chennai and delivered a total number of 21 lectures on various topics in social sciences in many colleges and universities. He also handled 9 hours of classes for the current batch of the Ph.D students at MIDS and reviewed around 14 research papers for various national and international journals apart from a book review that appeared in *The Book Review Literary Trust*. Besides he also coordinated two workshops at the Institute – 'A Research Methodology Workshop' for the college teachers from Kerala and another 'National Workshop on Indian Economy' (with Profs. Maria Saleth and S. Janakarajan).

Prof. **A.R. Venkatachalapathy** continues with his multi-dimensional and bilingual exploration into aspects of the social and cultural history of colonial and contemporary Tamilnadu. During the Fall semester, he held a fellowship at the Harvard-Yenching Institute and the South Asia Initiative of Harvard University. He also edited and published the uncollected biography of Lokmanya Tilak written by V.O. Chidambaram Pillai. This rare document was unearthed by Venkatachalapathy at the National Archive of Sri Lanka which throws new light on intellectual trends in colonial Tamilnadu. His detailed introduction situates the

document in the context of various trends of political change in colonial Tamilnadu. An outcome of a project conducted under the aegis of the 'Tranquebar Initiative of the National Museum of Denmark' is for an edited volume (edited with Esther Fihl, Professor of Anthropology, University of Copenhagen). He co-organised a workshop held at Copenhagen in June 2011 to finalize the book manuscript. He has also finalized a book manuscript on 'print culture in colonial Tamilnadu' which provides insights into the future of the book as well.

Dr. **M. Vijayabaskar** continues to work on the political economy of regional industrialization, labour markets and urban governance processes. Based on fieldwork among workers in the Tiruppur knitwear cluster undertaken earlier, he has published a paper on 'The relationship between governmental welfarism and labour market vulnerability'. Another of his co-authored paper explores the disjuncture between existing critiques of participation as a tool of democratization and actual practices of mandated public participation in India. In addition to co-editing a book on 'Politics of participation in urban India', he is also collaborating with Dr. Karen Coelho on producing a research report on status of urban reforms in Tamil Nadu for the Urban Reforms Initiative Facility at Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai. He has also been involved in teaching as a guest faculty at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras. □

## MIDS SEMINARS

### FACULTY AND VISITORS

- The Tyranny of Numbers: Bringing Politics Back into Poverty Analysis, Prof. John Harriss, Professor & Head, School for International Studies, Simon Fraser University, Canada, July 23, 2010
- Environment, Socio Economic Impact of Special Economic Zones: Resistance of the Marginalized People, Dr. C. Lakshmanan, July 27, 2010
- New Horizons of Gender & Human Development: Vietnam, India and the World, Dr. Ananta Kumar Giri, October 4, 2010
- Climate Change & Delta Vulnerability, Dr. S. Janakarajan, Professor, MIDS, November 9, 2010
- Risk, Democracy & Bt Cotton, Andhra Pradesh: A Case Study, Elaine Desmond, Ph.D Student and IRCHSS Scholar, University of College Cork & University of Hyderabad, November 11, 2010
- Impacts of Tariff Liberalisation of Indian Auto Industry Application of a CGE Model on disaggregated sectors, Prof. Badri Narayanan, Purdue University, November 12, 2010
- Energy, Climate Change & Biofuel Policies in the US, Dr. Deepak Rajagopal, Asst. Professor, California, USA, November 26, 2010
- Employment & Maternity Protection: Content Analysis of Some Judgments, Dr. Padmini Swaminathan, Professor, MIDS, December 7, 2010
- An Aspect of the Identification Problem in the Measurement of Poverty, Mr. S. Subramanian, Professor, MIDS, December 10, 2010
- Form of Water Governance, R. Maria Saleth, Director, MIDS, January 20, 2011
- The UID Program in India: Questions & Concerns, Dr. Usha Ramanathan, Research Fellow, Centre for Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi, March 3, 2011
- Family Migration in India: An Exploratory Analysis, Dr. Jayaraj, Professor, MIDS, March 24, 2011
- Population Policies in India since Independence: An Overview, Prof. K. Srinivasan, International Institute of Population Sciences, Mumbai, March 30, 2011

### RESEARCH SCHOLARS

07-07-2010

- Gender and Informal Sector – A Case Study on Women Domestic Workers in Chennai City, E. Deepa
- Dynamics and Politics of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process: An Analysis of EIA in selected Developmental Projects in Chennai Metropolitan Area, K.V. Preetha
- A Study of the History of the Housing Rights Movements and Changing Politics of the Urban Poor, Venkata Naga Narasimhan
- Implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme: A Comparative Study of Tamil Nadu and Mizoram, Ruth Lalrampari