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### **Education**

- **PhD** in Interdisciplinary Social Sciences [Economics], School of Social Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, 2014.
- **M.PHIL IN APPLIED ECONOMICS**, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi), 2001-2003.
- **M.A, SOCIOLOGY**, Indira Gandhi National Open University [IGNOU], New Delhi, 2007-2008
- **M.A, DEVELOPMENT ECONOMICS**, Dr. John Matthai Centre, University of Calicut, 1999-2000
- **B.A, ECONOMICS**, Nirmalagiri College, Kannur University, 1995-1998.

### **Awards/Academic Distinctions**

- UGC Teacher Fellowship Award for Doctoral Thesis, 2010.
- Qualified UGC National Eligibility Test (NET) for Lectureship in Sociology, 2011.
- G. Rajesh Kumar Media Fellowship, 2009.
- Independent Fellow of Centre for Studies in Developing Societies, Sarai, New Delhi, 2006.
- Dr. Ambedkar Fellowship Award 2003 by the Bharatiya Dalit Sahitya Academy, New Delhi on December 05-06 2003.
- Qualified UGC National Eligibility Test (NET) for Lectureship in Economics, 2000.

### **Areas of Research and Teaching**

Social Theory, Political Economy, Folkloristics, Social Transformation and Empowerment, Sociology of Religion, Sociology of Development, and Development Issues of marginalized castes and communities.

### **Teaching Experience**

- Assistant Professor in Social Sciences at School of Social Sciences from 23.05.2006 onwards.

## **Member, Board of Studies**

**Social Sciences**, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, from 2007.

**Heritage Studies**, Malayala Sarvakalasala, Thirur, from 2015.

**Folklore**, University of Calicut, Calicut, from 2016.

**Academic Counsellor**, Master of Sociology Programmes, IGNOU, from 2016.

## **Courses Taught**

Folkloristics, Economic Anthropology, Political Economy and Cultural Dynamics, Approaches to Development, Social Transformation and Empowerment and Colonial Representation of Kerala.

## **Course Material Preparation**

Prepared Block 3 titled “ **Emancipation of Marginalised Section**” for the Certificate Programme/Course on Life and Thought of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, IGNOU, School of Social Sciences, Faculty of Sociology.

## **Publications**

### **Books**

- **Green Economics: Need of the Contemporary World**, Department of Economics, NMSM Government College, Kalpetta, 2015 ISBN: 978-93-5254-254-3
- **Theyyam: The Other Gods** (Stark World Publishing Private Ltd, 2012: ISBN 978-81-906936-1-5), Co-authored with Bhawani Cheerath-Rajagopalan.
- **Nattudaivangal Samsarichu Thudangumbol** (When Local Gods Start Speaking) Mathrubhumi Books, 2013: ISBN : 978-81-8265-868-4.

### **Research Projects (completed)**

- “**Unfavorable Inclusion of Dalits in Higher Education: A Study on the Linkages of Colonies, Schools and Colleges in Kerala**” funded by Kerala State Higher Education Council, Government of Kerala.

### **Research Projects (On going)**

- “**Self-Help Groups in Kerala: A Study in Economic Sociology**” funded by University Grants Commission, New Delhi
- “**Theyyam Kettu of Kerala: The Economy and Labour of Performance**” funded by Indian Council of Social Science Research (Ministry of Human Resource Development), New Delhi.

## Articles (English)

- **How did Untouchability Deprived India? Contextualising Ambedkar's Perspective** in the Journal of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of Kerala, Vol. 8, 2017.
- **Addressing Caste Prejudice** in Economic and Political Weekly, Vol L9, No. 19.May 7, 2016.
- **Social Barriers of Caste: Ambedkar's Perspective on Working Classes** in the Journal of Parliamentary Affairs by the Institute of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of Kerala, Vol. 6. Issue 1, January-June, pp: 82-88, 2014.
- **E-Grantz for Dalit Students** in Economic and Political Weekly, Vol. 45, No. 50, December 11, P. 5, 2010.
- **When a Ritual Enters the Market** in a volume *Folklores in India*, edited by Ratnamuthu Sugathan, Publication by Research India Press, New Delhi, [Forthcoming]
- **Census of Castes**, co-authored: in Indian Journal of Politics and International Relations, 2010, Vol. 3. Nos. 1&2: ISSN 0973-5011.
- **Shaping the Life: Kerala Youth in a Changing Socio-economic Order**, co-authored: in TAPASAM, A Quarterly Journal for Kerala Studies, 2010, Vol. V, Issue 1-4, pp: 204-22.
- **Intergenerational Occupational and Educational Mobility: Case of Village Social Structure of North Malabar, Kerala**, Calicut University Research Journal, Publication Division University of Calicut, Vol.5, issue 1, 2005: ISSN 0972334-X
- **Theyyam Performance: Resistance of the Oppressed**, in Left Angle, Vol-1, Issue-1. [http://www.leftangle.net/leftangle\\_magazine\\_2005\\_book\\_1.htm](http://www.leftangle.net/leftangle_magazine_2005_book_1.htm)

## Book Review

- **Art that brings out the invisible**, Review of the Book 'Dalit Art and Visual Imagery by GaryMichaelTartakov,2014. <http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-features/tp-bookreview/art-that-brings-out-the-invisible/article5935404.ece>
- **Religion as a Barrier in Women's Empowerment**, Review of the book 'Religion, PatriarchyandCapitalism'byJayantiAlam2013. <http://www.thehindu.com/todays-paper/tp-business/religion-as-a-barrier-in-womens-empowerment/article5366075.ece>
- **Social Implications of Economic Reforms in India**, Review of the book 'Economic Reforms and Social Exclusion: Impact of Liberalization on Marginalized Groups in India', by K S Chalam, Sage Publications, New Delhi, India, esocialsciences, Mumbai, December 26, 2011. <http://www.esocialsciences.org/Articles/showArticle.aspx?acat=Book+Reviews&aid=4660>
- **Paraiyans' Self-assertion for Identity**, Review of Nandanar's Children: The Paraiyans' Tryst with Destiny Tamil Nadu 1850—1956, Raj Sekhar Basu, Sage India, New Delhi, 2011, 492 pp, Rs 895, esocialsciences, Mumbai, October 11, 2011 <http://www.esocialsciences.org/Articles/showArticle.aspx?acat=Book+Reviews&aid=4503>
- **Lives on the Margins of British Colonialism**, Review of the book 'Subaltern Lives: Biographies of Colonialism in the Indian Ocean World, 1790-1920: Clare Anderson; Cambridge University Press India Pvt. Ltd., 4381/4, Ansari Road, Daryaganj, New Delhi-110002. Rs. 995. The Hindu, October 15. 2012. <http://www.thehindu.com/books/lives-on-the-margins-of-british-colonialism/article3999774.ece>

## Articles (Malayalam)

- Vimarsham Nindayayi Kanunna Bhakti, Madhyamam Weekly, 2014 November 17, page 22-29
- Padikantha Padangal: Randu Sarkar Schoolukalude Katha, co-authored (Unfinished Lessons: The tale of Two Government Schools) Samakalika Malayalam Varika (April 27: 2012: pp: 35-47)
- Nandanarude Makkal (Nandanar's Children) Samakalika Malayalam Varika (March 30: 2012: pp: 88-90)
- Keralathile Dalit Vidyabhyasa Charithrathinu Oramukham, co-authored (Preface to the History of Education of the Dalits in Kerala), Vijnanakairali, a publication of the Institute of Language, Government of Kerala (December 2011: pp. 61-72)
- Savarna Madambithathinde Aslelathakal, co-authored: Samakalika Malayalam Varika (November 11: 2011: pp: 22-24)
- Jathi Vazhakavum Samuhikaparathayum (Theyyam: caste and sociality) Samakalika Malayalam Varika (October 21: 2011: pp: 54-59)
- Theyyam: William Logan muthal William Dalrymple Vare (Theyyam: From William Logan to William Dalrymple) Samakalika Malayalam Varika (October 14: 2011: pp: 46-52)
- Eratta Jeevithangal (Double Lives), Samakalika Malayalam Varika Annual Issue (June 17: 2011: pp: 217-238)
- Ananthamoorthy Commission Report: Oru Dalit Vicharam: co-authored: Sasthragathi (January 2011: pp. 9-13)
- Censusinde Jathi, Co-authored: Samakalika Malayalam Varika (December 24: 2010: pp: 42-44)
- Samagrathayude Vazhiyil E-Grants, Co-authored: Deshabhimani News Paper (November 15: 2010: p.6)
- Chathooti Mash, Mathrubhumi Weekly (June 06-12: 2010: p. 77)
- Jathi Vyavasthayil Theyyam (Theyyam in Caste System), Mathrubhumi Weekly (March 26: 2006: pp. 72-73)
- Randum Kanda Janmangal (Lives of two worlds) in Pachakkuthira (October 2004: pp. 25-27)

## Papers Presented

- Presented a paper on **"Dalits and Human Rights"** at Maharaja's College, Ernakulam on the lecture series of "Human Rights" conducted by the Department of Political Science on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.
- Participated and Presented a paper titled **"What is Small is beautiful: Methodological Issues of Development Induced Displacement"** in a UGC Sponsored National Seminar on "Development Induced Displacement: Issues and Challenges" organised by School of Gandhian Thought and Development Studies, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam on 31<sup>st</sup> January, to 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 2017.
- Presented a paper on **"Economics: Beyond Its Rigidities"** in the occasion of the inauguration of Economic Association, Department of Economics, Ambedkar College of Arts and Science, Wandoor, on 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2017.
- Participated and presented a paper titled **"Political Economy of "Theyyam": A History of Uses and Appropriation"** in the Panel on Dalit History and Politics, Indian History Congress (77<sup>th</sup> Session), University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, organised

by the Centre for the Study of Discrimination and Exclusion (CSDE), School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, on December 29, 2016.

- Participated and presented a paper titled “**Dalits and Contemporary Politics in India**” in the National Seminar on ‘Contemporary Indian Politics: Theoretical and Practical Manifestations’ organised by Department of Political Science, Maharaja’s College, Ernakulam on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2016.
- Participated and presented a paper titled “**Culture as Practice: History of a Ritual Form of Northern Kerala**” in the first annual session and international conference of Kerala History Congress organised by the Department of History, University College, Thiruvananthapuram held on 29, 30, and 31 January 2016.
- Participated and presented a paper titled “**Mythical Ideologies and Distortion of History**” in the National Seminar on ‘Ideological Intervention and the Practice of History’ organised by the Department of History, University College, Thiruvananthapuram held on 7 and 8 January, 2016.
- Participated and presented a paper titled “**Colonial Discourse and Ritual form of Theyyam in north Kerala**” in the UGC Sponsored Three day National Seminar on ‘Rethinking of Colonial and Missionary Interventions in the Making of Modern Kerala’ organised by the Department of History, CMS College from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2016.
- Participated National seminar on **Development, Decentralization and Democracy**” organized by Kerala Economic Association (KEA) & Institute for sustainable Development and Governance (ISDG), Thiruvananthapuram on October 12, 2015
- Participated and presented a paper titled “Green economics- conceptual and Mythological premises” in the two day national seminar
- seminar on the topic ‘**Green Economics – need of the contemporary world**” organized by the Department of Economics , N.M.S.M Govt college Kalpatta, Wayanad with the sponsorship of the UGC on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> October 2015.
- Delivered a lecture on “**Understanding Myth and Society**” to the participants of 5<sup>th</sup> Refresher Course in Research Methodology in Social Sciences being conducted by the UGC-HRDC, University of Calicut from 05-08-2015 to 25-08-2015.
- Participated and presented a paper titled ‘Is Adivasis’s Cultural Forms A Knowledge’ in the National Seminar on “**Understanding the Indigenous Knowledge Systems of the Tribals in Kerala: A Historical Enquiry**” organised by Government College, Tripunithura, Department of History on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2014.
- Delivered a lecture titled “**Myth and Society**” in a Refresher Course in Humanities for teachers on 30.06.2014 at UGC-Academic Staff College, Kannur University.
- Participated and presented a paper titled ‘Ritual Rootedness of Political Martyrdom in Kerala’, in the National Seminar on ‘**Martyred in History-Men and Causes**’ organized by Department of history, University of Kerala held at the University Senate Chamber on 16, 17, 18, January 2014.
- Participated in the ICHR National Seminar on ‘**Modern Kerala**’ organized by the Department of History, University of Kerala held at University Senate Chamber on 3, 4, 5 October, 2013.
- Paper presented on ‘Theyyam: Reflections to the Social Processes of North Malabar’ at H.H.M.S.P.B. NSS College for Women, Neeramankara, Thiruvananthapuram, Department of History, as part of UGC State Level Seminar on ‘**Folkore as a Source of Local History**’, 7 & 8 October, 2013.
- Presented a paper titled ‘Political Economy of Education: A Reference to the Study of Adivasis in Kerala’ in the National Seminar held at Nirmalagiri College on ‘**The Impact**

**of Tribal Education on Health and Nutrition—Need for an Effective Strategy’** on 16, 17, 18, August, 2013.

- Presented a paper titled ‘Ethnographic I: Dancing Theyyam in north Malabar, Kerala’ at the International Conference on **‘Traditions of Dissent in Subcontinental Literatures and Cultures’** conducted by Central University of Kerala, Kasaragod on October 15-17, 2012.
- Participated and Presented a paper titled " Shaping the Life: Kerala Youth in a Changing Socio-economic Order" in the ICSSR sponsored one day International Seminar on **Social Change in Contemporary India**, organized by Department of Anthropology, Kannur University on 19th March, 2008.
- The Paper titled “Theyyam: From Cult to Ritual: Space for Appropriation of Subaltern Performance to Social Oppression—North Malabar, Kerala”, Presented at an **International Seminar on Kerala History**, conducted by Kerala Council for Historical Research (KCHR), Trivandrum, March 16,17 and 18, 2006.
- Participated and presented a research paper titled “The Living Cult of the Theyyam and Social Behavior: Certain Anthropological Observations” at the **Regional Seminar on the Socio-economic Conditions of the Tribal Society in Malabar** organized by Nirmalagiri College, Kuthuparamba and under the auspices of IRISH (Institute For Research In Social Sciences And Humanities) in Association with Anthropological Survey of India, Kolkata on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> March 2004.
- Participated and presented a research paper titled ‘Intergenerational Occupational and Educational Mobility: Case of Village Social Structure of North Malabar, Kerala’, at the **Third Development Convention on Social Security, Human Development and Growth: Linkages and Disparities** by the ICSSR Research Institutes located in South India on January 29-30, 2004.
- Presented the paper titled "Social and economic mobility of Traditional Social Groups in Kerala" at **Center for Development Studies**, Trivandrum on June 27<sup>th</sup> 2002.

### **Workshops Participated**

Participated in the ICSSR sponsored **Ten Days Workshop on Interpreting Key Texts of Ambedkar for Contemporary India** conducted by Department of Political Science, University of Delhi and presented a paper entitled “How can Marxist’s go along with ‘Customary Auto Court’? Reflecting Atrocities against Dalits in Kerala” from 18<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.

Participated five day workshop **“On Methodologies”** conducted by Inter University center for Social Science Research and Extension (IUCSSRE) in association with School of Social Sciences (SSS), September 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> , 2015.

Participated in Two Day National Workshop **“Doing Research in History: Recent Trends”** Organized by the Department of History, University College, Thiruvananthapuram on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November, **2014**.

Attended and presented a paper titled ‘Re-Imagining the Cultural Past through Folklore’ in the Two Day Workshop on ‘Kerala Historiography and Modern Kerala’ held on 12, 13 December 2013, organized by the **Department of History, Government College for Women, Thiruvananthapuram**.

Participated in 'National Workshop on Historical Method and Historiography', 11, 12, 13 November, 2013, conducted by **University of Kerala, Department of History**. 'A' grade has been awarded for the participation and interaction.

Participated in the UGC--Sponsored **Orientation Programme (IT-Oriented)** conducted by the UGC--Academic Staff College, University of Kerala, Kariavattom from 18.07.2009 to 14.08.2009 and obtained Grade A.

Participated in the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Cultural Studies Workshop, Pune Feb 5—10, 2008, Conducted by **Centre for Studies in Sciences, Kolkotta**.

Participated in the Four Week Refresher Course in Economics organized during 05-03-2007 to 30-03-2007, at **Academic Staff College, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi**.

Participated in the Writing Workshop (October 12/13/14: 2007) Conducted by the Contemporary Education Dialogue, **National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore**.

Participated in a Three Week Summer School on "Philosophy of Social Sciences and Humanities" Conducted by **National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore**, June 5-22, 2007.

Participated in a workshop for Ph.D. Scholars on Agrarian Studies in India, organized by the **Foundation for Agrarian Studies, Bangalore** from March 26<sup>th</sup> to 29, 2004.

### **Lectures Delivered**

- Delivered a lecture on the topic to the participants of UGC sponsored orientation Programme being conducted by the UGC-HDRG, University of Calicut from 12.11.2015 to 09.12.2015
- Delivered a lecture for the participants of the Special Winter School conducted by the UGC- Academic Staff College, University of Calicut on 04.12.2013.
- Annual Lecture Series on Social Transformation and Empowerment at Malayala Manorama's Mass Communication [MASCOM] Course, Kottayam, 2009; 2010.
- Conducted a One Week Lecture Series [10<sup>th</sup> October to 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2008] on Folk Arts of Kerala with Special Reference to an Oral Tradition – Theyyam at Mahindra United World College of India, Pune.

### **Coordination**

UGC Sponsored Remedial Coaching Scheme for 'SC/ST/OBC/Minorities and other Poor Students' at School of Social Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, 2014.

### **Chaired**

- Chaired a session on Environmental Degradation and Displacement in the UGC Sponsored National Seminar on "**Development Induced Displacement: Issues and Challenges**" held on 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2017 organised by the School of Gandhian Thought and Development Studies, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala.

- Chaired the '**Third Annual International Kerala History Conference**' organized by the Department of History CMS college, Kottayam in association with Kerala State Higher Education Council and SPCS held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

### **Coordinator, Joint Coordinator and Principal Coordinator**

1. **K. R. Narayanan Chair** for Human Rights and Social Justice, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.

**19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2017:** Coordinated Two day lecture series on "Challenges of Higher Education in India", Prof. G. Haragopal, Former Professor of Political Science, Central University of Hyderabad, and Professor N Sukumar, Professor of Political Science, Department of Political Science, Delhi University has led the lecture series.

2. **ABILITY Project**, School of Social Sciences, MG University.

3. **Archives sans Borders**, School of Social Sciences, MG University.

Open Access Website is under preparation for Visually Impaired Researchers of Social Sciences.

### **Dissertations submitted under my Supervision**

#### **M Phil Dissertations**

1. Neethu Parameswaran (2017) **Space, Economy and Community: A Study of Kudumbis**, M Phil in Social Transformation and Empowerment (Economics) dissertation submitted at School of Social Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.

2. Arun KL (2017) **"Of Elephants and Men: Labour Process in Kerala's Captive Elephant Economy**, M Phil in General Social Sciences (Economics) dissertation submitted at School of Social Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.

3. Sajna Salim (2016) **"Woman and Capital: The Syrian Christian Woman Entrepreneurship in Kerala's Highlands"**, MPhil in General Social Sciences (Economics) dissertation submitted at School of Social Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.

4. Sumi M Nair (2016) **"Of Public Distribution System in Kerala: What Ration Dealers and Consumers Says about its Contemporary Status?"** M. Phil in General Social Sciences (Economics) dissertation submitted at School of Social Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.

5. Deepa Jayakumar (2015) **"Understanding Ritual Forms: A Study on Mudiyyettu in Kerala"** M Phil in General Social Sciences (History) dissertation submitted at School of Social Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.

6. Rintu Sunny (2014) “**On the Margins of Market: Street Vendors in Kottayam**” MPhil in General Social Sciences (Economics) dissertation submitted at School of Social Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.
7. Abdu Rahiman (2014) “**Gulf Migration: A Study on its Local Implications**”, M Phil in General Social Sciences (Sociology) dissertation submitted at School of Social Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.
8. Santhi R (2012) “**Transformation of Space: A Case of Fort Cochin**” M Phil in general social sciences (Human Ecology and Environmental History) dissertation submitted at School of Social Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.
9. George Alexander (2011) “**Forest Management: Aspects of Community Participation**”, M Phil in Social Transformation and Empowerment) dissertation submitted at School of Social Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.
10. Pradeep P (2008) “**Caste, Inequality and Differences: A Case of Manjoor Village, Kottayam, Kerala**”, M Phil in General Social Sciences (History) dissertation submitted at School of Social Sciences, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.

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