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# 1. MIDS: Mission

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

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

In 1977, MIDS was reconstituted as a national institute jointly sponsored by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi, and the Government of Tamil Nadu.

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

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

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## 5. Faculty Members and Areas of Research

<b>K.L. Krishna</b> , Chairperson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Econometrics (Methodology and Applications); Industrial Economics; Economics of Productivity; Regional Inequality &amp; Empirics of Trade.</li></ul>
<b>Shashanka Bhide</b> , Professor & Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Development issues covering agriculture, infrastructure development, rural housing, poverty dynamics and macroeconomic modelling.</li></ul>
<b>D. Jayaraj</b> , Professor/RBI Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Agricultural marketing; rural labour market; poverty studies and gender studies.</li></ul>
<b>Ananta Kumar Giri</b> , Professor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Social movements and social transformation; social theory, criticism and creativity.</li></ul>
<b>A.R. Venkatachalapathy</b> , Professor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Social history; cultural history and intellectual history.</li></ul>
<b>Ajit Menon</b> , Professor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The political economy of natural resource use and environmental policy; decentralization and state-civil society dynamics; environmental history and agrarian transformation.</li></ul>
<b>L. Venkatachalam</b> , Professor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Environmental economics; ecological economics, behavioural economics and institutional economics</li></ul>
<b>M. Vijayabaskar</b> , Professor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Industrial organisation; labour markets and their articulation with technological change and product market dynamics.</li></ul>
<b>S. Anandhi</b> , Associate Professor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gender; caste and identity politics.</li></ul>
<b>K. Sivasubramaniyan</b> , Associate Professor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Agriculture; water management; irrigation; irrigation institutions; rural development; village studies; coastal environment management; pollution problems.</li></ul>

**C. Lakshmanan**, Associate Professor

- Political theory and culture; political economy; Dravidian politics; subordinated social groups/ movement; governance and film studies.

**Kripa Ananthpur**, Associate Professor

- Civil society and governance; local institutions; local governance; farmers' movements; and women's political participation in local governance.

**Karen Coelho**, Assistant Professor

- Urban anthropology, state reforms and urban *water management*.

### **New faculty members**

**M. Umanath**, Assistant Professor  
(w.e.f. 18-08-2017)

- Agricultural production; natural resource management; institutional arrangement for sustainable development.

**Shesadri Banerjee**, Assistant Professor  
(w.e.f. 24-08-2017)

- Macroeconomic modelling; business cycles; inflation dynamics, fiscal and monetary policies; time series econometrics.

**Krishanu Pradhan**, Assistant Professor  
(w.e.f. 16-10-17)

- Public debt and fiscal sustainability; banking sector NPAs; macroeconomics; national accounts statistics.

**A. Kalaiyaran**, Assistant Professor  
(w.e.f. 24-10-17)

- Labour markets and their link with poverty and inequality; regional political economy in India



## 6. Non-Academic Staff

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## 7. Director's Report

### 7.1. Introduction

The year has been eventful, marked by events with significant political, economic and social impact at the state, national and global levels. At the very local level, cyclone Vardah, which sped through the city of Chennai on December 12 2016, caused much damage to life, property and economic activity. The impact of the cyclone was also widespread in the coastal regions of the state and in neighbouring Andhra Pradesh. The year also spelt distress to the farming community as the rainfall remained well below 'normal', particularly in the more important north-east monsoon of October-December. The rainfall was 62 per cent below normal during October-December 2016. This deficiency was exacerbated by the fact that the rainfall in the southwest monsoon (June-September) was 19 per cent below the long-term average. The pattern of rainfall in three of the southern states, Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu, was in stark contrast to the national scene where the rainfall during the southwest monsoon was just 8 per cent below normal as compared to the 19 per cent shortfall

from the long-term average in the former case. As it has turned out, the output of many crops has been at record levels, leading to distress to farmers on the price front in some cases.

On December 5, 2016, the long-serving and charismatic Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, J. Jayalalithaa, popularly called Amma, passed away, leading to some political uncertainty. In January, the state witnessed agitations until the Supreme Court-imposed ban on the traditional popular sport of Jallikattu was lifted.

At the national level, the economy was administered the shock of 'demonetisation' of high-value currency in an attempt to rid the economy of 'black money'. While there was considerable inconvenience, as cash has been the predominant medium of exchange for routine expenditures, the economy showed resilience. The overall economic growth for the year as a whole, in terms of value added, was 6.7 per cent, a drop of 1.3 percentage points over the previous year. Industry and services also showed a decline of 2-3 percentage points in growth rates over the previous year. While

the rate of consumer food inflation declined sharply during the year, there were some important differences across food items as a result of differences in output growth, in turn influenced by variations in rainfall conditions across regions.

A remarkable achievement on the economic policy front was the progress in moving towards a national Goods and Services Tax (GST) replacing a number of state and Central domestic indirect taxes. In the longer term, the new tax regime is expected to bring about greater efficiency in business decisions.

At the global level, the long-drawn economic recovery from the financial crisis of 2008 is yet to take the world economic growth to the high rates of the five years of the pre-crisis year. The World Economic Outlook update of April 2017 notes that low-productivity growth and increasing inequality are leading to pressures to follow protectionist economic policies, which may delay the structural reforms that are required. An upturn in the advanced economies may be realised in the short term. But the medium term is seen to be faced with downward risks. 'Brexit' is a new challenge that has unfolded to the framework of freer trade in goods and services, and investment. Limits to the expansion of liberalisation of trade and investment policies is evident in both the developing and developed world. The policies in the United States, the largest

economy in the world, now seem to lay greater store in bilateral and unilateral positions in trade and investment rather than the regional or larger trade arrangements. This approach has had its major impact on the collective global approach to climate change mitigation policies. The transition from more liberal trade regimes to less liberal ones, combined with the slow recovery has also meant dampening of India's export prospects, including the IT sector exports.

These events, challenges and impacts were experiences the institute has tried to understand and discuss in academic settings. As noted in the list of various activities of the institute, workshops, conferences and writings of the faculty in the general media were our attempts to engage with the various issues.

The discussion on the Union Budget 2017-18 and the Tamil Nadu State Budget 2017-18 in which a number of experts and officials participated helped in understanding the implications of the policies underlying the budget from different perspectives.

The institute was also fortunate to host a number of scholars and experts as visiting fellows during the year. The institute brought out its Vision Document, 'The Next Decade: Towards 2025', based on extensive discussions among the faculty, and in the meetings of the Academic Council, the Board of Trustees and the Governing

Council. The document articulates the vision of the institute to be one of the country's leading centres of learning and research on social and economic development over the next 10-15 years. Noting the progress the country and the state have made, and the expectations for the future, the document outlines the quantitative and qualitative changes required in the institute's academic programmes and infrastructure. After its inception in 1971 by Prof. Malcolm Adiseshiah and Mrs Elizabeth Adiseshiah, Founders of the institute, MIDS began to receive financial support from the Indian Council of Social Science Research and the Government of Tamil Nadu from 1977 through annual grants and support for academic programmes and research projects. The changes envisaged in the Vision Document of the institute will require sustained support from the governments at the state and central levels for their realisation.

The institute also submitted its proposal for the establishment of a Centre of Excellence in Social Sciences in Chennai to the Government of Tamil Nadu. The institute has proposed to play the role of an incubator for the centre. The centre is one of many such initiatives the state government has outlined in its strategies for the development of the state in the 'Tamil Nadu Vision 2023' document.

The institute also adopted a revised set

of Service Rules for its employees and initiated steps to fill some of the vacancies in the faculty positions.

The faculty and PhD scholars of the institute are actively engaged in academic and research activities, collaborating not only within the institute but also with other scholars and institutions. This report provides the work of the institute during the year.

## **7.2. The PhD Programme**

The PhD programme of the institute is designed and managed by a committee of the faculty with active participation of the faculty as a whole.

The PhD programme coordination committee has Dr Karen Coelho as Coordinator, and Dr Kripa Ananthpur and Prof. Ajit Menon as members. The committee manages the programme right from the admission of the scholars to the programme to the completion of the short course emphasising the key tools of social science research to equip scholars to launch their independent journey of research under a faculty guide. The Committee has been enlarged to include Prof. L. Venkatachalam from the faculty to organise and administer the coursework. The scholars are registered with the University of Madras for their PhD and the institute has been recognised by the university to conduct the PhD programme.



To resolve any issues that may crop up, the institute has set up a faculty committee to address any grievances that may arise.

All full-time scholars admitted to the programme receive either the ICSSR institutional doctoral fellowship, the UGC doctoral fellowship or the Elizabeth Adiseshiah (EA) fellowship. The fellowship amount and duration vary across these three fellowships. In order to support the scholars in their fourth year when ICSSR and EA fellowships are not available to them, the institute has begun to extend some financial assistance depending on the availability of funds and satisfactory progress of the scholars in their research work.

Given the fact that the institute does not have hostel facilities, it has also begun to provide a supplementary rental assistance to scholars who receive ICSSR/EA fellowships in the first three years of the programme. Scholars are also supported, in a limited manner, in their efforts to participate in academic conferences in the first three years of their programme.

The efforts to strengthen the PhD programme reflect the value we attach to the building of research capacity for the future and also the synergies we find in the PhD programme and our own research activities. However, sustained support of ICSSR and other organisations to such a programme are extremely critical for its

success. Our experience has been that the fellowship support of at least three years is essential for the successful completion of independent doctoral thesis.

The institute also supported a short duration English language course for PhD scholars to help them strengthen their reading and writing in an effective manner. It will be our endeavour to strengthen the PhD programme at the institute with the support of ICSSR and the state government.

One of the scholars in the programme, now in his fourth year, has been awarded the Fulbright Doctoral Fellowship to work on his thesis in the University of Columbia in the US. Four of the scholars have submitted their thesis to the University of Madras. Ms Vanathy, one of our scholars, has now been conferred her Ph D.

The details of bi-annual seminars by the Ph D scholars are presented in item no. 12.3. Status of PhD scholars is summarised in item no. 14.

## **7.3. Broad Areas of Faculty Research during 2016-17**

### **7.3.1 Human Development, Poverty, Inequality and Demography**

**D. JAYARAJ**, Professor

Prof. D. Jayaraj has worked on poverty and migration. The work on the iniquity of money-metric poverty in India argues a case against measuring poverty employing

the standard poverty line approach. It suggests that achieving a satisfactory level of income is a valuable end in itself, and proposes to measure income poverty employing Kaushik Basu's 'quintile income statistic'. Poverty measured employing quintile income statistic suggests that there exists high order of income poverty in India. The work also points to the existence of large amounts of inequality. Existence of both high level of poverty and large amounts of inequality call for some deliberate redistributive strategy. In this context, it advances the importance of providing something like a guaranteed basic income to every citizen. The work also points to the affordability of basic income scheme by mobilising resources through a drawal on the unaccounted economy and a redeployment of concessions and subsidies currently available to the relatively more affluent members of society.

The work on seasonal/temporary migration in India suggests that such migration is induced by lack of employment opportunities in the locations of origin. Such migration often serves as a potential ground for the emergence of neo-bondage. The work draws attention to the hardships faced by children and women of migrant families. Women and children live under constant fear of insecurity of life; and children take up arduous and exploitative work at an early age. Analysis of migration data provided

by the National Sample Survey Office suggests that temporary family migration is both vast and increasing in India.

### **7.3.2 Political Ecology and Political Economy of Agrarian Transformation**

**AJIT MENON**, Professor

Over the last year, Prof. Ajit Menon completed, along with Dr M. Vijayabaskar, his work on land and land use change for the Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission. They have written a number of papers based on that research that broadly look at the debate on land grabs and conversion of land out of agriculture. He has also been working, along with Professor Maarten Bavinck (University of Amsterdam), on a study of coastal conflict in Cuddalore. This research too is concerned with competing uses over land and the political economy around them. Dr M. Vijayabaskar and he recently started a project with Dr Saurabh Arora at the University of Sussex, UK, and others on 'Pathways in and out of Poverty', which takes a relational agency approach to understanding agrarian change, building upon prior survey rounds in the same region (Arni, Tamil Nadu). All of this work is tied to his interests in the political economy of agrarian and rural change. Along with this work, he continues to work on political ecology, mostly writing up earlier work (both conceptual and empirical), and also with plans to undertake a couple of joint

collaborations with Nitin Rai of the Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE) on neoliberalism and the green economy.

### **7.3.3 Women's Studies, Gender, Caste and Social Development**

**S. ANANDHI**, Associate Professor

During the year, Dr S. Anandhi has co-edited a book, *Dalit Women: A Vanguard of an Alternative Politics in India* (Routledge: London and New York), 2017.

Through its investigation of the underlying political economy of gender, caste and class in India, this book shows how changing historical geographies are shaping the subjectivities of Dalits across India in ways that are neither fixed nor predictable. It brings together ethnographies from across India to explore caste politics, Dalit feminism and patriarchy, religion, economics and the continued socio-economic and political marginalisation of Dalits. She has also contributed an article for this volume.

Along with Dr Aarti Kawlra, she has completed preliminary data collection and submitted an interim report on an ICSSR project entitled, 'Re-centering Craft in Education'. This project so far has examined the educational experiments of Alfred Chatterton (1867-1958), who was in charge of the education and industries in the Madras Presidency for some time.

A survey of the Annual Reports of the Madura Mission, the Tanjore Mission and the protestant missionaries' engagement with craft and gender question in colonial Tamil Nadu is completed. They have also reviewed the educational work of Maria Montessori, James Cousins, Margaret Cousins and Rukminidevi Arundale to see how craftwork came to be formulated as an educational ideal.

She has been teaching a term at the Asian College of Journalism broadly on the theme of gender, culture and development. In addition, she has given a series of public lectures at various colleges and universities in Chennai and a memorial lecture.

She will continue with the next phase of the project on Craft in Education, taking up the recasting of craft work in technical/design education through a closer study of the involvements of Alfred Chatterton and E.B. Havell at the Madras Government College of Arts and Crafts in Egmore, Chennai. Further, she will undertake library research at the Madras Archives, the Madras Christian College Library, the Theosophical Society Adyar Research Library and at the Kalakshetra Rukmani Arundale Archives. She will focus on the missionary work in South India, specifically missions that deployed needlework and embroidery and fibre craft for the 'upliftment' of women.

### 7.3.4 Social Theory, Social Movements and Planetary Realisations

**ANANTA KUMAR GIRI**, Professor

Prof. Ananta Kumar Giri has continued his engagement with different dimensions of contemporary movements of ideas and social transformations. He continues his work on social theory, social movements, and new horizons of human development. He has authored a book of poems, *Weaving New Hats: Our Birth Days*, and has edited and co-edited the following volumes: *Pathways of Creative Research: Towards a Festival of Dialogues*; *Cultivating Pathways of Creative Research: New Horizons of Transformative Practice and Collaborative Imagination*; *Research as Realization: Science, Spirituality and Harmony*; (co-ed.) *The Aesthetics of Development*; (ed.) *Beyond Cosmopolitanism: Towards Planetary Transformations*; (ed.) *Beyond Sociology*; (ed.) *Social Theory and Asian Dialogues: Cultivating Planetary Conversations*; ed. *Practical Spirituality and Human Development*; and (ed.) *Transformative Harmony*. He is now nurturing a major ICSSR-sponsored project, 'Social Theory and Asian Dialogues: Cultivating Planetary Conversations'. He visited, lectured and did research in Indonesia and the US in April-June 2017.

### 7.3.5 Urban Transformations in India

**KAREN COELHO**, Assistant Professor

Dr Karen Coelho's work focuses on urban transformations in India (more specifically Chennai) and on subaltern spaces and populations of the city, from the perspective of equity and inclusion. She spent part of 2016-17 writing up and publishing pieces from her previous research on settlement along the Buckingham Canal and on slum clearance in Chennai. Another part of the year was spent writing two new collaborative research grants: 1) a successful proposal to ICSSR for a two-year project on 'Boundary Spanning for Urban Regeneration' in collaboration with TISS Mumbai and CPR New Delhi, and ii) an international research proposal to ESRC/ICSSR under the call 'Urban Transformations in India', with researchers from the University of Sheffield, UK. Since March she has been recruiting and training RAs and getting the fieldwork going on the ICSSR-funded project.

As in previous years, she has continued to devote considerable time to teaching. As coordinator of the PhD committee, she has continued to anchor the PhD coursework, which is in its third year of the revised format. She taught eight of the 10 sessions in the Qualitative Research Methodologies course for the MIDS PhD coursework. She has also taught shorter modules on this subject for various other groups including staff of the Department of Evaluation and

Applied Research of (DEAR) GoTN and staff of IFMR LEAD. She taught a 22-lecture course in Urban Studies as guest faculty at the Asian College of Journalism. She currently guides two PhD students at MIDS, has sat this year on six student (dissertation, viva, or comprehensive exam) committees both within MIDS and for outside institutions, usually IIT, and has supervised four internships of students from other institutions.

She has also delivered several invited lectures, presented papers, spoken on panels or served as discussant at various events in the city and outside. In the coming year, she expects to be occupied running the ICSSR project, writing and publishing from previous research, and presenting papers at two international conferences, apart from her usual teaching and administrative commitments.

### **7.3.6 Governance and Institutions**

**KRIPA ANANTHPUR**, Associate Professor

Dr Kripa Ananthpur's time during 2016-17 was largely spent in organising the various components of the 'Tamil Nadu Household Panel Survey' and 'P-Tracking for Village Development Planning' projects.

The Tamil Nadu Household Panel Survey (TNHPS) is a longitudinal, panel survey where the same villages, households and selected individuals within the households will be studied over a period of time with the

objective of capturing shifts in income and occupation. This will be carried out in all 32 districts of Tamil Nadu and will cover both urban and rural areas.

In August 2016, a two-day workshop discussed the key components of the various modules of the household questionnaires, both with top-level government officials as well as academics and sampling experts from various parts of the country, including representatives from IHDS and NSSO. Based on this, her team revised the instruments and started the process of sampling. Since the instruments are going to be in CAPI format, various activities associated with converting paper questionnaires into CAPI format is currently being carried out. The team has finalised the listing questionnaire and will be starting the field staff training. Rural Sampling has been done and it is in the process of UFS data ready for Urban sampling. The plan for 2017-18 is to carry out the listing survey in all 32 districts and finalise all instruments in CAPI format.

P-Tracking for VDP aims to use household-level data (collected electronically) to inform village development planning process. This will be tried on an experimental basis in selected blocks of Theni and Dharmapuri. The data visualisation of various rural infrastructures at the Gram Sabha level is expected to make villagers more involved in planning process and village development

planning, truly a bottoms-up approach. Currently, her team has conducted FGDs at various levels to ascertain the needs as the two districts are quite different from one another.

The plan for 2017-18 is to finalise household and mapping survey instruments, finalise data visualisation, field and pre-testing the instruments and carry out the actual survey with the aim to use the data in developing village development plans for 2018 May Gram Sabha.

### **7.3.7 Social Mobilisation and Social Justice**

**C. LAKSHMANAN**, Associate Professor

In 2016-17, Dr C. Lakshmanan carried out a short-term project based on an online survey of Research Infrastructure of Social Science in Indian Universities. The abridged version of the report was published as a chapter in an edited book by S.K. Thorat and Samar Verma, Oxford University Press, 2017. The project was jointly funded by the ICSSR and IDRC.

Currently, he is in the process of completing the report on a field-based study of Socio-Economic Status of Tribals of Tamil Nadu: Post-Liberalisation Period. The Review of Development and Change special issue based on the report of Judicial Commissions on Caste Violence in Tamil Nadu since 1950s is in progress (this issue is jointly edited by K. Srinivasulu, Department

of Political Science, Osmania University). This has led him to consistently work on constructing theoretical understanding of the caste system and its political economy.

He is currently working on a book based on the project report, Environment and Social Impact Study on the Implementation of an Industrial Zone: Thervoy Village of Tamil Nadu. The copy-editing is in progress. He also organised a Five-Day Orientation Programme: 'Critical Social Science Perspectives: Understanding Theories and Praxis' for young faculties and PhD scholars of SC/ST and other marginalised groups, held on 25-29 July 2017.

### **7.3.8 Sectoral and Macroeconomic Issues**

**SHASHANKA BHIDE**, Director

The work on assessing prospects of agricultural sector scenarios in the short term and medium term remained a significant activity for Prof. Shashanka Bhide during 2016-17. Collaborative work with the National Council of Applied Economic Research provided him the opportunity to remain associated with this activity. Three reports were brought out during the year under this project, two dealing with the assessment of season-wise short-term prospects and one with the medium term (the next five to ten years). This work focused on national-level assessment of the sector. Examination of issues relating

to economic growth was pursued through organisation of an international conference on the opportunities and constraints on the growth of services. The conference on services followed a workshop held in the previous year on a similar theme. The conference also provided an opportunity to review the prospects of economic growth from the perspective of three major sectors, following on a conference on manufacturing sector and a national workshop on agriculture, both in 2016.

Besides the sectoral-level work, 2016-17 also provided him an opportunity to participate in a project that aims to launch a panel or longitudinal survey in the state. His own contribution was to assist, in collaboration with other project team members, in the development of a sampling design for the baseline for the longitudinal survey.

The papers generated through the workshop on agriculture and the conference on services are a significant source of insights on the issues of relevance in understanding the growth of these two sectors of the Indian economy. It is proposed to bring out two publications from these conferences in 2017-18.

### **7.3.9 Natural Resources Management and Sustainable Development**

**K. SIVASUBRAMANIAN**, Associate Professor

For Dr K. Sivasubramanian this year

was as productive in completing planned academic activities as the last year.

The IAMWARM Project's Monitoring and Evaluation activities have given him more exposure on the current situation of the institutional and related aspects of Tank Irrigation almost in all the districts of Tamil Nadu. Based on this work, he is planning to write articles/monograph. The ICSSR project, for which the fieldwork is just completed, will help him to probe the present situation of large irrigation tanks in Tamil Nadu.

Based on the IAMWARM field experience, he has published two centre-page articles in Dinamani and presented three seminars.

Like IAMWARM Project – which was of medium-term duration – the recently completed NABARD's RIDF Project – a short-term project that ended up being more than a year's duration – gave him a lot of exposure to the way in which the infrastructure development activities are funded by NABARD to state governments, especially Tamil Nadu. The RIDF project was sanctioned to MIDS. For this project, his team conducted a survey of 205 samples distributed in all 31 districts (except Chennai) to study the impact of completed RIDF projects on two sectors, viz., Connectivity (Roads and Bridges) and Irrigation. Based on this just-completed project, he has published one refereed article.

He has successfully completed the DEAR (Department of Economic Analysis and Research) wing of NABARD-funded Farmers' Club short-term project. He has published one refereed article based on the project.

A major part of his time will be spent on the ICSSR project this year apart from completing another project on tribal development commissioned by the Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission.

### **7.3.10 Economic Theory, Environmental Management and Sustainable Development**

#### **L. VENKATACHALAM, Professor**

Prof. L. Venkatachalam continued to carry out his research and publication in the areas of 'economic theory', 'non-market valuation of ecosystem services' and 'economics of water' during the academic year 2016-17. He was a guest editor of a Special Issue of Review of Development and Change on the theme of Environment and Sustainable Development (Vol. 21, No. 2, July–December, 2016). He co-published three article in national journals, apart from two working papers brought by Madras School of Economics. Apart from research, Prof. Venkatachalam has a passion for teaching. He delivered 15 hours of lecture on: a) history of economic thought; b) research methodology; and c) basic econometrics to the PhD students (2016 batch) of MIDS. As a visiting faculty

at Madras School of Economics, he taught a course on Environmental Valuation (45 hours) to the students of MSc economics. He was a visiting faculty at the Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode during January–April, 2017 and delivered 80 hours of lecture on environmental management for the post-graduate students. He was also a visiting faculty at the Jamia Millia Islamia University in Delhi and taught 15 hours course on Environmental Economics. In terms of outreach, he delivered more than 44 lectures in various seminars, workshops and training programmes, attended by research scholars, faculty members, Indian Economic Service cadres and officials from various government departments. Four students at MIDS under his supervision are making progress in their PhD work. He is a co-principal for another project on Tamil Nadu Household Panel Survey being funded by the Government of Tamil Nadu. In addition, he acted as a referee for several research papers submitted to national and international journals. In addition to serving as a member in academic bodies (such as, Board of Studies in Economics) in other academic institutions, he also actively participated in various administrative activities at MIDS – such as, serving as a member in the Academic Council of MIDS, member in the editorial committee of MIDS journal, etc., during 2016-17. He will continue to conduct more such activities during the coming academic year as well.



### **7.3.11 Social and Cultural History of Tamil Nadu**

**A.R. VENKATACHALAPATHY**, Professor

Prof. A.R. Venkatachalapathy is continuing his bilingual exploration of social and cultural processes in colonial and contemporary Tamil Nadu. He is presently working on a long-term project on the history of consumption with specific reference to non-essential commodities such as coffee and tobacco. As part of this project he is writing the early history of print advertising. This study throws new light on patterns of consumer behaviour and consumption patterns in an evolving market.

A second project is the social history of the Dravidian movement in Tamil Nadu from 1925 to 1973 with a special focus on political and social mobilisation.

During the year, he revised a monograph on state intervention in copyright published last year in Tamil for publication in English. Taking the case of the nationalisation of Subramania Bharati's copyright in the 1950s he has tried to demonstrate how copyright regimes are dictated not only by law but is also mediated by cultural notions of copyright.

During the year, as senior visiting fellow of the German Historical Institute London, he has embarked on a study of the professionalisation of language teachers in colonial India with specific reference to

Tamil teachers. This topic is a convergence of his long-term interests in the history of education, sociology of knowledge, state policy, language politics, and the history of the Dravidian movement.

In 2016-17, he published a book of his collected essays on Subramania Bharati. This book consolidates his contribution to the study of a national figure who made a deep impact on the making of modern Tamil Nadu.

2016-17 happened to be a landmark year in the recent history of Tamil Nadu with the passing away of the incumbent Chief Minister. In this context, Prof. Venkatachalapathy was in great demand to inform and educate the general public about contemporary social and political processes. In this year alone, he authored more than a dozen essays in leading media on contemporary issues apart from providing input and comments to various print media.

### **7.3.12 Political Economy of Regional Development**

**M. VIJAYABASKAR**, Associate Professor

Dr M. Vijayabaskar works broadly on the political economy of regional development. Over the year, he has continued his work on rural-urban interactions, agrarian livelihoods and transformations in land and labour markets in Tamil Nadu. He, along with

Dr Ajit Menon, completed his work on land and land use change for the Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission. They have written a number of papers based on that research that broadly look at the debate on land grabs and conversion of land out of agriculture. They have also recently started a project with Dr Saurabh Arora at the University of Sussex, UK and others on 'Pathways in and out of Poverty', which takes a relational agency approach to understanding agrarian change, building upon prior survey rounds in the same region (Arni, Tamil Nadu). Along with this, he will also be starting work on a collaborative research project that looks at youth in farming in a comparative perspective across six countries supported by SSHRC Canada and coordinated by the University of Guelph, Canada. He also completed a draft report for UNRISD with Dr Gayathri Balagopal on how rights-based welfare programmes work on the ground with attention to sub-national variations focusing on Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan.

#### **7.4. Paper Presentation and Publications by PhD Scholars**

The research output of the PhD scholars at MIDS is summarised below:

(i) R. Abida Begum published a paper on 'Role of Muslim Social Reformers for the Educational Empowerment of Muslim Women in Colonial Tamil Nadu' at ICHR-

sponsored two-day National Conference on Socio-Cultural Transformation in 20th Century South India, by Department of History, Centenary Celebrations, University of Madras, Chennai, 23 and 24 March 2016.

(ii) Bharathidasan K. presented two papers:

'Breaking the Myth and Reconstructing the Early History Arunthathiyars in Tamil Nadu', at the Tamil Nadu History Congress held at Periyar University, Salem, October 2016.

'Arunthathiyars in Modern Tamil Nadu' at the Dalit History Month held at AICUF, Chennai, April 2017.

(iii) Bibhuti Bhusan Pradhan published a co-authored paper titled 'Determinants of Financial Inclusion in Tribal Districts of Odisha: An Empirical Investigation' in the journal Social Change, Issue No: 47 (1).

(iv) Muhammad Aslam E.S. (part-time PhD scholar) presented a paper 'Question of Religious Conversion and Islamophobia in India', an International Conference on Islamophobia by Solidarity Youth Movement, on 16-18 December 2016.

Published a paper 'Samoothika Parivarthanangalude Charithram' (Malayalam) in Prabodhanam Weekly (7 April 2017), pp. 22-27. (Popular journal).

(v) Pema Choden Bhutia, Young Research Award for paper 'Tourism in Sikkim: Its impacts and further suggestion' at the Global Research and Development

Services, 12th International Conference on Social Science and Humanities (ICSSH), 5-6 December 2016, held at Linton University College, Persiaran Utl, Kampong Gebok Batu 12, 71700 Mantin, Negeri Sembilan, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Published book review 'Ecotourism and Economic Development' in Asian Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies ([www.ajms.co.in](http://www.ajms.co.in)). ISSN: 2321-8819 (Online) 2348-7186 (Print) Impact Factor: 1.498 Vol. 4, Issue 12, November 2016.

(vi) Safwan Amir presented a paper 'Studying the Mappila: The Inevitable Past, Present, and Future' at Sciences Po, Paris, France, organised by GIS ASIE – French Research Network on Asia, 28 June 2017.

## **7.5. Other Institutional and Professional Activities of the Faculty**

The faculty of the institute play a significant role in the functioning of the institute over and above their academic and research work. Besides the PhD programme committee, through which the institute's PhD programme is organised, the faculty also participate as members of committees set up to assist the institute's operations, such as the library committee, assets procurement and disposal committee and the grievances committee of the PhD programme.

The MIDS faculty also contribute to the academic and professional activities

beyond our own institute as members of various committees set up by government or non-governmental agencies where their expertise is valued. Details of such engagements of the faculty are provided in item no. 10.3.

MIDS faculty takes up research projects to expand their own understanding of some of the real world issues that have significance to public policy or to knowledge relevant for society at large. These projects are typically sponsored by an external agency, including government and non-government sectors. Some of the projects are sponsored by international agencies or organisations. Faculty also engage with other institutions and scholars to take up research projects. The list of Projects is provided in item no.11.

## **7.6. Seminar Presentations by Faculty and Visitors**

Seminars by MIDS faculty and visitors provide an active professional engagement and discussion in the institute. These seminars are open to the public. During 2016-17, 14 seminars were held at the institute and four of these were by MIDS faculty. The list of seminars by the faculty and visitors is provided in item no. 12.

## **7.7. Conferences, Workshops, Special Seminars and Lectures**

The academic calendar of the institute was also filled with the workshops, special

seminars, book launches and lectures, which attracted many scholars and experts on such occasions. There was one international conference, 12 workshops and special seminars, four special or public lectures by distinguished scholars and two book launches held during 2016-17. The Founder's Day lecture was held on April 18, 2017, to celebrate the birth anniversary of Prof. Malcolm Adiseshiah. The lecture was delivered by the renowned scholar, Prof. Susie Tharu.

### **7.7.1 International Conference**

Future of India's Services Growth: Potential and Constraints, jointly organised by Madras Institute of Development Studies (Shashanka Bhide) & British Northern Universities India Forum (V. Balasubramanyam), Sponsored by ICSSR and Government of Tamil Nadu, 3-4 Jan 2017.

### **7.7.2 Workshops/Special (Full-day/ half-day) Seminars**

(1) Non-Violence in Relations and Non-Injury in Modes of Thinking: Transforming the Subjective and the Objective and the Calling of Transpositional, Ananta Kumar Giri, Professor, MIDS, 21 July 2016

(2) A Tutorial on Academic Paper Writing, Karen Coelho, 17 Aug 2016

(3) The Calling of Global Responsibility: New Horizons of Justice, Dialogues and

Planetary Realizations Organised by Dr Ananta Kumar Giri at Indus Business Academy, Greater Noida, 24 Sep 2016

(4) Understanding the Demonetisation: Issues and Challenges Prof. Venkatesh B. Atherya, Economist; Prof. S. Subramanian, Economist, formerly with MIDS; Prof. S. Janakarajan, Economist, MIDS; Prof. Jothi Sivagnanam, Head, Department of Economics, University of Madras; and Dr C. Lakshmanan, MIDS, 23 Nov 2016

(5) Confucianism, Vedanta and the Contemporary Challenges of Planetary Realizations Ananta Kumar Giri, Professor, MIDS, 8 Dec 2016

(6) Towards a Relational Approach to Agency for Mapping Pathways Into and Out of Poverty Organised by Ajit Menon and M. Vijayabaskar with support from UK Economic and Social Research Council and the Department for International Development at MIDS, 15-17 Feb 2017

(7) Purusartha and Poetics of Development, Purusartha and Poetics of Development: An Introduction and Invitation by Dr Ananta Kumar Giri; Poetics of Development and the Challenge of Social Healing and Reconciliation by Dr Andrea Grieder, University of Zurich, Switzerland, 18 Feb 2017

(8) The Union Budget 2017-18: Implications for the Economy Perspectives from the Canal Banks, Mr. T.C.A. Srinivasa Raghavan,

Consulting Editor, Business Standard, and Visiting Fellow, MIDS; Dr Soumya Kanti Ghosh, Group Chief Economic Advisor, State Bank of India, Mumbai; Dr D.K. Pant, Chief Economist, India Ratings, New Delhi; Dr Jessica Seddon, Okapi and CTAP, IIT Madras, Chennai, 27 Feb 2017

(9) Humanitarian Action and its Long-term Implications in Chennai by Dr Karen Coelho, Associate Professor, 28 Feb 2017

(10) Urban Poverty, Local Governance and Everyday Politics in Mumbai, Dr Joop de Wit Institute of Social Studies (ISS), The Netherlands, 20 Mar 2017

(11) Transforming the Subjective and the Objective, Prof Ananta Kumar Giri, MIDS; Dr Marcus Bussey, University of Sunshine Coast, Australia; Dr Subir Rana, Independent Scholar, Bangalore, and Prof Manjubala Dash, MTPG & RIHS, Puducherry, 24 Mar 2017

(12) The State Budget 2017-18: A Discussion Mr S. Krishnan I.A.S., Principal Secretary, Department of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, GoTN; Dr R. Srinivasan, Associate Professor, Department of Econometric, Univ of Madras; Prof K.R. Shanmugam, Professor, MSE; Prof. V.R. Muraleedharan, Professor, IITM; Mr S. Viswanathan, Editor & Publisher, Industrial Economist; Dr Akila Radhakrishnan, Planning Monitoring &

Evaluation Specialist, UNICEF office for Tamil Nadu and Kerala, 31 Mar 2017

### 7.7.3 Book Launches

(i) Development and Taxation: 60 Critical Commentaries by Parthasarathi Shome, Published by Academic Foundation, New Delhi, 2017, Prof. Parthasarathi Shome, Visiting Fellow, MIDS, 27 Feb 2017

(ii) The Broken Ladder: The Paradox and the Potential of India's One Billion, Penguin, 2017, Prof. Anirudh Krishna, The Edgar T. Thompson Professor of Public Policy and Professor of political science at Duke University, USA, 28 Apr 2017

### 7.7.4 Special/Public Lectures

(i) India's Taxation Trends and Countdown to GST, Prof. Parthasarathi Shome, Visiting Fellow, MIDS, 24 Aug 2016

(ii) India's Long Rise as an Asian Power: The Second World War and After, Prof. Srinath Raghavan, Visiting Fellow, MIDS, 2 Nov 2016

(iii) Reflections on Recent Union Budgets, Prof. Parthasarathi Shome, Visiting Fellow, MIDS, 27 Feb 2017

(iv) The Broken Ladder - The Paradox and the Potential of India's One Billion, Prof. Anirudh Krishna, The Edgar T. Thompson Professor of Public Policy and Professor of political science at Duke University, USA, 28 April 2017

### 7.7.5 The Founder's Day Lecture

25 Years Later: Women Writing in India Reconsidered, Dr. Susie Tharu, formerly Professor, Department of Cultural Studies, English and Foreign Languages (EFL) University, Hyderabad, 18 Apr 2017.

### 7.8. Publications of the Institute and Individual Faculty

The institute brings out a series on Working Papers, Discussion Papers, special publications of books and monographs and a bi-annual peer reviewed journal, Review of Development and Change. In addition, individual faculty also publish their research in journals, books and other such channels of dissemination. The institute publications are reported below and details of individual faculty publications are provided in item no. 8.

#### 7.8.1 Working Papers (WP) and Discussion Paper (DP)

- (i) Dispossession by Neglect: Agricultural Land Sales in the Periphery of Chennai, M. Vijayabaskar and Ajit Menon, July 2016, WP No.223
- (ii) Performance of Irrigation in Tamil Nadu: A Macro Perspective, K. Sivasubramaniyan, December 2016, WP No.224
- (iii) Sedentarising Conservation: The Politics of Belonging and Rootedness in

Gudalur, Nilgiris, Ajit Menon and Manasi Karthik, January 2017, WP No.225

- (iv) Seasonal/Temporary Family Migration in India: An Analysis of Magnitude and Trend, D. Jayaraj, April 2017, DP No.15

### 7.8.2 Journal – Review of Development and Change (Published)

- (i) Volume XXI Number 1, January-June 2016
- (ii) Volume XXI Number 2, July-December 2016 Special Issue on Emerging Issues in Environment and Sustainable Development Edited by L. Venkatachalam

### 7.9. Individual Affiliations and Institutional Collaborations

#### 7.9.1 Visiting Fellows

The short-term visiting fellowship programme at MIDS brought us a number of scholars and experts during the year. They included invitees under the short-term Visiting Fellowships at MIDS and also visiting scholars who undertook their research activities on sabbatical or work programmes at MIDS. The details of scholars who were Visiting Fellows at the institute are:

- (i) Mr T.C.A. Srinivasa Raghavan, Consulting Editor, Business Standard, New Delhi.
- (ii) Prof. Srinath Raghavan, Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi.

(iii) Prof. Parthasarathi Shome, (Former Adviser to Finance Minister, Government of India), Chairman, ITRF, Bangalore.

(iv) Dr Sharada Srinivasan, Associate Professor & Canada Research Chair in Gender, Justice and Development, College of Social and Applied Human Sciences, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario, N1G 2W1, Canada.

### 7.9.2 Affiliates

#### International affiliates

(i) Crispin Branfoot, Senior Lecturer in South Asian Art & Archaeology, Department of History of Art & Archaeology, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London.

(ii) Ms Emily Stevenson, PhD student, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London.

(iii) Prof. Karen Pechilis, Drew University, New Jersey, USA.

(iv) Mr Hari Ramesh, PhD student, Department of Political Science, Yale University, USA.

The list of affiliates is provided in item no.13.

### 7.9.3 Post-Doctoral Fellow

Dr Ghuncha Firdaus joined MIDS as UGC post-doctoral Fellow with effect from 19 March 2014. She has continued her

research on the topic 'Urbanisation and Public Health: A Case Study of Municipal Corporation of Delhi' under the supervision of Prof Jayaraj.

### 7.10. IT Infrastructure

The IT infrastructure in MIDS consists of state-of-the-art computing facilities with latest hardware, software, and supporting equipment. The computer centre actively participates in the process of planning and implementing IT needs of the institute. The institute has around 65 Intel-based Desktops / Notebooks, Network Laser Printers, Laser printers, scanners and LCD Projectors. The web server, mail server and library automation servers are powered by Linux operating system and the antivirus server is powered by Windows 8 Operating Systems. The Desktops / Notebooks are loaded with Windows 10/8.11/7/XP Operating System. Office automation packages like Open Office, MS Office 2016 Adobe Readers, statistical software like SPSS, DTP software like Adobe Creative cloud and Pagemaker, Tally ERP for accounting purposes are available under Windows environment.

The following are the major services of the computer centre.

**Web Server and Mail Server:** A Linux-based web server and mail server is hosted in the campus and it works round the clock on all days. The institute has a 10 mbps [1:1]

fibre optic leased line connectivity from Tata Communications Ltd to provide Internet in the campus.

**Network:** MIDS has configured a structured Ethernet-based Local Area Network (LAN) and Wi-Fi enabled network catering to about more than 100 users in the institute. The network segment contains one Cisco router, Wi-Fi Controller firewall, Access points and switches. The institute is now fully Wi-Fi enabled campus; faculty and students can access internet facilities anywhere in the campus.

**Library Information System:** Linux-based library server is configured in the computer centre. LIBSYS software is used for library automation.

**Faculty:** The institute has provided Intel Core i5 personal computers and laser printers to all the faculty members. These computers are connected with LAN to facilitate e-mail and Internet access.

**Computer Lab:** 12 personal computers are installed in the computer room along with Internet access and network printing facilities for the use of students and project staff.

**Other Services:** a) Round-the-clock Internet access to the faculty members, students and other members of the institute. b) E-mail services for faculty, students and non-academic staff members with web-based and POP3 access and c) Network

printing facility for the members of the Institute.

## **7.11. Library**

The MIDS library has a comprehensive collection of literature related to social sciences and allied subjects to meet the information needs of the institute's faculty and students. The library activities are computerised using Libsys software. With this the library services like Acquisition, Cataloguing and Classification, Serial Control (Journal), Circulation and Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) are automated.

During the current academic year, between July 2016 and June 2017, the library added 678 books in the stack. At present the library has a collection of nearly 59,350 books, back volumes of journals, government publications, conference proceedings and non-book materials etc. In addition, the Library subscribed to 124 print journals during the current academic year.

ICSSR sponsors the following e-archives and databases to the Institute on an annual basis.

- 1) Econlit, with full text
- 2) Indiastat.com database,
- 3) JSTOR archive,
- 4) Prowess IQ database and
- 5) EPWRF database.



The institute also subscribes to the Economic Outlook database from CMIE. All these databases and e-resources can be accessed across the institute in the campus on all days.

### **Library Development Plan for 2017-18**

It is now important for us to establish a separate E-Book Section in the library. To some extent this concept will help us in addressing our space crunch issue in the library. To establish an e-book section, we need to procure or subscribe to e-books periodically along with a few e-book readers to access this. Also, a few cubicles may also be planned in the library reading room for user access. In the coming year we may have to plan for an archive and digitise the rare documents available in the library. We have approached ICSSR to provide additional e-resources like a) Science Direct (Social Science & Arts Humanities only) b) Taylor and Francis Journals Online (Social Science & Arts Humanities only), Wiley Online library (Social Science & Arts Humanities only) and databases like NSSO surveys etc. for the period 2017-2021.

### **7.12. Opportunities and Challenges**

The institute now has the advantage of its research carried out over the last four decades and more with broader social science perspectives to inform its contributions to the understanding of social and economic changes taking place in the

region and the nation in a global context. There is of course the wealth of knowledge generated by other scholars and institutes on which to draw upon. The scale of knowledge-sharing opportunities today are incomparable to the situation in the past.

The complexities of decision making whether in the public sector, the private sector or at the community level have also become greater than before. The need for informed decisions at various levels requires that the task of obtaining and analysing relevant information is both efficient and scientific. The role of social scientists in undertaking these tasks in so far as the issues at hand relate to the policy choices that affect individuals and their well-being is obvious. There have been numerous breakthroughs in science and technology in the recent years expanding our knowledge and capabilities in many fields. The rise of technologies based on artificial intelligence promises to make some of the present production technologies non-competitive. As India attempts to catch up with the technological advances elsewhere, it must also make technologies accessible widely, particularly in the area of communication and through it the other services that affect health, nutrition and education. An understanding of availability, access and utilisation of public services will remain key to the success of policy interventions. The factors that influence the success go

beyond the economic, geographic and technical realm.

The opportunities for the institute to make its contributions in this regard are many. The institute will continue to intensify its efforts to undertake research, inform the academic, policy and the community about its research through expansion of its dissemination activities. It will also seek collaborations with other scholars and institutions to gain from their expertise and address issues that have broader relevance.

Expansion of work and improvements in its quality will require fresh investments in both human resources and infrastructure. This year, we have initiated steps to fill the vacancies in the faculty positions. However, as we have articulated in our Vision Document, there is a need to expand the sanctioned positions, strengthen our PhD programme and our interface with other institutions, policymaking bodies and the community. The institute needs to gear up to contribute to our understanding of the changes taking place in an increasingly complex manner. These are exciting challenges and new opportunities before us today.

### **7.13. Proposed Academic Activities for 2017-18**

The work of the institute revolves around three dimensions: the research activities;

the PhD programme; and communicating our research to peers, the policy community and, more broadly, to the public. Each of these dimensions have several components and our academic activities for the coming year will take into account both the immediate concerns and the medium-term concerns identified in the Vision Document.

The research activities include research programmes of individual faculty members as they grow professionally. In section 3 above, the broad areas of faculty research have been elaborated. Individual faculty members have also indicated briefly their work in the coming year. The proposed work plans of the faculty show commitment to pursue their present research programmes complemented by research projects they have carried out and those presently under way. The issues covered by the proposed work programme include attempts to build systems to generate data on transformations taking place in the economy and society, sustainable use of natural resources, social mobilisation and justice, urban development, social theory, political economy and social and economic history. We will continue to seek the support of the Government of Tamil Nadu and ICSSR to undertake research on issues of immediate concerns as well as issues that are of longer-term interest. The engagement with collaborative research

within the state, nationally or internationally will be pursued actively.

The PhD programme has been strengthened in the past one year, with a more streamlined short course to provide a much-needed exposure to fresh scholars in theory, tools and techniques of research methodology so that they are better equipped to undertake their PhD dissertations. We will continue our efforts to motivate scholars to complete their programmes without undue delays while insisting on quality of work. We are confident that ICSSR will strengthen its financial support to the PhD programme through fellowships of at least three years' duration and value adequate to sustain the work of the scholars. Without such adequate and sustained support, the quality of the programme, which lays the foundation for the future capacity for social science research in the country, will suffer.

Keeping in view the proposals for strengthening the academic activities, the institute will explore opportunities to expand its academic activities, especially in terms of launching a short course on research methodologies in social sciences. While there appears to be a need for such a course and opportunities for collaborating with other institutes and benefits from such collaborations are also likely, there is a need to obtain financial support for such activity.

We will participate in the conferences that bring together institutions similar to ours in the region. One such forum is the 'Development Convention', a conference that brings together scholars from the ICSSR research institutes of the southern states of the country. We will support this activity through active participation.

The programme of workshops, conferences, seminars and public lectures, which is an opportunity to both share and learn, will be pursued maintaining the broad themes of interest to our work and relevance to the larger community.

Efforts to improve the quality and timeliness of the biannual journal of the institute, Review of Development and Change, will continue. One of the two issues of the journal in a year now focuses on a specific theme with a guest editor taking the responsibility for the issue. The submissions to the Working Papers series of the institute will be encouraged.

Finally, the new faculty members who will join the institute in the coming year will help us sustain and expand our contributions to social science research.

## 8. MIDS Publications

### 8.1 Books

Year / Title	Author and Affiliation
<b>2015</b>	
<i>Indian Economy in Transition: Essays in Honour of C.T. Kurien</i>	S. Janakarajan, L. Venkatachalam, and R. Maria Saleth (eds.), MIDS
<b>2012</b>	
<i>Aatam Smit mutal Kaarl Maarks varai: Cevviyal aracyial porulaataaram</i>	S. Neelakantan, MIDS
<i>From Individual to Community: Issues in Development Studies</i>	R. Maria Saleth (ed.), MIDS
<b>2010</b>	
<i>Neer Melanmai</i>	K. Sivasubramaniyan, MIDS
<b>2008</b>	
<i>Environment, Sustainable Development and Human Well-being Methodology</i>	Proceedings of Interdisciplinary Development Research Workshop 2008 L. Venkatachalam (ed.), MIDS
<i>Oru Nagaramum Oru Gramamum: Kongup paguthiyil samuga matrangal</i>	S. Neelakantan, MIDS
<b>2007</b>	
<i>Transformation, Transition or Stagnation? Understanding Change in a Globalizing Economy</i>	<i>Proceedings of Sixth Development Convention 2007</i> , G..S. Ganesh Prasad (ed.), MIDS
<i>Dravida Chandru: Ellisum Dravida Mozhigalum</i>	Thomas R. Trautmann, University of Michigan
<b>2003</b>	
<i>Avala Nilaiyil Thamizhaga Aarugal</i>	S. Janakarajan, MIDS

## 8.2 Malcolm Adiseshiah Memorial Series

Year / Title	Author and Affiliation
<b>FOUNDER'S DAY LECTURES</b>	
<b>2017</b> 25 Years Later: <i>Women Writing in India</i> Reconsidered	<b>Dr Susie Tharu</b> Formerly Professor, Department of Cultural Studies, English and Foreign Languages (EFL) University, Hyderabad
<b>2016</b> Transporting India to the 2030s: What do We Need to do?	<b>Rakesh Mohan</b> Distinguished Fellow, Brookings India, and Senior Fellow, Jackson Institute of Global Affairs, Yale University
<b>2015</b> The Market Economy: Theory, Ideology and Reality	<b>C.T. Kurien</b> Former Director and Chairperson, MIDS
<b>2014</b> Public Finance in India: Development, Equity and Political Economy	<b>M. Govinda Rao</b> Member, 14th Finance Commission of India
<b>2013</b> China's Success Trap: Lessons for Development Theory	<b>Manoranjan Mohanty</b> Faculty Member, Council for Social Development, New Delhi
<b>2011</b> The Language of Social Sciences in India	<b>Gopal Guru</b> Professor of Political Theory and Chairperson, Centre for Political Studies, JNU, New Delhi
<b>2010</b> The Power of Uncertainty: Reflections on the Nature of Transformational Initiatives	<b>Mihir Shah</b> Member, Planning Commission, Govt. of India
<b>2009</b> Lineages of Political Society	<b>Partha Chatterjee</b> Professor, CSSS, Calcutta

Year / Title	Author and Affiliation
<b>2008</b>	
Growth of a Wasteland	<b>Amit Bhaduri</b> Professor Emeritus, JNU, Delhi
<b>2006</b>	
Development as a Human Right or as Political Largesse? Does it Make any Difference?	<b>Upendra Baxi</b> Professor of Law, University of Warwick, UK
<b>2004</b>	
Globalization: Its Portents for Indian Culture	<b>U.R. Anantha Murthy</b> Jnanpith Award Winner
<b>MALCOLM ADISESHIAH MEMORIAL LECTURES</b>	
<b>2005</b>	
Cultural Politics of Environment and Development: The Indian Experience	<b>Amita Baviskar</b> Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Delhi
<b>2004</b>	
Whither the Indian Village? Culture and Agriculture in 'Rural' India	<b>Dipankar Gupta</b> Professor, CSSS, JNU, Delhi
<b>2003</b>	
State, Households and Markets in Education	<b>Jandhyala B.G. Tilak</b> Professor, NIEPA, New Delhi
<b>2002</b>	
Gender Inequalities: Neglected Dimensions and Hidden Facets	<b>Bina Agarwal</b> Professor, IEG, Delhi

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WP No.	Title	Author
227	Goods and Services Tax (GST)	Parthasarathi Shome
226	The Imperialism of Anti-Imperialism: The United States and India in the Second World War	Srinath Raghavan
225	Sedentarising Conservation: The Politics of Belonging and Rootedness in Gudalur, Nilgiris	Ajit Menon and Manasi Karthik
224	Performance of Irrigation in Tamil Nadu: A Macro Perspective	K. Sivasubramaniyan
223	Dispossession by Neglect: Agricultural Land Sales in the Periphery of Chennai	M. Vijayabaskar and Ajit Menon
222	India's Monetary Policy in a Political Context (1835-2003) RBI and the Quest for Autonomy	TCA Srinivasa-Raghavan
221	Gender and Commodity Aesthetics in Tamilnadu, 1950-1970	S. Anandhi
220	Estimating the Economic Value of Ecosystem Services of Pallikaranai Marsh in Chennai City: A Contingent Valuation Approach	L. Venkatachalam and Jayanthi M.
219	Governance and Development in India: A Review of Studies and Suggestions for Further Research	K. Srinivasan and M.S. Selvan
218	Social Theory and Asian Dialogues: Cultivating Planetary Conversations	Ananta Kumar Giri
217	Water Acquisition for Urban Use from Irrigation Tanks: Can Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) Produce a Win-Win Outcome?	L. Venkatachalam
216	Family Planning Programs in India: An overview and need for a revision	K. Srinivasan
215	With and Beyond Plurality of Standpoints: Sociology and the Sadhana of Multi-Valued Logic and Living	Ananta Kumar Giri
214	Tradable Water Rights and Pareto Optimal Water Allocation in Agriculture: Results from a Field Experiment in Bhavani Basin, Tamil Nadu	L. Venkatachalam

WP No.	Title	Author
213	Economics of Adaptation to Climate Change: Learning from Impact and Vulnerability Literature	Chandra Sekhar Bahinipati
212	Spot and Futures Markets of Agricultural Commodities in India: Analysis of Price Integration and Volatility	B.S. Sumalatha
211	Employment and Maternity Protection: Understanding Poor Coverage of Beneficial Legislation through Content Analysis of Some Judgments	Padmini Swaminathan
210	Rethinking the Human and the Social: Towards a Multiverse of Transformations	Ananta Kumar Giri
209	Knowing Together in Compassion and Confrontation: The Calling of Transformative Knowledge	Ananta Kumar Giri
208	“Self” rather than the ‘Other’: Towards a Subjective Ethnography of Kani community	M. Arivalagan
207	The Calling of Practical Spirituality: Transformations in Science and Religion and New Dialogues on Self, Transcendence and Society	Ananta Kumar Giri
206	Sociology as Quest for a Good Society: A Conversation with Robert Bellah	Ananta Kumar Giri
205	Tibet, China and the World: Realizing Peace, Freedom and Harmony	Ananta Kumar Giri
204	The Manifesto and the Modern Self: Reading the Autobiography of Muthulakshmi Reddy	S. Anandhi
203	Beyond Colonialism Towards A New Environmental History of India	M. Arivalagan
202	Pain, Politics and Persistence: The Power of Powerlessness	Rajakishor Mahana
201	Adapting capability approach to understand the life experiences of the poor	Ann George
200	Exploring the Importance of Excess Female Mortality and Discrimination in ‘Nativity’ in Explaining the ‘Lowness’ of the Sex Ratio in India	D. Jayaraj



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12	The deprivation distribution profile: A graphical device for comparing alternative regimes of multidimensional poverty	S. Subramanian
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
10	Factors Contributing to the Declining Trend in Sex-Differentials in Mortality in India: An Exploratory Analysis	D. Jayaraj
9	Horizontal and Vertical inequality: Some interconnections and indicators	Jayaraj D. and S. Subramanian
8	Measuring literacy: Some extensions of the Basu-Foster framework	S. Subramanian
7	Assessing the 'Agedness' of a Population	D. Jayaraj and S. Subramanian
6	Comparing the Age Structures of Populations	D. Jayaraj and S. Subramanian
5	The Sex Ratio at Birth and its Determinants: An Exploratory Analysis	D. Jayaraj
4	The Educational Challenge before the 'Knowledge Economy': Implications for Planning and Financing	Manabi Majumdar

DP No.	Title	Author
3	Poverty Measurement and the Repugnant Conclusion	S. Subramanian
2	'Development as Freedom': Taking Economics Beyond Commodities - The Cautious Boldness of Amartya Sen	Des Gaspar
1	Group Affiliation, Externality, and the Measurement of Poverty	D. Jayaraj and S. Subramanian

#### 8.4.2 Monographs

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5	Socio-economic factors underlying growth of silk-weaving in the Arni region - A preliminary study	D. Jayaraj and K. Nagaraj
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3	Water management and agriculture in the Palar and the Parambikulam Aliyar systems in Tamilnadu	A. Vaidyanathan and S. Janakarajan
2	Aspects of Global Deprivation and Disparity: A Child's Guide to Some Simple-Minded Arithmetic	S. Subramanian
1	Fertility Decline in Tamil Nadu: Social Capillarity in Action?	K. Nagaraj

## 9. Faculty Publications

### 9.1 Books

Author/Editor	Title	Publisher
S. Anandhi (Co-edited with Karin Kapadia)	<i>Dalit Women: Vanguard of an South Asia edition in India Alternative Politics</i>	Routledge, London and New York, South Asia edition in India, 2017
A.R. Venkatachalapathy	<i>Ezhuga Nee Pulavan! Bharati Pattriya Katturaigal</i> [Essays on Subramania Bharati]	Kalachuvadu Pathippagam, Nagercoil, 2016

### 9.2 Book Reviews

Reviewer	Title of the Book	Author/Editor	Name of Publication/Date
Ajit Menon	<i>Transforming the Fisheries: Neoliberalism, Nature, and the Commons</i>	Patrick Bresnihan	<i>Antipode</i> , February 2017
Karen Coelho	<i>In the Public's Interest: Evictions, Citizenship, and Inequality in Contemporary Delhi</i>	Gautam Bhan	<i>Antipode</i> 17 January 2017
C. Lakshmanan	<i>Vallisai</i>	Azhagiya Periyavan	<i>Firstpost</i> , 3 September 2016
A.R. Venkatachalapathy	<i>Tamil: A Biography</i> (Harvard Univ. Press)	David Shulman	<i>The Hindu</i> , 19 February 2017

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S. Anandhi	Gendered Negotiation of Caste Identity: Dalit Women's Activism in Rural Tamilnadu, <i>Dalit Women: Vanguard of an Alternative Politics in India</i> , S. Anandhi and Karin Kapadia (eds.)	Routledge, London and New York, South Asia edition in India, 2017
C. Lakshmanan	Research Infrastructure: Social Science Department in Universities, <i>Social Science Research in India: Status Issues, and Policies</i> , Sukhdeo Thorat Samar Verma (ed.)	Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2017
	Critique of Approaches to Inclusion, Training Manual on Social Inclusion for PRI Functionaries, Lalitha. S, Selvaraj. A & Leslie Martin.D, RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur, TN, 2107	
M. Vijayabaskar (with Ajit Menon)	Peripheral Agriculture? Macro and Micro Dynamics of Land Sales and Land Use changes in the 'Rural' Economy of Kancheepuram, <i>Political Economy of Contemporary India</i> , R. Nagaraj and S. Motiram (eds.)	Cambridge University Press, 2017
M. Vijayabaskar (with L. Venkatachalam	State Profile: Some Trends in Tamil Nadu's Development Experience, Tamil Nadu Human Development Report 2017, State Planning Commission, Government of Tamil Nadu	Academic Foundation, New Delhi, 2017
	Income, Poverty and Employment, Tamil Nadu Human Development Report 2017, State Planning Commission, Government of Tamil Nadu	Academic Foundation, New Delhi, 2017
	Summary and Way Forward, Tamil Nadu Human Development Report 2017, State Planning Commission, Government of Tamil Nadu	Academic Foundation, New Delhi, 2017

## 9.4 Articles in Journals, Working Papers and Monographs

Author	Title	Journals/ Working Papers/ Monographs
Ajit Menon (co-authored with Johnny Stephen)	Fluid Territories: Rethinking State Territorialisation in Palk Bay, South Asia	<i>Norwegian Journal of Geography</i> , Vol. 70(5), 2016
Ajit Menon (co-authored with Manasi Karthik)	Beyond Human Exceptionalism: Political Ecology and the Non- Human World	<i>Geoforum</i> , Vol.79, 2017
	Sedentarising Conservation: The Politics of Belonging and Rootedness in Gudalur, Nilgiris	Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai 2017
Ananta Kumar Giri	Samajika Bikasha o Kavyika Prakasha (Social Development and Poetics of Manifestation, an article in Odia)	<i>Eshana: Research Journal of Institute of Odishan Studies</i> , December 2016
	Cross-Fertilizing Roots and Routes, Edited a special issue of Social Alternatives	www. socialalternatives. com, April-May 2017
D. Jayaraj	Seasonal / Temporary Family Migration in India: An Analysis of Magnitude and Trend	MIDS, Chennai, April 2017
Karen Coelho	Tenements, Ghettos, or Neighbourhoods? Outcomes of Slum-Clearance Interventions in Chennai	<i>Review of Development and Change</i> , Volume XXI No.1, 2016
	The Canal and the City: An Urban-Ecological Lens on Chennai's Growth	India International Center Quarterly, Special Issue on The Contemporary Urban Conundrum, Winter 2016-Spring 2017, 2017

Author	Title	Journals/ Working Papers/ Monographs
Kripa Ananthpur	A View from Below: Mapping Functions, Finances & functionaries in rural India	Report submitted to and accepted by the Government of Tamilnadu as part of 5 <sup>th</sup> SFC Chennai, October 2016
K. Sivasubramaniyan	Status and Significance of Connectivity Sector in Tamil Nadu: With Special Reference to Rural Infrastructure Development Fund	<i>Journal of Social and Economic Studies</i> (ANSISS–Patna), XXV, No. (1-2) 2015
	Tank Irrigation in Tamil Nadu: with Special Reference to Palar Anicut System	<i>Journal of Social and Economic Studies</i> (ANSISS–Patna), XXVI, No. (1-2) 2016
	Performance of Irrigation in Tamil Nadu: A Macro Perspective	MIDS, Working Paper No. 224 Chennai, December 2016
	Policy Redesigning of Farmers' Club Programme in Tamil Nadu	Asian Academic Research <i>Journal of Social Science &amp; Humanities</i> , Vol. 4. No. 3 ISSN: 2278-859X, March 2017
L. Venkatachalam (with Jayanthi, M)	Economic Valuation of Wetland Ecosystem Services: A Contingent Valuation Approach	<i>Review of Development and Change</i> , Vol. 21(1), 2016
(co-authored)	Payment for Ecosystem Services: Guaranteed farm Income and Sustainable Agriculture	<i>Economic and Political Weekly</i> , 72 (17), 2017

Author	Title	Journals/ Working Papers/ Monographs
	Emerging Issues in Environment and Sustainable Development: An Overview	<i>Review of Development and Change</i> , Vol. 21(2), 2017
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(Co-authored)	Evaluation Index System (EIS) for The Ecological- Economic- Social Performances of Ousteri Wetland across Puducherry and Tamil Nadu –MSE Working Paper No. 155/2017	Madras School of Economics, Chennai, January 2017
A.R. Venkatachalapathy	'Ravindrar Digvijayam: Tagore Pattri Bharati'	<i>Hindu Deepavali Malar</i> , November 2016
	'Tamilarintha Mannarilai Endra Vasai'	<i>Kalachuvadu</i> , Vol. No. 204 December 2016
	'Bharatiyum Mudhal Ulaga Porum'	<i>Kalachuvadu</i> , Vol. No. 204 December 2016
	'Ezhuthoviyarum Oliezhuthum: Tamil Aalumaikalin Pugaippadagal'	<i>Kalachuvadu</i> , Vol. No. 207 March 2017
M. Vijayabaskar (with Ajit Menon)	Dispossession by Neglect: Agricultural Land Sales in the Periphery of Chennai	MIDS working paper no. 223, Chennai, 2016
	State Spatial Restructuring, Subnational Politics and Emerging Spaces of Engagement for Collective Action: Labour Regimes in Tamil Nadu, Southern India.	<i>Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space</i> , Vol.35, No.1, 2017

## 9.5 Articles in Magazines, Newspapers and Websites

Author	Title	Journal / Magazine / Newspaper / Website
S. Anandhi	Women's Studies in Tamil Nadu: A Curious case of Institutionalisation	IAWS News Letter Special issue, Vol. IV, No.1, January 2017.
	Periyarin Vidhuthalai Penniyam (Periyar's Liberative Feminism)	<i>Nimirvom</i> (Tamil Magazine of Dravidar Vidhuthalai Kazhagam), March 2017.
	A Benevolent Matriarch?: The Gender Politics of Jayalalithaa	<a href="http://www.thenewsminute.com/article/benevolent-matriarch-gender-politics-jayalalithaa-54116">http://www.thenewsminute.com/article/benevolent-matriarch-gender-politics-jayalalithaa-54116</a>
	Opinion: How Karunanidhi's 'patronage politics' ushered in a new era of social justice and economic services	<a href="http://www.thenewsminute.com/article/how-karunanidhi-s-patronage-politics-ushered-new-era-social-justice-and-economic-services">http://www.thenewsminute.com/article/how-karunanidhi-s-patronage-politics-ushered-new-era-social-justice-and-economic-services</a> , 3 June 2017
Karen Coelho	A tale of two schemes	<i>The Hindu</i> , Op-ed page, 20 December 2016
Shashanka Bhide	Contributed Views in, "25 Years of Economic Reforms, Reforms 2.0, Time to Indianise Reforms"	<i>Industrial Economist</i> , September 2016.
	Contributed Views on "Expectations for the 2017-18 Union Budget"	<i>Industrial Economist</i> , January 2017
	"More of the Same", Comments on the Union Budget 2017-18	<i>Business Today</i> , 26 February 2017



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K. Sivasubramaniyan	To Feed the World in 2050: Challenges and Emerging Solutions with Special Reference to Indian Agriculture	Business of Agriculture – Agriculture, Business & Management, July-August 2016
	Thanneer Namadhu Uyir (Water is our Life)	Edit Page Article <i>Dinamani</i> – Tamil Daily, 21 March 2017
	Neerindri Amaiyathu Uzhagu (Water is the Base for the World)	<i>Pasumaithayagam</i> – <i>Sutruchchulal</i> Monthly Issue, March 2017
A.R. Venkatachalapathy (with J. Balasubramaniam)	'From Kandadevi to Kallimedu'	<i>The Hindu</i> , 12 August 2016
	'Kandadevi muthal Kallimedu varai'	<i>The Hindu</i> (Tamil), 19 August 2016
	(trans.) Perumal Murugan, 'Growing out of the Cocoon'	<a href="https://scroll.in/article/814710/growing-out-of-the-cocoon-perumal-murugan-is-back-to-life-as-a-writer">https://scroll.in/article/814710/growing-out-of-the-cocoon-perumal-murugan-is-back-to-life-as-a-writer</a> , scroll.in, 23 August 2016
	Mother Politics	<i>Indian Express</i> , 7 December 2016
	'A.K. Chettiar: Marakkappatta oru Sathanaiyalar'	<i>The Hindu</i> (Tamil), 10 September 2016
	'Save us from the Feral Hordes'	<i>The Hindu</i> (Tamil), 13 September 2016
	'The Atheist and the Saint'	<i>The Hindu</i> (Tamil), 16 September 2016
	'A Lesson from Periyar on the Tension between Elections and Social Transformati	<a href="http://thewire.in/66680/lesson-periyar-tension-elections-democratisation/#disqus_thread">http://thewire.in/66680/lesson-periyar-tension-elections-democratisation/#disqus_thread</a> thewire.in, 17 September 2016

Author	Title	Journal / Magazine / Newspaper / Website
	'Jayalalithaa: How Will History Judge Her'	<i>The Mirror</i> , 6 December 2016
	'Jayalalithaa: The Iron Woman of Politics'	<i>The Mirror</i> , 6 December 2016
	'The AIADMK after Amma'	<i>The Hindu</i> , 7 December 2016
	'Footprints of the Original "Anti-Nationals"'	<i>Outlook</i> , 12 December 2016
	'Cho Ramaswamy: The Old Guard'	<i>The Economic Times</i> , 18 December 2016
	'Catching a Sport by its Horns'	<i>The Hindu</i> , 21 January 2017
	Pudumaippithanum Nool Anbalippuraigalum'	<i>The Hindu</i> (Tamil), 25 April 2017
	'Should Hindi be the Sole Official Language'	<i>The Hindu</i> (Tamil), 19 May 2017
	(Trans.) Perumal Murugan on T.M. Krishna's Song in Solidarity with Chennai's Endangered Creek	<a href="https://thewire.in/101264/t-m-krishna-ennore-creek-permual/thewire.in">https://thewire.in/101264/t-m-krishna-ennore-creek-permual/thewire.in</a> , 19 January 2017
M. Vijayabaskar	Mother Politics	<i>Indian Express</i> , 7 December 2016
	Formalising Finance, Informalising Labour: Demonetisation and the Informal Economy	Issue Brief, No.5, The Hindu Centre for Politics and Public Policy, Chennai, 15 December 2016
	The Raging Bulls	<i>Indian Express</i> , 30 January 2017

## 9.6 Abstracts of Publications

### Ajit Menon

Menon, A. and M. Karthik. Beyond Human Exceptionalism: Political Ecology and the Non-Human World, *Geoforum*, 79, pp. 90-92, 2017.

We argue there is nothing inherent to political ecology that exceptionalizes humans over non-humans, as argued by Srinivasan and Kasturirangan in *Geoforum* recently. Political ecology's main aim is to critique the discourses and practices of development and conservation, be it in relation to humans or non-humans, by examining the workings of political economy and power. It is, in other words, an analytical approach – not an ideology. If indeed political ecology has been guilty of inadequate attention to the non-human world it is because of its anthropocentrism and not human exceptionalism. We argue that prioritizing the non-human world is a normative choice and that retrieving its voice, however sensitive political ecology might be to doing so, will always be done within the social and political worlds that shape the lives of the non-human world.

Menon, A. and M. Karthik. Sedentarising Conservation: The Politics of Belonging and Rootedness in Gudalur, Nilgiris, MIDS Working Paper No. 225, 2017.

The landscape of Gudalur has been shaped and re-shaped by multiple waves of in- and out-migration that date back to the mid-19th century. The political-economic imperatives for these phases of migration have ranged from the development of capitalist relations within the estate economy to the compulsions of the Grow More Food Campaign to the political repatriation of 'Indian' Tamils from erstwhile Ceylon. Notwithstanding this history of in-migration in the making of Gudalur, the politics of 'rootedness' has become central to the governance and management of natural resources. In the recent past, attempts to convert prior zamindari systems of land tenure to ryotwari, recognise forest rights and establish tiger reserves have all employed heuristics of belonging. A significant body of literature exists that critiques the sedentarist metaphysics of rootedness from both social and ecological perspectives, paying attention in particular to the discursive and material limits of essentialised readings of the local. This paper focuses on how the politics of the local in Gudalur has been tied to the sedentarisation of conservation. It highlights how the making of environmental subjectivities has necessitated rendering these variegated pasts as singular and how legal definitions render liminal spaces (between forest and non-forest, Adivasi and non-Adivasi, legality and the illegal) bounded.

Stephen, J. and A. Menon. Fluid Territories: Rethinking State Territorialisation in Palk Bay, South Asia, *Norwegian Journal of Geography*, 70(5), pp. 263-175, 2016.

The study's objective was to gain a better understanding of the transboundary fishing conflict between Indian trawl fishers and Sri Lankan small-scale fishers in Palk Bay using a relational approach to territoriality. The authors employed different ethnographic methods, including open, structured, and semi-structured interviews, and performed a media analysis in order to understand the everyday practices of Indian trawl fishers within the wider geopolitical context of a 30-year war in neighbouring Sri Lanka. The relational approach moves away from seeing cross-border fishing merely as an act of counter-territorialisation. The results revealed that the cross-border fishing underlying the crisis has largely resulted from a complex network of changing relationships between on the one hand Indian trawl fishers and India, and on the other hand Sri Lankan state agencies and Sri Lankan fishers, resulting in a porous international maritime boundary.

## **S. Anandhi**

Gendered Negotiation of Caste Identity: Dalit Women's Activism in Rural Tamilnadu, in *Dalit Women: Vanguard of an Alternative Politics in India*, S. Anandhi and Karin Kapadia (eds), Routledge, 2017.

Tamil Nadu in the two decades has witnessed a significant social and economic transformation due to decline of agriculture accompanied by massive incorporation of poor, landless labourers into the industrial sector. A significant scale of absorption of the Dalit population into low-wage informal sector work in the industries has had varied impact among the Dalit communities, especially in the rural areas and across castes leading to changes in caste and gender relations. Equally important is the state social policies and development schemes that targeted women as beneficiaries. Both these aspects had resulted in mobility and mobilisation of the Dalits against their marginalisation and discrimination, especially in the rural areas. However different Dalit castes and their women experienced and differently responded to these changes depending upon their conditions of subordination. In this context, my paper attempts to understand the differences among the Dalit women in their experience of resisting caste or acquiescing into the caste hierarchies especially in the case of the Adidraavidars and the Arundhathiyars, the two important Dalit communities in Valluvapuram, the village where I conducted my field work. The Adidraavida mobility in terms of their migration for work beyond the rural areas, their higher level of education, Christianisation and their better integration into state development programme have had significant impact on

Adidravida women's collectivisation against caste and their politics was more inclusive in addressing gender needs across Dalit sub-castes even when they were unable to mobilise the dominant caste women for reasons of their continuing lower status within the village. But in the case of Arundhathiyar women their extreme subservience to the dominant castes marked their women's inability to contest patriarchy and gender subordination. A detailed case study of Rural Women's Liberation Movement (RWLM) led by the Adidravida women workers and Dalit women's collectivism within the government initiated development schemes such as self help group ( SHG) and the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Scheme (MGNREGSA) is presented here to analyse the dynamics of Dalit women's politics that has so far been marginalised in the studies on Dalit movement in Tamil Nadu. In other words, in this paper I attempt to move beyond the usual framework of studying Dalits as victims and discriminated to show how micro-processes of transformation have led to series contestations against caste by Dalit women and map their strategies and agendas with the intension to understand the significance of Dalit women's political activism in challenging caste and patriarchy that continue to reinforce their gendered subalternity.

### **Ananta Kumar Giri**

Walking, Meditating and Rising in Friendship with the Other: Transforming the Subjective and the Objective and the Calling of Transpositional Subjectobjectivity, in *Befriending the Other*, Kurvilla P. (ed.), Jnana Deepa, Pune, 2017.

Befriending the other calls for being with the other not only in static positions but in dynamic and meditative movements – walking and meditating. Walking and meditating with the other we arise in friendship with other but we may not as well as we might meet some unsurmountable and intractable differences in our journey. We can embrace the challenges of such differences and further walk and meditate instead of turning these into an excuse for a condition of permanent withdrawal, escape or enmity. Befriending the other is a complex process of walking, meditating and further actions, reflections and transformations. It in turn calls for appropriate cultivation of subjectivity, intersubjectivity, trans-subjectivity and objectivity. Friendship is not just a spontaneous overflow of feelings. It calls for works of love, labor and mutual learning involving epistemic and ontological works, meditations and transformations. It also calls for transpositional movements, for example, from self to other and other to self and in between. In my essay, I bring both these concerns, transpositional movements as well as transforming subjectivity and objectivity as a companion and contribution to our engagement with friendship.

## **D. Jayaraj**

Seasonal/Temporary Family Migration in India: An Analysis of Magnitude and Trend, MIDS Discussion Paper No.15, 2016.

Seasonal/temporary migration, often induced by lack of employment opportunities in the locations of origin, serves as a potential ground for the emergence of neo-bondage. Members of seasonal migrant families experience hardships both in work and living environments. Children of such families are deprived of education and drawn into the labour force at a very early age. They are also forced to take up physically arduous and exploitative work. Women and girl children of seasonal migrant families live under constant fear of insecurity of life. Migrant family members are disenfranchised. While a large number of case studies provide vivid accounts of exploitation of seasonal migrant families, there has been no attempt to study the magnitude and trend at the national level. This paper tries to fill the gap. Estimates using the National Sample Survey Office's unit-level data for 1983, 1993, 2002, and 2007–08 on family migration indicate that the magnitude of temporary migration of families is both vast and increasing over time in India.

The Iniquity of Money-Metric Poverty in India, Basic Income Studies, <https://doi.org/10.1515/bis-2016-0005>, 2017.

This paper is concerned in making three points about money-metric poverty in India: first, that the standard poverty-line approach to measuring poverty considerably underestimates poverty, and that the particular protocols by which India's official poverty lines are determined are arbitrary and misleading; second, that a view of poverty in which the achievement of a satisfactory level of income is seen as a valuable end in itself, and which is captured in something like Kaushik Basu's 'quintile income statistic', suggests a high order of income poverty in the country which belies the relatively encouraging trends exhibited by headcount ratios based on official poverty lines; and third, that the continued co-existence of large amounts of poverty with large amounts of inequality needs to be redeemed by some deliberate redistributive strategy aimed at providing something like a guaranteed basic minimum income to every citizen of the country – for reasons, at least, of self-interest, if not justice.

## **Karen Coelho**

Tenements, Ghettos, or Neighborhoods? Outcomes of Slum Clearance Interventions in Chennai, Review of Development and Change, Volume XXI No.1, 2016.

This paper assesses the outcomes of thirty years of slum clearance efforts in Chennai. It employs a set of six criteria derived from the global literature on best

practices in slum clearance, to examine the strengths and weaknesses of the four principal approaches implemented in the city since the 1970s – in-situ tenement construction, in-situ slum upgrading, sites and services, and resettlement tenements. The paper finds the overall record bleak: only one of the eight cases reveals a transformation into a durable mainstream urban neighbourhood, the rest have remained slum-like tenements or turned into ghettos. The paper shows how lessons of history are ignored in contemporary state actions on slums. The approach of mass resettlement in peripheral tenements, despite its proven failure, has resurfaced as the favoured technology of slum clearance, driven by the exigencies of real estate urbanism. These findings bring into question the role of evidence-based policy in state actions.

The Canal and the City: An Urban–Ecological Lens on Chennai’s Growth, India International Center Quarterly, Special Issue on The Contemporary Urban Conundrum, Winter 2016-Spring 2017, 2017.

What can the Buckingham Canal tell us about Chennai’s urbanization and growth? This paper argues that the canal offers novel heuristics on two aspects, first, the way that large hydraulic infrastructures figure in urban governance, and second, the socio-spatial formations and transformations of the city since the early 19th century. On the first aspect, the canal offers an “anti-dam” understanding of hydraulic installations, a counterpoint to the typical profile of colonial and postcolonial engineered water infrastructures such as dams, reservoirs and irrigation canals. It was not planned and built as a single grand state engineering project, but was patched together over about 75 years from segments built at different times by various public and private actors. It was, and remains, a low-key, plebian infrastructure, emblematic of a class of failed urban infrastructures that live on in the urban milieu, their original purpose buried under other forms and functions. The canal also offers a perspective on the urban formation of Chennai that runs against the grain of dominant histories. A history focusing on the canal corridor highlights the substantial but overlooked contribution of low-caste and working class settlements to the spatial and historical making of the city. It also reveals shifts in the state’s relations with urban land, nature and the poor, yielding insights into the ways that dominant “developmental” metrics have produced a corridor of undervalued spaces and people along its banks.

## **Kripa Ananthpur**

(With Andres Prrado and Vishnu GP) A View From Below: Mapping Functions, Finances and Functionaries in Rural India, A report for the Tamilnadu 5th State Finance Commission

In 1992 the historic amendments to the Constitution (73rd and 74th), which conferred constitutional status to local governments in the rural and urban areas respectively, were enacted leading to a three-tiered democratic local government structure in India. Keeping its commitment to fiscal decentralization, the amendment also mandated the constitution of the State Finance Commission to ensure adequate financial provision to both panchayats and urban local bodies. Nearly a quarter century later, fiscal devolution continues to be a contested and problematic issue in most states. Literature indicates that guidelines to constitute SFCs are not clearly delineated and the lack of data at the lower level continues to be a problem hampering the process of fiscal devolution. Further, where SFCs are constituted, their reports are often not considered in most states and where they are considered, important recommendations are often disregarded. A persistent problem since the inception of the Panchayati Raj system has been the issue of poor resource mobilization at the local level rendering the panchayats largely dependent upon state and central finances. In addition, the context within which the SFCs operate today is vastly different from the scenario within which they were originally envisaged. In the last twenty-five years, local bodies have become much more institutionalized; there has been a steady rise in the level of urbanization; and a vast increase in the tied grants devolved from the centre to local bodies particularly through flagship programmes such as Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) and the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM). Under the 14th UFC, untied grants are now devolved directly to the local bodies. Further, the introduction of Goods and Services Tax (GST) Act has eroded an important tax base (entertainment tax) of the local bodies. While there are numerous studies dealing with fiscal devolution, fiscal federalism, and so on most of the literature focuses on different aspects of devolution independently. There is a lack of explicit analysis on the ways in which functions and finances get interlinked at the local level. The report is based on a study designed to address this gap by explicitly unpacking and mapping functions to finances and functionaries at the local level; identifying potential gaps and problems and explore opportunities to link it with local tax collection. The study was carried out in five selected states namely Karnataka, Kerala, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Telangana in 2015-16. Macro analysis indicates that while Tamil Nadu does well on devolution of funds, it fares marginally well in the devolution of functions and scores low on the devolution of functionaries index. Some of the Key findings were the persistent problem of lack of data at the sub-district level on fiscal devolution making it difficult to trace the flow of resources below block levels and the fungible nature of funds devolved for basic service delivery functions further exacerbates the problem; poor tax collections and the lack of dedicated staff for tax collection



particularly in Tamilnadu. However, contrary to the popular belief, research reveals that the citizens were willing to pay higher taxes –a) if the service delivery improves, b) if the tax collected is used in more transparent manner, c) if the process of tax collection is formalized with clear guidelines such as fixed date and timing for collections etc. Given the paucity of time the study had to rely on rapid survey techniques to gather information. Consequently, the findings emerging from the study are to be seen as indicators of emerging patterns that merit further detailed inquiry.

### **C. Lakshmanan**

Research Infrastructure: Social Science Departments in Universities, in *Social Science Research in India: Status Issues, and Policies*, Sukhdeo Thorat, Samar Verma (ed.), Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2017.

The chapter provides diverse aspects of research infrastructure for social sciences in terms of social science departments/centre/chairs in universities and various other facilities for doing social science research in universities. The key findings are: As of March 2016, there were about 740 universities in the country. Through data search, it was observed that 486 universities have 2,042 social science departments/ schools/centres. The disciplines of economics, education, law and history are more in number, followed by sociology/anthropology/ social work, political science, geography and psychology, but disciplines like national security, population studies and strategic studies are fewer. The number of teachers per social science department, which is an important indicator of human resource for teaching and research, is seven, which is low. The average number of teachers per department is lower in state universities compared to central universities and private universities. This study analyses these aspects of SSR in universities based on information that is available on the Internet/ website.

*Critique of Approaches to Inclusion, Training Manual on Social Inclusion for PRI Functionaries*, Lalitha, S., A. Selvaraj and D. Leslie Martin (eds.), RGNIYD, Sriperumbudur, TN, 2017

This is a module on critique of social exclusion/ inclusion approaches for PRI representative trainers. Social inclusion is often used to describe the opposite effect of social exclusion. It usually results from positive action taken to change the circumstances and habits that lead, or have led, to social exclusion. It is about enabling people and communities to fully participate in society. Social inclusion is understood as a process by which efforts are made to ensure equal opportunities for all, regardless of their background, so that they can achieve their full potential in life.

Politics of cult, caste and corruption in Tamil Nadu, Opinion article in WION February 16, 2017 <http://www.wionews.com/south-asia/politics-of-cult-caste-and-corruption-in-tamil-nadu-12442>

This short article critiques the Dravidian politics, which replicates and enforces caste-centered supremacism across the microstructure (civil society, educational institutions, media) and macrostructure (state, industries and others). A system of (un)earned privilege that was developed and is maintained through a coded assertion of caste-centered supremacist beliefs and practices encompasses many structures. In this milieu, one is required to engage with the intersectionality of caste, class, gender, religion etc. Thus, the intermediate castes, particularly in southern India, made a headway to replace/ displace Brahmins in structures of power. The cult behaviour and sycophancy of political cadres encourage the leadership to loot the public resources and amass wealth. The rule of law, public morality, and sense of shame are becoming a rarity. In order to maintain control over the newly accrued disproportionate assets, political leaders unscrupulously practise dynastic politics. They deceive and de-politicise the masses through personality cult, freebies and cinema.

*Vallisai*, Azhagiya Periyavan chronicles an inspiring political history of the Dalits, Firstpost, 2017.

A Tamil novel *Vallisai* (heavy music) by Azhagiya Periyavan draws our attention towards understanding the marginalised people's struggle for human dignity and social justice in the northern region of Tamil Nadu — a stretch spanning Tiruvananthai, Thirupattur, Vellore and Chennai. The entire novel revolves around violence against the Dalits, struggles against untouchability as well as progressive transformative aspirations towards annihilation of caste. This is done through narrating contestation and contradiction of three generations from the early 1900s to the late 1990s. It focuses around the boycotting of the Parai/ Thappu (a drum used in Tamil Nadu) thereby reaffirming and redefining the notion around this ancient art and music traditionally associated with a particular community.

### **K. Sivasubramanian**

Tank Irrigation in Tamil Nadu: with Special Reference to Palar Anicut System, Journal of Social and Economic Studies (ANSISS–Patna), XXVI, No. (1-2) 2016.

The paper examines the pattern of agriculture and the characteristics and conditions of water supply in the Palar Anicut System (PAS) between 1906 and 2016. General features of tanks served by the system is discussed in relation to size of ayacut and the storage capacity of tanks. Major factors determining the realisation of

water and its discharge from the Anicut are identified by using multiple regression analysis. The results indicate that the available water supply at the Anicut has not been diverted equitably among the four main channels. Diverted Anicut supply is more favourable in the northern section channels than the southern section and this is due to defective intake point coupled with poor infrastructural facilities. The paper suggests that the PAS could be improved if the physical facilities (inlet channels, bunds, channels beds, sluices) are properly maintained, if necessary to be modernized; and the officials are given proper training to effectively monitor and manage the water flows at the Anicut.

Status and Significance of Connectivity Sector in Tamil Nadu: With Special Reference to Rural Infrastructure Development Fund, *Journal of Social and Economic Studies* (ANSISS-Patna), XXVI, No. (1-2) 2015.

Since Independence, the contribution of service sector to the Indian economy has been growing, whereas that of the industrial sector is moving with a slow pace and it is declining in the case of the agricultural sector. The same trend has been noticed in majority of the states in India over the past five decades. In Tamil Nadu, in 1960-61 the contribution of tertiary, secondary and primary sectors was 36.2%, 20.3% and 43.5% respectively, which changed to 63.1%, 30.7% and 6.2% respectively in 2013-14. Previously infrastructure development programmes were not given as much importance as they have begun to receive in recent decades which stimulates the growth of the nation and also creates more employment that is absorbed from the population moving out of agriculture sector. By taking this view as the backbone, this paper analyses the status and significance of connectivity sector projects namely rural roads and bridges developed in Tamil Nadu in terms of their contribution to overall growth of the state economy.

Performance of Irrigation in Tamil Nadu: A Macro Perspective, MIDS Working Paper No. 224: December 2016

In India, the growth of agriculture in terms of area, production and yield of major crops such as rice and wheat from the beginning of the 20th century until Independence was stagnant. Subsequently, it gained momentum after the Indian government undertook planned economic development. The major factors contributing to an appreciable growth in agriculture in India during the post-Independence period, especially in states like Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh, include the expansion of irrigated area and increase in crop yields. In an attempt to understand the growth of agriculture, this paper makes an analysis of the growth trends of irrigated agriculture in Tamil Nadu and across India during the period 1950-51 to 2010-11. Also, a similar analysis has been done taking into account of variables such as area, production,

yield and extent of irrigated area under paddy in Tamil Nadu and across India and wheat across India. Further, a comparative trend analysis of rice and wheat yields in India and a few leading producing countries is made to highlight the low level of productivity in India and to suggest policy measures for sustaining the growth of these crops.

Policy Redesigning of Farmers' Club Programme in Tamil Nadu, Asian Academic Research Journal of Social Science & Humanities, Vol. 4. No. 3, ISSN: 2278-859X, March 2017

Agriculture still serves as the backbone of India. Although technological improvement started even in the mid-sixties that induced Green Revolution, but it has not been sustaining. As a result, even as overall agricultural production has been increasing due to expansion of area under cultivation and increasing area under irrigation, the prosperity of farmers could not be seen. Further, the productivity growth of many crops in India is many times below the average of most leading countries of the world (India's rice productivity rank was 60 and wheat productivity rank 56 in 2014). Consequently, farmers could not reap adequate profit in cultivation leading to their poor living conditions in India. Also, suicides of farmers are also reported in many parts of the country. To help farmers to stabilize their agricultural output as well as many other credit/technology gains from agriculture, NABARD has initiated to develop Farmers Club Program (FCP) in 1982 in the name of Vikas Volunteer Vahini and later it was renamed as FCP in 2005, with the inclusion of functional role as technology, market and credit counselling. This paper, mainly focuses on the structure functioning and impact of FCP in Tamil Nadu and make suggestions for redesigning the policy guidelines of FCP for its better functioning in future.

## **L. Venkatachalam**

Payment for Ecosystem Services: Guaranteed Farm Income and Sustainable Agriculture, Indira Devi, P., Lalit Kumar, D. Suresh Kumar, Manjula M, Pranab Mukhopadhyay, P. Raghu, Devinder Sharma, R. Sridhar and L. Venkatachalam, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 72 (17):12-14, 2017.

Paying farmers for ecosystem services that they provide could be a novel way to achieve multiple goals of doubling the farm income incomes, reduce rural-urban migration, reduce pressure on urban infrastructure, and at the same time, incentivize sustainable agrarian practices in India.

Emerging Environmental Issues and Sustainable Development: An Overview, *Review of Development and Change*, 21 (2): 1-4, 2017.

The article is an overview of the five articles published in the Special Issue of Journal of Development and Change. The special issue deals with the emerging issues in environment and sustainable development and the five articles in this issue deal with different forms of institutional failures in the area of environmental management in India. More precisely, the issues in the surface water, groundwater, economic valuation of ecosystem services and achieving sustainable development through maintaining the natural capital stock of the Indian economy are the major focus of the articles included in the special issue.

Evaluation Index System (EIS) for the Ecological Economic- Social Performances of Ousteri Wetland across Puducherry and Tamil Nadu, Zareena Begum Irfan, Venkatachalam, L., Jayakumar S and Satarupa Rakshit, MSE Working Paper No. 155/2017.

Wetlands play a key role in the ecological conservation, in environmental quality improvement, and in human habitat environment improvement. Primer field investigations, primary survey and series of stakeholder meetings were utilised to evaluate the performance of the wetland. It was done using the complex index system covering wider aspect to correlate the comparative status of both Tamil Nadu and Puducherry zone of the Ousteri wetland. Compared with the researches applying the ecosystem service evaluation method, the proposed scoring method in this study can evaluate on some important performance indices (aquatic vegetation coverage, plant community integrity, integrity of management operating system, stakeholders feedback on the wetland protection, public satisfaction) that cannot be ignored and unable to be transformed to a monetary form. The Delphi method was used to screen preset 35 subindicators prior to evaluation. By using Delphi and Analytic Hierarchy Process method, as well as the weighted linear combination model, the ecological-economic-social performances were obtained. This indices system was applied to the case of Ousteri wetland with respect to Puducherry and Tamil Nadu scenario separately. With the help of the Evaluation Index system (EIS) established in this study, decision makers can obtain more omnivisual information so that an ecological subsidy policy by incorporating rewards and punishments mechanisms according to the performance evaluations can be formulated to enable the greatest returns on investment in the wetland conservative measure.

Examining the Land Use Change of the Ousteri Wetland using the Land Use Dynamic Degree Model, Zareena Begum Irfan, Venkatachalam, L., Jayakumar S and Satarupa Rakshit, MSE Working Paper No. 156/2017.

Land use/cover change is a major factor for global change because of its interactions

with climate, ecosystem processes, biodiversity, and, even more important, human activities, research on land use/cover change has become an important aspect of global change. The present research paper aims to investigate the land use changes over the time period, 2005 to 2014, in the Ousteri wetland. The information collected through the ecological, hydrological and geological analysis was used to carry out the quantitative research on Ousteri wetland land use/cover change. The temporal changes of land use characteristics were quantitatively analyzed and then the driving forces of land use changes were examined based on natural and artificial factors. As the result of natural factors and human disturbances, the area of wetland shrunk, bringing the conversion from wetland to terrestrial land use type. The annual conversion rates indicated the land use changes in Ousteri wetland. Keywords: Land use cover, Ousteri wetland, Dynamic.

### **M. Vijayabaskar**

2017 - State Spatial Restructuring, Subnational Politics and Emerging Spaces of Engagement for Collective Action: Labour Regimes in Tamil Nadu, Southern India. *Environment and Planning C: Politics and Space*; 35/1: 42-56.

This paper contributes to the emerging literature on state rescaling by examining how processes of restructuring in late industrializing countries like India shape spaces of collective action for labour. Subnational political regimes that are critical to processes of spatial restructuring in India face competing governance imperatives. They are forced to attract private investments by offering incentives including cheap labour. Under a democratic polity, subnational governments are also compelled to secure political power through electoral appeal to labour. Through a study of labour regimes in the southern state of Tamilnadu, I argue that subnational governments have responded to this challenge by forging a new scale of labour governance that undermine labour's ability to engage with new spaces of collective action opened up by reforms. Rather, the state subsidises labour through welfare provisioning in their residential spaces even as it draws upon inter-state migrant labour that wields less electoral power.

(with Ajit Menon) *Peripheral Agriculture? Macro and Micro Dynamics of Land Sales and Land Use changes in the 'Rural' Economy of Kancheepuram, Political Economy of Contemporary India*, R. Nagaraj and S. Motiram (eds.), Cambridge University Press, 2017.

Rural land markets in post-reform India are increasingly vibrant contrary to observations made in an earlier phase of growth when it was held that a range of institutional factors constrain land market transactions. Based on a micro-level

study of land use change in a set of villages on the periphery of Chennai, we map the drivers of this land market dynamism, processes of land use change and economic implications of such land market activity. We argue that land markets, rather than infuse dynamism into agricultural production, works to transfer land out of agriculture and into speculative rent-seeking. We also suggest that the gains of land market activity are unevenly distributed across land holding size, and actors with differential access to information and political power.

(with Ajit Menon) Dispossession by Neglect: Agricultural Land Sales in the Periphery of Chennai, MIDS Working Paper No.223, Chennai 2016.

Active land markets in the periphery of Chennai have resulted in large tracts of agricultural land being bought by non-agricultural actors seeking returns primarily from speculation. We argue in this paper that the financialization of land and consequent spurt of agricultural land sales are central to what scholars have termed land grab. Recent literature on land grabs has focused primarily on processes of accumulation by dispossession and the coercive role of the state. Our contention is that land grabs more commonly occur due to the state under-investing in agriculture, resulting in 'dispossession by neglect' of especially marginal and small farmers. Dispossession by neglect better captures the fluid boundary between the coercive and voluntary in contemporary land grabs.

Income, Poverty and Employment, Tamil Nadu Human Development Report 2017, State Planning Commission, Government of Tamil Nadu, Academic Foundation, New Delhi, 2017.

This chapter maps the employment and income dimensions of human development and the extent of poverty reduction across social and economic groups in the State over the last decade. At the state level, analysis has been done in a comparative perspective across six states that include the four south Indian states, Maharashtra and Gujarat. This is followed by an examination of income levels across districts in the State, changes in absolute and relative poverty as captured by income inequality. The chapter also analyses changes in these dimensions across socio-economic groups and across rural-urban divides. With regard to district-level poverty analysis, in addition to NSSO estimates on monthly per capita expenditure (MPCE), we also use the MPI (multidimensional poverty index) to analyse inter-district variations. Finally, the chapter seeks to identify some economic relationships between agricultural productivity, wage levels and poverty, composition of employment and poverty so as to point to possible means of public intervention.

Summary and Way Forward, Tamil Nadu Human Development Report 2017, State Planning Commission, Government of Tamil Nadu, Academic Foundation, New Delhi, 2017.

This chapter summarises the findings across different chapters of the state human development report. In doing so, it draws linkages across observations made on different aspects of human development in the state and identifies overlaps and singular issues for policy intervention. It particularly draws attention to intra-regional variations in human development outcomes in the state and identifies north-eastern part of the state as a contiguous belt of relatively lower levels of human development. The chapter also draws attention to the need to emphasise both quality and quantity of employment generated in a context where investments in education are not always translating into adequate returns. Finally, the chapter argues for a re-invigoration of the agricultural sector through policy interventions that simultaneously emphasise returns for cultivators and ensure agro-ecological conditions that may otherwise hinder long term sustainability.

2017- State Profile: Some Trends in Tamil Nadu's Development Experience, in Tamil Nadu Human Development Report, State Planning Commission, Government of Tamil Nadu Academic Foundation (with L. Venkatachalam), pp: 17-30.

This chapter provides a historical overview of the trends in Tamil Nadu's growth and development parameters. Based on secondary literature on the state's development experience, the chapter offers some explanations for the trends. The chapter also highlights the importance of institutional interventions in the state that have enabled the improvement in human development parameters. The chapter also locates the state's experience and future of human development within recent literature that emphasise the challenges involved in maintaining and improving levels of human development in a context where new vulnerabilities posed by globalization, ecological factors and climate change are emerging.

Formalising Finance, Informalising Labour: Demonetisation and the Informal Economy, Issue Brief, No.5, The Hindu Centre for Politics and Public Policy, Chennai, 2016.

This Issue Brief maps the pathways through which demonetisation impacts the informal economy. A distinction is made between sectors and categories of labour such as the self-employed, the casually employed and the micro and small enterprises operating below the realm of formal regulation. The Brief points to the paradox of justifying demonetisation in terms of formalising financial markets even it has informalised labour markets. Finally, it also points out that there is little likelihood of the move benefiting the informal economy even in the long run.



## 10. Faculty Participation in Academic Activities

### 10.1 Paper presented at Seminars/Conferences/Workshops

Name	Title of Paper / Conference	Sponsoring Institution / Place	Date
Ajit Menon	Sedentarizing Conservation: The Politics of Belonging and Rootedness in Gudalur, The Nilgiris (co-authored with Manasi Karthik), Political Ecologies of Conflict, Capitalism and Contestation	Wageningen University, The Netherlands, and School of Oriental and African Studies, London, Wageningen, The Netherlands	7-9 July 2016
	The Politics of the Governed: A Political Ecology Perspective to Indian and South African Small-scale Fisheries (co-authored with Merle Sowman and Maarten Bavinck), Political Ecologies of Conflict, Capitalism and Contestation	Wageningen University, The Netherlands, and School of Oriental and African Studies, London, Wageningen, The Netherlands	7-9 July 2016
	Mobile Histories and Sedentary Conservation in Gudalur (co-authored with Manasi Karthik), Nature, Object, Subject: Semantics and Politics of Human-Nature Relationships	International Centre for Advanced Studies, Metamorphosis of the Political, Delhi Office, Centre for Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), New Delhi	3-4 October 2016
	The Forest Rights Act and the Politics of the Local in a South Indian Hill Region (co-authored with Manasi Karthik), Third International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP3)	International Public Policy Association (IPPA), Lee Kuan Yew Centre for Public Policy, National University Singapore (NUS)	28-30 June 2017

Name	Title of Paper / Conference	Sponsoring Institution / Place	Date
Ananta Kumar Giri	The Calling of Global Responsibility, Workshop on "Global Responsibility"	Indus Business Academy, Bangalore	27 July 2016
	Mobilizing for Land and the Dance of Life, Land Rights, Changing Agrarian Relations and Rural Transformations	NIRD, Hyderabad	14-15 October 2016
	Transforming Dharma and Polity, International Seminar on "Dharma and Polity"	Sanchi Indic Buddhist University, Bhopal	19-21 October 2016
	Dancing with Identity and Difference, International Seminar on "Claiming the Difference"	Dept of English, Mizoram University, Aizawal	26-28 October 2016
	Valedictory Address, National Seminar on "Indian Management"	Thapar Management Institute, Derabasi, Chandigarh	14 November 2016
	Social Theory and Asian Dialogues, International Seminar on "India, China and the New World Order"	IMI Kolkata, Kolkata	24-25 November 2016
	Transforming Conflict and Peace Building, International Seminar on Reconciliation, Conflict Transformation and Peace Initiative	Lady Keane College, Shillong	28-29 November 2016
	Co-Nurturing, Learning the Art of Wholeness	Indus Business Academy, Bangalore	7 December 2016
	Co-Nurturing, Pragmatism, Spirituality and Social Theorizing: Confucianism, Vedanta and Beyond	MIDS, Chennai	8 December 2016
	New Horizons of Human Development, Seminar on Sustainable Community Systems	XIMB, Bhubaneswar	17-18 January 2017
	Keynote address, With and Beyond Lineages of History, Seminar on "Lineages of Interaction Between India, South East Asia and East Asia,"	University of Kolkata, Kolkata	19-20 January 2017

Name	Title of Paper / Conference	Sponsoring Institution / Place	Date
	With and Beyond the Enigma of Nature, International Conferences on "Enigma of Nature."	Forum for Contemporary Theory and IIT Gandhi Nagar, Gandhi Nagar	27-28 January 2017
	Rethinking Sustainable Development, DMI Annual Symposium "Gandhian Approaches to Sustainable Development"	DMI, Patna, Patna	13-14 February 2017
	Purusartha and Poetics of Development, International Conference on "Ethics, Leadership and Management"	IBA, Bengaluru	20-21 February 2017
	Transformative Harmony, Seminar on "Swami Vivekananda and Harmony"	ICPR, New Delhi, Kanyakumari	26-27 February 2017
	Political Economy, Moral Sociology and Spiritual Ecology, Seminar on Social Development	Punjab University, Chandigarh	1-2 March 2017
	Mobilizing for Land, Seminar on Land and Development	Fakir Mohan University, Baleswar, Odisha	18 March 2017
D. Jayaraj	Growth and Inequality in India, Comparative Perspectives on Growing Socio-Economic Inequalities in India and Europe	Organized by Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) in Collaboration with Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NOW), Netherlands, Bengaluru	8-9 February 2017
Karen Coelho	Domestic Work in the Context of Urban Resettlement, Joint IAWS-ISLE Panel on Domestic Workers at Annual Meeting of ISLE	Indian Association of Women's Studies (IAWS) with Indian Society of Labour Economics (ISLE), Guwahati	24-25 November 2016
	Water's Edge Urbanisms: Entrenchment Projects in Intra-Urban Peripheries, Urban Arc: The City in Transition	Research Conference of Indian Institute for Human Settlements, Bengaluru	18-20 January 2017

Name	Title of Paper / Conference	Sponsoring Institution / Place	Date
	In the Shadow of the Metropolis: Disconnects in Peri-Urban Governance, Conference on Peri-Urban Development: Concept, Emerging Ideas and Notions of Sustainability	Indo-German Center for Sustainability IIGCS) and Center for Study of Science, Technology and Policy (CStep), IIT Chennai	29 January 2017
	Urban Marginalities, Conference on "Traversing the Margins"	IIT Madras Dept. of Humanities, Chennai	5 February 2017
C. Lakshmanan	Public Money and Corruption in Contemporary India: A Critical Overview, the 10th ICSSR-NRCT Joint Seminar on "Democracy and Governance in India and Thailand"	ICSSR-NRCT, New Delhi	6-7 September 2016
	Annihilation of Castes: Role of the State and Civil Society, Two-Day National Seminar on 'Pluralism and the Crisis of identity'	Dr. Ambedkar Centre for Social Justice, University of Mumbai & Centre for Promotion of Democracy & Secularism, Mumbai.	12-13 March 2017
	"Dalit Perceptions on Dravidian Parties in Tamil Nadu, Day-long national seminar "Identity Politics in India: Reflections from the Past and Present"	Department of History, Centre for Advanced Studies, University of Calcutta, Kolkata	30 March 2017
Shashanka Bhide	"Tamil Nadu Household Panel Survey: Draft Note on Sample design" (Prepared jointly with Prof. Narayan Sastry, University of Michigan and MIDS Project team), Workshop on "Tamil Nadu Household Panel Survey"	As part of the Project "Tamil Nadu Household Panel Survey", Chennai	12 August 2016
	Key Note Paper "Perspectives on theoretical issues relating to economic growth, inflation, saving and investment", 99 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Indian Economic Association	Indian Economic Association, Shri Venkateswara University, Tirupati	27 December 2016

Name	Title of Paper / Conference	Sponsoring Institution / Place	Date
K. Sivasubramaniyan	NABARD: Quick Study on Farmers Club in Tamil Nadu, Pudukkottai Field Visit Presentation Before NABARD Officials	NABARD, Regional Office, Chennai, NABARD, RO, Chennai	20 July 2016
	Commercialization of Agriculture, National Seminar on "Rural Infrastructure in India: Issues and Prospects"	Meenakshi College for Women, Department of Economics, Chennai	25 November 2016
	'Enduring Farmers' Club Program in Tamil Nadu.', International Conference on "Indian Economic Development: A Long Term Study Since 1950"	Ethiraj College for Women, Department of Economics, Chennai	16-17 February 2017
L. Venkatachalam	Impact of Wetland Conservation on the Livelihoods: A Case Study of Ousteri Wetland in Puducherry region, India, World Water Week 2016	World Water Institute, Stockholm, Sweden	30 August 2016
	Ecosystem Services, International Conference on Future of India's Services Growth: Potential and Constraints	Madras Institute of Development Studies (MIDS), Chennai, and British Northern Universities India, Chennai	3-4 January 2017
	Informal Water Markets and Urban Poor in Chennai City, India., ICSSR-NWO joint seminar on "Comparative perspectives on Growing Socio-Economic Inequalities in India and Europe	ICSSR, New Delhi, and Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research, Netherlands, Bengaluru	8-9 February 2017
	Economic Valuation of Ecosystem Services: A Stated Choice Approach, Workshop on Revisiting TNSAPCC Strategies: Forests and Biodiversity Sectors	Department of Environment, GoTN, Chennai	21 February 2017

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	Economic Valuation of Ecosystem Services for Sustainable Environmental Management: A Case Study of Wetland Ecosystem Valuation, Conference on Papers in Public Economics and Policy	National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP), New Delhi	23 March 2017
	Environmental Policy and Sustainable Development in India, National Seminar on Environmental Concerns and Sustainable Industrial Growth: Prospects and Challenges	Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi	25 March 2017
A.R. Venkatachalapathy	A Social History of Language, Special Address	International Conference on Kerala Studies, University of Calicut	11 November 2016
	Writing History in Colonial Tamilnadu, Sectional President, Historiography	Andhra Pradesh History Congress, Anantpur	January 2017
	Dirty Words: A Cultural History of Swearing and Abuse, Mamidipudi Venkatrangayya Memorial Lecture	Andhra Pradesh History Congress, Anantpur	January 2017
	Reflections in the Quite India Movement, Inaugural Lecture. 70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Quite India Movement	ICHR, Nagarjuna University, Ongole	March 2017
	Typical Views: Historical Reflections on Types and Tamil Publishing, Special Lecture	Department of Type and Design, University of Reading	4 May 2017
	Dirty Words: A Cultural History of Swearing and Abuse, Centre of South Asian Studies	University of Cambridge, Cambridge	5 June 2017
	From Pulavar to Professor: Policy, Politics and Professionalization of Tamil Teachers, 1812–1949, Special Lecture	German Historical Institute, London	8 June 2017

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	Nationalism and Creativity: Subramania Bharati, 28th Mid-Year Meeting Special Lecture	Indian Academy of Sciences, Indian Institute of Sciences, Bengaluru	30 June 2017
M. Vijayabaskar	Agrarian Transition and Emerging Labour Regimes, Workshop on Agrarian Change and Urbanisation	Azim Premji University, Bengaluru	28-30 June 2016
	Emerging Vulnerabilities in India's Plantation Economy (with P.K Viswanathan), 'Revitalising the Rural: Rethinking Rural and Agrarian policies'	The Indian Institute of Advanced Studies (IIAS), Shimla, and the Network for Rural and Agrarian Studies (NRAS), The Indian Institute of Advanced Studies (IIAS), Shimla	27-29 September 2016
	Globalisation and Employment: The Possibility of a Demographic Dividend?, National Seminar on "Impact of Globalisation on Indian Economy"	UGC and Guru Nanak College, Chennai, Guru Nanak College, Chennai	25 November 2016
	Understanding Regional Capitalism using a 'Agrarian Question' Framework, Second Azim Premji University conference on 'Regional Political Economy'	Azim Premji University, Bengaluru	6-7 January 2017
	Dispossession by Neglect: Agricultural Land Markets and Land Use Change in the Periphery of Chennai, India (with Ajit Menon), Visiting Faculty Lecture Series	Institute of Geography and Sustainability, University of Lausanne, University of Lausanne	9 May 2017
	India Case Study (with Sanjay Ruperelia, John Harriss and Gayathri Balagopal, UNRISD, Global Research Workshop, New Directions in Social Policy: Alternatives for and from the Global South	UNRISD, Johannesburg, South Africa	24-26 May 2017

## 10.2 Participation in Seminars / Conferences / Workshops

Name	Nature of Participation	Name of Seminar / Conference / Workshop / Place	Date
Ajit Menon	Participant	Scoping Workshop on Mapping of Socio-Economic Vulnerability, Anna University, Institute for Ocean Management, Anna University, Chennai	9-10 September 2016
	Guest Lecture	Relational Territoriality, Ethnicity and Cross-border Fishing in the Palk Bay, South Asia, Department of Industrial Sciences and Innovation Sciences, Technical University Eindhoven, The Netherlands	27 October 2016
	Participant	Innovating Fish Market Chain for Urban Food Security, Amrita University, Bangalore	11-12 February 2017
	Special Address	Common Property Resources, Centre for Rural Development, Annamalai University, Chidambaram	23-24 March 2017
	Genealogies of the Commons: Values, Institutions and Distributive Justice		
	Lecture – Coastal Development in Cuddalore: What Does It Mean When We Are Obsessed With Economic Growth	Ecosystem Services and Coastal Zone Development, University of Amsterdam and National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Zone Management, Institute for Ocean Management, Anna University	4 April 2017
	Chairperson-Discussant	Community Forest Rights Management, Vasundhara-ATREE-TISS-Kalpravriksh, ATREE, Bangalore	21-22 June 2017
	Co-Chairperson for a Panel on Sustainable Development, The Local and Public Policy (with Satyajit Singh)	Third International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP3), International Public Policy Association (IPPA), Lee Kuan Yew Centre for Public Policy, National University Singapore (NUS)	28-30 June 2017



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S. Anandhi	Guest Lecture International students from the University of Minnesota, USA	"Caste and Gender", University of Minnesota and the Department of Politics and Public Administration, Madras University, Chennai, Madras University	9 August 2016
	Public Lecture on "Caste and Sexual violence"	Public hearing on Honour Killings in Tamil Nadu, Organised by EVIDENCE, Madurai, Tamil Nadu, Theological Seminary, Madurai	10 August 2016
	Adjunct Faculty Lectures	"Gender, Culture and Development", Asian College of Journalism, Chennai	19 September 2016 to 18 November 2016
	Guest Lecture	"Caste, Gender and Development in India", Elmhurst College, USA, Study Abroad Programme, Madras Christian College, Tambaram	16 January 2017
	Panelist Lecture / presentation : "Gendered Negotiations of Caste Identity: Some Reflections on Dalit Women's Politics of Resisting Marginality in Rural Tamilnadu"	The annual conference of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras on the theme: "Traversing the Margins", Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras	3 February 2017
	Resource Person lectures: (Two lectures) on "Caste, Gender and development"	Refresher Course in Women's Studies, Department of Women's Studies, Madras University, Chennai, Academic Staff College, University of Madras, Chennai	8 February 2017
	Memorial Lecture. "The Manifesto and Modern Self: Muthulakshmi Reddy's Autobiography"	G.J. Sudhakar Memorial Lecture, Department of History, Loyola College, Loyola College, Chennai	22 February 2017

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	Guest Lecture: "The history of the Women's Movement in India: Some reflections from her stories"	Special Lecture for March 8 <sup>th</sup> International Women's Day, Department of History and the Centre for women's studies, Stella Maris College, Chennai	1 March 2017
	Guest Lectures: (Four Lectures) On Caste, Gender and Development	Workshop on Gender Mainstreaming, Department of gender studies, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development (RGNYID), Sriperumpudur	14 March 2017
	Guest Lecture "Women's Movement and Women's Studies in India : Some reflections"	March 8 <sup>th</sup> International Women's Day lecture, Department of History, Madras Christian College, Tambaram	21 March 2017
	Guest Lecture "Gender and Caste in Tamil Nadu"	13th Indo-Dutch course on "Eco-system services and coastal zone development", University of Amsterdam along with the Institute for Ocean management, Anna University, Chennai	5 April 2017
Ananta Kumar Giri	Lecture	Networks of Agape and Creativity, Seminary, Warangal	2 July 2016
	Lecture	New Horizons of Human Development: Art, Spirituality and Social Transformations, Jain University, Bangalore	26 July 2016
	Lecturing and Co-Nurturing	The Calling of Global Responsibility, Indus Business Academy, Kanakpura Main Road before Ravi Shankar Ashram	27 July 2016
	Lecture	Poetics of Development, Banaras Hindu University, Sambodhi Sabhagruha, Samata Bhavan Varanasi	1 August 2016
	Lecture	With and Beyond Epistemologies from the South, Dept of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT BHU	4 August 2016

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	Valedictory Address and Ambedkar Memorial Lecture	Cross-Fertilizing Roots and Routes, School of Social Sciences, BHU	5 August 2016
	Lecture	Rethinking Roots and Routes, Dept. of Sociology and Ethnographic and Folk Culture Society, University of Lucknow	8 August 2016
	Lecture	Cultivating Pathways of Creative Research, Dept of Sociology, University of Allahabad, Allahabad	12 August 2016
	Lecture	The Calling of Global Responsibility, Lecture, G.B. Pant Social Science Institute, Allahabad, Allahabad	12 August 2016
	Lecture	Rethinking Social Theory and Social Development, Lecture, Faculty of Social Sciences, Dayal Bag Educational Institute, Agra	13 August 2016
	Lecture	Cultivating Pathways of Creative Research, Amity University	16 August 2016
	Lecture	Indian Freedom and Global Responsibility, Sanchi University	17 August 2016
	Lecture	The Calling of Global Responsibility, Thapar School of Management and Dept of Sociology, Panjab University	19 August 2016
	Lecture	Human Rights Approaches to Public Policy, TERI University, Delhi	22 August 2016
	Lecturing and Co-Nurturing	Workshop on Social Healing, Indus Business Academy, Bengaluru	30 August 2016
	Lecture	Social Work, NISWASS, Bhubaneswar	22 September 2016
	Lecture and co-organizing a Workshop on "Global Responsibility"	Global Responsibility, IBA, Greater Noida	24 September 2016
	Lecture	"Poetics of Development" and "Transforming Public Policy, Indian Institute of Public Administration, Delhi	26 September 2016

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	Lecture on "Roots and Routes"	Naga Student Association Meet, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad	16 October 2016
	Lecture, With and Beyond Epistemologies from the South	Dept of Political Science, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad	17 October 2016
	Rakta Bina Kana Nahi Kichi Bata	Is there no Way Except Blood?, The Universe, Cuttack	4 November 2016
	Lecture	Dancing with Identity, Difference and Beyond, Dept. of Sociology, Ravenshaw University, Cuttack	5 November 2016
	Lecture	The Calling of Global Responsibility, Central University of Kerala Kasaragod, Kerala	10 November 2016
	Lecture	Social Healing and Practical Spirituality, Dept of Sikh Studies, Panjab University	18 November 2016
	Lecture	Purusartha and Poetics of Development: Dancing With Philosophy, Anthropology and Literature, Dept of Philosophy and Comparative Religion, Visvabharati, Visvabharati	26 November 2016
	Nurturing a Dialogue	New Horizons of Integral Education and Co-Learning, New Creation Integral School Education, Kalinga Nagar Near Tarini Chaka in Balasore, Balasore	3 December 2016
	Lecture on Education	Sobhaniya International Conference, Jajpur, Odisha	2 January 2017
	Lecture	Upholding our World and Regenerating our Earth, Dept of Philosophy, Manipal U, Manipal	24 January 2017
	Lecture	Rethinking Natural Resource Management: Science, Spirituality and Harmony, IIFM, Bhopal	1 February 2017
	Two lectures	New Horizons of Management, Sambhram Institute of Management, Bengaluru	8 February 2017

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	Lecture	Pursuratha and Poetics of Development: New Horizons of Ethics and Management, IBA Bengaluru	20 February 2017
	Lecture	Transforming Indian Studies and Global Studies, Dept of Sociology, Punjab University, Patiala	10 March 2017
	Lecture	Social Theory and Asian Dialogues, Dept of Sociology, Punjabi University, Patiala	10 March 2017
	Lecture	Aesthetics of Development, Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai	4 April 2017
	Lecture	Integral Development: Political Economy, Moral Sociology and Spiritual Ecology, Dept of Political Science, Gaja Madha Univesity, Gaja Madha Univesity, Yogyakarta	12 April 2017
	Lecture	Multi-Cultural Education, Trans-Religious Dialogue, Multi-topial Hermeneutics and Global Responsibility, Islamic University, Salatiga	12 April 2017
	Lecture	Non-Violence in Relations and Non-Injury in Modes of Thinking, Percik, Salatiga	17 April 2017
	Lecture	Science. Spirituality and Harmony, Islamic University, Semarang	12 April 2017
	Lecture	Social Theory and Asian Dialogues, LIPI, Jakarta, Jakarta	13 April 2017
	Lecture	Transformative Harmony, Earthos Institute, Summerville	26 April 2017
	Lecture	Non-Violence in Relations and Non-Injury In Modes of Thinking and Communication, Study Circle of Church of Practical Spirituality, Torrington, USA	2 May 2017
	Lecture	A New Global Humanity and the Calling of a Post-Colonial Cosmopolis, University of North Florida, Jacksonville	10 May 2017

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Karen Coelho	Moderator of session on "Pre-emptive resettlement of untenable housing"	Rethinking Risk and Resettlement, Indian Institute of Human Settlements, Bengaluru	12-13 August 2016
	Panelist, Public Panel on "Rethinking Risk and Resettlement in Urban Areas"	Rethinking Risk and Resettlement, Indian Institute of Human Settlements, Bengaluru	August 12-13 2016
	Organised and lectured	Tutorial on Academic Paper Writing, MIDS, Chennai	17 August 2016
	Lecture: "Settlement and Struggle on Chennai's Buckingham Canal"	Conference on Ecological Urbanism, Agam Sei and Webe Design Lab, Chennai	20 August 2016
	Lecture: "Urban settlement and resettlement – the case of Chennai"	Exchange Program: Media Ambassadors India-Germany, Asian College of Journalism, Chennai	20 September 2016
	Invited participant	Urban Policy Dialogues, Indian Institute of Human Settlements, Bengaluru	10-11 November 2016
	Lecture on Qualitative Research Methodologies	Staff Training, IFMR LEAD, IFMR Campus, Sri City	8 November 2016.
	Lecture Urban Ecologies	Immersion Visit by Urban Fellows, Indian Institute of Human Settlements, MIDS, Chennai	16 November 2016
	Panelist, Panel on "The City as Ghetto/Inclusive City"	City Scripts 2017: The Urban Writings Festival, Indian Institute of Human Settlements, Bangalore	1-3 February 2017

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	Panelist, Panel on "Madras to Chennai: Histories Against the Grain"	City Scripts 2017: The Urban Writings Festival, Indian Institute of Human Settlements, Bangalore	1-3 February 2017
	Panelist, Inaugural Panel	National Symposium on Urbanisation, Loyola College Department of Economics, Chennai	14 February 2017
	Lecture on History of Housing Policy and Developments in Chennai	Orientation course for students of Sheffield University, Urban Design Collective, Chennai	8 March 2017
	Discussant, session on "Understanding Urban Poverty through the Lens of the BSUP"	Workshop on "The Politics of Growth and Distribution in India", Institute for Economic Growth (IEG) and University of Manchester, New Delhi	22 March 2017
	Discussant for session on "Public Service Engineers In The Neo-Liberal Area"	"Engineers and Society in India", EHESS and Center for South Asian Studies, Paris	27-28 March 2017
	Two lectures on Qualitative Research Methodologies	Training Program for DEAR recruits, Government of TN, Anna Institute of Management, Chennai	12 April 2017
	Talk on Tamil Nadu Housing Scenario	Workshop on Tamil Nadu State Housing and Habitat Policy, GIZ (German Development Cooperation), Chennai	3 June 2017
Kripa Ananthpur	MIDS Representative	State Evaluation Advisory Board, GoTN, Department of Planning & Development, Chennai	4 August 2016
	Presenter	Tamil Nadu Household questionnaire workshop, Dept of Economics & Statistics, GoTN, Chennai	15 December 2016
	Organiser & Presenter	Tamil Nadu Household Panel Survey workshop, MIDS, Chennai	11- 12 August 2016

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	MIDS Representative	State Evaluation Advisory Board, GoTN, Department of Planning & Development, Chennai	13 March 2017
	Presenter	Survey Design Group meeting, Survey Research Centre, University of Michigan, USA, Ann Arbor, USA	14 April 2017
	Organiser	The Broken Ladder - The Paradox and the Potential of India's One Billion', Book release and public lecture by Prof. Anirudh Krishna, MIDS & Penguin Random House, Chennai	27 April 2017
	Lecture – 2	Qualitative research methods Research for DEAR staff, Dept of Evaluation and Applied Research, GOTN, Chennai	4 May 2017
	Member	State Level Coordination Committee for Panel Studies, P&D, DES, Chennai	15 June 2017
	Visiting Faculty - 5 Lectures on Qualitative research methods	Summer School for Future Leaders in Development, Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University- and IIM-U, Udaipur	19-20 June 2017
	Lecture- 2	General Guidelines for conducting academic research to IAS probationers, Anna Institute of Management, Tamilnadu, Chennai	30 June 2017
C. Lakshmanan	"Interface between Literature and History of Development"	Refresher Programme, UGC/ Dept of Folklore and Culture Studies School of Performing Arts, Madurai Kamaraj University	10 November 2016
	Chairperson-cum discussant for Session	XV Conference on Women's Studies, Indian Association For Women's Studies, University of Madras, Chennai	22-25 January 2017
Shashanka Bhide	Key Note Address, "Rural Infrastructure, as a driver of rural economy"	National Seminar On Rural Infrastructure in India, Issues and Prospects, Organised by Department of Economics, Meenakshi College for Women, Chennai	24 November 2016



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	Organiser, jointly with V.N. Blalasubramanyam, University of Lancaster, UK	International Conference on "Future of India's Services Growth: Potential and Constraints", Supported by British Northern Universities India Forum, ICSSR and Govt. of TN, Chennai	3-4 January 2017
	Organiser	"The Union Budget 2017-18: Implications for the Economy", MIDS, Chennai	27 February 2017
	Organiser	"The State Budget 2017-18: A Discussion", MIDS, Chennai	31 March 2017
	Chaired the Session "Rabi Outlook Report 2017"	The National Workshop, Indian Agricultural Outlook, "Rabi Outlook and Farmers' Issues", National Council of Applied Economic Research, New Delhi, India International Centre, New Delhi.	7 March 2017
	Discussant in the Technical Session on "Agricultural Issues: State Perspectives on Crop Insurance, Credit, Irrigation, Soil Health and Markets"	The National Workshop, Indian Agricultural Outlook, "Rabi Outlook and Farmers' Issues", National Council of Applied Economic Research, New Delhi, India International Centre, New Delhi.	7 March 2017
	Organiser	Book launch, "Development and Taxation: 60 Critical Commentaries, by Parthasarathi Shome," Published by Academic Foundation, New Delhi, MIDS, Chennai	27 February 2017
	Presented a lecture "Regional Dimensions in Macroeconomic Models"	The Pilot Programme on Advanced Macroeconomic Modelling (FPAS/ DSGE Models), Reserve Bank of India Staff College, Chennai	13 March 2017
K. Sivasubramanian	Panel Member	Short-term study on the Status of Peri Urban Water Bodies close to Sriperumbudur, Indo-German Centre for Sustainability, IGCS – IIT-M	10 August 2016

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	Jury Panel Member	Inter-Collegiate Seminar "Relation of Ancient India with Smart India", Guru Shree Shantivijai Jain College for Women, Chennai	28 January 2017
	Chairperson	Mobility of World Refugees: Nature, Causes and Trends, MIDS, Seminar	22 March 2017
	Participant	Twoweek Capacity Building Programme on Industrialization, Corporate Sector and Development, Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID) and ICSSR. New Delhi	22 May - 7 June 2017
L. Venkatachalam	Visiting Faculty	Taught a Course on Environmental Management, PG Programme in Management, Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode (IIMK), Kozhikode	January – April 2017
	Visiting Faculty	Taught a Course on Environmental Valuation, M.Sc., Economics, Madras School of Economics, Chennai	August – November, 2016
	Visiting Faculty	Delivered Lectures on Topics in Environmental Economics, Visiting Faculty Programme under UGC-SAP-DRS-Programme, Department of Economics, Jamia Millia Islamia University, Delhi	20-24 September 2016
	Resource Person	Environmental Regulation in India, Training Programme for the Indian Economic Service (IES) Officers, Ministry of Finance, Gol and Indian Maritime University, Chennai	1 July 2016
	Resource Person	Methodology of Computing Green GDP, Environment Economics and Accounting, Green GDP and Carbon Finance –Training Programme for the Indian Forest Service Officials, Environment Protection Training and Research Institute (EPTRI), Hyderabad	2 August 2016

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	Inaugural Address	Economic Reforms and the Environment in India, Economics Association, Department of Economics, Madras Christian College (MCC), Chennai	3 August 2016
	Resource Person	Sustainable Development and the Environment, Training on Environment and Sustainable Development for NSS Programme Officers, Annamalai University and Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Youth Development, Sriperumbudur, Annamalai Nagar	9 August 2016
	Guest Lecture	Rationality in Economics, Guest Lecture Series, Department of Economics, Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar	9 August 2016
	Inaugural Address	The Economic Way of Thinking about Social Problems, Economics Association, Department of Economics, SIET College, Chennai	22 August 2016
	Lecture	Elements of Doing Research, Visiting M. Phil Scholars from Madras School of Social Work (MSSW), MIDS, Chennai	6 September 2016
	Panelist	Achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in India, Environmental Concerns and Sustainable Development: An Indian Perspective, Jamia Millia Islamia University, Delhi	21 September 2016
	Panelist	Interdisciplinary Approach to Environmental Management, National Seminar on Environmental Concerns and Sustainable Development: An Indian Perspective, Department of Economics, Jamia Millia Islamia University, Delhi	22 September 2016
	Resource Person	Environmental Regulation in India, Training programme for the Indian Economics Service (IES) Officers, Ministry of Finance, GoI and Indian Maritime University, Chennai	30 September 2016

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	Resource Person	Economic Valuation of Ecosystem Services: Illustration from a Case Study of Ousteri Wetland, Regional Media Workshop under the Indo-German Biodiversity Programme, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC), New Delhi and GIZ, New Delhi, Chennai	5 October 2016
	Invited Speaker	Water Management for Sustainable Cities: An Economic Approach, Annual Water Forum: Embrace our Rivers, Goethe-Institut /Max Mueller Bhavan, Chennai	8 October 2016
	Keynote Address	Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security in India, One Day Seminar to Celebrate World Food Day, Department of Economics and Rural Development, Alagappa University, Karaikudi	21 October 2016
	Inaugural Address	Research Methodology in Economics: New Directions, National Workshop on Research Methodology, Department of Economics, Government College, Ambalapuzha, Kerala	25 October 2016
	Resource Person	The Art of Reviewing the Literature, National Workshop on Research Methodology, Department of Economics, Government College, Ambalapuzha, Kerala	25 October 2016
	Resource Person	Behavioral Economics for Public Policy, Refresher Course on Use of Economic Theory and Econometrics in Analysing India's Economic Problems, Department of Economics and Academic Staff College, University of Madras, Chennai	5 November 2016
	Resource Person	Ecosystem Services of Urban Wetlands, Training and Capacity Building Programme on Redefining the Urban Environment of Chennai, Care Earth Trust and Kruvila Jacob Initiative, IIT, Chennai	9 November 2016

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	Resource Person	How to Write Successful Research Proposals, Refresher Course in Research Methodology in Social Sciences, Department of Economics, Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli	12 November 2016
	Guest Speaker	Economics of Demonetisation, 37 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Association of Economists of Tamil Nadu, Association of Economists of Tamil Nadu (AET) and Erode Arts and Science College, Erode	20 November, 2016
	Guest Speaker	Economic Reforms and the Environment in India, Seminar on Globalisation and Its Impact on Indian Economy, Gurunanak College, Chennai	26 November 2016
	Guest Lecture	Economics of Demonetisation, Guest Lecture Series, Department of Economics, Periyar University, Salem	2 December 2016
	Guest Lecture	India's Economic Development: A Historical Perspective, Guest Lecture Series, Department of Commerce, Patrician College, Chennai	17 December 2016
	Resource Person	Mitigation and Adaptation Measures to Combat Climate Change Impacts, Training Programme on Environment and Sustainable Development for NSS officers, Department of Economics, Bharathiar University, Coimbatore	19 December 2016
	Keynote Address	Demonetisation: An Economist's Perspective, National Seminar on Demonitisation and Black Economy, Department of Economics, VHNSN College, Virudhunagar	30 December 2016
	Panelist	Economic Valuation of Ecosystem Services, Round Table on Value of Ecosystem Services of Major Agroecosystems of India, Centre of Excellence in Environmental Economics, Kerala Agricultural University, Thrissur, Kerala	6-7 January 2017

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	Keynote Speaker	Policy Framework for Climate Change Adaption and Mitigation, Training Workshop on Preparing Project Proposal on Climate Change, NABARD, Mumbai and M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), Kerala, Kalpetta, Kerala	16 January 2017
	Endowment Lecture	Impact of Demonitisation in India, Dr. Rajaratnam Endowment Lecture, Department of Economics, University of Madras, Chennai	30 January 2017
	Lecture	Market Failure and Internalisation of Externalities, Post-Graduate Programme in Management, Indian Institute of Management, Amritsar	15 February 2017
	Lecture	Market-based Instruments for Environmental Management –Tax and Subsidies, Post-Graduate Programme in Management, Indian Institute of Management, Amritsar	15 February 2017
	Lecture	Market-Based Instruments for Environmental Management – Tradable Permits, Post-Graduate Programme in Management, Indian Institute of Management, Amritsar	16 February 2017
	Lecture	Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) for Environmental Management, Post-Graduate Programme in Management, Indian Institute of Management, Amritsar	16 February 2017
	Panelist	Experiences of Multilateral Research Collaborations, Collaborative Research with Impact: A Showcasing Event, ICSSR, New Delhi; Research Councils, UK and ESRC, UK, New Delhi	9 March 2017
	Chair	Session on Infrastructure Development, Conference on Papers in Public Economics and Policy, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP), New Delhi	24 March 2017

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	Discussant	Toll of Water and Sanitation on Human Capital in India, Conference on Papers in Public Economics and Policy, National Institute of Public Finance and Policy (NIPFP), New Delhi	24 March 2017
	Resource Person	Basics of Writing Journal Articles, Workshop on Art of Writing Research Articles, Department of Economics, Pondicherry University, Puducherry	28 March 2017
	Resource Person	Role of Payment for Ecosystem Services in Raising Farm Income, Third Capacity Building Program for Senior Managers of Farmer Producer Organizations, IIT Madras and Centre for Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Chennai	30 March 2017
	Resource Person	Survey Methods: Qualitative Methods, ICSSR Sponsored Capacity Building Programme for Young Faculty in Social Sciences, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati	12 April 2017
	Invited Speaker	Economic Valuation of Ecosystem Services and Water Accounting, Round Table Discussion on Blueprint for Water Accounting in India, Ministry of Water Resources, Gol, New Delhi	11 April 2017
	Resource Person	Basic Aspects of Doing Field Research, Induction Training Programme for the Staff of Tamil Nadu Government, Anna Institute of Management, Chennai	17 April 2017
	Guest Lecture	Causes and Consequences of Urban Environmental Problems, Guest Lecture Series, Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT), Chennai Campus, Chennai	19 April 2017
	Guest Lecture	Principles of Water Accounting, Post Graduate Diploma Programme in Development Management, TATA-DHAN Academy, Madurai	8 May 2017

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	Resource Person	Sampling and Survey Methods, Capacity Building Programme for Social Science Faculty Members, ICSSR and Department of Politics and International Studies, Pondicherry University, Puducherry	29 May 2017
	Resource Person	Environmental Economics, Refresher Course on Recent Trends in Ecology and Environmental Sciences, Centre for Environmental Sciences, University of Madras, Chennai	1 June 2017
A.R. Venkata chalapathy	Resource Person	Key Issues, Asian College of Journalism, Chennai	August 2016
	Discussant	Ziegenbalg and Early Christianity in India, School of Oriental and African Studies, London	12 June 2017
M. Vijayabaskar	Discussant	Paper on Changing Configurations of Land and Life: A relational analysis of pavement dwelling in contemporary Mumbai; Workshop on Agrarian Change and Urbanisation, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru	28-30 June 2016
	Discussant	Methodology Workshop on: 'Becoming a young farmer: Young people's pathways into farming', SSHRC, Canada and University of Guelph, University of Guelph	15-18 August 2016
	Proposal presentation on globalization of the Indian Urban System	3rd Indo-Swiss Joint Seminar, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) and University of Lausanne, Switzerland, Hotel Ashok, N. Delhi	1-2 September 2016
	Lecture on Labour Market Trends and Implications for Labour Mobilisation	State Level Training Workshop on 'Trade Unions: Status and Way Forward' for District Level Trade Union Leaders of All India Trade Union Congress, All India Trade Union Congress, Courtallam, Tamil Nadu	22 November 2016



Name	Nature of Participation	Name of Seminar / Conference / Workshop / Place	Date
	Introductory Lecture on Changing Land and Labour relations in Rural Tamil Nadu	Workshop: Political Economy as People's Report, French Institute of Pondicherry, French Institute of Pondicherry	26 December 2016
	Panelist on "Changing Nature of Production"	Workshop: Political Economy as People's Report, French Institute of Pondicherry	27 December 2016
	Panellist	Doing Development Studies in India, Ambedkar University, IIC, N. Delhi	18-19 January 2017
	Chair & Discussant	Panel on Women's Work and Employment, Annual Women's Studies conference, University of Madras, Chennai	22 January 2017
	Co-organiser	International workshop on, 'Towards a Relational Approach to Agency for Mapping Pathways Into and Out of Poverty', UK Economic and Social Research Council and the Department for International Development, MIDS	15-17 February 2017
	Discussant	Special Seminar on: The Union Budget 2017-18: Implications for the Economy, MIDS	27 February 2017
	Panellist	International workshop on 'Politics of Growth and Distribution in India, Institute of Economic Growth, N. Delhi	22 March 2017

## 10.3 Other Academic Activities

Name	Nature of Academic Activity [Duration]
Ajit Menon	Associate Editor, <i>Maritime Studies</i> (Elsevier Journal) Associate Editor, <i>Conservation and Society</i> Refereed two articles for <i>Maritime Studies</i> Refereed an article for <i>Geoforum</i> Refereed an article for <i>Singapore Journal of Tropical Geography</i> Refereed a paper for <i>Review of Development and Change</i> Refereed a book proposal for Springer Refereed a PhD Thesis from IIT Bombay
S. Anandhi	Reviewed two book proposals for Oxford University Press and Routledge Evaluated three PhD theses and one M.Phil dissertation of scholars from the Department of Community Health and Medicines, Department of Political science and the Centre for Comparative Politics & Political Theory, Jawaharlal Nehru University External viva voce examiner for a PhD viva at the Department of Media Sciences, Anna University, Chennai Peer-reviewed an article for the journal <i>Development and Change</i> Peer reviewed an article for <i>Review of Development and Change</i> Member, Advisory committee, Centre for Women's Studies, Ethiraj College Member Advisory Committee, Centre for Women's Studies, Stella Maris College Member Advisory Committee, Centre for Women's Development and Research (CWDR) Chennai Member, reception committee, Indian Association for Women's Studies (IAWS) XV National Conference on Women's Studies, Chennai Member of a Jury for Public hearing on Honour Killings in Tamil Nadu Reviewed Research Projects of CWDR (Centre for Women's Development and Research) on Adolescent Girls and sexuality.
D. Jayaraj	Refereed paper each for a) <i>Economic and Political Weekly</i> b) <i>Review of Development Economics</i> c) <i>Review of Development and Change</i>

Name	Nature of Academic Activity [Duration]
Karen Coelho	<p>Member of Editorial Advisory Board of <i>Review of Urban Affairs, Economic and Political Weekly</i></p> <p>Guest Faculty at Asian College of Journalism: Taught a 22-session course on Urban Studies.</p> <p>Invited External Member, Board of Studies Meeting, Madras School of Social Work, March 3 2017.</p> <p>Reviewed article for</p> <p>a) <i>World Development</i></p> <p>b) <i>Economic and Political Weekly</i></p> <p>Guided two internships (from Madras School of Social Work, and Indian Institute of Human Settlements respectively), and two students from The School, Krishnamurthy Foundation of India (KFI) for their Environmental Science (ES) Project. Also sat on the viva committee for the KFI ES presentations.</p>
Kripa Ananthpur	<p>Member of State Level Coordination Committee for Panel Studies, 2017</p> <p>MIDS Representative on State Evaluation Advisory Board 2016-17</p>
C. Lakshmanan	<p>Evaluated an M.Phil dissertation from University of Hyderabad</p> <p>Evaluated an M.Phil dissertation from Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala</p> <p>Evaluated a PhD thesis from EFLU, Hyderabad</p>
Shashanka Bhide	<p>Member, State Evaluation Advisory Board, Department of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Government of Tamil Nadu</p> <p>Member, Executive Committee, Tamil Nadu State Council for Science and Technology, Government of Tamil Nadu</p> <p>External Expert to the Group on Food Inflation Research and Measurement, Department of Economic and Policy Research, Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai.</p> <p>Member, Sub-group of the Working Group on Supply-Demand Projections in Agriculture, NITI Aayog, New Delhi</p> <p>Member, Board of Governors, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru.</p> <p>External examiner of Doctoral Thesis for University of Hyderabad and University of Delhi</p>

Name	Nature of Academic Activity [Duration]
K. Sivasubramaniyan	<p>President, Institute for Social and Educational Development (ISED), Chennai</p> <p>Member, Mid-Term Review Committee (2017) under UGC-UPE research scheme "Humanities &amp; Social Sciences" appointed by the Registrar, University of Madras, for the research programme "A Study on the Attitude of Farmers of Thanjavur District towards Mobile Applications for Agricultural Management" under (Centre for Rural Development &amp; Strategic Studies – Part II)</p>
L. Venkatachalam	<p>Reviewed two research papers for <i>Water Policy</i> journal,</p> <p>Reviewed a research paper for <i>International Journal of Water Resources Development</i></p> <p>External Expert to Evaluate the Faculty Performance under the CAS, University of Madras</p> <p>Member, Academic Auditing Committee, Department of Economics, Madras Christian College, Chennai, Member, Economics Panel, Tamil Nadu State Eligibility Test (TNSET) 2017.</p>
A.R. Venkatachalapathy	<p>Advisor, Hindu Centre for Politics and Public Policy</p> <p>Member, Executive Council, Central University of Tamilnadu</p> <p>Member, Institutional Review Board, Fetal Care Research Centre, Chennai</p> <p>Member, Jury, Sahitya Akademi Award (English translation, 2016)</p> <p>Member, Curriculum Committee, Tamilnadu Textbook Society</p>
M. Vijayabaskar	<p>Refereed papers for the following journals: <i>India Review</i>, <i>Review of Development and Change</i> (two papers), <i>Economic and Political Weekly</i> (EPW).</p> <p>External Examiner for one M. Phil Dissertation (Jawaharlal Nehru University, N. Delhi).</p>

## 11. Research Projects

### 11.1 Completed Projects

#### Ajit Menon

- Shifting Boundaries: The Political Economy of Conservation in Gudalur, The Nilgiris, FTF 50

#### Shashanka Bhide

- Agricultural Outlook, NCAER, New Delhi

#### K. Sivasubramaniyan

- Quick Study on Farmers' Club Programme (FCP) in Tamil Nadu for Redesigning the Policy Guidelines on Farmers' Club Programme, NABARD, Mumbai

### 11.2 Ongoing Projects

#### Ajit Menon and M. Vijayabaskar

- Towards a Relational Approach to Agency for Mapping Pathways into and out of Poverty, Economic & Social Research Council and the UK's Department for International Development

#### S. Anandhi

- Exhuming Humanist Alternatives – Re-centering Craft in Education and Beyond, ICSSR, New Delhi

#### Ananta Kumar Giri

- Social Theory and Asian Dialogue: India, China and the Planetary Conversations, ICSSR, New Delhi

## **Karen Coelho**

- Boundary Spanning and Intermediation for Urban Regeneration: Comparative Case Studies from 3 Indian Cities, ICSSR-TISS

## **Kripa Ananthpur**

- Preparation of Village Development Plan - Participatory Tracking Methodology, State Planning Commission, Tamil Nadu
- Unanimity and Democracy: Explaining Uncontested Local Elections in India, FTF 50

## **C. Lakshmanan**

- Socio-Economic Status of Tribals in Tamil Nadu: A Study of Tribal Development Programme Post-Liberalisation, ICSSR, New Delhi (Part of Research Grant (Plan) by ICSSR during 2012-13)

## **K. Sivasubramaniyan**

- Tamil Nadu Tribal Development Study, State Planning Commission, Tamil Nadu
- Structure, Functioning and Impact of Irrigation Institutions: The Case of Tank Irrigation in Tamil Nadu, ICSSR, New Delhi

## **L. Venkatachalam**

- Market-Based Instruments (MBIs) for Pollution Control: An Exploratory Study with Reference to Textile Industry in Tiruppur, FTF 50

## **L. Venkatachalam and Kripa Ananthpur**

- Tamil Nadu Household Panel Survey, Planning, Development and Special Initiatives (SPC) Department, Govt. of Tamil Nadu

## **M. Vijayabaskar**

- New Directions in Social Policy: Alternatives from and for the Global South, United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), Switzerland

- Changing Contours of State Welfarism and Emerging Citizenship: A Comparative Study of Tamil Nadu and Kerala, Collaborative Study with IIT, Madras
- Impact of New Growth Strategies on Small and Medium Farmers in Tamil Nadu, ICSSR, New Delhi (Part of Research Grant (Plan) by ICSSR during 2012-13)
- Becoming a Young Farmer: Pathways of Young People into Farming, Canada's Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council, SSHRC Grant No.435-2016-0307
- Vulnerability, State and Social Protection in Tamil Nadu: a Life Course Perspective, UNICEF

#### **M. Vijayabaskar / S. Janakarajan**

- Cauvery Delta Combating Climate Change Coastal Delta Wetlands and Livelihoods Resilience, ICSSR, New Delhi (Part of Research Grant (Plan) by ICSSR during 2012-13)

## 12. Seminars

### 12.1 Seminars by Visiting Scholars and Faculty

Date	Topic	Presented by
24 August 2016	India's Taxation Trends and Countdown to GST	Parthasarathi Shome Visiting Fellow, MIDS
21 September 2016	New Horizons of Rural Development and Gandhian Perspectives	Dilip R. Shah Formerly with South Gujarat University, Surat
28 September 2016	Nationalising Bharati: The State, the Public and the Battle for Copyright, 1948–1963	A.R. Venkatachalapathy, MIDS
14 October 2016	Asset Distribution in India: Some Observations	D. Jayaraj, MIDS
21 October 2016	The “Discouraged Worker Effect” in Public Works Programs: Evidence from the MGNREGA in India	Sudha Narayanan Associate Professor, Indira Gandhi Institute for Development Research (IGIDR), Mumbai
8 November 2016	<i>Dollar City</i> ; 77 min; Tamil with English subtitles; 2016; Documentary Directed by Amudhan R.P., Produced by Raj Kajendra	Moderator: M. Vijayabaskar, Associate Professor, MIDS; Discussant: D. Chandrasekar, Research Scholar, MIDS
23 November 2016	Understanding the Demonetisation: Issues and Challenges	Venkatesh B. Atherya, Economist; S. Subramanian, Economist, formerly with MIDS; S. Janakarajan, Economist, MIDS; Jothi Sivagnanam, Head, Department of Economics, University of Madras; and C. Lakshmanan, MIDS



<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presented by</b>
20 January 2017	Decentralized Targeting of Agricultural Credit Programs: Private Agents versus Local Governments versus Community/NGOs [Based on joint work with Pushkar Maitra (Monash University), Sandip Mitra (ISI Kolkata) and Sujata Visaria (UST Hong Kong)]	Dilip Mukherjee Professor of Economics, Boston University
10 March 2017	A Forgotten Liberator – The Life and Struggle of Savitribai Phule	Chaired by C. Lakshmanan, Associate Professor, MIDS
13 March 2017	The Politics of Public Interest Litigation in Post-Emergency India	Anuj Bhuwania Assistant Professor, South Asian University
20 March 2017	Urban Poverty, Local Governance and Everyday Politics in Mumbai	Joop de Wit Institute of Social Studies (ISS), The Netherlands
22 March 2017	Mobility of World Refugees Nature, Causes and Trends	G. Sathis Kumar Assistant Professor, Great Lakes Institute of Management
4 April 2017	Aesthetics of Development	Ananta Kumar Giri MIDS
12 April 2017	On the Multinationalisms of WEB Du Bois and Rabindranath Tagore	Hari Ramesh Affiliate, MIDS, and PhD Candidate, Political Science, Yale University
20 April 2017	Race to the Top: The Rise of China and Prospects for India	Jacob Kurien Professor of International Economics Johns Hopkins-Nanjing University Center (SAIS)
27 April 2017	The Agrarian Question amidst Populist Welfarism: Interpreting Tamil Nadu's Emerging Rural Economy	M. Vijayabaskar Associate Professor, MIDS

## 12.2 Abstract of Seminars by Visiting Scholars and Faculty

**Dilip R. Shah**, *New Horizons of Rural Development and Gandhian Perspectives*

Our agrarian economy is in terrible crises and so is our rural life world. The farm sector is in crises and there are important challenges for the non-farm sectors as well. There are also challenges of rural-urban transformations in contemporary India in the context of depressed economies in the countryside and urban migration. The lecture discusses these issues as well as challenges of rural development and globalization and explores Gandhian pathways towards alternatives.

**A.R. Venkatachalapathy**, *Nationalising Bharati: The State, the Public and the Battle for Copyright, 1948–1963*

In 1949, the Government of Madras announced that ‘There is a popular feeling that the works of Sri C. Subramania Bharati, the great Tamil poet ..., should be acquired by the Government and made available for the use of the public generally.’ This inaugurated a unique moment in the global history of copyright as this was the first time that the state acquired the copyright of a writer, and put all his writings in the public domain. Bharati (1882–1921) had died poor, and his copyright was alienated by his family. In the context of the Civil Disobedience movement and a literary efflorescence, Bharati’s stocks rose. The rise of new media such as gramophone and talkies made his songs a valuable commodity. A controversy broke out about his copyright, resulting in a demand to nationalize his writings. The newly independent state could ill-afford to let a cultural icon’s writings be private property. After legal wrangles and popular agitation, the poet’s writings were nationalized.

**Sudha Narayanan**, *The “Discouraged Worker Effect” in Public Works Programs: Evidence from the MGNREGA in India*

The talk was based on a collaborative study that investigates the consequences of poor implementation in public workfare programmes, focusing on implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) in India. Using nationally representative data, the study tests empirically for a discouraged worker effect arising from either of two mechanisms: administrative rationing of jobs among those who seek work and delays in wage payments. We find strong evidence at the household and district levels that administrative rationing discourages subsequent demand for work. There is, however, no significant evidence that delayed wage payments matter. We find further that rationing is strongly associated with indicators of implementation ability such as staff capacity. Politics appears to play only a limited role. The findings suggest that assessments of the relevance of public programmes over their lifecycle need to factor in implementation quality.

*Dollar City*; 77 min; Tamil with English subtitles; 2016; Documentary Directed by Amudhan R.P., Produced by Raj Kajendra

Tiruppur aka *Dollar City*, well known for its thousands of export-oriented garment hosiery units and millions of migrant workers, symbolizes a development model where the state machinery, exporters, small and big entrepreneurs, commission agents, trade unionists and workers converge to prioritize export and to earn dollars by ignoring, marginalizing and eventually breaking the laws that protect the environment and workers' rights. The film provides an inside view of a successful economic system where there is connivance and consensus between the masters, mediators and the workers, where ambitions and loyalties collapse, where rights become a privilege, where duty becomes an opportunity and where one's desperation is another's prospect. The fact that there has not been a workers' strike in Tiruppur in the past 20 years, as proudly expressed by an exporter in the film, can be seen as a classic example of the Gramscian idea of manufacture of consent.

Venkatesh B. Atherya, S. Subramanian, S. Janakarajan, Jothi Sivagnanam and **C. Lakshmanan**, *Understanding the Demonetisation: Issues and Challenges*

The decision of the government to demonetise Rs. 500 and Rs. 1,000 notes from the midnight of November 8, 2016, had two stated aims: (i) to rout the black/unaccounted money economy and corruption at all levels; and (ii) to remove the counterfeit currency notes in circulation which indirectly promotes all kinds of terrorist activities in the country. The Round Table meeting discussed some of the key questions relating to the demonetisation exercise:

- To what extent will the current demonetisation policy help achieve these two stated objectives: will it mark a closure of the black/ unaccounted economy and counterfeiting of currencies?
- How long will it take to normalise the currency situation in the country?
- How will it affect the long-term economic system?
- How long will it take to stabilise the economic activities of the unorganised sector on which over 70 per cent of the country's population depends.
- How will it affect the agrarian sector, real estate sector and gold trade?

**Dilip Mukherjee**, *Decentralized Targeting of Agricultural Credit Programs: Private Agents versus Local Governments versus Community/NGOs* [Based on joint work with Pushkar Maitra (Monash University), Sandip Mitra (ISI Kolkata) and Sujata Visaria (UST Hong Kong)]

This seminar presented work-in-progress on the question of how and why different decentralized implementation of agricultural credit programmes compare with regard to their growth and anti-poverty impacts. In the context of two potato-

growing districts of West Bengal, we experimentally estimate outcomes of GRAIL, where recipients of below-market-rate 4-month-duration loans were selected by an agent appointed by the Gram Panchayat. This is compared with (a) TRAIL, where recipients were selected by a randomly chosen private trader/lender operating in the village; and (b) GBL, where borrowers were asked to self-form five-member groups similar to SHGs organized by an NGO. This seminar will focus mainly on the comparison between GRAIL and TRAIL, both of which out-performed GBL with respect to impacts on potato production and borrower incomes (while all three achieved similar and high repayment rates of approximately 95%). Our results show TRAIL outperformed GRAIL, and this owed partly to selection of higher productivity farmers by the TRAIL agent. Differences in selection patterns in turn owed partly to political incentives of the GRAIL agent to select swing voters in villages with highly contested elections (clientelism), and loyal supporters in villages with less contested elections (cronyism).

**Anuj Bhunia**, *The Politics of Public Interest Litigation in Post-Emergency India*

The Indian higher judiciary has acquired an increasingly important role in India's public discourse in the last few decades. The Supreme Court and the state High Courts have emerged as enormously powerful judicial institutions in the aftermath of the Internal Emergency of 1975-77. The principal means through which these judicial powers have been mobilized and enacted is the jurisdiction of Public Interest Litigation (PIL). This lecture talks about the political role that PIL has come to play in contemporary India. It revisits the circumstances and manoeuvres that led to the rise of PIL and traces its political journey since then, arguing that the enormous powers that PIL confers upon the appellate judiciary stems from its populist character.

**Dr. Joop de Wit**, *Urban Poverty, Local Governance and Everyday Politics in Mumbai*

Dr. Joop de Wit talk was based on his newly released book: *Urban Poverty, Local Governance and Everyday Politics in Mumbai*, Routledge, 2016. This book explores the informal (political) patronage relations between urban slum-dwellers and service delivery organisations in Mumbai, India. It examines the conditions of people in the slums and traces the extent to which they are subject to social and political exclusion. Delving into the roles of the slum-based mediators and municipal councillors, it brings out the problems in the functioning of democracy at the ground level, as election candidates target vote banks with freebies and private sector funding to manage their campaigns. Starting from social justice concerns, this book combines theory and insights from disciplines as diverse as political science, anthropology and policy studies. It provides a comprehensive, multi-level overview of the various actors within local municipal governance and democracy as also consequences for citizenship, urban poverty, gender relations, public services and neo-liberal politics.

**G. Sathis Kumar**, *Mobility of World Refugees Nature, Causes and Trends*

The state of refugees and interest and rights of refugees are journeys towards opposite ends. One that never changes is the search for better social, economic and political livelihood in the host countries, which is threatened or discriminated in their country of origin. The presentation examines the nature, causes and trends of mobility of world refugees from three dimensions, namely, geography, economics and human development, predominantly making use of data published by the UNHCR. It attempts to visualize refugees' movement from different grounds to classify countries based on geographical parameters (region), economic parameters (per capita income) and socio-economic parameters (human development index) to provide an understanding of the root causes of world refugee movements.

**Ananta Kumar Giri**, *Aesthetics of Development*

Human development means not only economic, political and ethical development, it also means aesthetic and spiritual development. All these dimensions of development are interlinked but we have not paid sufficient attention to artistic and spiritual bases and horizons of human development and social transformations. To develop, both individually as well as collectively, is to develop one's artistic and spiritual potential. The lecture explores relationships among art, spirituality and human development and describes examples from histories of ideas, art experiments and educational movements for creatively cultivating cross-fertilization among them further. It also explores implications of this for rethinking economics and development studies by bringing political economy, moral economy, moral sociology and spiritual ecology together.

**Hari Ramesh**, *On the Multinationals of WEB Du Bois and Rabindranath Tagore*

"On the Multinationals of W.E.B. Du Bois and Rabindranath Tagore" reads the 'grant old man' of the African American tradition and the Indian Nobel laureate together in order to highlight a neglected strand of early twentieth century anti-racist and anti-imperial thought – what I call 'multinationalism.' Formulated in the context of struggle against these oppressive forces, multinationalism aimed to balance the imperatives toward proximate – racial and/or national – attachment and universal understanding. It did this by offering a loose-jointed and open version of nationalism that was not only conceptually decoupled from the nation-state but in fact articulated a rich and constitutively critical stance toward this institutional form.

**Jacob Kurien**, *Race to the Top: The Rise of China and Prospects for India*

The talk provides a brief overview of the performance of the Chinese economy in comparison to India's in the recent years. It highlights the key drivers of growth and development in the two countries. It highlights that the global markets are driven by technology, labour cost and global talent, international trade agreements and

the rule of law. It also reviews the assessment by experts on how a democratic growth model would fare as compared to market capitalism models — *laissez-faire* or authoritarian.

**M. Vijayabaskar**, *The Agrarian Question amidst Populist Welfarism: Interpreting Tamil Nadu's Emerging Rural Economy*

Tamil Nadu has been recognized as a model state for its ability to combine growth with relatively high levels of human development. In light of the recent spate of farmers' suicides in the state, the talk identifies some fissures in a regime of accumulation that addresses concerns of equity primarily through interventions in the domain of welfare without articulating a strategy that is inclusive of labour. I argue that while social welfare nets are crucial to negotiate the vulnerabilities of a market-driven growth process and does open up new political and economic spaces, it is inadequate in a context where the secondary sector has not been able to absorb labour to the extent anticipated. The 'agrarian question of labour' is therefore far from resolved and I point to the limits of such a resolution as conceived in classical understandings of the agrarian transition.

## 12.3 Seminars by Student

Date	Topic	Presented by
27 July 2016	Poverty: A Behavioural Economics Approach	Anjaly Baby
	The Contemporary Land Question in Kerala	Rahul Reghu
	Slavery Abolition, Religious Conversion, and Mappila Militant Resistances in Colonial Malabar	Muhammed Aslam (Part time)
	Role of Social Capital in Determining Accessibility of Dalits to Common Property Resources in the Village Economy of Tamil Nadu	D. Chandrasekar
	Impact of Water Transfer from Veeranam Tank for Urban Use and Adaptation Strategies by Farmers of Veeranam Command Area: Field Observation	S. Balamurugan
	Gender and Welfare Politics : A Case Study of Dravida Munetra Kazhagam (DMK)	S. Suriya
	Impact MGNREGS on Rural Development in Tamil Nadu	Andrew Michael
	Rural Non-farm Livelihood Diversification Strategies in a Transitional Economy: A Case Study of Tamil Nadu	Arun Bharathy
28 July 2016	Ecotourism And Development : With Special Reference to State Sikkim	Pema Choden Bhutia
	Peri-Urban Development and Sustainability: The Case of Chennai City in Tamil Nadu.	V. Jegatheesan (Part time)
	Rural Non-Farm Employment: A Comparative Study of District-Level Analysis in Tamil Nadu, India	G. Elayaraja

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presented by</b>
	Socio-economic Structures of Industrial Clusters in Tamil Nadu	Sankara Pandi K
	Contract Farming in Tamil Nadu with Special Reference to Agro Forestry and Sugarcane : Some Preliminary Findings from Pilot Survey	G. Surabhi
	Spirit Possession, Meaning and Perspectives	Firsha V.
	Ethnographic and Historical Study of the Ossan Community - Raw Data from the Field: A Preliminary Report	Safwan
2 February 2017	Ecotourism and Development: with special reference to State Sikkim	Pema Choden Bhutia
	The Contemporary Land Question in Kerala	Rahul Reghu
	Spirit Possession, Meaning and Perspectives	Firsha V.
	Gender and Social Reform: A Case Study of Self Respect Marriage in Tamil Nadu (1926-1970)	S. Suriya
	Agroforestry and Sugarcane Contracts	Surabhi
	Institutional Analysis of Dynamics of Contemporary Indian Agriculture	Saravanakumar
	Role of Social Capital in Determining the Development of Dalits with respect to Commons in the Village Economy of Tamil Nadu	D. Chandrasekar
	Poverty : A Behavioural Economics Approach - REVIEW OF LITERATURE	Anjaly Baby



## 13. Affiliates

Name & Address	Research Topic	Guide
<b>Crispin Branfoot</b> Senior Lecturer in South Asian art & archaeology, Department of History of Art & Archaeology, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, London	Construction, Renovation, Conservation: The Tamil Temple in Colonial South India 1850-1920	A. R. Venkatachalapathy
<b>Emily Stevenson,</b> PhD student, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, London	The Post-Colonial Consumption of Colonial Legacies: The Contemporary Social Life of Postcards from British India	A. R. Venkatachalapathy
<b>Hari Ramesh,</b> PhD Student, Department of Political Science, Yale University, USA	Contestations of Democratic Rule	A. R. Venkatachalapathy
<b>Karen Pechilis,</b> Drew University, New Jersey, USA	Women and Work in Urban South India Today	D. Jayaraj and S. Anandhi

## 14. Research Scholars

### 14.1 Full-time scholars

Name of the scholar	Research Topic	Guide
Muhammad Shafeeque Aliparambil	Economics of Water Allocation: A Game Theoretic Approach	L. Venkatachalam
Boddu Srujana	Segmentation in Urban Informal Labour	M. Vijayabaskar
Titu Mahanta	Globalisation and Small Tea Growers in the Indian Plantation Economy	M. Vijayabaskar
Anee Bhattacharyya	Structural and Everyday Discrimination in the Experience of Transgender in India	Karen Coelho
Rituparna Borah	Ecotourism in India	Ajit Menon
Anjaly Baby	Poverty - A Behavioural Economics Approach	L. Venkatachalam
Firsha V	Spirit Possession among Muslim Women in Kerala	A.R. Venkatachalapathy
Pema Choden Bhutia	Ecotourism and Development with Special Reference to State Sikkim	L. Venkatachalam
Rahul Reghu	The Land Question in Contemporary Kerala	Ajit Menon
G. Elayaraja	A Study of Rural Non-Farm Employment in India with Special Reference to Tamil Nadu	K. Sivasubramaniyan

Name of the scholar	Research Topic	Guide
Sankara Pandi K	Migration and Urbanisation: Its impact on People and their Socio-Economic Mobility	K. Sivasubramaniyan
Arun Bharathy	Rural Livelihood Diversification Strategies in a Transitional Economy: The Case Study of Tamil Nadu	M. Vijayabaskar
S. Balamurugan	Payment for Ecosystem Services for Wetlands Management	L. Venkatachalam
D. Chandrasekar	Dalits and Access to Common Property Resources	Ajit Menon
Safwan Amir	Ethnographic and Historical Study of the Ossan Community	A.R. Venkatachalapathy
G. Surabhi	Contract Farming in South India	Ajit Menon
R. Saravanakumar	Institutional Analysis of Dynamics of Contemporary Indian Agriculture	M. Vijayabaskar
Andrew Michael	Impact of MGNREGS on Rural Development	Kripa A.P./John Sundar David, Loyola College
S. Suriya	Political Representation and Participation of Women - A Case Study on Contemporary Tamil Nadu	S. Anandhi
S. Kokilavani	Media and Politics of Visual Representation - a Case Study of Documentary Films in Tamil Nadu	A.R. Venkatachalapathy
R. Sethunath	Educational Policy Analysis - A Study of Kerala	Karen Coelho
K. Bharathidasan	Recovering Outcaste History : a Case Study of Arunthathiyars in Colonial Tamil Nadu	S. Anandhi

Name of the scholar	Research Topic	Guide
V. Suresh	Economic Analysis of Decentralisation in Tamil Nadu	L. Venkatachalam
K.V. Preetha	Dynamics and Politics of Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Process in selected Developmental projects in Chennai Metropolitan Area	Ajit Menon
Aparajay Kumar Singh	Distributional Analysis of group differentials relating to deprivation and achievement	D Jayaraj
E. Deepa	Gender and Informal Sector - A Case Study on Women Domestic Workers in Chennai city	S. Anandhi
Nitha Nair	Gender Dimensions of Environmental Issues	Ajit Menon
R. Manivasagan	Poverty and Nutrition-Applied Economics	D. Jayaraj

## 14.2 Part-time Scholars

Name of the scholar	Research Topic	Guide
Abida Begum	History of Muslim Women Education in Colonial Tamil Nadu	S. Anandhi
V. Jegatheesan	Peri Urban Development and Sustainability: The Case of Chennai City in Tamil Nadu	K. Sivasubramaniyan
Muhammed Aslam E S	Social History of Mappilla Muslims	S. Anandhi
Bibhuti Bhusan Pradhan	Labour Economics	M. Vijayabaskar

### 14.3 Non-Stipendary

Name of the scholar	Research Topic	Guide
N.R. Somasekhara	Cost of Illness: A Study to Assess the Socio-Economic Burden and the Coping Strategies of Head and Neck Cancer Patients at Household Level and Health Policy Implications	L. Venkatachalam

### 14.4 Thesis Submitted

Name of the scholar	Research Topic	Guide
Arivukkarasi	Structure and Transformation of Household Industries in Tamil Nadu with special reference to Silk Weaving	K. Nagaraj
A Bhavana	Special Economic Zones: Contributions and Controversies	G.S. Ganesh Prasad
Sumalatha	Commodity Future Markets under the Globalization Regime: A Study of Indian	M. Vijayabaskar
Nirmal Roy	Political Economy of Land Use and Price	M. Vijayabaskar

### 14.5 Degree awarded

Name of the scholar	Research Topic	Guide
Vanathy	Growing Urban Water Stress, Myopic Policies and Fragmented Institutions: The Case of Chennai City	S. Janakarajan

# 15. Financial Statements

Balance Sheet as on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017

Liabilities	Note	Amount Rs.	Assets	Note	Amount Rs.
Corpus Fund	1	30,24,76,811	Non-Current Assets		
			Fixed Assets		
Current Liabilities			(i) Computer Assets	5	82,68,119
(i) Sundry Creditors	2	37,76,896	(ii) Library Assets	6	3,67,77,586
(ii) MIDS General Endowment	3	50,59,772	(iii) General Assets	7	86,32,684
(iii) Other Current Liabilities	4	26,74,024	Current Assets	8	26,03,09,115
<b>Total</b>		<b>31,39,87,503</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>31,39,87,503</b>

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# Income and Expenditure A/c for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017

Expenditure	Amount Rs. P.	Amount Rs. P.	Income	Amount Rs. P.	Amount Rs. P.
Note:9 Salary and Other Allowances			Note:11 Direct Income		
Salaries	4,13,61,451.10		Grant - ICSSR	2,57,25,000.00	
Fellowship	23,84,871.00		Grant - GOTT	1,92,00,000.00	
Project Staff Remuneration	42,61,647.00	4,80,07,969.10	Grant - ICSSR - Fellowship	35,19,000.00	
Note: 10 Other Administrative			Project Grants	82,30,830.76	5,66,74,830.76
Library	31,56,474.82		Note: 12 Other Income		
Research Programme	9,32,133.50		SB Interest	13,05,520.00	
Maintenance - Computer	5,07,965.04		Interest on funds, FD		
Research Publications	2,34,538.00		and bonds (excl. Accrual)	85,91,186.00	
Printing & Stationery	2,98,897.00		Sale of discarded assets and		
Postage Telephone	1,36,146.00		old papers/news papers	1,12,812.00	
Travelling Expense	5,34,355.00		Other income	32,81,210.00	1,32,90,728.00
Campus Maintenance	30,89,801.83				
Vehicle Maintenance	1,33,288.50		Excess of Expenditure Over Income		26,08,513.22
Other Administration Expenses	1,05,69,606.38				
Research Project Expenses	27,83,108.56				
Non Recurring Expenses	8,42,148.25				
Plough back Interest	13,47,640.00	2,45,66,102.88			
<b>Total</b>		<b>7,25,74,071.98</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>7,25,74,071.98</b>

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