

Curriculum Vitae

Personal information

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<https://journals.uio.no/JEA/about/editorialTeam>

Themes of General Research/ Pedagogic Interest:

Political Economy of Globalisation, International Political Economy, Ecology and Politics, Spatial Geography and Spatiality, New Religious Assertions, Political Philosophy, New Forms of Labour and Questions of Gender, Disciplinary and Interdisciplinary Challenges in Social Sciences, Anthropology of Development, Urban Anthropology of South West India and Global Urban Forms, , Unintentional Designs and Co-species evolutions in the Anthropocene; Ecologies/ Human Ecologies in the Making;

Current Positions:

Assistant Professor, School of International Relations and Politics (SIRP), Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala [August 19, 2019- Ongoing]

PhD Supervisor at the SIRP & Inter University Centre for Social Science Research and Extension (IUCSSRE).

Hon. Director: Centre for Urban Studies

Joint Director: International Centre for Polar Studies (ICPS), M G University

Affiliated Researcher, Urban Enclaving Futures, University of Bergen.

Adjunct Faculty, IUCSSRE, Mahatma Gandhi University.

Adjunct Faculty, Institute for Multidisciplinary Programmes in Social Sciences (IMPSS), Mahatma Gandhi University

Adjunct Faculty: School of Gender Studies, Mahatma Gandhi University

Director, India Hub, Sustainable Futures Global Network (Glasgow)

Courses Designed and Administered:

Postgraduate Level

- *Political Ecology and Dimensions of the Anthropocene (Open Elective)*
- *Politics of Climate Change (Elective)*
- *Politics and Ecology (Elective)*
- *Theories of Globalisation (Elective)*
- *Urbanisation, Global Cities and Spatial Configurations (Elective)*

- *Science Technology and International Relations (Open-Elective)*
- *Global Political Ethnography (Elective- Methodological)*

- *Modern German Political Philosophy (Elective- Pedagogical)*

- *International Political Economy (Core)*
- *Political Geography and Area Studies (Core)*

Undergraduate Level [Ethnography Course]

- *History and Theory in Anthropology*
- *Domains of Anthropology*

Research Courses

- *Spatial Logic of Urbanisation*
- *History and Social Anthropology of Urban Space: Exploring Planning, Architecture and Technology*
- *Faith in Neoliberal Frontiers: On the Architecture of Public Space and Religiosity in Kerala*
- *Political Geography of Outer Space*
- *Experiential Space and Everyday Life*

Fellowships and Associations: [Previous]

Post Doctoral Research Fellow, UKZN, South Africa

Fellow, Indian Institute of Advanced Research (IIAS), Rashtrapathi Nivas, Shimla. [Project: *Globalising States: The Metaphors from Ecologies in the Making*]

Non-Resident Research Fellow, CPPR, Kochi.

Memberships:

Professional Member, the American Anthropological Association (AAA)

Member, of the Oslo based Extreme Anthropology Research Network [<http://www.extreme-anthropology.com/team>] and the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Extreme Anthropology*.

Life Member: Kerala Council for Historical Research (KCHR)

Previous Work experience

Dates 11 March 2019- 7 August 2019

Occupation or position held: Guest Faculty, School of International Relations and Politics, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala.

Main activities and responsibilities: Post Graduate Teaching and Mentoring

Dates 16 February 2017- March 31 2017/ June 5 2017-July 16 2017

Occupation or position held: Ad Hoc Faculty, Government Law College, Ernakulam.

Main activities and responsibilities: Complementary paper for final year Law degree students.

Dates 29 October 2014- 14 July 2016

Occupation or position held: Assistant Professor (FDP) at the Department of Political Science at Maharajas College, Ernakulam; Autonomous- State College Affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala

Main activities and responsibilities: Under Graduate and Post Graduate Teaching/Mentoring [Human Rights both in the global and Indian context/ Social Science and its Methods/ State systems/ International Relations/ Political Thought/theories]

Dates 26 August 2011- 31 October 2012

Occupation or position held: Research Fellow in the Project, "Development experiences of selected groups of Scheduled Tribes in the Kerala part of Western Ghats", Forestry and Human Dimensions Division; Kerala Forest Research Institute (KFRI); Research Institute under Science and Technology Department of Kerala, India.

Main activities and responsibilities: Research in Social Sciences encompassing Forestry, Environmental conservation, Forest-Human interactions, and linkages between Social and Natural Sciences.

Dates 01 July 2006 - 01 December 2006

Occupation or position held: Research Assistant in the project "Challenging the State" co-ordinated by Professor Bruce Kapferer, University of Bergen/ Norwegian Research Council, Norway

Main activities and responsibilities: Identifying research areas, Project design, Library-based research.

Education and Training

Dates 01 May 2007 – 22 May 2013

Title of qualification awarded: PhD, Faculty of Social Sciences, University Of Bergen (State University), Fosswinckels gt.6, 5007 Bergen (Norway)

Principal subjects: [Thesis titled “**Spatial Reconfigurations and New Social Formations: The Contemporary Urban Context of Kerala**”/ Urban Processes/ Social Science of Development]

Dates 01 August 2004 - 01 July 2006

Title of qualification awarded: M Phil; Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Bergen (State University), Fosswinckels gt.6, 5007 Bergen (Norway)

Principal subjects: [Dissertation titled "**New Urban Spatialities: Public Spaces and New Religious Assertions in the Ernakulam Urban Complex**" / Ecological Anthropology/ Development in Theory and Practice/ Anthropology and its Subjects/ Training in writing and elaboration of research projects]

Dates 01/08/2002 - 01/08/2004

Title of qualification awarded: Master of Arts in Politics and International Relations; School of Politics and International Relations, Mahatma Gandhi University (State University), Priyadarsini Hills P.O, 686560 Kottayam (India)

Principal subjects: [Indian State and Politics/ Science Technology and International Relations/ Political Philosophy/ State and Politics in South East Asia/ Modern German Political Philosophy/ Idea of Europe/ Politics of Gender/ The Third World/ Dissertation: *Ideological Appropriation of Gender in the Contemporary Indian Public Sphere*]

Dates 01 June 1998 - 01 April 2001

Title of qualification awarded: Bachelor of Arts in Psychology; Department of Psychology, Union Christian College (Affiliated to the Mahatma Gandhi University), U.C.College P.O., 683102 Aluva, Kerala (India)

Principal subjects: [General Psychology, Human Physiology, Statistics, Social Psychology, Clinical Psychology, Organisational Behaviour, English and French]

Supervision (PhD) and Mentorship

Three Doctoral Candidates

One Post-Doctoral Fellow

Extensions and MoUs

The Centre for Urban Studies and C-Hed, Kochi Municipal Corporation (26th of August 2022)

Published works:

National-Peer Reviewed

- Saamookhikashastram Pothuvidangalilode: Lingapadaviyude Adayalapeduthalukal (In Malayalam). *Bhoomimalayalam Research Journal*. Book 13. Issue 1. March 2021. ISSN 2394-9791: 146-154.
- Vicharams: Evental Pointers, Possibilities and Intensities in Liminal Phases. *Samyuktha: A Journal of Gender and Culture*. (Vol. 20, No. 1. 2020.) ISSN: 2393-8013.
- “Anthropology of Exception”, in *Indian Journal of Politics and International Relations* (Vol.10-2, June 2017), ISSN 0973-5011.
- “Materialities of Governance: Sovereignities in the Making”, in *Elenchus Law Review*, (3(2)). 2017-18. Peer Reviewed Journal of the Government Law College, Thrissur. ISSN 2395-034X.
- “Spatialising the Contemporary Urban Order” in *Indian Journal of Politics and International Relations* (Vol.5-7, June 2014), ISSN 0973-5011.
- “Earthing with Expectations” in *Elenchus Law Review* (1 [1]) January 2015, Peer Reviewed Journal of the Government Law College, Thrissur. ISSN 2395-034X.
- Book Review: Review of *Rule By Aesthetics: World-Class City Making in Delhi* by Asher Ghertner (USA: Oxford University Press, 2015, 272 pp.). Summer Hill, IIAS, Winter 2016, Vol. XXII, No.2. ISSN: 0972-1452.

International-Peer Reviewed

- Varghese, M.A. 2023. Unintentional Designs in Ecology: The Case of River Periyar in Kerala. *The Geographical Journal*, 00, 1-14. Available from <https://rgs-ibg.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/geoj.12527>
- Varghese, Mathew A. 2021. 'Paradigms of Exceptions: Long Walks across Indian Cities'. *Cities in Flux*. Social Text 1 December 2021; 39 (4 (149)). ISSN 0164-2472. 156-158.
- “Blasphemy rewired: Communal Configurations of the public domain in Kerala” in *Sage Studies in Religion / Sciences Religieuses*. Volume: 48 issue: 165-188, 2019. ISSN: 0008-4298
- Book Review: "Imagining the Political in a Post-Political Environment". Review of Erik Swyngedouw's *Promises of the Political: Insurgent Cities in a Post-Political Environment* (Cambridge, Massachusetts: MIT Press, 2018). *Journal of Extreme Anthropology*, Vol 2, No 2 (2018), ISSN: 2535-3241.
- Book Review: “Man or Monster? On the Banality of Evil”. Review of *Man or Monster? The Trial of a Khmer Rouge Torturer* by Alexander Laban Hinton (Duke University Press, 2016), *Journal of Extreme Anthropology*, Vol 2, No 1 (2018), ISSN: 2535-3241.
- “New Religious Affirmations: Performances and Public Spaces in Urban Central Kerala” in *Ruhuna University Journal of Social Sciences (RUJSS)*, Published by the University of Ruhuna, Matara, Sri Lanka. Vol. V (No.2) 73-83, 2014, ISSN: 1800-3486.

Book Chapters

- “Introduction: Urban Utopias—Excess and Expulsion in Neoliberal India and Sri Lanka”. In Tereza Kulduva/Mathew A Varghese (ed.), *Urban Utopias: Excess and Expulsion in Neoliberal South Asia*. Palgrave Macmillan. 1-15, 2017, ISBN 978-3-319-47622-3.
- “*Vikasanam*: The Expansionist Choreography of Space-Making in Kerala”. In Tereza Kulduva/Mathew A Varghese (ed.), *Urban Utopias: Excess and Expulsion in Neoliberal South Asia*. Palgrave Macmillan. 74-95, 2017, ISBN 978-3-319-47622-3.

Published Research (University)

- “Spatial Reconfigurations and New Social Formations: The Contemporary Urban Context of Kerala” (ISBN: 978-82-308-2285-2), Published by University of Bergen, Norway

Occasional Papers/Working Papers

Mohan, Sanal P. Mathew A Varghese and Rachel A Varghese. July 2022. *Global Dialogue: India and Latin America, An Interview with Professor Juan Fernando Calderon Gutierrez*. Kerala Council for Historical Research: Occasional Paper Series- Vol- 1.

Book

- Varghese, Mathew A. 2023. *Entangled Ecologies as Metaphors of State Design*. Palgrave Macmillan. ISBN 978-3031465178.
- Jewitt, G.P.E, C Sutherland, Mathew Varghese, S Risko, P Martel et al. 2020. *Enhancing Water Security through Restoration and Maintenance of Ecological Infrastructure: Lessons from Ummgeni River Catchment, South Africa*. Water Research Commission/ University of KwaZulu-Natal. ISBN 978-0-6392-0132-0.
- Tereza Kuldova & Mathew Akkanad Varghese (ed.), *Urban Utopias: Excess and Expulsion in Neoliberal South Asia*. Palgrave Macmillan. ISBN 978-3-319-47622-3. (2017).

Research Report/ Consultancy

- Resource Person and Stakeholder in the conference for advancing climate action in Kochi, Advancing Climate Action in Kochi, organised by c-hed/Kochi Municipal Corporation, 5th December 2022.
- Sector Expert, India-EU Urban Partnership programme assisted, *Urban Sustainability and Smart City Event*, at Kochi (26-27 October 2022).
- Invitee as consultant in the workshop on Development of Investment Case for Nature based Solutions in Kochi, organised by ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, South Asia, in collaboration with Kochi Municipal Corporation as part of the project on urban biodiversity, entitled “INTERACT-Bio: Integrated sub-national action for

Biodiversity- Supporting implementation of National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP)” on 21st December 2021.

- Part of the 4th Annual Sustainable Futures in Africa Network Symposium from April 19 to 23, 2021, titled “Sustainable Futures: Reaching Globally to Sustain us Locally”.
- Member, Technical Working Group, in the Report- Local Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan for Kochi Municipal Corporation, May 2020 (Kochi Municipal Corporation and Interact-Bio, with support from Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, Government of India.)
- Invitee in the Close Group Discussion organised by Kerala Council for Historical Research titled ‘Use of Oral Sources in History and Other Social Sciences’ on 19th September 2019.
- Sutherland, Catherine Graham Jewitt, Susan Risko, Patrick Martel, Mathew A Varghese et al. 2019. 'Demonstration of how Healthy Ecological Infrastructure can be Utilized to Secure Water for the Benefit of Society and the Green Economy through a Programmatic Research Approach Based on Selected Landscapes'. Deliverable #14: Water resource connectivity, inter-dependency and social relations from a landscape perspective. 15 May 2019. Submitted to the Water Research Commission by Centre for Water Resources Research and School of Built Environment and Development Studies University of KwaZulu-Natal: Project K5/2354

Upcoming Publications

- Book Chapter: "Urban Ecologies in the Indian Subcontinent: Rethinking Resilience in the Context of Crisis" in upcoming edited book, *Inclusive Cities and Global Urban Transformation - Infrastructures, Intersectionalities, and Sustainable Development* (Springer)

Public Dissemination

- Edward Kellow, Mathew A. Varghese & Deepa Pullanikkatil, Digital Engagement In A Post-Factual World: Silos, Echo-Chambers And Lies, *Rozenberg Quaterly* (Magazine): ISSN: 2212-425X
- Varghese, Mathew A. ‘Limits’ Of Imagining the Pandemic Present. *Rozenberg Quaterly* (Magazine): ISSN: 2212-425X
- Varghese, Mathew A. Capitalism And The Generation Of Non-Relational Patchworks’. *Rozenberg Quaterly* (Magazine): ISSN: 2212-425X

Qualifications/Recognitions/Fellowships

- Fellow, Indian Institute of Advanced Studies (IIAS), Shimla.
- Masters Thesis External Reviewer, Estonian Academy of Arts (2022)
- Panel Organiser, Royal Geographical Society (RGS)-Institute of British Geographers (IBG) Annual International Conference 2021.

- Sector Expert, India-EU Urban Partnership programme assisted, *Urban Sustainability and Smart City Event*, at Kochi (26-27 October 2022).
- Co-Ordinator (along with Anoop Vellani and Theo Meder), *Contemporary Legends and Pandemic Lore*, Second International Society for Contemporary Legend Research (ISCLR) Webinar in association with Sree Sankara Vidyapeetom College and Center for Urban Studies, Mahathma Gandhi University. 9-11 November 2021.
- Was a Resource Person in the three-day International Conference on Inclusiveness *in Constitutional Democracy: Human Rights in Globalised Era* organised by Centre for Law Governance and Policy Studies at His Highness Maharajas Government Law College, Ernakulam, from 11th to 13th January 2017.
- Was a panellist and presented a paper in the discussion on “BREXIT and Future of the Idea of Europe” on the 5th of August 2016, organised by the Research and Postgraduate Department of Political Science, St. Thomas College, Pala, Kerala.
- Was a resource person in the symposium on “Britain Exit from European Union and Indian Economy” held on 20th of July 2016 at MES Kalladi College, Mannarkkad, Kerala.
- Organisational and Academic Role in the Curriculum Workshop Organised as part of Syllabus Restructuring for Under Graduate and Post Graduate programmes in Political Sciences at the Maharaja’s College (Govt. Run Autonomous College), Ernakulam, December 2015.
- Was one of the invited Panellists for “Discussion on the Role of Political Theories in Contemporary Indian Legislative Process”, Organised by the Govt. Law College Thrissur, on the 24th of November 2015.
- Was in the Organisational Role in the National Seminar sponsored by Directorate of Collegiate Education, Thiruvananthapuram, ‘Revisit of Nehruvian Legacy’, as part of the Dept. of Political Science, Maharaja’s College (Govt. Run Autonomous College), Ernakulam, on 9th of December 2014
- Was a Resource Person for All India Students Conference 2014 titled, 'Restructuring Indian State, Society and Economy: An inquiry into Today and Tomorrow', conducted by Centre for Economy Development & Law on the 9th of November 2014.
- Qualified UGC-NET Exam in December 2013
- Reviewer of the *Ruhuna University Journal of Social Science*, Ruhuna University-Department of Economics, Matara, Sri Lanka.
- Was included in the Quota Scheme/Fellowship (by the Norwegian Government) during 2007-2011
- Was a NORAD fellow (fellowship from the Norwegian Government) during 2004-2006.

Workshops/Seminars/Papers

National-UGC Sponsored

- Chaired, Session in the Two-Day National Seminar on ‘Social Justice and Indian Constitution- A Critical Engagement’. Department of Economics, SSV College and sponsored by Institute of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of Kerala, 24-25 November 2022.
- Coordinator, Research Methodology Web-Lecture Series, 19 November -22 December 2021, Inter University Centre for Social Science Research and Extensions, Mahatma Gandhi University.
- Resource Person, Inter Disciplinary Refresher Course in Development Economics, History & Philosophy from 16.09.2021 to 29.09.2021, organized by the UGC- Human Resource Development Centre, Kannur University, Kerala. (Title of session: “Thinking with Urban Paradigms and Spatial Metaphors”)
- Presented a paper titled ‘Saamohikashastram Pothuvidangaliloode: Lingapadaviyude Adayalapeduthalukal’ in the three day national seminar on Gender held t Union Christian College from 18-02-2020 to 20-02-2020.
- Presented a paper titled “Logic of the Urban Contemporary”, at the National Seminar, 'Modernity, Democracy, and Social Justice:Some Reflections' (November 29-30, 2016), at Post Graduate Department of Political Science, Govt. College Kottayam, Sponsored by The Directorate of Collegiate Education, Kerala.
- Presented a paper titled “Spiritual Rationalisations for the Asocial Consumer”, at the National Seminar, 'Popular Discourses: Politics, Praxis and More...' (November 17-18, 2016), at Post Graduate Department of English, Govt. College Tripoonithura, Sponsored by The Directorate of Collegiate Education, Kerala.
- Was a Panellist for the discussion on the ‘Role of Political Theories in Contemporary Indian Legislative Process’, at the Govt. Law College, Thrissur on the 24th of November 2015, organised jointly by the Govt. Law College Thrissur and Centre for Economy Development and Law
- Presented a paper titled ‘Locating Environment in the Anthropocene’ at the UGC Sponsored National Seminar on *Politics of Environmental Movements in Kerala* at Carmel College, Mala on 28th of October 2015
- Was a resource person for the Orientation Programme at the UGC-HRDC, University of Calicut and delivered a lecture on the topic ‘Preliminary Thoughts on a Hybrid Terrain’ on 5th September 2015.
- Was a resource person for the Refresher Course at the UGC-HRDC, University of Calicut and delivered a lecture on the topic “Towards a Project of Critical Social Sciences’ on 11th August 2015.
- Presented a paper titled ‘Everyday as Magic’ in the UGC Sponsored National Seminar on *Manthavadam: Charitra Samskarika Nadodi Vijnaniya Padangal* at SSV College, Valayanchirangara on 22nd July 2015.
- Presented paper titled “Communal Configurations: Possible Reflections from the Public Spaces in Kerala” in the UGC Sponsored National Seminar on “Communalisation of Politics with Reference to Voting Behaviour in Kerala”, held on 15th and 16th December 2014 at the Post Graduate Department of Political Science, Panampilly Memorial Government College, Chalakudy.

- Presented paper titled “Public Space: Paradigm for Contemporary Democracy” at the National Workshop on “Law, Democracy and Social Justice: Critical Perspectives” at Government Law College, Thrissur, on 17th February 2012.
- Presented paper titled “Environmental Event: Thoughts on a Method to Understand Urban processes” at the UGC sponsored National Seminar Environmental History: Issues in Prudence and Profligacy organised by the Department of History, Union Christian College, Aluva, Kerala, India on the 30th of October 2008

International

- Co-organized the *Network Summit on AI*, which took place at the Indian Habitat Centre in New Delhi in collaboration with the Nordic Centre in India and OsloMet - Oslo Metropolitan University and the Algorithmic Governance Research Network supported by The Research Council of Norway. 27-11-23- 01-12-23 [Presented his paper, *'The 'Wild' in the 'City' and vice versa: The Material Lacunae of Data Infrastructure'*, on the 1st December 2023 and moderated a panel throughout the day.]
- Co-Ordinator (along with Anoop Vellani and Theo Meder), *Contemporary Legends and Pandemic Lore*, Second International Society for Contemporary Legend Research (ISCLR) Webinar in association with Sree Sankara Vidyapeetom College and Center for Urban Studies, Mahatma Gandhi University. 9-11 November 2021.
- Organised a Panel (with Francesco Visentin and Maarja Kaaristo) named 'Bordering inland waterscapes: materialities, mobilities and politics' - Sessions (1) and (2)], Royal Geographical Society (RGS)-Institute of British Geographers (IBG) Annual International Conference 2021, August 31 to September 3, London.
- Invited as delegate with paper titled, 'Riparian Striations of the Everyday: Entanglements in Periyar' at ASLE Biennale Conference, at The University of Plymouth, United Kingdom 4-6 September 2019.
- Guest Lecture at *School of Built Environment and Development Studies*, University of Kwa Zulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa, titled 'Vignettes on Developments in Kerala State' on the 19th of February 2019.
- "Unintentional designs in ecology: the case of Periyar river in Kerala". Env 04- Changing tracks and tracking changes: the social lives of rivers and canals. SIEF 2019: Track Changes: Reflecting on a Transforming World. Santiago de Compostela, Spain, 14-17 April 2019.
- Presented a paper titled 'Blasphemy Rewired: Narrative Exclusions in Public Performances and Institutional Hegemonies in Kerala', at an international two-day workshop organized by the South Asia section at the Department of Culture Studies and Oriental Languages (IKOS), University of Oslo, titled, *Blasphemy! Reassessing the Rise of Offence Politics in South Asia*, 12-13 December 2016
- Attended IIHS Doctoral workshop on Comparative Urban and Regional Research held at the IIHS Bangalore City Campus from July 28th-30th, 2014
- Attended and Presented paper at the Research Workshop on Social Science Approaches to Urban Studies organised by Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi and sponsored

by Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR), at The International Centre, Goa (19th to 22nd December 2013). The title of paper was “New Choreographies of Religion: Emergent Practices in Urban Kerala”.

- Presented paper titled, *Urban Language of Contemporary Order: A View from the South*, at the International seminar, “Moving towards Co-operation or Conflict: South Asian Politics, Society and Economy,” organised by Post Graduate Department of Political Science, Panampilly Memorial Government College and Sponsored by Directorate of Collegiate Education, Govt. of Kerala, Chalakudy (27 and 28th November 2013).
- Participation in the PhD workshop titled “Education Globalisation and Social Change” organised by Western Norway Graduate School of Educational Research at the Faculty of Psychology, University of Bergen, Norway during Fall 2007

Podcasts

- *Urban Utopias : Excess and Expulsion in Neoliberal South Asia*, Book-a-Week Podcast, The CEPT Research and Development Foundation (CRDF), Uploaded, November 15, 2021. [<https://crdf.org.in/podcast/book-a-week>]

Web-Lectures and Offline Series/ Interactives (Presented / Organised)

- Presented the paper titled, *Entanglements in Ecology: From an Island and along a River-Bank in Kerala*. In the session ##conf1259 Bordering inland waterscapes: materialities, mobilities and politics (1), Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) Annual International Conference, London. 31st August to 3rd September 2021.
- Delivered an Invited Talk at the Meeting, *The Coronavirus Crisis in India: An Online Public Meeting*. Critical South Asia Group/WICID at Warwick and SOAS Development Studies, London. May 18, 2021.
- Attended the 4th Annual SFA Symposium “Sustainable Futures: Reaching Globally to Sustain us Locally” which was held digitally on the EdGE platform from April 19 to 23, 2021 and made a presentation during the session: “Welcoming our new international hubs – Building sustainable futures” held on Thursday April 22nd.
- Presented the paper, '*Covid-19: Pointers of Exception from the State of Kerala*' at the debate on youth challenges flowing from the pandemic organised the Centre for Civil Society Young Civil Society and UKZN, Durban on 31 March 2021.
- '*Naagarika Prakriyakal: Athirukalum Apavaata Idangalude Srishtiyum*' (Trans: Urban Processes: Of Boundaries and Exceptions). Online Lecture at the Dialectics Research Forum (DRF), Kalady University, 13-01-2021.
- '*Engaging Urban Re-Configurations with a Spatial Logic*'. Online lecture as a resource person for Kumaraguru College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (KCLAS), on 26-08-2020.

- Organising *Political Geography* Lecture Series (offline) at the School of International Relations and Politics (SIRP) platform (2021-22).
- Organising *Conversations* Lecture Series on broad areas like methodology, interdisciplinary work, political ecology, urbanisation processes etc. (offline and online) at the School of International Relations and Politics (SIRP) platform (2021-22).
- *Urban Studies Lecture Series* and interactives organised and coordinated from the School of International Relations and Politics (SIRP) platform from June 2020.
- *Engagements with Ecologies lecture series* coordinated and organised from Inter University Centre for Social Science Research and Extension (IUCSSRE), Mahatma Gandhi University from June 2020.
- *Ways of Knowing Collective* that focuses on methods of understandings initiated with Masters Students in partnership with masters students at the University of Kwa-Zulu Natal, from October 2020.
- A series of *Pandemic Podcasts*, which were short volunteer audio feeds from seven different countries with a specific focus on pandemics during its the initial period of COVID lockdown (March to May 2020), as well as a small interdisciplinary web interactive series titled '*Conversations with Time*' organised exclusively for Masters course students focussing on interdisciplinarity.

Academic Participations/ Resource Person/ Lectures

- Delivered a lecture at the research/post graduate department of political sciences at Maharajas College, Kerala, titled, 'From Politics of Climate to Paradigms in Ecology' on 20th November 2022.
- Was a resource person for the three day national Seminar (8-10 March 2018) at His Highness Maharaja's Government Law College, Ernakulam on Human Wildlife Conflict: Espousing the Need for Eco-Governance of Forests and Wildlife and presented a paper titled "'The 'Wild' in the Anthropocene: Pointers from Ecologies in the Making".
- Delivered Lecture as a Resource Person in the documentary Making Workshop, In Frame, conducted by the CSRS at U.C.College, Aluva from 14th to 18th February 2018.
- Delivered an in-house lecture at the CPPR, Kochi on the topic "Logic of Urban Contemporary: Geographies in the Making (Kochi)" on the 27th of February 2016.
- Delivered a lecture on Philosophy of Social Science Research as subject expert in the three day workshop on Introduction to Qualitative Research organised by IRTC and Research Scholars Collective, on 28th of November 2015.

Computer skills and Certificates

- Proficiency in Microsoft Office and familiarity with web based applications
- Completed course entitled 'Swift Net Weaver' conducted by the NIIT in July 2008

Other Activities and Interests

- a. Participated in the comprehensive Butterfly Survey held at the Periyar Tiger Reserve, from 13rd to 2012 November.
- b. Trekking and camping in forest territory
- c. Active involvement in the non certified programmes organised by the Nature Action Group, Union Christian College, Aluva, Kerala, India in collaboration with the Kerala State Forest Department from 1993 to 2000
- d. Independent and amateur studies on bird species in Ernakulam District