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APARNA ESWARAN

- Assistant Professor, School of International Relations and Politics, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala (From June 2022 till present)
- Adjunct Assistant Professor, School of Gender Studies, MGU, Kottayam, Kerala.
- Research Assistant, (Remote position) University of Leicester with PI Dr. Alice Tilce in Digital Anthropology (February 2022 to May 2022)
- ICSSR Post Doctoral Fellow in Centre for Women's Studies, JNU. (2020-22)
"Forging A Gendered Identity of Place: Upcountry Tamils in Sri Lanka"
- Research Associate, Women's Studies Centre, CUSAT
- Research Assistant, DIPP Chair on IPR, Inter-University Centre for Intellectual Property Rights, CUSAT, Kerala. (August 2019 –Jan 2020)
- Recipient of the Kerala Council for Historical Research (KCHR) Fellowship to revise PhD thesis for publication (2019-2020)
- Worked as trainer in Kerala Civil Service Academy's collaboration with Maharaja's College, Ernakulam, to take classes on Politics and International Relations. (2018-2019)
- Worked as Guest Lecturer (Politics with International Relations) in Capital Centre, Central University of Kerala (from 4 Aug, 2017 onwards till 5 May 2018).

Subjects Taught: International Diplomacy, India's Foreign Policy, Theories of International Relations, Foreign Policy and Processes.

Educational Qualification:

- PhD awarded in Women's Studies, from the Centre for Women's Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, under the supervision of Prof. G. Arunima. (23rd July 2018)

Title of Thesis: Women Witnessing War: Poetry Written by Tamil Women of Sri Lanka (1981-2009)

- M.Phil in International Organization with A grade, Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament (CIPOD), School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University.

Research Topic: 'International Organization and the Issue Area of Regulation of Genetically Modified Organisms.'

- M.A in Politics with specialization in International Relations, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University.
- B.A in English Literature, Mar Ivanios College, University of Kerala.

Invited Lectures/Academic engagements as resource person

- Invited as Resource person to develop a common framework for 'Gender Module' organised by Gender Park, Women and Child development department, Kozhikode on 30.11.2023 and 01.12.2023.
- Programme committee member for the 17th National Conference on Women's Studies on the theme " Women's studies and Women's Movements: Challenges and Resilience " in collaboration with Government College for Women, Thiruvananthapuram, conducted by Indian Association for Women's Studies held from 6th to 9th of September 2023.
- Invited speaker at the IAWS pre conference "Breaking New Grounds: The Transformative Potential of Women's Studies in Higher Education" held on 6th September 2023 at The Govt. College for Women – Thiruvananthapuram in the panel "Centering Women and Gender across Interdisciplinary Knowledges".

- Invited as a panelist on the KCHR Intervention: Scholarly Reflection on Contemporary Issues- 'Panel Discussion On Feminism' held on 08 March 2023, International Women's Day by KCHR.
- Invited as Discussant for the panel discussion for the three lecture series handled by Dr. T.V. Madhu, Professor, Department of Philosophy, University of Calicut. The programme was organised by the Department of English in collaboration with UGC STRIDE held on 8th, 9th February 2023.
- Invited as a resource person for the National Seminar on 'Indian Constitution and Social Justice' being organised by the Department in association with the Institute of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of Kerala on 16 December 2022 at Alphonsa College. Delivered a lecture titled 'Battling the Stigma of 'Born Criminals': Chhara Denotified Tribe Community's Documentation of the Lockdown Experience'.
- Invited talk in connection with the International Human Rights Day celebrations at SVRNSS College, Vazhoor organised by their PG Department of Economics, 13th December 2022.
- Delivered two sets of lectures for the MA Programme in Gender, Culture and Development Studies at The Department of Women's and Gender Studies, Savitribhai Phule Pune University on the 14th and 15th of November 2022
- Chaired a session in the National Webinar titled ' Inequality and Plurality: Contemporary Challenges to Democracy" organised by the Department of Political Science, School of Distance Education. (March 2022)
- Delivered an invited talk (online) on 'Poetry of Witness and Articulation of Violence' as a part of the course 'Mediated South Asia: Film, Media and Public Cultures', Department of Communication Arts, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Spring Semester 2021.
- Delivered an invited lecture titled 'In Movement- Poetics and Politics of Witnessing by Tamil Women in Sri Lanka' as part of the course 'Intellectual History in South Asia' at Gender Studies, School of Human Studies, Ambedkar University, New Delhi on 16 March 2021
- Delivered an invited lecture titled 'Unhealed Wounds: Poetics of Violence Written By Tamil Women in Sri Lanka' at the International Webinar on Women and Girls in Difficult Situations: Towards a Gendered Social Policy' organized by the Department of Sociology, University of Kerala on 3 March 2021.

- Delivered a virtual lecture titled 'In Movement- Poetics and Politics of Witnessing by Tamil Women in Sri Lanka' at O.P. Jindal Global University on 28 November 2020.
- Delivered three lectures on 'Gender and Development' in Department of Local Development Studies, Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University, Kerala, September 2020.
- Delivered a lecture on 'Constitutional Governance in Globalized World: Gender Perspectives' at the School of Indian Legal Thought, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala, 4 Dec 2018.
- Delivered a lecture on 'Gender as a category of Political Analysis' in the Higher Secondary School Teacher Transformation Programme organized by the Post Graduate and Research Department of Political Science, Maharaja's College, Ernakulam in association with the Directorate of Collegiate Education and Directorate of Higher Education, Government of Kerala, 23 Nov 2018.
- Delivered a lecture on the module 'Gender and Development' in Department of Local Development Studies, Thunchath Ezhuthachan Malayalam University, Kerala on 15th Nov 2018.
- Delivered a public lecture at the Manipal Centre for Philosophy and Humanities as a part of a National workshop titled 'Thinking Subjectivities, Rethinking Transformation' on 19th March, 2018.

Papers Presented

- Presented paper titled, 'Thinking of Gender and Political Crisis in Sri Lanka' in the International Seminar titled "Women and Development" organized by the Department of Economics, University of Kerala, India from 08th - 10th November 2022.
- Presented paper titled 'Navigating an education through the Pandemic- The (Im)Mobilities of Aspiration among Return Student Migrants in Kerala ' at the Annual Conference of International Institute of Migration Studies, (December 2021)
- Delivered working paper presentation titled 'Speaking in many tongues: Articulation of violence in poetry written by Tamil women in Sri Lanka (1981-2009)' at KCHR, Trivandrum on January 21, 2021
- Presented a paper titled 'Labour of being Witness: Poetry Written by Tamil Women in Sri Lanka' in the conference titled 'Land, Labour and Nation in Contemporary

South Asia: Claims and Contestation' at Dibrugarh University held during 12,13,14 February, 2020. The panel was chaired by Urvashi Bhutalia.

- Presented a paper titled "Contesting 'Moral Public' and 'Immoral Women'- An Exploration of the evolving idea of Constitutional Morality' in XVI National Conference on Women's Studies (IAWS), held in National Law University, Delhi on January 28-31, 2020.
- Presented a paper in the international conference "Poetic Imagining(s) of South Asia: Borders and Nations" organized by South Asian University's Institute for South Asian Studies (ISAS) in Delhi on April 22-23, 2019.
- Presented a paper in the Southern Regional Conference of IAWS in collaboration with Calicut University on Gender and Religion, 30th January 2019.
- Presented a paper in the National Seminar on 'The Movement of Our Times: New Frameworks for Studying Women's Movements', organized by Krantijyoti Savitribai Phule Women's Studies Centre, Savitribai Phule Pune University, 15th Nov 2018.
- Presented an invited Lecture for the National Seminar on 'Questions of Justice and Recognition: Sixty Years of Kerala Experience' organized by Panampilly Memorial Government College, Chalakudy, Kerala, November 2017.
- Presented a paper titled, "Women in Movement: Witnessing War in Sri Lanka in the National Seminar organized by the Centre for Cultural Studies, University of Kerala, October 2017.
- Presented a paper titled "Traces Of The Unrecognizable: Poetry Written By Tamil Women From Sri Lanka" in the International Conference on Humanities and Social Sciences (ICHSS-2016), organized by University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, July 2016
- Presented a paper titled " Translationality of Experience" in the two-day workshop 'Curriculum and Pedagogy: Women's Studies' organized by Centre for Women's Studies, JNU, 18th & 19th April 2016.
- Presented a paper titled " Mother as a Witness: Poetry by Tamil Women in Sri Lanka" at the Annual International Studies Convention on Power, Resistance and Justice in the International System: Perspectives from the South, held in JNU, New Delhi, 2015.
- Presented a paper in the national seminar on "Building Bridges: Contemporary Research in Gender Studies" held at the Centre for Women's Studies, University of Hyderabad, 2014.

- Paper titled “Disagreeing Deaths: Poetry of Tamil Women in Sri Lanka” was accepted and abstract published in the proceedings of Indian Association of Women’s Studies Conference, 2016.
- Presented a paper on “Intellectual Property Rights Protection through Geographical Indications in WTO: Stakes for India” in XXXIV Indian Social Science Congress, December 27-31, 2010.

Book Chapters

- Co-authored a chapter titled ‘Iron Ladies’ in the Indian Game of Thrones’ in the edited book titled ‘Inequality and Plurality: Contemporary Challenges to Democracy’, edited by Renoj NK & Aby T
- Chapter titled “Trace of the Unrecognizable in Spaces of Vision: Poetry written by Tamil women in Sri Lanka” in the book titled “*Theorizing Space*” edited by Babitha Justin, Gigi Alex and Parashuraman M.N, Bodhi Tree Books and Publications, Trivandrum, 2019.

Papers Published

- Working Paper titled ‘Navigating an Education through the Pandemic: The (Im)Mobilities of Aspiration among Student Migrants of Kerala’ was coauthored and published by The International Institute of Migration and Development, January 2023. The working paper is scheduled to be published as a chapter in the India Migration report 2023: Student Migration,, edited by Prof. Irudayarajan and published by Routledge.
- Published article titled " Women, Priesthood and Religious Rights in Tamilnadu and Kerala", EPW, August 2021.
- Published an article titled “Mother as Witness: Poetry by Tamil Women in Sri Lanka” in South Asian Review, Routledge, Sept 2020.

Accessible at- <https://doi.org/10.1080/02759527.2020.1795519>

- Working Paper titled “Speaking in Many Tongues: The Articulation of Violence in the Poetry by Tamil Women in Sri Lanka”, Kerala Council for Historical Research, Thiruvananthapuram, November 2021.
- Published an article titled “Celibate Gods, Menstruating Women and Disrupting ‘Activists’: Discourses in the Public Sphere of Kerala on the Sabarimala Temple Entry Issue’ in Journal of South Indian History, Vol. V Issue2, May 2019.
- Published an article titled “Lasantha Wickrematunge: Remembering Dissent in Death”, Mass Media, Vol. 6, No.62, May 2017. ISSN 2277-7369
- Published an article on “The Waste Picking Community: Some Issues and Concerns” in the Web Exclusive section of Economic and Political Weekly, Vol. 48, Issue No. 22, 01 Jun, 2013

<http://www.epw.in/journal/2013/22/web-exclusives/waste-picking-community-some-issues-and-concerns.html#sthash.ckGh1aFK.dpuf>
- Published a report on “Panel Discussion on Sexual Violence” held in JNU in the Web Exclusive section of Economic and Political Weekly, Vol. XLVIII No. 10, March 09, 2013

<http://www.epw.in/web-exclusives/panel-discussion-%E2%80%98sexual-violence%E2%80%99.html>
- Published an online article titled ‘Documenting Evidence: Cinema of Leena Manimekalai and Sumathy Sivamohan’ in Students Struggle, November, 2020.
- Published an article titled ‘Travelling through Checkpoints- Poetry of Tamil Women of Ilankai’, (Malayalam), Sanghadita Magazine, January 2021.
- Published an article titled ‘Prisons of Different Making: Gendered Reading’ (Malayalam), Sanghadita Magazine, Vol 17, No. 6, September, 2019. ISSN 2319-9741
- Published an article on ‘Documentaries on Disappearance in Sri Lanka’, in special edition on Documentaries (Malayalam), Sangaditha Magazine, October 2020 (Online due to Pandemic)
- Published a report on “A Bill on Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace” in IAWS (Indian Association of Women’s Studies) Newsletter, January 2013, Pp 12-13.
- Published an article titled “*Kalpanayude Hungk Chiri*” in the special edition on Humour, Sanghadita Magazine, Vol 13, No. 4, 9 April, 2017. ISSN 2319-9741

Book Reviews

- Review of Ashleigh Barnes, ed. 2015. *Feminisms of Discontent: Global Contestations* in the journal 'Contributions to Indian Sociology' Volume: 51 issue: 3, page(s): 408-411, Oct, 2017.

Ongoing Projects

Major Project of Kerala Women's Commisison: Research study on the topic "Malayalam Film Industry as a Gendered Workspace: Understanding Issues, Interventions and Policies". Awarded in 2023.

Fellowships/Achievements

- Recipient of ICSSR Post-Doctoral Fellowship (2020-2022)
- Recipient of KCHR Fellowship to Revise PhD thesis (2019-2020)
- Recipient of ICSSR Doctoral Fellowship (2015-2017)
- Recipient of Junior Research Fellowship, UGC. Qualified the UGC –NET exam for lectureship in International Relations, held on 28th December 2008.
- Was appointed as Assistant Professor (Ad-hoc) in the Department of Political Science, Lady Shri Ram College for Women in 2015
- Attended the Odissi summer workshop held in Nrityagram, Bangalore, June, 2018.
- Was the student representative for PhD students in the SFC (Student-Faculty Committee) of the Centre for Women's Studies, JNU. (2015)
- Made a documentary with four other students in JNU on the Gendered spaces on campus.

Available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hWRQx2HFZz4>

- Organized the Annual Cultural and Literary Summit (2007) of School of International Studies in J.N.U.

- Joint Secretary of UNI-Y, the university wing of YMCA in 2006, Thiruvananthapuram. Organized the annual cultural event UNI-art 2005 and UNI-art 2006.

Articles in Blogs/Newspapers

- Published an article on the poetry of Sri Lankan poet Ahilan in Dool News online portal, Jan 2020

Available at <https://www.doolnews.com/then-there-were-no-witnesses-ahlan-poem-srilanka.html>

- Published an article on the poetry of the Sri Lankan poet Cheran in Azhimukham online portal, Feb, 2018.

Available at <https://www.azhimukham.com/literature-a-study-on-srilankan-tamil-poet-rudramoorthy-cheran-by-aparna-eswaran/>

- Published an article in the political blog Kafila titled 'Facts and Fiction – Creative Journalism and Real Consequences' on gender violence in reporting news about women, April, 2012

Available at <http://kafila.org/2012/05/15/facts-and-fiction-creative-journalism-and-real-consequences/>

- Published an interview with the Eelam poet Cheran Rudhramoorthy, titled [Unperturbed. He writes this poem: Interview with Cheran](#) in Lanka News Web.

Available at <http://archive.lankanewsweb.net/features/400-unperturbed-he-writes-this-poem-interview-with-cheran>

- Published a gendered reading of the prohibition of liquor in Kerala, titled "*Kudiyente Bharya allatha sthreekyum Sadachara Malayaliyodu chillath parayanund* " in the political blog in Malayalam, Azhimukham, September 23, 2014.

Available at <http://www.azhimukham.com/liquor-prohibition-gender-masculinity-representation-on-media-gendered-space-morality-women-victims-consumption-kerala-government-policy/>

- Published an article on the gender violence in JNU titled "*JNU vil nadanathu Gender violence thanne*" in political blog in Malayalam, Azhimukham, 5 Aug 2013

- Published an article on Khajuraho Dance Festival with a byline in Deccan Chronicle
- Poetry published in Muse India and Cereberation.

Languages known:

English, Hindi, Malayalam, Tamil

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| 1. Date of Birth | - | 10/02/1987 |
| 2. Gender | - | Female |
| 3. Nationality | - | Indian |
| 4. Marital status | - | Married |

Academic Record:

| Examination Passed | Year of Passing | % of Marks, CGPA or Grade | Name of Board/ University | Subjects/Papers Offered |
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| High School/10 th Class | 2002 | 80.2% | CBSE | English, Hindi, Science, Social Science, Maths |
| Senior School/12 th Class | 2004 | 73.8% | CBSE | Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Maths, English |
| Bachelors Degree | 2007 | 65.7% | University of Kerala | English Language and Literature |

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| Masters Degree | 2009 | CGPA: 7.18 (76.8%) | Jawaharlal Nehru University | Politics with specialization in International Relations |
| M.Phil Degree | 2011 | CGPA: 7.5 (80%) | Jawaharlal Nehru University | International Organization |
| PhD | 2018 | Awarded | JNU | Women's Studies |

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