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**Qualifications**

PhD (Social Work) : Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai (2013)

MSW : Rajagiri College of Social Sciences, Kochi (2002)

Area of Specialisation: Community Development

Areas of interest: Environment & Development, Ecological Social Work Practice, Social Justice and Development, Social Policy and legislation, Participatory Action Research

Academic Profile

- **PhD in Social Work** (Centre for Social Justice and Governance, School of Social Work) from Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai (2008-2013; Doctorate Awarded in May 2013)
- **PhD Exchange Programme Fellow** (2011) at School of Social Sciences and Humanities in **University of Tampere, Finland**
- **UGC Lectureship with Junior Research Fellowship** awarded in 2006 in Social Work
- **Master of Social Work (MSW)** with specialisation in Community Development from Rajagiri college of Social Sciences under Mahatma Gandhi University (2002)
- **Degree in Mathematics** from Union Christian College, Aluva under Mahatma Gandhi University (2000)
- **Diploma in Computer Applications from** Union Christian College, Aluva under Mahatma Gandhi University (1999)

Professional Experience

1) Academic

- Assistant Professor (June 2016 till date; Department of Social Work, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Tiruvarur)
- Lecturer (June 2013 – May 2014; Department of Social Work, Thuravoor Regional Centre, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit)
- Lecturer (June 2014 – May 2016; Department of Social Work, Thuravoor Regional Centre, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit)

2) NGO based Research/Action Research Projects

- Research (January 2003 – July 2008; 5 years 6 months; Research Facilitator with PLANET Kerala (NGO) for various Research and Participatory Action Research projects in the areas of Integrated Water Resource Management, Water & Sanitation, Tribal Development in Kerala)

Designation	Duration	Projects / Area of Research
Process Monitor & Evaluator	January 2003 to March 2004	Documentation and evaluation of World Bank assisted Kerala State Rural Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation Project (Jalanidhi project in 4 northern districts of Kerala)
Action Research Facilitator	April 2004 to December 2006	Integrated Water Resource Management programme (in Kuttanadu, Alappuzha) supported by Royal Netherlands Embassy
Action Research Facilitator	January 2006 to May 2007	Green Coast Project “ Ecosystem Restoration in Tsunami affected areas in the confluence of the right arm of Periyar River with the Arabian Sea “ (near Kodungalloor) supported by Wetlands International South Asia, WWF, IUCN
Research Facilitator	June 2007 to December 2007	Multi stakeholder analysis of the water crisis situation and development of an integrated water resource management model to ensure fresh water availability (in Kadalundi, Kozhikode) the coastal belt of Kerala, supported by SVARAJ, India
Research Facilitator	January 2008 to July 2008	Participatory Poverty Assessment of Paniya tribes in Kottathara Panchayath in Wayanad, Kerala undertaken by PLANET Kerala in collaboration with Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram and Montreal University and supported by IDRC, Canada
2004 - 2008	Facilitated several training programmes in Participatory Learning and Action (PLA) methodologies to students of Social work, development practitioners and people’s representatives as a team member with PLANET Kerala, an organization with focus on participatory approaches in development interventions	

Awards and Recognitions – National & International

- **PhD Exchange Programme Fellow** (2011) at School of Social Sciences and Humanities in **University of Tampere, Finland** with **International Fellowship** from University of Tampere and Tata Institute of Social Sciences
- **UGC Research Fellowship** (JRF/SRF) during the Doctoral Programme in Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai awarded in 2006
- **International Travel Grant** from **ICSSR** to attend International Conference on Development Induced Displacement and Resettlement organized by **Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford** during March 2013.
- **International fellowship by Netherlands Fellowship Programme (NFP)** to attend a workshop on 'Facilitating Multistakeholder Processes and Social Learning' at **Wageningen University**, Netherlands in 2008.
- **Literary award for Malayalam poetry (V T Smaraka Puraskaram)** from Mumbai Sahityavedi, Mumbai in 2012. Published Malayalam poetry in anthologies brought out by DC Books, Ankanam Books and Mayflower publications as well as in several online magazines.
- **Recognition from Samakalika Malayalam Weekly (Indian Express Publications):** Profile included in the March 2015 issue (penmayude 100 mukharekhakal) as one who proved merit in the field of Malayalam poetry; The Weekly featured hundred women with proven merit in the field of fine arts, literature, social activism and other fields.

Research Projects undertaken/associated/Supervised

- Independently Supervised MSW Thesis of 10 students during the teaching period at SSUS, Kalady on topics of social movements, environment and development, marginalised communities etc
- Doctoral Research Project - **Politics of land acquisition and conversion: A study of two development projects in Kerala (2008 – 2013)** undertaken with UGC Research Fellowship (JRF/SRF) from University Grants Commission
- Research Facilitator (NGO Team member) in the **Participatory Poverty Assessment of Paniya tribes in Kottathara Panchayath in Wayanad, Kerala** undertaken by PLANET Kerala in collaboration with Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram and Montreal University and supported by **IDRC, Canada (2008)**
- Research Facilitator (NGO Team member) in the **Multi stakeholder analysis of the water crisis situation and development of an integrated water resource management model to ensure fresh water availability** in Kadalundi, Kozhikode, a coastal belt in Kerala, supported by **SVARAJ**, India (2007)
- Master of Social Work Research Project – Criminality among Youth : A study of first time offenders in Ernakulam District

Publications

Journal article

- Chitra, K.P (2016). Claiming the public sphere: Menstrual taboos and the rising dissent in India. *Agenda*. Taylor & Francis (ISSN (Online)-2158-978X)
- Chitra, K. P. (2016). How Kerala is destroying its wetlands. *Economic and Political Weekly* (ISSN (Online) - 2349-8846) , 51 (22).
- Chitra, K. P. (2016). Breaking the silence: Liberating function of Child Helplines. *Lissah Journal* (ISSN 2349-8382), 2 (1), 9-17.

Chapters in books

- Chitra, K.P. (..). *Multiple displacements in an agro-ecological zone: A case of land acquisition from Kerala* in the edited volume 'Roaring issues of land acquisition and displacement: Exploring avenues for resettlement and restoration', Sage Publications in association with Centre for Rural Studies, LBSNAA (Forthcoming)
- Shari PV & Chitra K.P. (2005). *kuttanattile charithravum bhoomishashtravum* (Malayalam) in Joseph, M.J ed., *kuttanattile jalapunarujjeevanam*, PLANET Kerala.
- Jayaprakash Babu & Chitra K.P (2005). *vellam arichedukkal* in Joseph, M.J ed., *kuttanattile jalapunarujjeevanam*, PLANET Kerala.
- Jayaprakash Babu & Chitra K.P (2005). *kulungalude punarujjeevanam* in Joseph, M.J ed., *kuttanattile jalapunarujjeevanam*, PLANET Kerala.
- Jayaprakash Babu & Chitra K.P (2005). *pradhana thodukalil ninnum bandham Vichedhikkapetta edathodukaludeyum vettu chalukaludeyum punarujjeevanam* in Joseph, M.J ed., *kuttanattile jalapunarujjeevanam*, PLANET Kerala.

Article in Popular Journal

- Chitra, K.P. (.....). *vikasanathinte sookshmaakhyanangal.vimochanadhara*. *Keralam* (Forthcoming)
- Chitra, K. P. (March 2015). *Bhoomiyettedukkal: Yukthiyum Rashtreeyavum (Review of Land acquisition legislation for development projects)*. *Samakalika Malayalam Weekly*, (Indian Express Publication)

Book Translation

- Baiju P.V. & Chitra K.P (2005). *keralaituile jala pradhisanthi tharam cheyyunathil sankethika vidhya vikasanathinte prasakthi* in Joseph, M.J ed., *kuttanattile jalapunarujjeevanam*, PLANET Kerala.
- Team member in the translation of the Book 'Participatory Workshops' by Robert Chambers to Malayalam; Published by Praxis (International NGO), Chennai.

Article in website

- Chitra, K. P. (2011). A critique of land acquisition and Resettlement and Rehabilitation Bill 2011. *Countercurrents* (<http://www.countercurrents.org/chitra300811.htm>)
- Chitra, K. P. (2013). *Jalam kond murivettavar* (Book review with focus on the politics of ecology in the Malayalam Novel *Aathi* written by Sarah Joseph). *Nalamidam* (An alternate media website (<http://www.nalamidam.com/archives/17814>))

Paper presentations in International Seminars abroad

- Chitra, K.P. (2013). *'Multiple displacements in an agro-ecological zone: A case study in the backdrop of Vallarpadam International Container Terminal, Cochin, Kerala, India'* presented in an International Conference on Development Induced Displacement and Resettlement organized by Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford held on 22-23rd March 2013. (International Travel Grant by ICSSR)
- Chitra, K.P. (2011). *Depoliticisation of land: Increasing inequality and conflicts in India –* Presented in 5th Annual Nordic Institute of Asian Studies Council Conference (Political regimes, growth politics and conflict in Asia) Co-organised with Forum for Asian Studies, Stockholm University, Sweden (2011) (During PhD Exchange Programme to Finland)

Paper presentations in National/International Seminars in India

- Chitra, K.P. (2017). *'Encountering Alienation: A situational review of Inter-state Migrant workers from the North Indian States in Kerala'* presented in the National Conference 'Health, Safety & Well-Being Of The Workers In Unorganised Sector/Informal Economy, organized by Department of Social Work, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur.
- Rinshad K V, Abirami R, Chitra K P. (2017). *'Invisible Sexworkers: An exploration of the patterns of vulnerability'* presented in the National Conference 'Health, Safety & Well-Being Of The Workers In Unorganised Sector/Informal Economy, organized by Department of Social Work, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur.
- Chitra, K.P. (2016). *'Legal framework for land acquisition in India: The gaps, paradoxes and the flaws'* presented in the IDRC sponsored International Conference at Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram on Development- induced Displacement and Migration, Land Acquisition and Resettlement (March 2016)
- Chitra, K.P. (2014). *'Depoliticising Resistance - A critical analysis of the people's protest against dispossession in the backdrop of the Road Connectivity Project to Vallarpadam International Container Transshipment Terminal, Cochin, Kerala, India–* presented in the ICSSR - National Seminar 'Social Movements and Inclusive Development: Contradictions, Contestations and Challenges' held by Department of Sociology, University of Pondicherry (March 2014)
- Chitra, K.P. (2012). *'Development Induced Multiple Environmental Impacts In An Agro Ecological Zone: A Case Study In The Backdrop Of Vallarpadam International Container*

Terminal, Cochin, India' – Presented in the Second Indian Biodiversity Congress at Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore (December 2012).

- Chitra, K.P. (2011). *'The State Acquisition of land: an analysis of the new Land Acquisition and Resettlement and Rehabilitation Bill 2011'* – presented in the National Symposium on 'Development, Democracy and Governance' jointly organised by Centre for CODP, School of Social Work, TISS and Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata at Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Mumbai (October 2011)
- Chitra, K.P. (2009). *Land Politics: The emergent battlefield of Transforming Identities – XXXV All India Sociological Conference*, University of Kashmir, Srinagar (November 2009)
- Chitra, K.P., Antony, Bindu & Joseph, Vijai (2007). Integrated water resource development and management – A case study of participatory action research experiment in Kurikoda island of Kuttanad, Kerala, India, Co-authored paper presented in OSLE Conference, Bangalore (2007)

Coordinated National Seminar

- Faculty Coordinator of the UGC Sponsored National Seminar (Multiculturalism in Social Work Praxis: Critical Reflections) organized by Dept. of Social Work, SreeSankaracharya University of Sanskrit during 18-19th March 2016

National Seminar Sessions Chaired

- Chaired a Session with two papers (**Rethinking Social Work Curriculum and Syllabus: Possibilities & Challenges; Does the Mediation of Fieldwork capture the real life world: Engaging with the question of theory and practice**) in the National Seminar on **Reimagining Professional Social Work: Discipline and its Practice** held on 30th May 2016 at Sameeksha, Kalady, Kerala organized by a Research Scholar Collective

Coordinated Workshop/Rural Camp/External Lecture Series

- Coordinator of two day Research Methodology Workshop Series -1, jointly organized by Department of Social Work, Department of Life Sciences and Department of Epidemiology and Public Health for the Postgraduate and PhD students of Central University of Tamil Nadu (November 2016)
- Co-Director of Rural Camp at Thirumechiyur village, Thiruvarur District for MSW I and II Batch Students during 3-12th January 2017
- Coordinator for External Lecture Series for MSW students in the Department of Social Work (2016-17)
- Organising Committee Member of the National Conference 'Health, Safety & Well-Being Of The Workers In Unorganised Sector/Informal Economy, organized by Department of Social Work, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur.

Programme/Syllabus Development

- Developed PhD guidelines and syllabus for the forthcoming PhD Programme in the Department of Social Work, Central University of Tamil Nadu
- Modified syllabus for **Core papers** – Social Policy and Legislation, Social Welfare Administration; **concentration paper** - Sustainable Urban Community Development
- Developed syllabus for **Elective papers** - Environmental Social Work, Women Empowerment and Development and; during syllabus revision of the MSW programme

Invited Lecture/Talk

- Invited talk on '**Introduction to Social Work Practice**' in the Departmental Seminar of the Department of English Studies, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur on 17th February 2017
- 3 day Lecture series on Foundations of Logic and Reasoning for MA Public Health and Epidemiology students, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur (2016)
- Lecture on **Research Methodology** to IV Semester Social Work students in Thuravoor Regional Centre, SreeSankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kerala (2016)
- Talk on **land acquisition legislation in India** to the coastal community in the mineral sand mining areas in Karunagappally, Kollam (2013)
- **Social Work Practice in India** at the School of Social Sciences and Humanities in University of Tampere, Finland on 16th November 2011
- **Participatory Action Research in Integrated Water Resource Management** at the School of Social Sciences and Humanities in University of Tampere, Finland on 15th November 2011
- **Land Acquisition legislation and Development in India** at the School of Social Sciences and Humanities in University of Tampere, Finland on 14th November 2011

Courses Taught

Previous

- Social Theories and Social Work Perspectives
- Social Policy and Legislations
- Introduction to Social Work Research
- Qualitative Research Methods
- Development Communication
- Development Practice – Issues and Challenges
- Development Administration
- Sectors of Development: Rural Community
- Marginalisation and Development
- Women: Empowerment and Development
- Ecology and Sustainable Development
- Human Resource Development for Service Organisation

Present

- Social Policy and Social Welfare Administration
- Urban Community Development
- Social Work with Communities
- Livelihood Promotion and Sustainable Development

Academic Collaboration

- Member, Board Of Studies, Department of Social Work, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvarur
- Member, Board Of Studies, School of Social Work, Marian College, Kuttikkanam, Kerala

Editorial Assignments

- Department Editor for Lapwing (CUTN Newsletter)
- Editorial Board Member, Journal of Social Work Education and Practice

Trainings/Workshops attended in India/abroad

- A 3 day National workshop on **Research Ethics, Academic writing and Data Analysis** during 17,18,19 November 2015 at Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady
- Participant in the PhD workshop in the 5th Annual **Nordic Institute of Asian Studies (NIAS)** Council Conference (*Political regimes, growth politics and conflict in Asia*) co-organised with **Forum for Asian Studies, Stockholm University** in 2011 (During PhD Exchange programme to Finland)
- Training programme on **Environment Impact Assessment** conducted by **Centre for Science and Environment**, New Delhi in 2010
- Attended a 21 day workshop on 'Facilitating Multistakeholder Processes and Social Learning' for NGO and Government personnel offered by **Wageningen University**, Netherland in 2008 as a Fellow under **Netherlands Fellowship Programme**