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ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- Ph.D., Finance, University of Madras, 2014.
- M.Phil., Commerce, University of Madras, 2003.
- M.Com., Trade and Development, University of Madras, 2002.
- B.B.M., Bank Management, Meenakshi College for Women, University of Madras, 2000.

EXPERIENCE

- Assistant Professor, Department of Commerce, Central University of Tamilnadu, 2017- till date.
- Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, NIT Silchar, 2015 - 2017.
- Assistant Professor, Faculty of Science and Humanities, SRM University, Jul.,2015 – Sep.,2015.
- Assistant Professor, GITAM Institute of Management, GITAM University, 2014 – 2015.
- Guest Faculty, Department of Commerce, University of Madras, 2013 – 2014.
- Teaching cum Research Fellow, Department of Commerce, University of Madras, 2006 – 2007.

AREAS OF INTEREST

Teaching Interests

- Derivatives, International Finance, Sustainable Business Practices, Corporate Finance, Investment Management, Advanced Accounting, Managerial Economics, International Economics, Quantitative Techniques, Financial Econometrics and Research Methodology.

Research Interests

- International Finance, Derivatives, Sustainable Development, Corporate Finance and Financial Economics.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Mahalakshmi, S., Thiyagarajan, S., Vasudevan, G., & Naresh, G. (2022). Return and volatility spillover effects between rupee-dollar exchange rate and asian stock indices. *Journal of Emerging Market Finance*, 21(4), 428-450.
- Mahalakshmi, S., Thiyagarajan, S., & Naresh, G. (2021). Financialisation of agricultural commodity and its trading during COVID-19 pandemic. *International Journal of Electronic Finance*, 10(4), 260-269.
- Thiyagarajan, S., Mahalakshmi, S., Kirithiga, S., & Naresh, G. (2021). Price dissemination of international and domestic commodity markets. *International Journal of Bonds and Derivatives*, 4(3), 179-195.
- Kirithiga, S., Naresh, G., Mahalakshmi, S., & Thiyagarajan, S. (2020). An Assessment of the Causal Relationship and Price Dissemination of Commodity Spot and Futures Contracts. *South Asian Journal of Management*, 27(1), 103-121.

- Gopal, N., Mahalakshmi, S., & Thiyagarajan, S. (2019). The consequence of volatility index on stock market returns. *Journal of Stock & Forex Trading*, 7(1), 1-6.
- Naresh, G., Vasudevan, G., Mahalakshmi, S., & Thiyagarajan, S. (2018). Spillover effect of US dollar on the stock indices of BRICS. *Research in International Business and Finance*, 44, 359-368.
- Mahalakshmi, S., Thiyagarajan, S., & Naresh, G. (2017). Foreign direct investment and regional economic development. *International Journal of Business Excellence*, 11(2), 199-220.
- Mahalakshmi, S., Thiyagarajan, S., & Naresh G. (2016). Which Indian Industry benefits from FDI? A Panel Cointegration Approach, *Journal of International Business and Economy*, 17(1), 59-89.
- Mahalakshmi, S., Thiyagarajan, S., & Naresh, G. (2016). Causal Links Between FDI Inflows and Macroeconomic Indicators of India. *South Asian Journal of Management*, 23(1), 112-138.
- Naresh, G., Thiyagarajan, S., & Mahalakshmi, S. (2016). Is there any real market indicator to predict stock index returns. *Advances in Economics and Business*, 4(8), 407-413.
- Thiyagarajan, S., Naresh, G., & Mahalakshmi, S. (2015). Forecasting Volatility in Indian Agri-Commodities Market. *Global Business and Finance Review*, 20, 95-104.
- Mahalakshmi, S., Thiyagarajan, S., & Naresh, G. (2015). Determinants of Foreign Direct Investment Inflows into India. *Journal of International Economics*, 6(1), 24-43.
- Naresh, G., Thiyagarajan, S., & Mahalakshmi, S. (2015). Price Gouging of Futures on Commodity Indices in India. *IUP Journal of Financial Risk Management*, 12(2), 7-17.
- Naresh, G., Thiyagarajan, S., & Mahalakshmi, S. (2014). Undercurrents of Options Trading. *IUP Journal of Applied Finance*, 20(4), 48.-57.
- Naresh, G., Thiyagarajan, S., & Mahalakshmi, S. (2013). Do Derivatives Hasten the Commodity Prices?. *Journal of Economic Policy and Research*, 9(1), 135-144.
- Naresh, G., Thiyagarajan, S., Mahalakshmi, S., & Shanthi, P. (2013). Testing the Nature of Long and Short Run Relationships between Spot and Future Commodity Prices in India. *Prajnan*, 42(2), 185-199.
- Mahalakshmi, S., Thiyagarajan, S., & Naresh, G. (2012). Agricultural commodity derivatives. *Arthshastra: Indian Journal of Economics & Research*, 1(1-2), 13-16.
- Mahalakshmi, S., Thiyagarajan, S., & Naresh, G. (2012). Commodity derivatives behaviour in Indian market using arch/garch. *JIMS8M: The Journal of Indian Management & Strategy*, 17(2), 60-64.
- Naresh, G., Thiyagarajan, S., & Mahalakshmi, S. (2011). Analysis of Performance of Disinvested Public Sector Enterprises Using DEA Approach. *Indian Journal of Finance*, 5(12), 13-18.
- Mahalakshmi, S., Thiyagarajan, S., & Naresh, G. (2011). Does Indian Stock Returns Cause Foreign Institutional Investments. *Asia-Pacific Business Review*, 7(4), 7-13.
- Mahalakshmi, S., Thiyagarajan, S., & Naresh, G. (2011). Influence of Macro-Economic Indicators on Foreign Direct Investments in India. *Banking Finance*, 24(8), 16-22.
- Naresh, G., Thiyagarajan, S., & Mahalakshmi, S. (2011). Financial Performance of Disinvested Public Sector Enterprises of Refinery and Fertilizer Industries. *Southern Economist*, 50(4), 5-8.
- Naresh, G., Thiyagarajan, S., & Mahalakshmi, S. (2010). Effects of Financial Crisis on Performance of Disinvested Public Sector Enterprises in India”, *Journal of Managerial Finance and Research*, 6(2), 49-55.

- Phaneendra, D., Jyothsna, M., & Mahalakshmi, S. (2016). Influence of Service Quality Dimensions on Customer Satisfaction of Telecom Services. *Journal of Marketing Vistas*, 6(1), 38-51.
- Chekuri Sarveswar Rao, Jyothsna, M., & Mahalakshmi, S. (2016). Customer Satisfaction on Data Services Offered by Leading Network Providers (Vodafone and Airtel), *GITAM Journal of Management*, 14(3), 34 -46.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Mahalakshmi. S (2021). Self-Reliant India – Prospects and Challenges. In A. Ibemcha Chanu (Ed.), *Self-Reliant India – Issues & Challenges* (pp. 10-27). Balaji Publications, Meerat, ISSN No. 978-93-85767-64.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE – PAPER PRESENTATION

- Gopal Naresh, Gopala Vasudevan, S Mahalakshmi, S Thiyagarajan (2018) “Return and Volatility Spillover Effects Between Rupee-Dollar Exchange Rate and Asian Stock Indices”, FMA – 2018 Annual Meeting (prestigious global finance conference) organized by the Financial Management Association, San Diego, CA, USA (paper presented in-absentia).
- Mahalakshmi. S, Thiyagarajan. S, Naresh. G. (2020). Political Economy of Agri Commodity Trading during Pandemic, Virtual International Conference on Digital Economy, organized by International Sustainable Development Studies Institute (ISDSI) and IIM Raipur, 27-29th December, 2020.
- Mahalakshmi. S, and Angshuman Hazarika (2022). The Termination of BIT by India: Impact on FDI Flows, Truth or Myth? , 7th International Management Conference organized by Fortune Institute of International Business, New Delhi, 7th -8th January, 2022.

CHIEF GUEST

- “National Conference on Government Policy and Global Business Trend” organized by St. Ann’s College of Arts and Science, Tindivanam, 1st September, 2018.

RESOURCE PERSON

- Chairperson for ‘Sustainable Practices in Finance and Accounting’ session in the International Conference on Recent Development Advances in Business Sustainability organized by the Department of Management Studies, NIT Silchar, 25th December, 2022.
- ICSSR Sponsored ten days ‘Research Methodology Course’ for M.Phil. / Ph.D. / PDF Scholars’ organized by the Department of Commerce, Central University of Tamilnadu, Thiruvavur, 20th to 30th December, 2021.
- International Professional Development Programme on Regression Analysis (Online) organized by Patrician College of Arts and Science, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, 27th June, 2021.
- Webinar on “Self-Reliant India (Aatma Nirbhar Bharat)” organised by the department of Commerce, Assam University Diphu Campus, Assam, 16th August, 2020.

- Webinar on “Research Methodology” organized by the PG & Research Department of Commerce & C.A, Rabiammal Ahamed Maideen College for Women, Thiruvavur, 22nd June, 2020.
- Workshop on “Basics of Research Methodology” organized by the Department of Visual Communication, Thiru. Vi. Ka. Government Arts College, Thiruvavur, 24th September, 2019.
- ICSSR Sponsored ten days ‘Research Methodology Course’ for M.Phil. / Ph.D. / PDF Scholars in Social Sciences’ organized by the Department of Commerce, Central University of Tamilnadu, Thiruvavur, 13th to 22nd December, 2018.
- Workshop on “Research methodology and Data Analytics” organized by the Department of Management Studies, NIT Silchar, 28th August to 1st September, 2017.

CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS/FDPs/LECTURES ORGANIZED/COORDINATED

- Virtual International Conference on “Sustainability of E-education as a Close Alternative to Traditional Education” jointly organized by the School of Commerce and Business Management, CUTN, Millennium University, Republic of Malawi and Sri Krishnadevaraya University, Andhra Pradesh, 16th and 17th December, 2020.

GUEST LECTURE DELIVERED

- Delivered a Guest Lecture on “International Trade & Foreign Exchange” for M.Com students of Annai Veilankanni’s College for Women on 8th March, 2013.

ORIENTATION/REFRESHER PROGRAMME/FDPs

- ICSSR Sponsored Two-week Capacity Building Programme on ‘Balancing Empirical Research With Qualitative ways of Knowing: Mixed Methods Research (MMR) Approaches for Social Sciences’ organized by the School of Communication, Central University of Tamilnadu, 13th to 24th February, 2019.
- Participated in orientation programme organized by HRDC – JNU, New Delhi from 15-07-2019 to 02-08-2019.
- Participated in Refresher Course on Commerce and Management organized by HRDC-University of Hyderabad from 20-09-2021 to 03-10-2021.
- Participated in Refresher Course in Research Methodology organized by HRDC – JNU, New Delhi from 19-12-2022 to 31-12-2022.

WORKSHOPS/FDPS/ CONFERENCES ATTENDED

- Workshop on “Time series and Panel Data Analysis using Python, R and MATLAB”, organized by NIT Trichy, 15th to 19th May, 2023.
- Virtual International Conference on Digital Economy, organized by International Sustainable Development Studies Institute (ISDSI) and IIM Raipur, 27-29th December, 2020.
- Virtual International Conference on “Circular Economy: Responsible Management for Sustainability and Circularity” jointly organized by IIM Jammu and School of Management, University of Bradford, 14th to 15th December, 2020.

- Online FDP on MOODLE organized by MOOCs-ICT of Central University of Tamilnadu, 21st to 29th September, 2020.
- MCX Sponsored Two Days capacity Building Programme on “Commodity Derivatives Market” organized by the Department of Commerce, Central University of Tamilnadu, 14th & 15th March, 2019.
- “Faculty Development Programme” organized by the Central University of Tamilnadu, 8th September, 2018.
- “Certificate Programme in Advanced Panel data and Time Series Models” organized by Madras School of Economics, 14th to 16th February, 2018.
- Faculty Development Programme on “Data Analysis for Management Research” organized by Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode, 4th – 8th April, 2011.
- Faculty Development Programme on “Basic Econometrics for Management Research” organized by Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode, 19th – 24th Oct., 2009.
- Faculty Development Programme on “ABC of SPSS for Management Teachers” organized by T.A.Pai Management Institute, Manipal, 4th & 5th Dec., 2008.
- Member of the workshop committee “Two day National Workshop on Research Writing and Publication in Business Studies’ organized by the Department of Commerce, Central University of Tamilnadu, 08th & 9th February, 2019.
- Conference and Workshop on ‘Statistical Methods in Finance’ organized by Chennai Mathematical Institute and Indian Statistical Association, Chennai, 17th to 20th December, 2018.
- One Day User Awareness programme on “Access to E-Resources” organized by Central Library, Central University of Tamilnadu (CUTN) in association with INFLIBNET Centre, CUTN Thiruvavur, 20th July, 2018.
- Workshop on “Tech-English – A workshop on Lecturing in English in Multilingual Classroom” organized by the Department of Social Sciences & Humanities, NIT Silchar, 19th – 20th May, 2016.
- Workshop on “Case Methods – Learning, Teaching and Writing” organized by the Department of Management Studies, NIT Silchar, 6th – 7th May, 2016.
- Workshop on “Project Management and Strategic Financial Planning” organized by National Productivity Council, New Delhi conducted at Port Blair, 16th – 20th Nov., 2015.
- Workshop on “Research Methods using Structural Equation Modelling” organized by School of Management Studies, National Institute of Technology Calicut, Kerala , 25th – 26th April, 2014.
- Workshop on “Time Series Analysis” organized by the Department Studies, Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai, 7th Dec., 2013.
- Workshop on "Introduction to Data Analysis” organized by Department of Commerce, University of Madras, Chennai, 13th Nov., 2013.
- Workshop on “Structural Equation Modelling” organized by Department of Commerce, University of Madras, Chennai, 2013.
- Workshop on “Convergence of Indian Accounting Standards with IFRS” organized by Department of Commerce, University of Madras and Institute of Chartered Accounts of India, 19th - 20th Jan., 2013.

- Workshop on “Time Series Modeling and Applications” organized by Madras School of Economics, Chennai, 25th – 27th March, 2011.
- Workshop on “Panel Data Econometrics” organized by Madras School of Economics, Chennai, 23rd – 24th July, 2010.
- Workshop on “Research Methodology for Commerce, Economics and Management Researchers” organized by Annamalai University, Chidambaram, 10th – 11th Oct., 2009.
- Workshop on “Application of Statistical Tools and Techniques for Researchers” organized by Department of Commerce, University of Madras, Chennai, 17th – 18th Dec., 2009.
- National Conference on “The Impact of Foreign Direct Investments on Indian Economy” organized by the Department of Commerce, Loyola College, Chennai, 10th & 11th February, 2010.
- International Conference on titled ‘Survival and Growth Strategies in Changing Business Scenario’ organized by the Department of Commerce, Annamalai University, Chidambaram, 28th–29th Dec., 2009.
- National Seminar on Indian Commodity Market Derivatives & Risk Management – The Road Ahead” organized by the Department of Commerce, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry, 11th–12th September, 2009.
- International Conference on ‘International Challenges of Global Business in 21st Century’ organized by the Department of Commerce, Rev.Jacob Memorial Christian College, Dindigul, Tamilnadu, 4th & 5th Feb., 2009.
- National Seminar on Industry-Institute Partnership for Excellence in Higher Education organized by S.D.N.B.Vaishnav College for Women, Chennai, 17th -18th March, 2009.

Administrative and Other Responsibilities

- Nodal Officer, All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE), Central University of Tamil Nadu (April 2018 to Nov. 2021).
- Member (Subject Expert from other University), Board of Studies for M.Com. (Accounting and Finance), S.D.N.B. Vaishnav College for Women, Chennai.

Awards & Recognition

- Awarded with UGC-Junior Research Fellowship (JRF), 2008 – 10.
- Awarded with UGC-Senior Research Fellowship (SRF), 2010 – 13.
- Best paper Award in General Management and Operations for the paper titled “The Termination of BIT by India: Impact on FDI Flows, Truth or Myth?” in the 7th International Management Conference organized by Fortune Institute of International Business, New Delhi held on 7th -8th January, 2022.

Journal Peer Reviewing

- *IIM Ranchi Journal of Management Studies*
- *International Journal of Business Innovation and Research*
- *International Journal of Management Practices*

- *Qualitative research in Financial markets*
- *South Asian Journal of Business Studies*
- *PRAGATI: Journal of Indian Economy*
- *IGI Global*

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

- Life member, Indian Commerce Association
- Life Member, Indian Econometric Society
- Life Member, Indian Accounting Association

SOFTWARE SKILLS

- SPSS, Gretl, E-views, Stata, Microfit and MS Office.