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B. Eswara Rao is Associate Professor in the Department of History. He is specialized modern Indian History of Medicine. His research interests include ideas of Hygiene and Sanitation, History of Science, Dalit History. Prior to joining the Department of History at University of Hyderabad in 2014, he taught in the Department of History at Assam University, Silchar and Diphu Campus.

Publication:

Edited books/chapters

- Paper on “Therapeutic practices and Tuberculosis Sanatoria in the Madras Presidency, 1910-1947” (book chapter is under review for publication upcoming)
- Health, a gift of God at Sanatorium and Missionary Activities in Madras Presidency (Book Chapter upcoming)
- “Taming Liquid Gold’ and Dam Technology: A Study of the Godavari Anicut” in (ed.) Deepak Kumar, Vinita Damodaran and Rohan D’Souza, *The British Empire and the Natural World: Environmental Encounters in South Asia*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi(2010).

Journal articles:

- From Rajaya(k)shma (“Disease of Kings”) To Blackman’s Plague: Perceptions on Prevalence and Aetiology of Tuberculosis in the Madras Presidency, 1882-1947, *Indian Economic and Social History Review*(2006), 43(4), pp.457-485.
- “The Child to Avoid Fire; By allowing it to Burn Itself:”1 Public Health and Tuberculosis in South India, 1898-1947 (forthcoming Asiatic Journal)

Academic awards/fellowships

- Wellcome Trust Visiting Fellowship 2009

Research projects completed/ongoing

- ICHR Sponsored Project –Sinking Colony and Sanitizing State: Sanitary Ideas and Hygienic Practice in colonial south India

National/International Invited lectures

1. Presented a paper ‘The Child to Avoid the Fire; By Allowing it to Burn Itself: Public Health and Tuberculosis in South India, 1898-1947, International Seminar on Health, Diseases and Society: History of Medicine in India and Beyond, The Asiatic Society, Kolkata 27-28th February, 2019.
2. Resources Person and Presented a paper on climate, Health and Landscape in colonial South India, in a National Seminar on @Debating Environmental History: Dicussing its Various Dimensions, Department of History, Sidho-Khanho-Birsha University, Purulia(West Bengal)27 &28th August, 2018.
3. Presented a paper “Instruct, Educate and Prevent the Disease: Health Policies towards Control of Tuberculosis in Madras Presidency, 1910-1947” in an international seminar organized by the Wellcome Trust funded Documentation Centre for History of Medicine in collaboration with Department of History and Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Calcutta, 20th February 2014.
4. Presented a paper entitled “Tuberculosis sanatoria and therapeutic practices in the Madras Presidency, 1910-1947,” in Symposium S056. Medical Knowledge Traditions at Work, under the International Congress of History of Science, Technology and Medicine in Manchester 21st – 28th July 2013.
5. Presented a paper entitled “Western Medicine and Other: Politics of Recognition tribal medicine” in the national Seminar on “Tribal Identity formation: A Dialogue Between Past and Present” organized by Department of History, Assam University, Diphu Campus, Diphu, 12-13 February 2013.
6. Presented a paper entitled “Colonial Encounters with Caste: Lower Castes Negotiation of Colonial Space in South India,” in the national seminar on “State and Freedom: Ambedkar’s Perspectives” organised by Department of Philosophy, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry , held on 27th-29th September 2012.
7. Presented a paper “Concept of Tuberculosis and Healing Practices among Tribes in Colonial Assam,” Medical History of North-East India, Department of History, Assam University: Diphu Campus, Diphu, 27-28th September, 2011.
8. Presented a paper “Empire Builders and Engineers: Sir Arthur Cotton’s Ideas and Practices in Dam-building from Environmental Perspectives” in the international seminar

on Environmental History and Politics, organized by Association for South Asian Environmental Historians and Dept of History, Assam University, Silchar, 24th – 26th February, 2010.

9. Presented a paper New Strategies and Servitudes: Missionary Activities in the Madras Presidency, at the National Conference on “Encounter and Interventions: Colonial Space and Missionary Endeavor in British North East India, Assam University, Silchar, 17-19th March, 2008.
10. Presented a paper “Notions of Purity and Pollutions and Western Medicine Its Negotiations with Social Body, at the 66th Indian History Congress, Visw Bharati, Santiniketan, Feb. 2006.