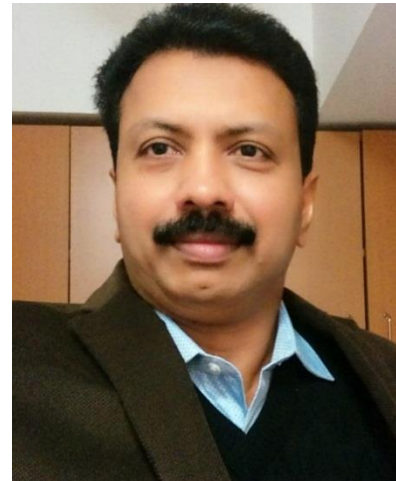


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RESEARCH PROJECTS (Jointly at CDS)

- “Governance of Labour Migration in India,” research project funded by the International Labour Organization (ILO), October 2007 to June 2009.
- “Beyond the Existing Structures: Revamping Overseas Recruitment System in India,” Research conducted for the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs (MOIA), Government of India, New Delhi, September 2007 to January 2009.
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TALKS/PRESENTATIONS - International (Selectively)

“Flood Stories: Literary Representations and History of the 'Great Flood of 99' in Kerala,” in the workshop on ‘Transformative Ideologies, Technologies and Cultures in the Changing Climate of Indian Ocean Rim’, at the University of Glasgow, 30 September – 2 October 2019.

“Modernity and the Syrian Christians of Malabar,” Lecture series under the *Theology and Religious Studies Lecture Series*, University of Glasgow, 7-21 November 2018.

“An Expanding Regulative Infrastructure? State policy mediations and migration of nurses from India,” in Workshop on ‘Gender, Migration and Development in India’ at South Asia Institute, SOAS London, 3 November 2018.

“Settling Subjects and Moving Subjectivities: Cultural Representations of Migrations and Agrarian Expansion in South India,” Centre for South Asian Studies (CSAS) Seminar, University of Edinburgh, 1 November 2018.

"Reclaiming 'Wilderness to Civility': Land Reclamation, Agrarian migrations and Modernity in South India", Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities (IASH), University of Edinburgh, 31 October 2018.

“Political Theologies of Land Reclamation: Moralities of the Syrian Christian Agrarian Migration in South India,” Public Lecture organised by the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology and South Asia Research Group, at Central European University, Budapest, 22 May 2018.

“Brokering Mobility: State Policies, Networks and Migration Industry between India and the Gulf,” at the conference on ‘Indo-Arab Relations: The Evolving Dynamics with a Rising Power’, organised by the Arab Centre for Research and Policy Studies (ACRPS), Doha, during 5-6 May 2018, at ACRPS Doha.

“An Industry of Migration Frauds? State Policy, Migration Industry and Controlled Informality in India,” Workshop on ‘The Migration Industry: Facilitators and Brokerage in Asia’, 1-2 June 2017 at the Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore.

“Heterogeneous Rationalities of Reclamation: Syrian Christian Church and the Agricultural Migrations in South India”, Workshop on ‘Political Theologies and Development in Asia’, Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, 21 February, 2017.

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“Ru-urban Reciprocity and the Region: Diaspora Investments for Home and Home Investments for Diaspora in Punjab” in the International Conference on *Regional Towns and Migration: Interrogating Transnationalism and Development in South Asia*, at University of Amsterdam, 10-11 October 2013.

“Adjusting Infrastructures: State, Private Brokerage and Controlled Informality in Emigrations from India” in the workshop on *Migration Infrastructure in Asia and the Middle East* at the National University of Singapore, 22-13 August 2013.

“Migration for Growth and Development: Myth and Reality from Indian Punjab” in the Asian Dynamics Initiative (ADI) conference on ‘Growth: Critical Perspectives from Asia’ at the University of Copenhagen, during 13-14 June 2013.

“Assets Far Away: Transnational Properties and its Discontents in Indian Punjab” in the International Workshop on ‘Diaspora and Development: South Asian Diaspora Engagement in South Asia’, organised by the Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS), National University of Singapore, 27-28 September 2012.

“Politics of Diaspora Driven Development: Multiple Realities from Indian Punjab” in the Special Session on ‘Geographies of Migration and Development’, at the Canadian Association of Geographers Annual Meeting hosted by the Wilfrid Laurier University and the University of Waterloo at Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, during 28 May to 2 June 2012.

“From the Pristine to the Peccant: Agricultural Expansion, Migration and the Production of New Subjects in South India, 1920-70,” and “He Selected Me: Migration, Marriage and Desertion of Wives in Indian Punjab,” at the International Conference on ‘Assessing the Complexities of South Asian Migration’, at Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, 19-21 May 2011.

“Assets Far Away: Transnational Properties and its Discontents in Indian Punjab,” IMI Brown Bag Seminar Series, International Migration Institute, University of Oxford, 9 February 2011.

“Transnational Discontents: Marriage, Property and Migrant Transnationalism in Indian Punjab,” Social Science Seminar, University of Bielefeld, Germany, 7 February 2011.

“Reclaiming civilization and building the "Canaan": Agricultural migration and its conflicting rationalities in South India, 1920-1970,” South Asian Seminar Series, Centre for South Asian Studies, University of Cambridge, 2 February 2011.

“Ruptures of nostalgia: Migration, marriage and the Punjabi transnational Public,” Open Symposium on Transnational Relations in the Contemporary World, University of Tampere, Finland, 31 January 2011.

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“Modernity in Translation: Land Labour and Migrations in Kerala, South India, 1900-70,” CWEH Seminar Series, Centre for World Environmental History, University of Sussex, 28 January 2011.

“Moving Across Borders: Migrations from Eastern Punjab and its Social Licitness,” Seminar Programme, School of Social Sciences, University of Northumbria, Newcastle , UK, 19 January 2011.

“Migration as a Transnational Enterprise: Emigrations from Eastern Punjab and Socially Licit Rationalities,” at the international conference on “Globalising Asia” organised by Nordic Association for South Asian Studies in collaboration with the University of Helsinki, 27-29 May 2010, at Helsinki, Finland.

“Broadening Exchanges and Changing Institutions: Multiple Sites of India’s Economic Transnationalism,” in the Project Conference on Transnationalisation, Migration and Transformation: Multi-Level Analysis of Migrant Transnationalism, 9-11 October 2009, at Koc University, Istanbul, Turkey.

“Governmentality, Social Stigma and Quasi Citizenship: Negotiations of Indian Housemaids to the Middle East,” in the 3rd Gendering Asia Network Conference on ‘Gender, Mobility and Citizenship’, organized by the University of Helsinki and Nordic Institute of Asian Studies, at Helsinki, Finland, 28-30 May 2009.

“Towards a New Migration Policy: India’s New Regime of Transnationalism” at the international conference on Managing Transnational Migrations: Comparing Transnational Migration Policies and Patterns in the World, organised by the Institute of Political Science and Governance, University of Tallinn, Tallinn, Estonia, 6-8 November 2008.

“De-essentialising Development: Reclamation of ‘Empty’ Spaces and its Discontents in Kerala,” International Summer Institute on “Re-Thinking Development in the South: A Tri-Continental Perspective,” organized by CODESRIA, CLACSO and APISA at Dakar, 15 May to 9 June, 2006.

“Memory as History: A Study of Syrian Christian Migration in Kerala from Travancore to Malabar, 1920-70” (research proposal) in the International Young Historians Workshop on ‘Labour, Gender, Ethnicity and Class’ organized by SEPHIS/CODESRIA at Dakar, Senegal from April 26th to May 14th, 2004.
