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MESSAGE FROM HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT



The department of Liberal Arts at IIT Hyderabad stands for integrating knowledge with praxis. The primary founding impulses of our department go back to classical antiquity where Liberal Arts was inclusive of philosophy, rhetoric, mathematics, humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences along with skill-based learning in fields such as music and fine arts. I am delighted to mention that we have been rigorously engaging with all these discourses and skills over the last 16 odd years or since our inception which coincides with the birth of IIT Hyderabad. Our department, thus, endorses pedagogical training and research methods wherein foundational concepts of the humanities and the social sciences often become the starting point for everything. In a world of quick fixes, fast results, shortcuts we, therefore, still aspire toward rigor and thoroughness, and toward firmly grounding ourselves in the human sciences. While we carry out a significant amount of phenomenological and theoretical work, we are equally invested in applied and hands-on learning and research such that there is a strong continuum between academia, society, industry, healthcare, policies, and media, to name a few. The advanced pedagogical practices of our department, likewise, attest to these principles. Naturally, Liberal Arts at IIT Hyderabad is keenly aware of the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations, and our pedagogy and research work relentlessly toward these. As a department housed in a technical institution and aspiring to contribute to our nation and the world in significant ways, we embrace the STEAM model of education and research which is increasingly replacing traditional STEM discourses. Here the Art component, that we proudly practice, when added to STEM gives it the steam to be truly impactful for human growth and well-being.

Srirupa Chatterjee

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT



With a very strong focus on research and teaching, the Department of Liberal Arts boasts of Economists dealing with National Agricultural Market and Electronics; Economic Growth of India's Urban Poor in post-Covid Times; Gender, Education, and use of AI and other disruptive technologies on society and economy. We also house psychologists, anthropologists, gender studies experts and literatures who work on Mental and Physical health, including Disability, Gender, Reproductive Health, Disease and Pathology, Body Image, Geriatric Healthcare, Cancer Care, Chronic Disease Management, Health Behaviour Change, and also Issues of Climate Change, global warming and environmental crises. We, likewise, have Development Studies and Cognitive Science experts who work on migration and labour policies, Mathematical and Formal Foundations of Language, Biolinguistics, Issues of Cognition, Brain, Learning, and Memory Consolidation; to name a few. And last but not the least, we have substantial work going on in the areas of Media and Popular Culture and literary studies along with cutting edge discourses in digital humanities. In sum, our faculty, research scholars, and students strive through their research and practice to forge a world which enables a better quality of life for one and all. This quality of life in a progressive, fast-changing, and demanding world, as we are aware, can be enhanced through solid education, training, research, and advocacy. And these are the primary goals of the department of Liberal Arts at IIT Hyderabad

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE DEPARTMENT

21 FULL TIME FACULTY

07 ADJUNCT FACULTY

01 DISTINGUISHED FACULTY

08 DISCIPLINES

78 PHD STUDENTS

23 MA STUDENTS

01 POST DOCTORAL STUDENT

Master's Program

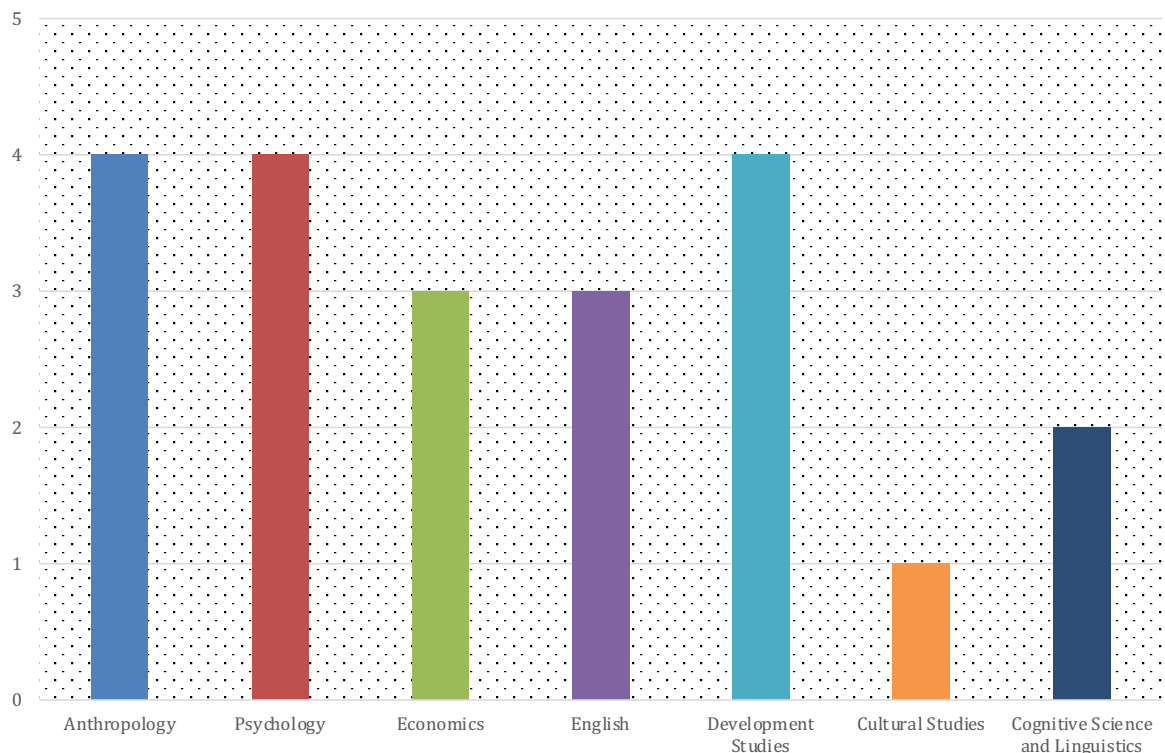
MA IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

MINOR IN CREATIVE ARTS

MA IN HEALTH, GENDER AND SOCIETY

MINOR IN ECONOMICS

Faculty strength: 21



DISCIPLINES

Ours is a multidisciplinary department wherein much interdisciplinary work is carried out. Our core areas are:

Anthropology & Sociology

The thrust of our pedagogical practice focuses on ethnographic research and theoretical frameworks emerging from the global South. Courses offered by the faculty include Media and Development, Medical Anthropology, Anthropology of Reproduction, Contemporary India and Environment and Society. Research areas include popular culture, heritage, infertility, reproductive health, sexuality, technology studies and climate change.

Cognitive Science

Cognitive Science at LA encompasses a multidisciplinary research ecosystem that involves incorporating techniques from diverse fields such as Psychology, Linguistics, Neuroscience, Computer Science, Computational Biology, and engineering. Our overarching goal is to establish cutting-edge research infrastructure capable of comprehensively understanding cognitive functions and fostering the development of theoretical models and transnational protocols. Research areas include sensorimotor learning, memory, emotion, mathematical/formal models of human language and cognition, biolinguistics, and psycholinguistics.

Cultural Studies

Cultural Studies critically examines questions related to culture and society while insisting on the fluidity and negotiability of these categories. Because Cultural Studies is essentially a hybrid discipline, students are also introduced to other related subjects like Sociology, Anthropology, History, Literature (English and/or Vernacular), Gender Studies etc. Current research and teaching interests include films, LGBTQ rights, evolution of gender questions under colonial India, community and law etc.

Development Studies

Development Studies is a diverse and multidisciplinary space. Research interests of core faculty include migration and development, women, gender and development, village and longitudinal studies; sociology and social history of labour, inequality, caste, and public policy; applied micro econometrics in the fields of health, education, gender, labour market outcomes, environmental justice, biodiversity conservation, and climate change.

Economics

The discipline of economics has been at the forefront for creating an environment for both rigorous teaching and research particularly by emphasizing on application oriented and impactful research. Faculty and PhD researchers are engaged in a diverse range of issues related to economic growth, international economics, monetary economics, labour economics, development economics and industrial economics. The Minor Economics programme is a popular choice among undergraduates majoring in Engineering.

**English
Literature**

Research interests include contemporary and multi-ethnic American fiction, American women's writing, literary theory, gender and body studies, twentieth and twenty-first century poetry and poetics, literature and the visual arts, literature and philosophy, the gift in literature, manuscript studies, digital humanities, post secular theory, nineteenth-century literature and culture, queer studies, postcolonial studies, thing theory, diaspora studies, graphic novels, popular literature, South Asian Literature, intersectionality, and feminist Standpoint Theory.

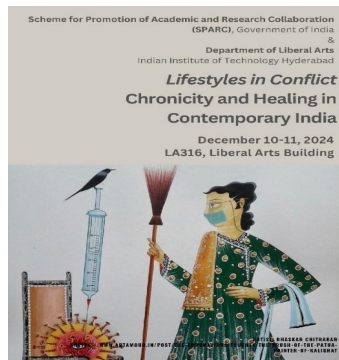
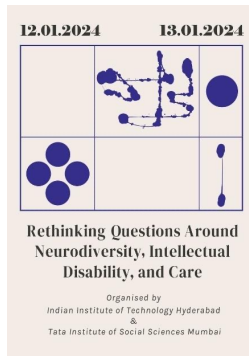
Linguistics

Linguistics has been innovating on research in the frontier areas of theoretical and experimental linguistics spanning studies on syntax, semantics, phonology/phonetics, language acquisition, computational linguistics, and psycholinguistics. We explore natural language from formal/mathematical, biological, computational and psychological perspectives that lead invariably to interdisciplinary inquiries addressing fields as varied as psychology, neuroscience, philosophy, anthropology, computer science, and cognitive science in general.

Psychology

The diverse interests of Psychology at LA include: positive psychology with an emphasis on resilience; organizational behaviour and work psychology focusing on cross-cultural virtual teams; teacher leadership, helping behaviour, eco friendly behaviours, and ethical decision-making in the workplace; critical and qualitative studies on mental health, culture, disability and gender; and chronic illness management with a focus on psycho-oncology, endocrinology, chronic kidney disease and women's health; cultural aspects of health behaviour change with a focus on diet, exercise and safe sex.

OUTREACH HIGHLIGHTS



Key Workshops & Training Sessions

Global Initiative for Academic Networks (GIAN) Course

Topic: Artificial Intelligence and Economics

Dates: December 13-17, 2023

Organizer: Dr. K.P. Prabheesh, in collaboration with Oregon State University & Boston College, USA

Venue: Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad

Four-Week Masterclass on Impact Evaluation

Dates: June 2024

Organizers: Dr. Gaurav Dhamija & Dr. Mahati Chittam

Venue: Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad

Workshop on Early Warning Mechanisms

Dates: March 27-29, 2024

Instructor: Dr. K.P. Prabheesh

Venue: Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai

Conferences: Academic Discourse in Action

Demographic Shifts and Reproductive Futures: Entanglements of Science, Technology, Medicine, and Society

Dates: July 11, 2024

Organizers: Dr. Anindita Majumdar & Dr. Nayantara Sheoran Appleton (Victoria University of Wellington, NZ)

Venue: Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad

Lifestyles in Conflict: Chronicity and Healing in Contemporary India

Dates: December 10-11, 2024

Organizers: Dr. Shubha Ranganathan & Dr. Anindita Majumdar

Venue: Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad



**Seminars
and Virtual
Workshops**

International Conference on Circadian Rhythms in Health and Diseases: From Discovery to Function

Dates: December 5-7, 2024

Organizers: Dr. Neeraj Kumar

Venue: Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad

Workshop: Rethinking Neurodiversity, Intellectual Disability, and Care

Dates: January 12-13, 2024

Organizer: Dr. Shubha Ranganathan

Venue: Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad

Development Economics Virtual Workshop

Date: July 18, 2023

Organizer: Dr. Gaurav Dhamija

Critical Interrogations of The Digital Urban in India: A Pedagogic Approach

Date: July 19, 2023

Organizer: Dr. Haripriya Narasimhan, in collaboration with University College London

Venue: Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH)

Gender and Economics Virtual Workshop

Date: June 16, 2023

Organizer: Prof. Gaurav Dhamija

Early Warning Systems for Financial Crisis: Theory and Evidence

Date: August 4, 2023

Instructor: Dr. K.P. Prabheesh

Organizer: Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore

**Writing and
Knowledge
Exchange
Platforms**

SPARC Writing Workshop in Science and Technology Studies (STS) for Early Career Researchers

Dates: December 9-11, 2024

Organizer: Dr. Aalok Khandekar

Venue: Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH)

Inaugural Workshop of the Science and Technology Studies India Network

Dates: December 14-15, 2023

Organizer: Dr. Aalok Khandekar

Venue: Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad (IITH)

Ethnography and Writing: Some Reflections Golden Jubilee Academic Writing Workshops

Date: December 3-4, 2024

Instructor: Dr. Haripriya Narasimhan

Organizer: School of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad



GIAN course on “Artificial Intelligence and Economics,”

December 13-17, 2023



**SPARC Writing Workshop for
early career researchers**

December, 2024

ENGAGEMENT WITH THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER AND KANDI VILLAGE

CAREER COUNSELING AND OUTREACH PROGRAM

Date: January 12, 2025

Location: Indian Institute of Technology Hyderabad



The Career Counseling and Outreach Program organized by the Department of Liberal Arts at IIT Hyderabad on January 12, 2025, aimed to bridge the career guidance gap for students from Kandi village and nearby areas. Coordinated by Dr. Anindita Majumdar and the HoD, Dr. Srirupa Chatterjee, a total of 57 students from six Zila Parishad High Schools (ZPHS) participated in the event. The event introduced the school children to diverse career opportunities, particularly in the social sciences. The program encouraged students to explore disciplines like sociology, psychology, economics, political science, and history, emphasizing their importance in addressing modern challenges beyond the traditional focus on medicine and engineering. Students received guidance on higher education pathways, including universities, entrance exams, and scholarships, as well as career opportunities ranging from teaching and government jobs to emerging fields like policy-making, content creation, and CSR. The program also highlighted how social sciences provide a strong foundation for competitive exams like UPSC and state public service commission exams. Delivered in both English and Telugu, the program reflected IIT Hyderabad's commitment to empowering rural youth by expanding their horizons and equipping them with the tools to achieve their aspirations.





ACHIEVEMENTS

SELECT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE JULY 2023

Sanjiv Kumar, PhD Scholar (PhD defended in May 2023)

joined as Assistant Professor in the Department of Economic Sciences, IIT Kanpur (Supervisor: Prof. K.P. Prabheesh).

Shweta Chawak, PhD Scholar (PhD defended in 2021)

joined as Assistant Professor in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Bombay (Supervisor: Dr. Mahati Chittem).

Aswathi V Anand, PhD Scholar (PhD defended in July 2023)

joined as Assistant Professor in the Department of Communication, IIM Indore (Supervisor: Dr. Srirupa Chatterjee).

Shreya Rastogi, PhD Scholar (PhD defended in April 2024),

joined as Assistant Professor in the Department of Communication, IIM Jammu (Supervisor: Dr. Srirupa Chatterjee).

Kumar Shaurav, PhD Scholar (PhD defended in March 2024)

joined as an Assistant Professor at the Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Ranchi (Supervisor: Prof. Badri Narayan Rath).

Vineet Gairola, PhD student in Psychology

received the Fourteenth International Conference on Religion & Spirituality in Society - Emerging Scholar Award by the Religion in Society Research Network, USA.

Vineet Gairola

was awarded the Division 36 Social Justice Task Force Research Grant for graduate students, worth \$1500, by the American Psychological Association.

Vineet also received the Excellence in Research Award, IIT Hyderabad (Supervisor: Dr. Shubha Ranganathan).

Sadaf Nausheen, PhD Scholar

was awarded the Fulbright Fellowship (Supervisor: Dr. Aardra Surendran).

Shankar Gugoloth, PhD Scholar

was awarded the Fulbright Fellowship (Supervisor: Dr. Haripriya Narasimhan).

KNSR Ratna, PhD student

as part of a team, won the "Lingathon" Hackathon for Linguistics, organized by the Netherlands Graduate School of Linguistics and Utrecht University, and received a cash prize of €150 (Supervisor: Dr. Prakash Mondal).

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE JULY 2023

**Dr. Aalok
Khandekar**

Visiting Researcher, French Institute for Research in Innovation and Society, June-July 2023.

UNESCO-TWAS Visiting Expert, Central Department of Hydrology and Meteorology, Tribhuvan University, Nepal.

Invited Lecture: "The Work of Localization: Developing Community-Based Heat Action Plans in Hyderabad's Informal Settlements", IIT Delhi, March 2024.

Recipient of the STS Infrastructure Award 2024 by the Society for Social Studies of Science.

Invited Participation: "Rising Heat Convening", ATREE and Wipro Foundation, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru, October 24-25, 2024.

**Dr. Amrita
Datta**

Associate Researcher, Centre de Sciences Humaines(CSH), New Delhi (since December 2024).

Plenary Speaker, International Conference on Skilling for International Migration: Pathways to Sustainable Development and Economic Resilience, Department of Economics, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 19-20 December 2024.

Organiser, Panel on Labour Migration and Development in India: New Evidences and Insights organised by IIT Hyderabad and Institute for Human Development, New Delhi, at the Global Conclave on Advancing Human Development in the Global South, India International Centre, New Delhi. 11-13 January 2024.

Invited Speaker. Session On 'Migration – Impact On Farm Women.' organized By The International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) In Collaboration With The Department Of Agriculture And Farmer's Empowerment (DA&FE), Govt Of Odisha, Bhubaneswar. 14 January 2024.

Member, Expert Review Committee, Social Sciences and Management vertical, VAIBHAV Research Programme, Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi, Government of India. (Since August 2023).

Invited Speaker, Rural Economy Workshop organised by the New Political Economy Initiative (IIT Bombay), IIT Guwahati, and IHD, New Delhi, May 9-10, 2025.

Invited Paper and Discussant, 63rd Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics, University of Hyderabad. 29-31 March 2024.

Invitation to join the Advisory Board of Rubal Foundation (June 2024).

Invited Paper and Discussant, 64th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics organised by the Institute of Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, 9-11 January 2025.

Invited Panelist, Migration in Development and Urban Policy. Webinar organised by the Indian Institute of Human Settlements, 18 July 2024.



Invited Panelist, Tribal Migration in India, 23rd Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Social Science Institutions (IASSI), BIT Mesra, Ranchi, 25-27 October 2024.

Invited lecture on Gender, Education and Work - Reflections from Data for the Workshop on Sustainable Development Goals and Gender, Council for Social Development, Hyderabad. 2-4 August 2023.

Invited Discussant, Technical Session 1.1 on Sustainable Development, 22nd IASSI Annual Conference, 2-4 November 2023, CESS, Hyderabad.

Invited Lecture/Resource Person, "Ten days Research Methodology Course for Ph.D. Students in Social Sciences" organized by the ICSSR, Southern Regional Centre, Hyderabad 1st to 10th August, 2024 at ICSSR-SRC, Osmania University Campus, Hyderabad.

Dr. Amrita Deb

Invited as a panel member for a discussion on "Approaching Mental Health Through Healthy Lifestyles and Positive Psychological Interventions", at the conference "Mental Health at Crossroads: Contemporary Modalities and Strategies for Promotion of Health and Well-Being", University of Rajasthan, February 22-23, 2024.

Dr. Anindita Majumdar

Led a multimedia reading group on surrogacy as part of Art Laboratory Berlin's project "Permeable Bodies", October 16-November 18, 2023.

Organized a SPARC-funded workshop with Dr. Shubha Ranganathan on "Lifestyles in Conflict: Chronicity and Healing in Contemporary India", IIT Hyderabad, December 10-11, 2024.

Dr. Anandita Pan

Invited speaker at the symposium titled "Indian Writing in English: Texts and Contexts", University of Hyderabad, September 30-October 1, 2024.

Delivered a lecture at the Centre for Research on Gender and Culture, University of Ghent, December 9, 2024.

Visiting Fellow, University of Ghent, Belgium, funded by the ASEAN & South Asia Platform, 2024-2025.

Dr. Badri Narayan Rath

Joint Organising Secretary, 64th Annual Conference of the Indian Society of Labour Economics, 29-31 March, 2024.

Served as a conference Co-Chair for 1st International Conference on Sustainable Energy Economics in the Asia-Pacific Region (jointly with Goa Institute of Management, Goa), 12-13 April, 2024.

Invited talk on Industrial Policy in India: Opportunities and Challenges Ahead, Mumbai School of Economics and Public Policy, University of Mumbai, October 31, 2023.



Invited as a Plenary Speaker at the International Conclave on Adivasi Question and Policy Roadmap: Envisioning India 2047, Ravenshaw University, January 20-22, 2024.

Invited as a Resource Person at the 56th Odisha Economics Association Pre-Conference Workshop, February 8-9, 2024.

Invited talk at the UGC-Malaviya Mission Teacher Training Centre, Pondicherry University, February 20, 2024.

Delivered lectures on Panel Time Series Analysis for Indian Statistical Service (ISS) officers, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, March 1, 2024.

Invited as a Chair in a Plenary talk on Research Quality Improvement, Department of Management Studies, University of Hyderabad, March 7, 2024.

Served as a Discussant and Author presenter in various conferences/workshops organized by the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI), Asia-Pacific Applied Economics Association (APAEA), Bank Indonesia Institute, Reserve Bank of Fiji, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Nepal Rastra Bank, and Maldives Monetary Authorities.

Associate Editor, Journal of Social and Economic Development, Springer.

Guest Editor, Energy Research Letters, APAEA publication.

Area Editor (Economic Theory and Analysis), SN Business & Economics, Springer.

Senate Member (Educationists of Repute), Indian Institute of Technology, Tirupati.

Dr. Chandan Bose

Convened a panel titled "Recasting Risk", International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) Conference, New Delhi, October 14-20, 2023.

Invited Lecture: "Risk and Intimacy", FLAME University, Pune, March 2024.

Dr. Ganesh M.P.

Invited as a panel member on a discussion on "Digital Equity and Women Entrepreneurship", organized by FICCI, August 10, 2023.

Dr. Gaurav Dhamija

Delivered a departmental seminar: "Educational Hypogamy and Female Employment in Rural India", IISER Bhopal, January 30, 2024.

Invited as a speaker in the Research Seminar Series: "Educational Hypogamy and Female Employment in Rural India", MDI Gurgaon, October 27, 2023.

Invitation to deliver the lecture for the online Refresher Course in "Economics" scheduled from 26th September, to 9th October, 2023 by Maulana Azad National Urdu University.



Invitation to deliver the lecture for the online Refresher Course in “Cognitive Economics” scheduled from 7th February, to 20th February, 2022 by Maulana Azad National Urdu University.

Member of Scientific Committee of Research Symposium on Finance and Economics (RSFE) 2025, 2024 organized by IFMR GSB, Krea University.

Best research paper prize (INR 20,000) in the Economics Area at the Research Symposium on Finance and Economics (RSFE) organized by IFMR GSB, Krea University during 14-16 June, 2023.

Best research paper prize (USD 500) at the 2023 Delhi School of Economics (DSE) organized by Centre for Development Economics and The Econometric Society during 14-16 December, 2023.

**Dr. Haripriya
Narasimhan**

Organized a panel titled “The Digital and/in the Pandemic: Ethnographic Explorations of Everyday Lives in the Digital Era”, International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) Conference, New Delhi, October 2023.

Organized a panel titled “The State, Democracy, and Governance in the Digiscape”, 19th IUAES-WAU Post Congress Conference, University of Hyderabad, October 2023.

**Dr. Indira
Jalli**

Fashionable Mother as a Dangerous Contradiction in Telugu Films, Fashion and Motherhood: Image, Material, Identity, Laura Snelgrave (ed), Bloomsbury, USA, 2024.

**Dr. K.P.
Prabheesh**

Delivered a keynote address on ‘Vulnerabilities of Emerging Economies to Global Financial Shocks: The Critical Role of Early Warning Systems’ during the 22nd Conference on International Exchange of Professionals in Shanghai, China, on Nov 1-3, 2024.

Discussant at the 17th Bulletin of Monetary Economics and Banking International Conference, Bengkulu, Indonesia, September 16, 2023.

Served as a Resource Person at the CBSL-ADBI-APAEA Joint Workshop, Central Bank of Sri Lanka, Colombo, September 27, 2023.

Delivered an invited talk: “Early Warning Systems for Financial Crisis: Theory and Evidence”, Birla Institute of Technology, Bangalore, March 20, 2024.

Served as a Resource Person at the 1st NRB-ADBI-APAEA Joint Workshop, Nepal Rastra Bank, Kathmandu, March 29, 2024.

**Dr. Neeraj
Kumar**

Delivered an invited lecture: “Contemporary Methods in Mind and Brain Sciences”, University of Hyderabad, January 4, 2024.

Invited Lecture, HSSRC, NIT Warangal, May 2024.

**Dr. Prakash
Mondal**

Delivered an invited talk: “Synergy Between Semantics and Language Teaching”, Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Hyderabad, November 2023.

Delivered a keynote lecture at the 28th International Symposium on Frontiers of Research in Speech and Music (FRSM-2024), CSJM University, Kanpur, November 16, 2024.

Admitted/Elected as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts (FRSA), London.

**Dr. Rashmi
Singh**

Invited Speaker: “Mastering the Job Market in Africa, Asia, and the Pacific”, organized by the Environmental Studies Section at the International Studies Association (ISA), Toronto, Canada, September 17, 2024 (Virtual).

Invited Resource person at Golden Jubilee Academic Writing Workshops for PhD Scholars on the 3rd and 4th of December 2024 in collaboration with the Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP) and the Centre for the Study of Indian Diaspora (CSID), University of Hyderabad, 4 December, 2024

Invited Resource person at STS-IN Writing Workshop, IIT Hyderabad, 9-11 December, 2024

Invited speaker at “Exploring synergies: Pastoral practices, rangeland biodiversity, and ecosystem services”, ICIMOD, Nepal, May 24, 2024

Recipient of Land Deal Politics Grant (LDPI) 2024 (\$3000), grant by PLAAS, University of Western Cape and IISS, Erasmus University Rotterdam.

Associate Editor of the Journal Pastoralism: Research, Policy and Practice, Frontiers

Co-Chair, Global Working Group and South Asia Support Group, UN General Assembly approved International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP) 2026.

**Dr. Shubha
Ranganathan**

Associate Editor of the journal South Asia Research.

Invited Talk: “Disability and Mental Health: Towards Critical, Interdisciplinary Perspectives”, Workshop on Disability Studies, Banaras Hindu University, October 9, 2024.

Invited Talk: “Vocabularies of Inclusion: How Autistic Voices in India Are Reframing Personhood”, Neurodiversity in the Majority World Seminars, July 23, 2024.

Organized a SPARC-funded workshop with Dr. Anindita Majumdar on “Lifestyles in Conflict: Chronicity and Healing in Contemporary India”, IIT Hyderabad, December 10-11, 2024.

Recipient of a \$1800 grant by The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues (SPSSI).

**Dr. Shuhita
Bhattacharjee**

Invited as Madan Mohan Malaviya Resource Person at IIITDM Kancheepuram, conducting 10 sessions on “Diversity and Inclusivity in Higher Education”.

**Dr. Srirupa
Chatterjee**

Invited chair for the session “Globalization of the Body”, organized by The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad, August 30, 2024.

Organized panel discussion and book launch titled “When Looks Can Kill”, Goethe-Zentrum, Hyderabad, August 23, 2024.

Invited lecture on “Intersectional Body Anxieties, Colorism, and Intimate Partner Relationships in Postcolonial India” for series titled “Intimacy, Intersectionality, Identity: Gender, Empire and Everyday Lives” from Department of History, Department of Near Eastern and South Asian Languages and Cultures, Department of Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies, and the Mershon Center at The Ohio State University, USA. Dec 16, 2024.

Organized panel discussion “The Long and Difficult Road: Women and Access to Public Spaces in Contemporary India”. Panel and book discussion at Alliance Française Hyderabad, India. Nov 16, 2024.

**Dr. Mahati
Chittem**

Invited to deliver a book review for, “Counseling Psychology: Theory and Practice” edited by Meena Hariharan, Usha Chivukula, and Meera Padhy and published Routledge: New Delhi, India (August, 2024)

Founder member and Executive Committee Member of the Psycho-oncology Society of India (POSI) (June 2024)

Invited panel member for the Head and Neck Cancer track in the Best of ASCO, Bengaluru, India (March 2024)

Invited as an expert panelist hosted by MIT School of Vedic Sciences, Pune “Intersectionality of socio-economic status, age and sex in mental health and its scope in research” (October, 2023).

Invited talk at the Indian Society for Medical and Paediatric Oncology Annual Conference, Delhi, India, “Unmet supportive care needs among family caregivers of children with cancer” (October, 2023)

Invited to deliver a talk on “Psychosocial aspects of the ethics of genetic testing” at the 8 th Annual Conference of the Board of Genetic Counseling India (BGCI), University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, India (July, 2023).

Associate Editor for Psycho-oncology in the Indian Journal of Medical and Paediatric Oncology (IJMPO).

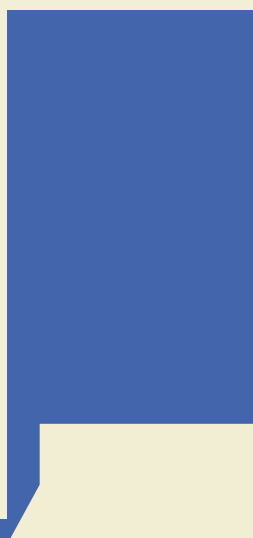
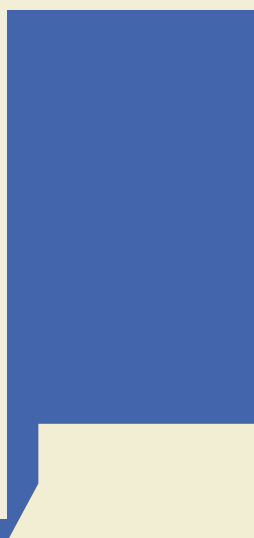
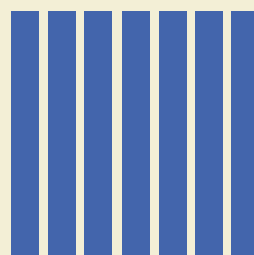
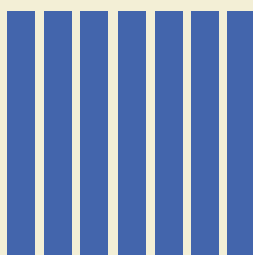
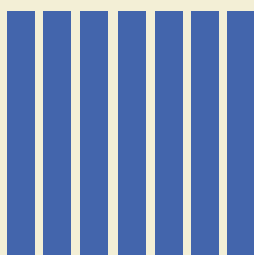
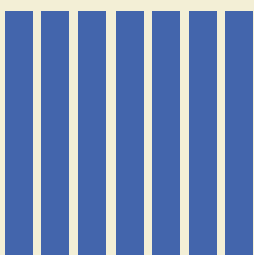




CURRICULUM UPDATES

New courses since July 2023:

UG	Course Code	PG	Course Code
Biodiversity Conservation in Contemporary India	LA2010	Research Proposal Development	LA5035
Introduction to demography	LA2020	Seminar Series	LA5045
Sustainability under a changing climate	LA2030	Time Series Analysis and Forecasting	LA6740
Ageing and Development	LA2040	Applied Econometrics	LA6750
Migration and Development	LA2050	Sexuality and Development	LA5310
Quantitative Methods for Public Policy	LA1970	Infrastructure studies	LA6780
What's on the Menu? The Sociology of Food and Eating	LA1980	Advanced Themes in Economic Sociology	LA6790
Himalaya: Contemporary Challenges and Innovative Solutions	LA 1950	Modern Cities and Nineteenth-Century Roots: Democracy, Citizenship, Deviance	LA6800
Indian Science Fiction	LA1990		
The Biology of Language	LA1930	Feminisms in India – II	LA6810
Introduction to anthropology	LA 4013	Sensorimotor Neuroscience	LA6820
Art & Appreciation- a journey through Odishi	CA 3030	Psychological perspectives on mental health	LA5320
Environment, Society and the Wildlife	LA 1940	Understanding Telugu Cinema from 1930s to the Current Times	LA6830
Introduction to Hindustani Classical Music	CA 1063		
Kuchipudi - Exploring basic constructs	CA 2010		
Script Writing for Movies	CA 1073		
Visual Narratives of Migration: Exploring Intercultural Communications	CA 2030		
Appreciation of World Music	CA 5033		
Sentiments and Psychology through Indian classical dance	CA 5013		
Creative Thinking and Mastery	CA 5043		
Heritage and sustainability- Lessons from the past for a sustainable future	CA 5023		
Introduction to Visual Arts- Drawing & Painting	CA 2050		
Natyashastra to Netflix	CA 2040		
Introduction to Drama and Theatre	CA 3053		
Modern Cities and Nineteenth-Century Roots: Democracy, Citizenship, Deviance	LA6800		





ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

PH.D

The PhD program in the Department of Liberal Arts began with the inception of the department itself. It offers cutting edge research opportunities to our scholars with the help of a group of diverse, vibrant, and committed faculty members. The scholars can avail on-campus accommodation with comfortable rooms, a well-equipped Knowledge Resource Centre, generous stipends, conference grants, and ample scope of theoretical, experimental, and ethnographic research. In fact, the department boasts of a PhD alumni base that is extremely successful and already making notable progress within Indian and global academia.

The Liberal Arts Department currently offers PhD Programs in the following disciplines:

ANTHROPOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY

COGNITIVE SCIENCE

CULTURAL STUDIES

DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

ECONOMICS

ENGLISH LITERATURE

LINGUISTICS

PSYCHOLOGY

MASTER'S IN DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

The Master's Program in Development Studies is a two-year full-time program offering a total of 60 credits, spread across four semesters and a two-month internship. The program addresses development as a multidimensional concept encompassing physical, psychological, cultural, political, economic, and ecological aspects of human life. Through its interdisciplinary approach, the program equips students with the critical skills and knowledge needed to understand and address the complex interconnections between these areas, preparing them for impactful roles in the field of development.

Courses	Core/Elective	Credits
Development Theory and Practice	Core	3
Development Economics	Core	3
Quantitative Research Methods for Behavioural Sciences	Core	3
Health and Society	Core	3
Contemporary India	Core	3
Clean India	Core	1
Environment and Society	Core	3
Social Exclusion, Social Justice and Development	Core	3
Qualitative Research Methods	Core	3
Disability, Mental Health and Development	Elective	3
Migration, Mobility and Development	Elective	3
Population and Development	Elective	3
Impact Evaluation	Elective	3
Statistics	Elective	3
Indian Economic Development	Elective	3
Free Elective	Elective	3
Summer Internship		6
Labour and Development	Core	3
Health, Economics and Policy	Elective	3
Sexuality and Development	Elective	3
State and Humanitarianism	Elective	3
Cultural Perspectives on Development: Examining		
Race, Class, Gender	Elective	3
Principles of Economics	Elective	3
Chronic Disease Management	Elective	3
Gender and Public Policy	Elective	3
Free Elective	Elective	3
Dissertation Proposal Seminar		2
Seminar Series		1
Dissertation		12

MASTER'S IN HEALTH, GENDER AND SOCIETY

The MA Program in Health, Gender and Society (HGS) is designed to address social issues in health and gender in contemporary India through an interdisciplinary lens. Drawing on expertise from Sociology, Anthropology, Development Studies, Economics, Psychology, Literature, and Cultural Studies, the program explores diverse health systems, infrastructures, and policies and their complex impact on gender and family. With dedicated internship and dissertation components, it prepares students for advanced research and professional practice in India and globally. This is a two-year full-time program with 60 credits spread over four semesters and a two-month internship.

Courses	Core/ Elective	Credits
Health and Society	Core	3
Gender and Public Policy	Core	3
Anthropology of Reproduction	Core	3
Cross-Cultural Aspects of Health	Core	3
Quantitative Research Methods for Behavioural Sciences	Core	3
Disability, Mental Health and Development	Core	3
Qualitative Research Methods	Core	3
Medical Anthropology	Core	3
Ageing, Health and Development	Elective	3
Impact Evaluation	Elective	3
Mental Health and Gender	Elective	3
Statistics	Elective	3
MA Internship		6
Health, Economics and Policy	Core	3
Positive Psychology	Elective	3
Chronic Disease Management	Elective	3
Gendering (Un)Wellness Narratives: A Literary-Cultural Perspective	Elective	3
Dissertation Proposal Seminar		2
MA Dissertation		12
Seminars Over the Course by Invited Speakers		1

MINOR IN ECONOMICS

The Minor in Economics at IITH provides undergraduate engineering students with a strong foundation in economics, enabling them to analyze and address pressing societal and industrial challenges. The program develops critical thinking and problem-solving abilities, equipping students to tackle real-world economic problems. The program comprises a total of 12 credits.

Courses	Core	Credits
Macroeconomics	Core	3
Financial Institutions and Markets	Core	3
Public Finance and Public Policy	Core	3
Impact Evaluation	Core	3

MINOR IN CREATIVE ARTS

The minor in Creative Arts is designed to enable undergraduate students to nurture their potential for Creative Thinking and Practice in a powerful and socially relevant direction. CA courses offered through the last nine years have enabled students to realize the importance of creativity and explore the role it plays in their growth - both intellectual and emotional. The exposure and learning that comes with experiencing and training in different forms of art is essential to global education today. The program comprises a total of 12 credits.

Courses	Core/Elective	Credits
Creative Thinking and Mastery	Core	3
Appreciation of World Music	Core	2
Elective (selection from the Electives basket)	Elective	1
Heritage and Sustainability	Core	3
Sentiments and Psychology through Indian Classical Dance	Core	2
Elective (selection from the Electives basket)	Elective	1





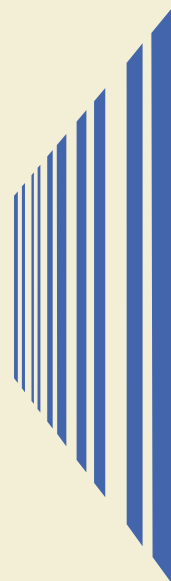
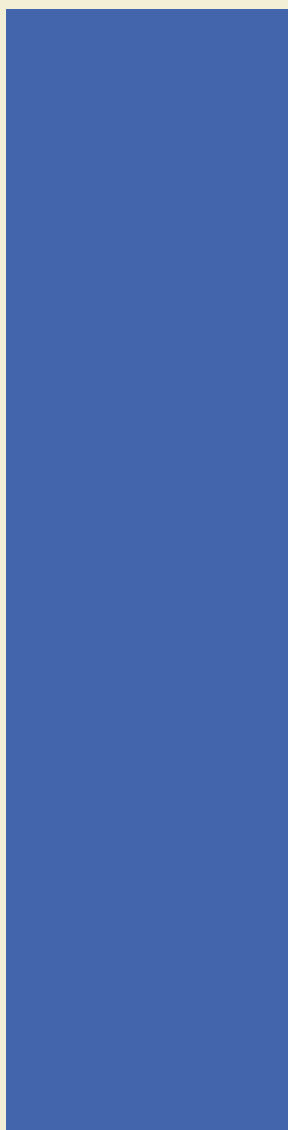
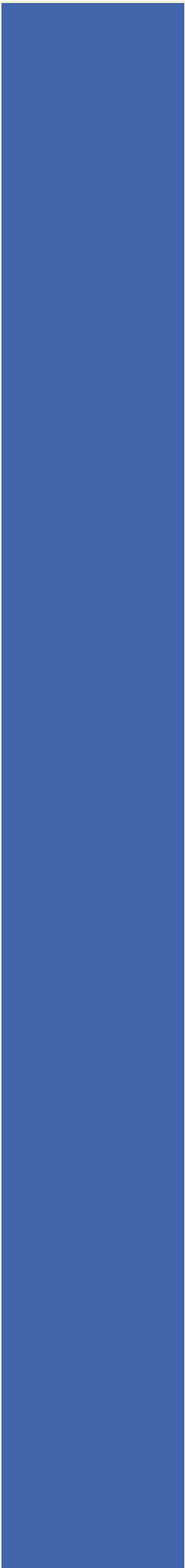
PH.D SEMINAR SERIES

This seminar series which began 2024 is run exclusively by our PhD students. The series feature the research work being carried out by our PhD students and is held in the regular seminar slot on Wednesdays. Every student in her/his entire PhD tenure makes at least one presentation based on one's thesis work. It is mandatory for all MA students and first year PhD students to attend these seminars. All other students are also highly encouraged to participate. Faculty members, especially thesis advisers and DC members of students, also join the seminars as per availability. The speaker is gifted a memento, this being a formal presentation.



Ph.D Seminar Series







ALUMNI SUCCESS

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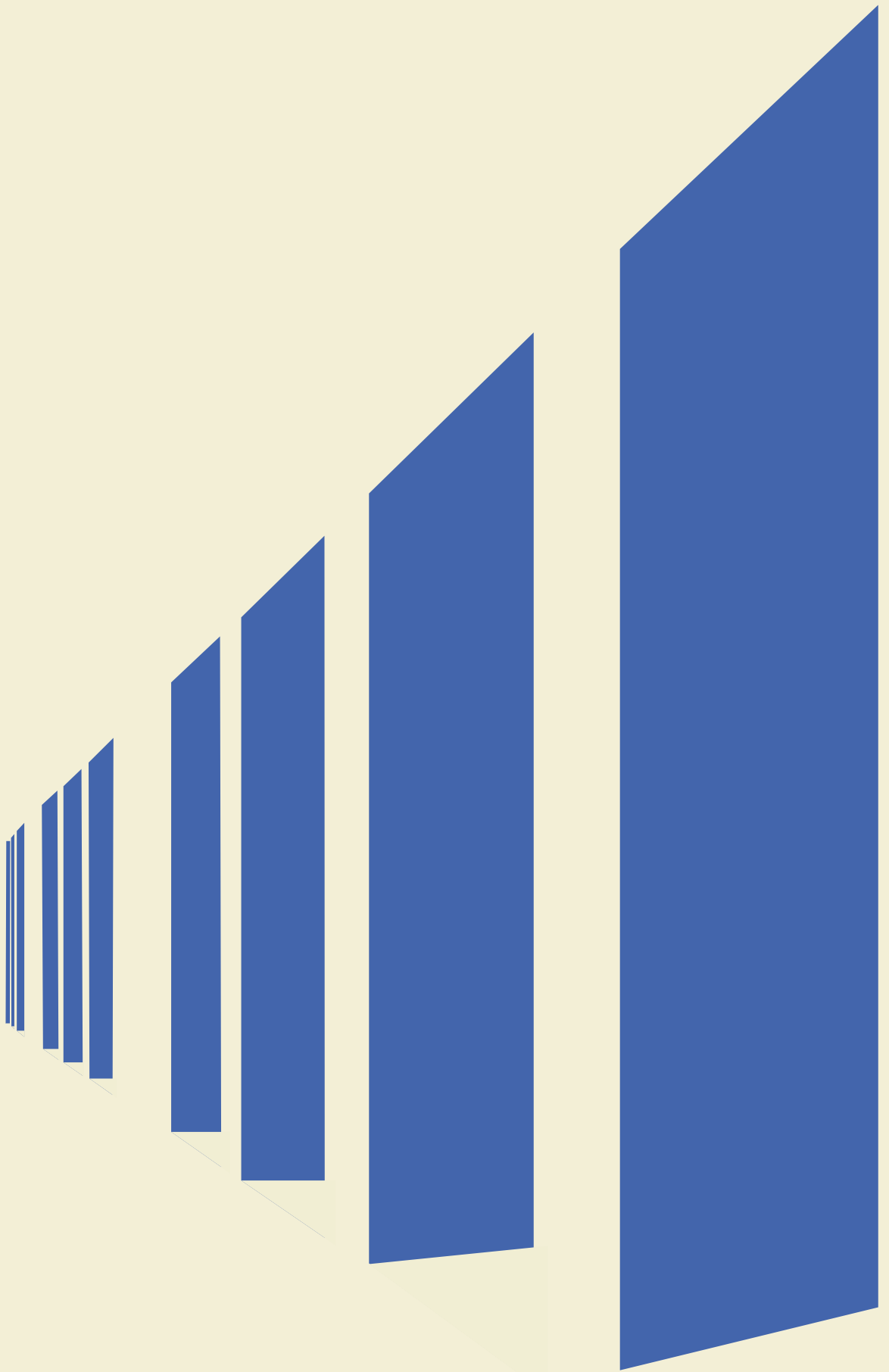
Alumni Name	Position	Organization	Viva Year	Supervisor
Anindita Ghosh	Assistant Professor	IIT Bhilai	2018	Dr. Amrita Deb
Narayan Jena	Associate Professor	Sri Sri University	2015	Indira Jalli
Aswini S.	Assistant Professor	BITS Pilani, K K Birla Goa Campus	2022	Dr. Amrita Deb
Shikha Soni	Consultant Clinical Psychologist	Docvita & Mindhouse; Visiting Faculty at Chanakya University, Bangalore	2023	Dr. Amrita Deb
Sreya Majumdar	Postdoctoral Researcher	George Institute of Public Health	2023	Dr. Anindita Majumdar
Debi Prasad Bal	Assistant Professor	BITS Pilani, Rajasthan Campus	2015	Dr. Badri Narayan Rath
Kale Seenaiiah	Assistant Professor	Institute for Studies in Industrial Development, New Delhi	2017	Dr. Badri Narayan Rath
Sonali Mohapatra	Assistant Professor	Rama Devi Women's University, Bhubaneswar	2018	Dr. Badri Narayan Rath
Vaseem Akram	Assistant Professor	IIM Jammu, Jammu	2020	Dr. Badri Narayan Rath
Bhushan Praveen Janagam	Assistant Professor	IIT Jodhpur, Jodhpur	2021	Dr. Badri Narayan Rath
Pradipta Kumar Sahoo	Assistant Professor	N.C. Auto College (Utkal University), Govt. of Odisha	2022	Dr. Badri Narayan Rath
Kumar Shaurav	Assistant Professor	IIM Ranchi, Ranchi	2024	Dr. Badri Narayan Rath
Saloka Sengupta	Postdoctoral Researcher	IIT Patna	2021	Dr. Haripriya Narasimhan
Venkatesh Boddu	Assistant Professor	Woxsen University	2024	Dr. Haripriya Narasimhan
Himabindu Pottumuthu	Assistant Professor	VIT Amravati	2024	Dr. Haripriya Narasimhan
Jayprakash Mishra	Assistant Professor	Thapar University Punjab	2021	Dr. Indira Jalli
Bhaves Garg	Assistant Professor	IIT Ropar	2018	Dr. K.P. Prabheesh
Rakesh Padhan	Assistant Professor	IIT Roorkee	2021	Dr. K.P. Prabheesh
Sanjiv Kumar	Assistant Professor	IIT Kanpur	2023	Dr. K.P. Prabheesh
Ameen Omar Shareef	Guest Faculty	NIT Calicut	2023	Dr. K.P. Prabheesh
Sujiv Nair	CHRO	ReSustainability Ltd.	2020	Dr. M.P. Ganesh

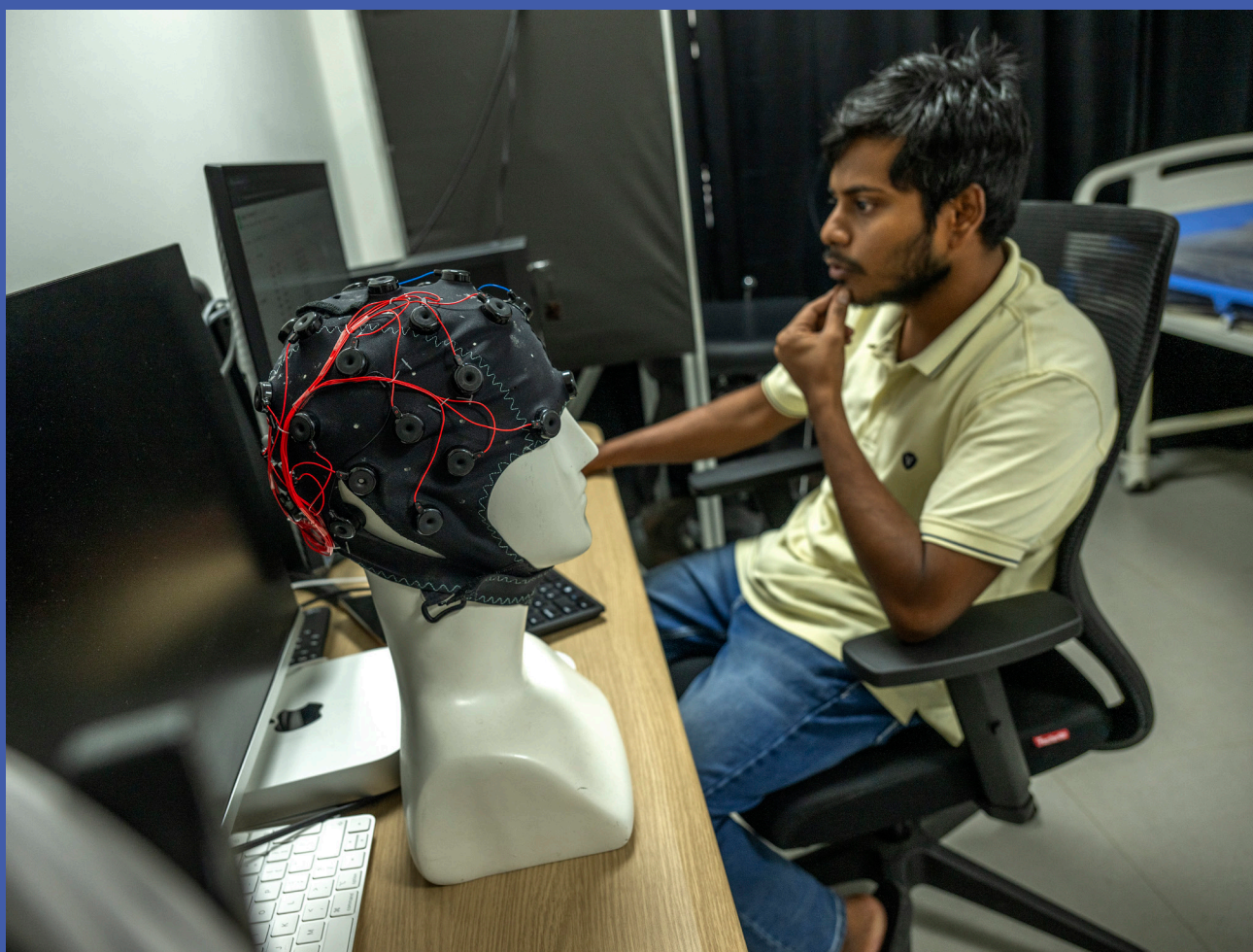
Devesh Nigam	Registrar	University of Hyderabad	2020	Dr. M.P. Ganesh
Haritha	Director, People Strategy	Gainsight	2023	Dr. M.P. Ganesh
Prema George	Assistant Professor	GITAM University	2024	Dr. M.P. Ganesh
Subha Gomathy Sridharan	Independent Therapist		2019	Dr. Mahati Chittem
Shravanthi Maya	Independent Therapist		2021	Dr. Mahati Chittem
Shweta Chawak	Assistant Professor	IIT Bombay	2021	Dr. Mahati Chittem
Prathyasha George	Assistant Professor	OP Jindal	2023	Dr. Mahati Chittem
Soujanya Pathi	Linguist	GlobalLogic, California	2021	Dr. Prakash Mondal
KNSR Ratna	Postdoctoral Scholar	The University of Kansas	2024	Dr. Prakash Mondal
Daigy Varghese	Assistant Professor	SRM University AP	2023	Dr. Shubha Ranganathan
Sudarshan Kottai	Assistant Professor	IIT Palakkad	2020	Dr. Shubha Ranganathan
Anjali K.K.	Academic Professional		2020	Dr. Shubha Ranganathan
Nisha James	Assistant Professor	Christ University	2020	Dr. Shubha Ranganathan
Swathi Krishna S	Assistant Professor	IIT Bhubaneswar	2017	Dr. Srirupa Chatterjee
Nilanjana Ghosal	Assistant Professor	VIT AP	2020	Dr. Srirupa Chatterjee
Aswathi V Anand	Assistant Professor	IIM Indore	2023	Dr. Srirupa Chatterjee
Shreya Rastogi	Assistant Professor	IIM Jammu	2024	Dr. Srirupa Chatterjee

M.A ALUMNI

Name	MA Program	Current Activity	Details
Shubham Sharma	DS	Working	Research Assistant, Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Delhi
Amisha	DS	Working	Research Assistant, Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), New Delhi
Riddhi Chakraborty	HGS	Working	Academic Associate, IIM Indore
Subhanjali Saraswati	HGS	Others (startup, preparing for exams, etc)	Freelance Writer, Researcher, and Content Creator. Open to leads and opportunities.
Atharva Vinay Patil	HGS	Others (startup, preparing for exams, etc)	Preparing for CUCET PG.
Arvind Kumar	DS	Others (startup, preparing for exams, etc)	Founder, HAIFOS Innovative Forum
Arti Tamang	HGS	Working	SBI Fellow
Kavya Nagesh	HGS	Others (startup, preparing for exams, etc)	Working on a marketing startup.
Vishnupriya	DS	Working	Strategy Analyst







RESEARCH FACILITIES

COGNITIVE SCIENCE



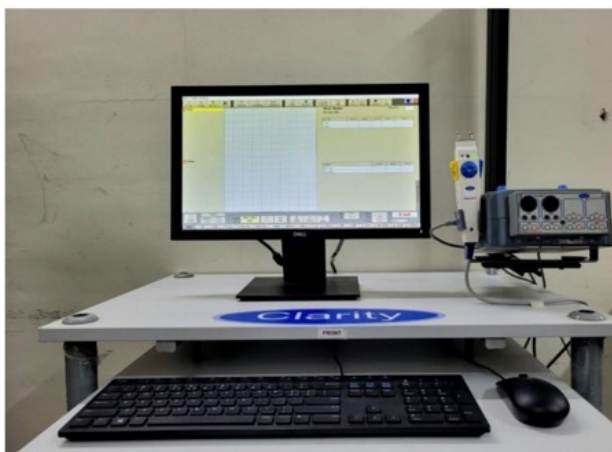
Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) System

TMS is a noninvasive procedure that uses magnetic fields to stimulate neurons in the cortical brain areas. TMS can be used to inhibit or excite brain regions to assess their causal role in a cognitive process



Electromyogram (EMG)

Two-channel EMG records muscle activity and Motor evoked Potential (MEP) in response to magnetic stimulation to measure cortical excitability



Nerve Stimulator

Nerve Stimulator is used for the peripheral nerve stimulation and measure the Sensory Evoked Potentials (SEP)



Electroencephalogram (EEG)

EEG measures the electrical activity of the brain using active electrodes placed on scalp. Real-time EEG data analysis can be used for performing closed-loop TMS excitability



Digitizing Tablet

Tablet is used to record the hand movement through the stylus in various motor learning tasks.



VR Frame Setup

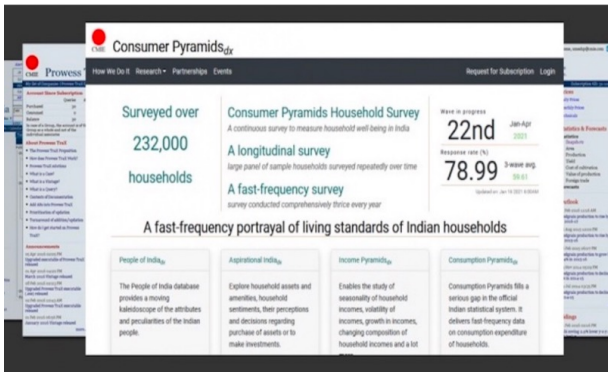
Frame is used in combination with Digitizing Tablet to manipulate the visual information of hand position to induce various kinds of motor learning.

DEVELOPMENT STUDIES



STATA Software

Stata is a statistical software package that provides a comprehensive suite of tools for data analysis, data management, and graphics. It is widely used by researchers, economists, social scientists, and other professionals in various fields. It offers a user-friendly interface that allows users to easily import, clean, and manipulate data. It supports a wide range of data formats, including Excel, CSV, and databases, and provides powerful data management features such as sorting, merging, and reshaping datasets.



Consumer Pyramids Household Survey (CPUS).

A CPHS is a survey conducted by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) in India. It collects data on various aspects of households, including their income, expenditure, savings, employment, education, health, and demographics. The CPHS is known for its large sample size and longitudinal nature. It follows a panel design, where a representative sample of households is surveyed repeatedly over time. This allows researchers to track changes in household characteristics, consumption patterns, and economic outcomes over time.

DIGITAL HUMANITIES



LINGUISTICS



2-channel electroglottograph (EG2-PCX)

This is used to analyze speech data to find out certain patterns of voicing in order to gather evidence about our hypotheses on mental representations of sounds.



Larynx Simulator

This is used to simulate the activity of the vocal cords so that it can be plugged in instead of electrodes in order to generate test signals.



High-Quality Electret

This is a condenser microphone for the recording of high-quality audio for speech analysis. Since electrets come with a permanent built-in charge and respond best to frequencies within the lower-middle to high-frequency range, this microphone is well-suited to speech.

TEACHING AND INFORMATICS LAB



ECONOMETRICS LAB



CMIE

Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy Pvt. Ltd.



EPWRF India Time Series

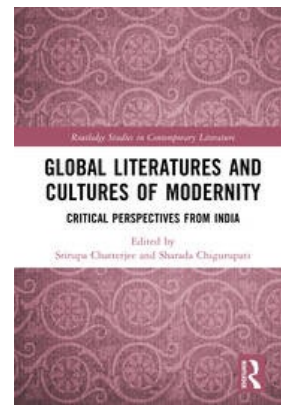
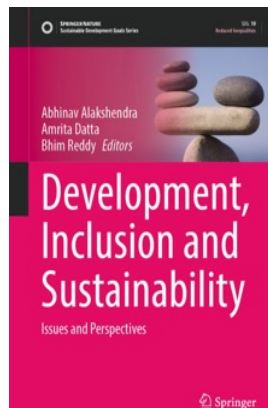
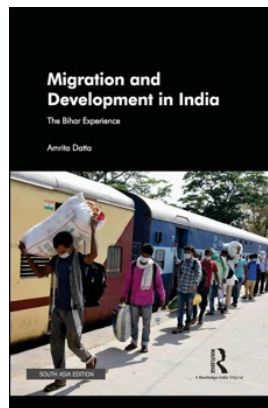
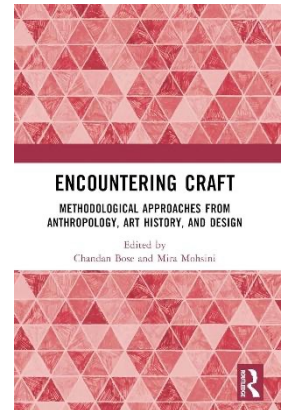
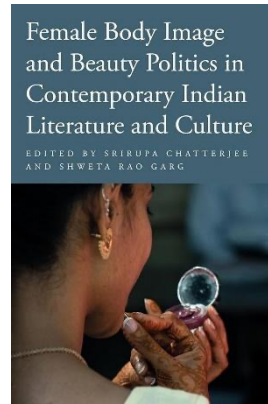
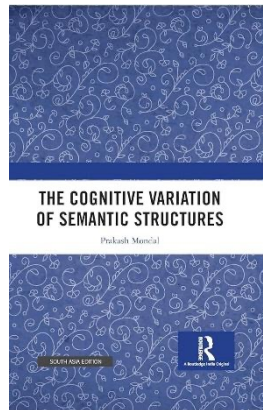


Cognitive Science lab



Experimental Theater

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Mondal, P. (2024). *The Cognitive Variation of Semantic Structures*. Routledge, London/New Delhi.

Chatterjee, Srirupa and Shweta Rao Garg (Eds.). *Female Body Image and Beauty Politics in Contemporary Indian Literature and Culture*. Temple University Press, Pennsylvania, USA, 2024.

Chatterjee, Srirupa and Sharada Chirugupati (Eds.). *Global Literatures and Cultures of Modernity: Critical Perspectives from India*. Routledge, USA, April 2025.

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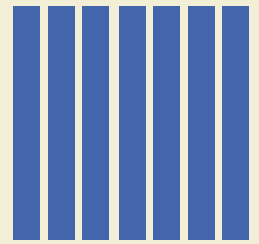
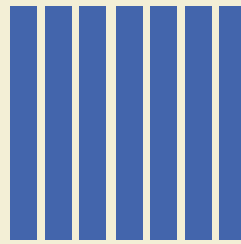
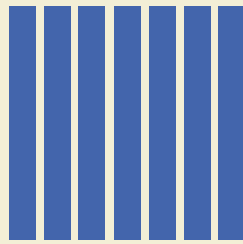
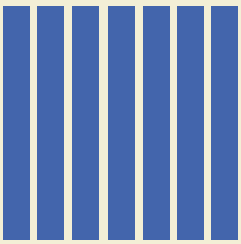
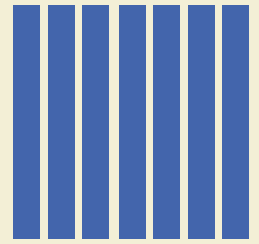
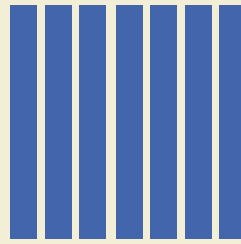
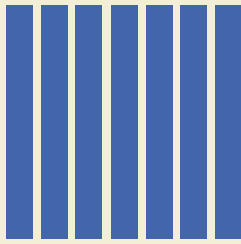
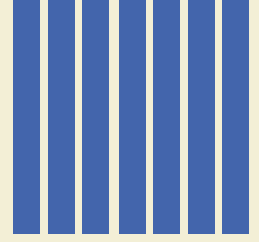
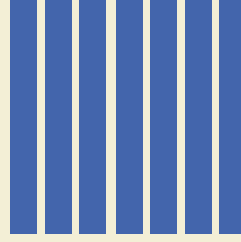
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Book launch by Dr. Srirupa Chatterjee - August 2024



Panel Discussion by Dr. Srirupa Chatterjee - November 2024





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Research Interests:

Science, Technology, and Society Studies; Urban Studies; Infrastructure Studies; Climate Change; Air Pollution; Heat; Experimental Ethnography; Digital Research Infrastructure and Collaboration; Open Science

Selected Research Projects

Tackling Society's Grand Challenges: Approaches to Responsible Innovation in Science and Technology and the Indo-Pacific Region. [Funding Agency: Ministry of Education, GOI, Funding amount: INR75,00,000]

Cool Infrastructures: Life with Heat in the Off-Grid City. [Funding Agency: Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), United Kingdom. Apr 2020 – Sept 2023. Funding Amount: £ 1,749,388.60]

Democratizing Delphi: Towards More Inclusive Methods for Assessing Technologies for Development. [Funding Agency: NWO-WOTRO, Netherlands. Funding amount: EURO 50,000]

Selected Publications

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Research Interests:

Labour, development, social inequality, gender, public policy

Selected Research Projects

Labour Supply Chains in the Construction Industry: Circular Migrants, Contracting, and Covid. [Funding agency: Azim Premji University, Funding amount (in lakhs): 10.73]

Labour Migration networks in the Construction Industry in Bengaluru [Funding agency: ICSSR, Funding amount (in lakhs): 6]

Selected Publications

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Nayak, S and Surendran, A. (2021). "Caste Biases in School Textbooks: A Case Study from Odisha, India". *Journal of Curriculum Studies*, 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00220272.2021.1947389>

Surendran, A. (2020) "Women, Work and Development in Rural India: A Catalogue of Voluntarism in Policy". *Social Change*, 50(1) <https://doi.org/10.1177/0049085719901088>

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Surendran, A. (2018) "Notes towards a Renewal of Industrial Sociology in India" in Chaudhuri, Maitrayee and Manish Jha (Eds.). *Doing Theory: Locations and Practices*. New Delhi: Orient Blackswan.



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Research Interests:

Positive psychology, clinical psychology - focusing on mental health, resilience

Selected Research Projects

Resilience and mental health among young urban adults who have overcome childhood adversities.

[Funding agency: Indian Council of Medical Research, Funding amount(in lakhs):9.6]

Resilience program for students in higher education in India.[Funding agency: Shastri Indo Canadian Institute, Shastri Programme Development Grant (SPDG), Funding amount (in lakhs):3]

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Ghosh, A. & Deb, A. (2016). Positive psychology progress in India: Accomplishments and pathways ahead. *Psychological Studies*, 61(3), 113-125. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12646-016-0367-5>



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Research Interests:

Development Studies, Migration and Mobilities, Agrarian Change and Rural Development, Village and Longitudinal Studies, Labour and Employment, Gender and Development.

Selected Research Projects

Odisha Migration Study [Funding agency: International Rice Research Institute, Funding amount (in lakhs): 160]

Women and Work in India. [Funding agency: Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Funding amount (in lakhs): 8]

Selected Publications

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Research Interests:

I am an anthropologist by training. My research expertise is in the area of medical anthropology and kinship with a focus on reproduction. I have researched on infertility, assisted reproductive technologies and surrogacy since 2010.

Selected Research Projects

2024-25: PI on Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) funded special call on Vision Viksit Bharat @ 2047 titled 'Viksit Bharat ki Atmanirbhar Betiyan: Exploring the Role of CCTs and Beti Bachao Beti Padhao in Empowering Girls in India' (with collaborators including Paro Mishra [IIIT Delhi], Anasua Chatterjee [West Bengal State University], and Rituparna Patgiri [IIT Guwahati]). Grant amount: INR 2000000/-

2024-27: Co-PI with Asif Qureshi (PI), Department of Civil Engineering, IITH on Condition Assessment and Management Plan for Six River Basins (CGodavari), supported by Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India. Grant Amount: INR 600,00,000

A Preliminary Study of Ageing and Assisted Reproduction in India [Funding agency: Wellcome UK, Funding amount (in lakhs): 25]

Post-Menopausal Reproduction: Ageing, Family and Assisted Reproduction in Contemporary India. [Funding agency: Indian Council of Social Science Research, Funding amount (in lakhs)]

Selected Publications

Majumdar, Anindita and Yoko Taguchi (eds) (2024). Kinship as Fiction: Exploring the Dynamism of Intimate Relationships in India. London and New York: Routledge.

Majumdar, Anindita. 2019. Surrogacy: Oxford India Short Introductions. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.

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Research Interests:

Gender studies, Feminist theory, Intersectional Feminism

Selected Research Projects

Women's Reserved Seats in Municipal Councils in India and Taiwan. [Funding agency: ICSSR India-NSTC Taiwan (2023-2025): 12 lakhs]

Reimagining Disciplines in Colonial India: Decolonization and Cultural Transformations [Funding agency: Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (2023-2024)]

Science and English Education: A Case Study in Select Govt. Schools in Madhya Pradesh [Funding agency: Rajya Shiksha Kendra, Govt. of Madhya Pradesh (2021-2022): 10 lakhs]

Selected Publications

Books

Pan, Anandita. 2020. Mapping Dalit Feminism: Towards an Intersectional Standpoint. Sage-Street.

VS, Sreenath, Pan, Anandita, and Rajendran Punnya (eds.). 2023. Aesthetics in India: Transitions and Transformations. Orient Blackswan.

Journals

Pan, Anandita. 2024. Counting the Numbers: Nationalism and the Question of Surplus Women. *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*, 31(1), 85-101. <https://doi.org/10.1177/09715215231210526>

Pan, Anandita. 2023. "Gender, Caste, and Subjectivity: Revisiting the #MeToo Movement in India." *Feminist Encounters: A Journal of Critical Studies in Culture and Politics* (Special Issue - Spring 2023). <https://doi.org/10.20897/femenc/12881>

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Banerji, Debika, & Pan, Anandita. 2022. "Kolkata's Foodscape: the Evolution of 'the Calcutta palate'." *Romanian Journal of Indian Studies*. 29. <https://www.ceeol.com/search/article-detail?id=1065312>

Pan, Anandita. 2022. "At the limits of cure" (review article). *Contemporary South Asia* (Taylor and Francis). DOI: 10.1080/09584935.2022.2100125

Pan, Anandita. 2022. "Word, Books, and the World: Towards an Anti-Caste Pedagogy". *Contemporary Voice of Dalit* (Sage). Doi: <https://doi.org/10.1177/2455328X221094377>

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Pan, Anandita. 2019. "Embracing Difference: Towards A Standpoint Praxis in Dalit Feminism." *South Asian Review* (Taylor and Francis), 40.1 (2019). DOI: 10.1080/02759527.2019.1593746



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Research Interests:

Economic Growth, Industrial Economics, International Economics, Public Finance, Energy Economics and Applied Econometrics

Selected Research Projects

Patterns of innovation, competition, and firm performance in the case of the Indian manufacturing sector. [Funding agency: ICSSR, MoE, GoI, Funding amount(in lakhs): 22]

Nexus between cities, externalities, growth and poverty in India: A post COVID-19 on urban poor and slum dwellers.[Funding agency:IoE, UoH, MoE, GoI; Worked as Co-PI, no funding to IITH]

Selected Publications

Rath, B.N., Dash, A.K. & Mishra, A.K. (2024). The linkage between FDI and energy use in the case of emerging market economies. *Environment, Development and Sustainability*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10668-024-05747-3>.

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Behera, C., Rath, B.N., Mishra, P.K. (2024). The impact of monetary and fiscal stimulus on stock returns during COVID-19 pandemic. *Journal of Asian Economics*, 90, 101680. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.asieco.2023.101680>.



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Research Interests:

Sexual practices and intimacies within India's queer communities, Craft production in contemporary India

Selected Research Projects

Risk and Intimacy: Understanding violence taking place through queer dating applications in contemporary India. [Funding agency: ICSSR, Funding amount(in lakhs): 15]

Selected Publications

Sofia Weiss Goitiandia, Akhilesh Agarwal, Smita C. Banerjee, Nir-mala Bhoo-Pathy, Chandan Bose, Mahati Chittem, Roop Gursahani, L. Ramakrishnan, Smriti Rana, Naveen Salins, Malar Velli Segar-murthy, Aashiana Thiyam, William E. Rosa, "Beyond the bench: LGBTQ+ health equity after India's "no same-sex marriage" verdict", *The Lancet Regional Health - Southeast Asia*, Volume 30, 2024.

"People are desperate for intimacy": 'Intimacy Urgencies' and 'Doing Trust'—How do Grindr users Respond to Risks of Violence in Contemporary India?. *Sexuality & Culture* (2023). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12119-023-10178-9>

Co-editor, *Encountering Craft, Methodological Approaches from Anthropology, Art History, and Design*, Routledge London, 2023

"Old Tales through New Images, and New Tales through Old Images: Ethnography of a Jambavantaru katha (narrative) performance in Telangana", *Text and Performance Quarterly*. July 2022.

How Does Law Prescribe Circulation of Children? Understanding Different Kinds of Movement Within the Adoption Law in India. *Journal of Family Issues*. July 2021.

"Identifying 'authorized users', identifying kin: negotiating relational worlds through Geographical Indications registration", *Contemporary South Asia*, 2021

Perspectives on work, home and identity from artisans in Telangana: *Conversations around Craft*. Palgrave Macmillan, New York. (Monograph 2019)



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Macroeconomics, Monetary Economics, Public Finance, Financial markets

Selected Research Projects

Jan Dhan Yojana and Affordable Access to Financial Services in Aspirational Districts of India [Funding agency: ICSSR, Funding amount (in lakhs): 5]

Selected Publications

Sethi., D, Sharma, U & Meher, A (2024). Does central bank transparency converge across the world? Evidence from a club convergence perspective, *Finance Research Letters*, 66, 105732.

Sethi., C, Mishra, B & Sethi, D. (2024). Exploring the Nexus Between Inflation Targeting and Exchange Market Pressure: Evidence from the Global Financial Crisis. *Economic Analysis and Policy*, 84, 1359-69

Mohanty., A, Sethi, D. and A R Mohanty (2024). Fiscal Autonomy and Public Expenditure Performance: Some Panel Data Evidence from Indian States. *Bulletin of Economic Research*, 76(4), 1065-93.

Chang T, Sethi D, Tiwari AK & Wang, MC. (2023). Revisiting the Twin Deficits Hypothesis in the United States: Further Evidence based on System-Equation ADL Test for Threshold Cointegration. *The Journal of International Trade & Economic Development*, 1-16

Sahoo PK & Sethi D (2022). Market efficiency of the cryptocurrencies: Some new evidence based on price-volume relationship, *International Journal of Finance and Economics*, 1-15.

Sethi D & Acharya D (2020). Monetary Policy and Financial Stability: The Role of Inflation Targeting, *The Australian Economic Review* 53(1), 50-75.

Sethi, D. & Acharya, D. (2019). Credibility of inflation targeting: some recent Asian evidence, *Economic Change and Restructuring*, 52(3), 203–219



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Research Interests:

Applied Microeconometrics, Health Economics, Development Economics

Selected Research Projects

Use of data for improved uptake of our services [Funding agency: Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Funding amount (in lakhs):14.4]

Impact of Landfills on Health [Funding agency: Environment for Development, Funding amount (in lakhs): 7.92]

Odisha Migration Study [Funding agency: International Rice Research Institute, Funding amount (in lakhs):160]

Data Quality Assessment - During and Post Data Collection [Funding agency: Centre for research on the Economics of Climate, Food, Energy and Environment (CECFEE), Indian Statistical Institute Delhi Center, Funding amount (in lakhs): 5.84]

Selected Publications

Roychowdhury, P., & Dhamija, G. (2024). Educational hypogamy and female employment in rural India. *Empirical Economics*, 1-39. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s00181-024-02629-5>

Dhamija, G., Kapoor, M., Kim, R., & Subramanian, S. V. (2023). Explaining the poor-rich gap in anthropometric failure among children in India: An econometric analysis of the NFHS, 2021 and 2016. *SSM-Population Health*, 23, 101482. <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2352827323001477>

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Dhamija, G., Ojha, M., & Roychowdhury, P. (2022). Hunger and health: Reexamining the impact of household food insecurity on child malnutrition in India. *The Journal of Development Studies*, 58(6), 1181-1210. <https://doi.org/10.1080/00220388.2022.2029419>



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Research Interests:

Medical Anthropology and Anthropology of the Media, Globalisation, Kinship

Selected Research Projects

Co-PI- Portable Imaging Solutions towards affordable healthcare: Microfluidic devices for the detection of disease-specific proteins. Funding agency: Royal Academy of Engineering, UK. Funding amount in Lakhs - INR 65 L, 2024-2025

Co-PI - Odisha Migration Study[Funding agency:International Rice Research Institute, Funding amount-INR 22L, 2023-2024

Third-Party Evaluation of the Polavaram Irrigation Project.Funding agency:Polavaram Project Authority, Government of India, 2022

Co- PI, Project on “Home’ work in the time of COVID-19: A longitudinal qualitative study of lockdown on mothers in Hyderabad, Telangana’, Funding agency-ICSSR, Funding amount-INR 4L, 2021

Selected Publications

2023 ‘The Brahmins of Urban India’. In Jules Naudet and Surindher Jodhka (ed) Oxford Handbook of Caste. OUP

2024 (with Pooja Purang and Mahati Chittem) ‘Reimagining work but operating with a no off button: experiences of working mothers in India during the COVID-19 pandemic’. Gender and Management

2024 (with Dr. Indira Arumugam) ‘Hinduism and Television’, Oxford Bibliographies

2023 (with Kanaka Himabindu Pottumuthu) ‘Smart City Stories: Case study of a city in South India’ in Madhulika Sahoo et al (ed) Ethnographic Research in Social Sciences, Routledge UK.

2021 (with Mahati Chittem and Pooja Purang) ‘Pandemic Times in WhatsApp-ed Nation: Gender ideologies in India during COVID-19’ in Viral Loads: Anthropologies of urgency in the time of COVID-19, (ed) Lenore Manderson, Nancy J. Burke and Ayo Wahlberg, UCL Press, UK

2017 ‘Struggling with Nayi Soch: Hindi Television Serials Today’ In Manjeet Bhatia (ed) Locating Gender in the New Middle Class in India. Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla



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2002-03, "Women in Demeaning Occupations", Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi.

2003-04, "Emerging Perceptions and Deconstruction of Human Rights", Mahatma Gandhi Research Fellowship, MGNIRSA, Hyderabad.

2005-06, "Domestic Violence in Dalit Communities", University Potential for Excellence (Human Rights Programme), Hyderabad Central University,

2006-07, Women and Indian Law, Dr. Ambedkar Research Fellowship, University Grants Commission's Centre for Ambedkar Studies, SPMVV.

2006, English to Telugu Dictionary of Women's Studies, Centre for Women's Studies, SPMVV, TPT.

Selected Publications

"Violence against dalit Women" Indian Journal of Human Rights. Volume-III. No. 1 & 2. January-December, pp. 120-134. 2000.

"Status of Human Rights in Canada." PG Diploma in Human Rights. Status of Human Rights: The Global Experience. Centre for Distance Education. University of Hyderabad, pp. 34-48. 2001.

"Indian Rape Law and Women." Indian Journal of Human Rights, Vol. V, No. 1&2, January-December, 131-153. 2002.

"Dalit Feminism and Indian Academics" in Vaishali Diwakar, Swati Dyahadroy, Anagha Tambe (guest eds), IWAS, Newsletter (Bhartiya Stree Mukti Din Special Issue), December, 31, 20

"Deciphering Ambedkar's Views on Nation and Caste." Conference Volume on "Dr. Ambedkar's Vision: Relevance to Contemporary India", MGNIRSA, Hyderabad. 2006.

"Rampant Violence against Women: A few Case Studies", Research project submitted to UGC Centre for Ambedkar Studies, SPMVV, Tirupati. 2008.

"Empowerment of Women: A Politico-legal Perspective", State Resource Centre for Adult and Continuing Education (SRC), Half Yearly News Bulletin, Vol. 17, March 2006, Hyderabad.

"Caste [ing] Gender: Caste and gender in ancient Indian Jurisprudence", Color Struck. Essays on Race and Ethnicity in Global Perspective (ed) Julius O. Adekunle & Hettie V. Williams University Press of America, 2010.

Appeasing Radhika of Muddupalani, Feminist Writings from Ancient Times to the Modern World; A Global Sourcebook and History, Tiffany K. Wayne (ed), ABC-CLIO, California, 2011.

Krantijyoti, Savitribai Phule, Feminist Writings from Ancient Times to the Modern World; A Global Sourcebook and History, Tiffany K. Wayne (ed), ABC-CLIO, California, 2011.

Body and its fringes: Beauty as a genre in architecting the nation, Figurationen des Politischen I und II, Martin Doll, Oliver Kohns (eds.), Fink, Luxembourg, 2016.

Fashionable Mother as a Dangerous Contradiction in Telugu Films, Fashion and Motherhood: Image, Material, Identity, Laura Snelgrave (ed), Bloomsbury, USA, 2024.



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Research Interests:

Macroeconomics; Monetary Economics; International Finance; Econometric modelling,

Selected Research Projects

The Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic on Global Trade Network of Semiconductor Industry and Role of ASEAN

Funding agency: Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia, Indonesia, and Monash University, Australia Funding amount - USD 8,000

Covid -19 uncertainty and monetary policy[Funding agency: Asia-Pacific Applied Economics Association, Funding amount (in lakhs):1.7]

Third-Party Evaluation of the Polavaram Irrigation Project. Funding agency: Ministry of Jal Sakti, Government of India, Funding amount (in lakhs):22]

Selected Publications

Prabheesh, K. P., & Vidya, C.T. (2025) Interconnected Horizons: ASEAN's Journey in the Global Semiconductor Trade Network Amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic and Supply Chain Realignment, Emerging Markets Finance and Trade, (Taylor & Francis Publication), forthcoming.

Prabheesh, K.P, Padhan, R. & Bhat, J. A. (2024), Do financial markets react to emerging economies' asset purchase program? Evidence from the COVID-19 pandemic period, Journal of Asian Economics (Elsevier Publication), <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.asieco.2023.101678>

Vidya, C.T., & Prabheesh K.P. (2024). Climate Risk and Sustainable Investment in Asia, Journal of Environmental Assessment Policy, and Management (World Scientific), <https://doi.org/10.1142/S146433322450008X>

Padhan, R. & Prabheesh, K. P. (2023), Does Financial or Trade Integration Cause Instability? Evidence from Emerging and ASEAN Economies, ERIA Discussion Paper Series No. 490, Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia, Jakarta, Indonesia.

Sanjiv. K., & Prabheesh, K.P. (2023), Assessing the Effects of Macroeconomic Policy on the Indian Macroeconomy, Emerging Markets Finance and Trade (Taylor & Francis Publication), <https://doi.org/10.1080/1540496X.2023.2278643>

Panigrahi, B. & Prabheesh, K.P. (2024), Spillover Effects of Capital Controls: A Critical Review and New Agenda for the Future Directions, Bulletin of Monetary Economics and Banking (Bank Indonesia publication- Q3), 27: No. 0, Article 3. <https://doi.org/10.59091/2460-9196.2165>



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Cross-Cultural Virtual Teams, Mentoring and Coaching, Eco-Friendly Behaviours

Selected Research Projects

Nurturing Interest in Science Education among Female High School Children through Training and Mentoring[Funding agency:Re sustainability, Funding amount(in lakhs):5]

Competitiveness of Indian Technological Start-ups - An Exploratory Study[Funding agency:ICSSR, Funding amount(in lakhs):6.6]

Selected Publications

Naittee George, P., & Mp, G. (2024). Beyond the battle: A cross-sectional study on cancer-related fatigue and predictors of quality of life in female adolescent and young adult survivors. *Chronic Illness*, 17423953241282664

Wasi, K., Pantawane, T. R., Parameswar, N., & Ganesh, M. P. (2024). Exploring the competitiveness of Indian technological start-ups—the case study approach. *foresight*, 26(6), 1040-1066.

Shaikh, S., & Ganesh, M. P. (2024). Upskilling India: The national policy on skill development and entrepreneurship. *F1000Research*, 13, 1141.

Ganesh, M. P., & Ganesh, S. (2023). Using emotional intelligence and personal coping strategies to achieve work family balance in frontline hotel employees.*Journal of Human Resources in Hospitality & Tourism*, 22(2), 296-319.

Pullangotte, A., & Paramasivam, G. M. (2021). Development of theory of mind: importance of nurturance. *Journal of Children's Services*, 16(4), 346-363.



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Research Interests:

Chronic disease management with a focus on psycho oncology and endocrinology. Cultural aspects of health behaviour change with a focus on diet, exercise and safe sex.

Selected Research Projects

Study of calcium channel expression and calcium dynamics in cells derived from Indian breast cancer patients[Funding agency:Indian Council of Medical Research ad-hoc project grant, Funding amount(in lakhs):54.2]

3D imaging based vein intrusion guide system for pediatric and geriatric healthcare. [Funding agency:Sree Padmavathi Venkateswara Foundation (SreePVF) Grant, Funding amount (in lakhs):238]

Selected Publications

Weiss Goitiandia, S., Agarwal, A., Banerjee, S.C., Bhoo Pathy, N., Bose, C., Chittem, M., Gursahani, R., Rana, S., Salins, N., Segarmurthy, M.V., Thiyam, A., & Rosa, W.E. (2024). Beyond the bench: LGBTQ+ health equity after India's 'no same-sex marriage' verdict. *The Lancet Regional Health - Southeast Asia* <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.lansea.2024.100494> [Impact factor: 5.0]

Chittem, M. (Ed) (July, 2024). Special Issue on "Psycho-oncology Research and Practice in India". *Indian Journal of Medical and Paediatric Oncology*. [Impact factor: 0.22]

Purang, P., Chittem, M., & Narasimhan, H. (2024). Reimagining work but operating with a no off button: Experiences of work from home of working mothers in India during the COVID 19 pandemic. *Gender, Work & Organization* <https://doi.org/10.1108/GM-08-2022-0283> [Impact factor: 3.46]

Maya, S.*, Chittem, M.*, Chawak, S., Parker, P., Rajappa, S., & Banerjee, S. (2023). Experiences of prognosis disclosure versus nondisclosure among family caregivers of persons with advanced cancer. *Death Studies* 1-11. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07481187.2023.2293711> [Impact factor: 4.34]

Lathia, T.*, Chittem, M.*, Chawak, S., Katdare, P., Selvan, C. (2023). A focus group discussion on experiences with and expectations from the physician among Indian patients with T2DM. *Chronic Illness* <https://doi.org/10.1177/17423953231200683> [Impact factor: 1.63]



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Research Interests:

Sensorimotor Learning, Motor Memory Consolidation, and Brain stimulation

Selected Research Projects

Role of motor and sensory plasticity in motor memory retention, consolidation and enhancement [Funding agency:DST-Cognitive Science Research Initiative, Funding amount(in lakhs):73]

Neural Structures and Mechanisms Involved in Motor Memory Reconsolidation [Funding Agency: DBT, Funding amount (in lakhs): 68.74]

Nature of Plasticity In Somatosensory Cortex And Its Role In Motor Learning And Memory Consolidation[Funding agency:SERB-SRG, Funding amount(in lakhs):30.91]

Selected Publications

Kundal, K., Rao, K. V., Majumdar, A., Kumar, N., & Kumar, R. (2024). Comprehensive Benchmarking of CNN-Based Tumor Segmentation Methods Using Multimodal MRI Data. *Computers in Biology and Medicine*, 178, 108799.

Kumar, N., Sidarta, A., Smith, C., & Ostry, D. J. (2022). Ventrolateral Prefrontal Cortex Contributes to Human Motor Learning. *Eneuro*, 9(5). <https://doi.org/10.1523/ENEURO.0269-22.2022>

Kumar, N., van Vugt, F. T., & Ostry, D. J. (2021). Recognition memory for human motor learning. *Current Biology*, 31(8), 1678-1686. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cub.2021.01.097>

Kumar, N., Manning, T. F., & Ostry, D. J. (2019). Somatosensory cortex participates in the consolidation of human motor memory. *PLoS biology*, 17(10), e3000469. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pbio.3000469>

Kumar, N., Kumar, A., Sonane, B., & Mutha, P. K. (2018). Interference between competing motor memories developed through learning with different limbs. *Journal of neurophysiology*, 120(3), 1061-1073. <https://doi.org/10.1152/jn.00905.2017>



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Research Interests:

Mathematical/Formal Linguistics, Theoretical Cognitive Science

Selected Research Projects

Semantic Processes in bilingual children that relate to production-comprehension asymmetries.[Funding agency:DST-Cognitive Science Research Initiative, Funding amount(in lakhs):20]

Selected Publications

Mondal, P. (2024). The Cognitive Variation of Semantic Structures. London/New Delhi: Routledge.

Nirupama, R. and Mondal, P. (2024). On the Unified Representation of Continuity and Discontinuity and its Neuro-Cognitive Grounding. *Folia Linguistica*, <https://doi.org/10.1515/flin-2024-2017>

Mondal, P. (2024). Bridging the Chasm Between Cognitive Representations and Formal Structures of Linguistic Meanings. *Cognitive Science*, 48: e13456. <https://doi.org/10.1111/cogs.13456>

Mondal, P. (2023). Towards a Unifying Theory of Linguistic Meaning. *Integrative & Communicative Biology* 16(1): 2200666. <https://doi.org/10.1080/19420889.2023.2200666>

Mondal, P: (2023). Towards a Unified Representation of Linguistic Meaning. *Open Linguistics* 9(1):20220225, <https://doi.org/10.1515/opli-2022-0225>

Mondal, P: (2022). The Puzzling Chasm between Cognitive Representations and Formal Structures of Linguistic Meanings. *Cognitive Science*, e13200: <https://doi.org/10.1111/cogs.13200>



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Political Ecology, Pastoral Studies, Human dimension of wildlife conservation, Climate Change, Multi- species interactions, Himalayan Studies

Selected Research Projects

Pastoral Knowledge Systems, Labour Shifts, and Conservation Challenges in Rangelands [Funding Agency: IIT Hyderabad; Seed Grant, Funding amount (in lakhs) : 30]

Roots and Routes of Green Grabbing of Pastoral land in Indian Himalaya [Funding Agency: Land deal politics initiative, PLAAS, Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies and University of Western Cape, Funding amount (in lakhs) : 4.5]

PASTRES small grant [Funding Agency: by Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, U.K, Funding amount (in lakhs): 4.5]

The T.R Ellett Young Academic Award [Funding Agency: The Lincoln University Centre of Excellence, New Zealand, Funding amount (in lakhs): 2.45]

Pastoralism and Rangeland Conservation: Understanding impact of Grazing on Rangeland Biodiversity in Eastern Himalayas, India [Funding agency: The Rufford Foundation, U.K, Funding Amount (in lakhs): 5.35]

Selected Publications

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Selected Publications

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Principal Investigator, Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR) Funded Project, “Adolescent Sexual Health Education through Picture Books: Designing and Disseminating Picture Books on Sexual Health—Taking the Conversation to Children, Doctors, Teachers”

India Coordinator, Research Grant for “Victorian Diversities Research Network,” UKRI Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC), 2023

Coordinator, Public Humanities Initiative, IIT Hyderabad

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Colonial Idols in British and Anglo-Indian Literature: Religion and the Non-Human in Postcolonial Culture. (Forthcoming monograph, Routledge)

Guest Editor of Nineteenth-Century Gender Studies. “(Un)disciplining Within the Nineteenth Century: Historical Hybridity in Self-Reflexive Writing by Women.” Summer 2024. (Joint Editor, Michelle M. Taylor).

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Body Image and Female Identity: Popular Perceptions, Theoretical Interventions and Possible Implications[Funding agency:ICSSR, Funding amount(in lakhs):7]

Selected Publications

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