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EDUCATION

Florida State University Aug 2022- Present
Doctor of Philosophy, Social Work

Tata institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India May 2016
Master of Social work
Thesis: Tribal Land Movements in Kerala, India- Case of 'Standing-Up Struggle'

University of Calicut, Kerala, India April 2013
Bachelors of Social Work
Thesis: Intravenous Drug Use among Muslim Youth, Kerala, India.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Foundation for Ecological Security (FES), Andhra Pradesh, India May 2016 – June 2022
Senior Project Manager, Action Research Team

- Supported the team in undertaking qualitative and quantitative studies and synthesizing the lessons to improve knowledge and information on nature and the interaction between natural and human systems in diverse social, economic and ecological settings.
- Provided training and built capacities of the team in effective use of various participatory methods to improve engagement with the communities.
- Coordinated the day-to-day activities and functioning of the research team.

Research Assistant, Environmental Activists and People's Struggles in Kerala, India June 2013- Apr 2014

- Supervisor: John Mathias, Ph.D., Ass. Prof. at Florida State University
- Assisted in collecting and organizing secondary data on people's environmental struggles in Kerala
- Assisted in conducting ethnographic field work including taking field notes
- Assisted in organizing, coding, and initial data analysis

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Data Collection Coordinator, Can Restoration of the Commons Foster Resilience? Comparing COVID-19-Induced Livelihood Impacts and Coping Strategies (2 months) 2020

- Supervisor: Karl Hughes, World Agroforestry, ICRAF
- Assisted in developing survey tools
- Coordinated research team in collecting data in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, India.
- Assisted in initial data analysis and report

Research Assistant, The Gender of Fuel Wood: Head loads and Truckloads in India (2 Months) 2019

- Supervisor: Meena Khandelwal, The University of Iowa
- Assisted in conducting ethnographic fieldwork including taking field notes in rural and peri-urban areas
- Supported data organizing and coding
- Assisted in analysis

- Field Coordinator**, Strengthening Natural Resource Governance: Collective Action Plans and Coordination (*4 months*) 2017
- ➔ Conducted and facilitated 30 forest management games (behavioral experimental games) with men and women followed by community debriefing to understand the games outcomes.
 - ➔ Assisted in data organizing and analysis
- Principle Investigator**, Longitudinal Assessment of Social, Economic and Ecological Outcomes of Governance of Shared Natural Resources (*2 months*) 2017 & 2021
- ➔ Administered trainings on data collection processes using International Forestry Resources and Institutions (IFRI) framework.
 - ➔ Facilitated focus group discussions with different caste and class groups
 - ➔ Reviewed literature, data analyzed and prepared reports.
- Field supervisor**, Climate Change Adaptation Strategies at the Local Level and the Role of Water Demand Management in Improving Resilience of Rural Households in Rain-fed Regions of India. (*4 months*) 2016
- ➔ Data collection
 - ➔ Supported research team in facilitating focus group discussions with various stakeholders using participatory tools including resource and social maps, transect walk
 - ➔ Data cleaning and initial analysis.
 - ➔ Prepared report highlighting traditional climate change adaptation practices
- Principal Investigator**, Tribal Land Movements in Kerala, India - Case of 'Standing-up Struggle' (*12 months*) 2015
- ➔ Supervisor: Mr. Biswaranjan Tripura
 - ➔ Developed semi-structured interview schedules and reviewed literature
 - ➔ Conducted in-depth interviews with participants and leaders of tribal land movements
 - ➔ Conducted content analysis in four mainstream magazines
 - ➔ Data analysis and thesis report
- Principal Investigator**, Intravenous Drug Use among Muslim Youth 2013
- ➔ Supervisor: Prof. Babu MT
 - ➔ Developed survey tools
 - ➔ Conducted interviews with intravenous youth drug users
 - ➔ Data analyzed using SPSS, culminating in thesis report

PUBLICATIONS

Khandelwal, M., Hill, M. E., Beck, M., Valappanandi, S., & Mahapatra, H. (2022). The Gender of Fuelwood: Headloads and Truckloads in India. *Journal of South Asian Development*, 17(2), 230–259.

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Hughes, K. A., Priyadarshini, P., Sharma, H., Lissah, S., Chorrán, T., Meinzen-Dick, R., Andersson, K. (2022). Can Restoration of the Commons Reduce Rural Vulnerability? A Quasi-Experimental Comparison of COVID-19 Livelihood-based Coping Strategies among Rural Households in Three Indian States. *International Journal of the Commons*, 16(1), 189–208. DOI: <http://doi.org/10.5334/ijc.1155>

Thomas, L., Valappanandi, S., Rodrigues, V. (2018). The Forest Game: Field Experiments as a Means to Influence Mental Models. *Ecology, Economy and Society- The INSEE Journal*, 1(2): 101–105.

DOI: <https://doi.org/10.37773/ees.v1i2.44>

Zhang, W., Meinzen-Dick, R. S., Valappanandi, S., Balakrishna, R., Reddy, H., Janssen, M. A., & Ghate, R. (2021). Norms, Gender, and Payment Method Affect Extraction Behavior in a Framed Field Experiment on Community Forestry in India (Vol. 2091). International Food Policy Research Institute
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.2499/p15738coll2.134949>

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Promotion & Advancement of Justice, Harmony and Rights of Adivasis (PAJHRA), Assam, India, Social Work Intern.* Aug'15 to Sep'15
- ➔ Prepared process document highlighting the wage increment campaign and Scheduled Tribe status campaign of tea garden labours. (2 months)
 - ➔ Coordination of state level consultation on the status of tribal women in tea plantations and villages in Assam with collaboration of Action Aid
 - ➔ Prepared annual report of the organization
 - ➔ Assisted in conducting workshops, child group sessions part of Save the Children project
- Swami Vivekanantha Medical Mission, Social Work intern, Kerala, India* July'12-Nov'12
- ➔ Community-based awareness programs on alcoholism and Tuberculosis among Adivasi/Tribal village communities in Wayanad district, Kerala.
 - ➔ Organized medical camps to in the remote villages
- Urban Health Centre, Field Worker, Mumbai, India* Jun'14-Mar'15
- ➔ Conducted study on unemployment among the youth in slum areas in Shivaji Nagar, Mumbai.
 - ➔ Campaigning on urban health issues
 - ➔ Workshop organized to educate students on adolescents' health and child sexual abuses in schools.
- UNICEF-TISS Collaborative Project, Field Work Intern, Rajasthan, India.* Oct'14 to Nov'14
- ➔ Data collection on Nutritional Deficiency among Children in rural areas.
- OISCA International IDU (Injecting Drug Users) Suraksha Project, Field Work Intern, Kerala, India.* Dec'11-Apr'12
- ➔ Community based awareness programs on drug addiction
 - ➔ HIV prevention campaigning
 - ➔ Individual Case work

RESEARCH SKILLS

- ➔ Qualitative research methods: Ethnography, Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA), Experimental games.
- ➔ Basics of Statistical Packages for the Social Sciences (SPSS)

LANGUAGES

Malayalam: Fluency in conversation, reading, and writing
English: Fluency in conversation, reading, and writing
Hindi: Fluency in conversation, reading, and writing
Arabic: Fluency in reading and writing
Tamil: Fluency in conversation