

## CURRICULUM VITAE



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### Degrees and Fellowships

- Ph.D. (University of Kerala). Thesis titled 'Hegemony, Marginality and Resistance: A Critical Ethnography of Adivasis' Schooling in Kerala'

The thesis was a discussion on how the experience of marginality is created with a hegemonical social order and how the Adivasi communities are trying to deal with it, especially in the context of schooling. The study intended to explore the everyday schooling process at Brahmagiri School – a government higher secondary school in the adivasi dominated region taken as a site of the study. The study tried to illuminate Adivasi students' experience in the backdrop of schooling in Brahmagiri, which is a product of both the local conditions and the larger educational context in Kerala, using critical ethnographic methods.

- Master of Arts in Sociology from University of Kerala (72.78%)
- BSc. Physics from St. Marys College, University of Calicut, Kerala (77.8%)
- UGC- JRF/SRF (2010-15)
- **Associate Fellow, Indian Institute of Advance Studies, Shimla (2021-24)**

### Research Experience

#### *A.) Research Projects*

1. Socio-Anthropological Study of Seven Communities in the State of Madhya Pradesh, Sponsored by Tribal Research and Development Institute (TRDI) Madhya Pradesh. Sanctioned Amount – Rs. 2299500/- (Twenty Two Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand and Five Hundred Only) Completed in September 2025. – **Role: PI**
2. Need Assessment of 100 Villages in and around 20 Closed/Abandoned Coal Mines in Chhattisgarh & Madhya Pradesh” Sponsored by SECL, Bilaspur. (Project Completed in

2025. Sanctioned Amount Rs. 14.89 Lakhs). **Role: Co-PI**

2. Impact Assessment of SECL CSR project on Swachch Vidhyalay Abhiyan Project in the State of Madhya Pradesh (For the year 2023, Sanctioned Amount Rs. 12.89 Lakhs) – **Role: Co-PI**

3. Impact Assessment of SEC CSR project on Swachch Vidhyalay Abhiyan Project in the State of Odisha (For the year 2023, Sanctioned Amount Rs. 27.57 lakhs): **Role: Co-PI & Project In-Charge.**

4. Impact Assessment of CSR activities undertaken by SECL during the FY 2016-17 to 2020-2021 (For the year 2022, Sanctioned Amount Rs. 1518300 – Fifteen lakh eighteen thousand and three hundred only) : **Role: Co-PI**

### **B.) PhD Guidance**

1. Ms. Aditi Sinha, working on the topic “Land and Autonomy: An Ethnography of Pathalgadi Movement”
2. Ms. Vijila C.M, working on the topic “Class, Patriarchy and Women’s Autonomous Organisations: A Case Study Based on Pembilai Orumai and Penkoottu in Kerala”

### **Publications**

- Varghese, Charles. (2025). Adivasi Neighbourhood and Its School: A Critical Ethnography of Aspirations and Contours of Marginalisation in Kerala. *Sociological Bulletin*, 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/00380229241313450> (Online First)
- Varghese, Charles. (2025). Hierarchy, Stigma and Construction of Marginal Citizenship in Everyday Schooling. *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/00219096251318235> (Online First)
- Varghese, Charles & Kumar, Sheethal, S. (2022). Marginality: A Critical Review of the Concept. *Review of Development and Change*. June 1, 2022. Sage Publications. <https://doi.org/10.1177/09722661221096681>
- Varghese, Charles. (2024). ‘National Education Policy 2020 and the Quest for Social Justice’ in Lekha, N.B., & Kumar M., P. (Eds.). *Routledge Handbook of Gender, Culture, and Development in India* (1st ed.). Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003474913>
- Varghese, Charles. (2020). Adivasis and Schooling: A Critical Reflection on Perspectives. *Explorations*. Vol. 4(1) E-Journal, Indian Sociological Society. Pp. 29-44.
- Varghese, Charles. (2019) ‘Indigenous Knowledge and Modernity’: Some Critical Reflections’ in Nisha Jolly Nelson (Ed.) *Health and Well Being: The Tribal Perspective*. New Delhi: APH Publications. Pp 53-71.
- Grooming Young Professionals? Emerging Issues and Challenges of Professionalism in a Globalised Society. *Kerala Sociologist* [ISSN: 0975-8933] June 2009 Vol. XXXVII No. I, Pp. 31-40
- The 'Knowledge Workers' in Information Technology Industry. *Kerala Sociologist* [ISSN: 0975-8933] December 2011. Vol. XXXIX No.2
- 'Social and Cultural Issues of Tribal Students in Accessing Higher Education

(Conference proceedings, Tezpur University, Assam, 2011). Pg. 29.

- Book Review: Biswajith Ghosh (eds.): *Interrogating development: Discourses on development in India today*. Jaipur: Rawat Publications, 2012, xiv +352 pp. in *Sociological Bulletin* [ISSN 0038-0229], 61(3), September – December 2012.
- Book Review: Tina Uys and Sujata Patel (eds.): *Exclusion, social capital and citizenship: Contested transitions in South Africa and India*. New Delhi: Orient Blackswan, 2012, xv+670 pp., in *Sociological Bulletin* [ISSN 0038-0229] 61(3), May- August 2014
- Book Review: Christine Sleeter et al.: *School Education, Pluralism and Marginality – Comparative Perspectives*. New Delhi: Orient Black Swan Private Ltd, 2012, xvii +467 pp., Rs. Not Specified(hb). ISBN9788125045311, in *Kerala Sociologist* V 42(1) June 2014 ISSN: 0975-8933
- *Adivasis and Schooling: A critical reflection on perspectives and experiences – International Congress on Kerala Studies, Conference Proceedings 2015*

### **Research Papers Presented – Outside India**

- 'Education of the Indigenous People: Contesting the Context and Meaning' Special Session on Indigenous Education, International Rural Network Forum 2012, held at *University of South Australia, Whyalla, Australia* on 24-28 September 2012.
- 'Local Alternatives for Central Problems: Indigenous Knowledge and Community Involvement in Food Security and Health Care Systems of Kerala – A Southern State of India.' International Rural Network Forum 2012, held at University of South Australia, Whyalla, Australia on 24-28 September 2012.

### **Research Papers Presented – Within India**

1. Presented a paper on “Aspiration, Marginality and the Role of State in India: A Case Study of Madhya Pradesh” in the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on “State, Market, and Civil Society: Rethinking Education for Sustainable Futures” held at Panjab University, Chandigarh, India.
2. Presented a paper on “Status of Education in Madhya Pradesh – Insights from UDISE+ (2021-22) Data in the 3<sup>rd</sup> spell of IUC Associateship at Indian Institute of Advance Studies, Shimla
3. Presented a paper on ‘Resistance and Resilience in Classrooms: Insights on the response of the marginalised school children’ at 13<sup>th</sup> Annual International CESI conference on “changing dynamics of education: perspectives and new directions from global south” held from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 to 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023 at Tezpur University Assam, India.
4. Paper presented: Presented a paper on ‘Power, Domination and Stigma: Construction of Marginal Citizenship in Everyday Schooling’ in the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference of the Comparative Education Society of India (CESI) organized by MANUU, Hyderabad from 9-11<sup>th</sup> December 2022.
5. 10<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference of Comparative Education Society of India held at Zakir Husain Centre for Educational Studies, JNU, New Delhi, December 2019. Presentation on “Marginality and Schooling: Reflections on the Concept and the Process”
6. 45<sup>th</sup> All India Sociological Conference, held at University of Kerala, December 2019. Presentation on “Hegemony and Schooling: Reflections on the Concept and the Process”.
7. International Multidisciplinary Conference on 'Education for Future: Issues and

- Challenges' Dept. of Education, OSmania University, Hyderabad. 8-9 July, 2017. Paper on "School – Community Relationship – A Case Study of Adivasi's Schooling in Kerala",
8. National Seminar on Legacy of Tribes (To Indian Historical and Cultural Heritage). Held at Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak, Dept. of History, 22-23 August 2017. Paper on "Indigenous Knowledge : Adivasi's Contribution to Alternate Modernity"
  9. Samvad – A Tribal Conclave: Regional Workshop held at Indira Gandhi National Tribal University 23-24 September 2017. Paper on "Social Aspects of Tribal Development in Central India : An Analysis"
  10. "Adivasis and Schooling: A critical reflection on perspectives and experiences" National Conference on Local Self Governance, Civil Society and Social Mobilisation, December 11-13, 2015
  11. "Ethnography in Understanding Schooling and Marginality" National Level Young Researchers' Workshop on Against Method? Methodological Challenges for Social Science Research Today, University of Hyderabad, January 21-22, 2015
  12. "School Resources & Community: A Narrative on the Power Relations" National Conference on Culture, Media & Society, December 12-14, 2014.
  13. "Mediation of Adivasiness: An ethnographic account on educational experience of Kurichyas and Paniyas in Kerala." in All India Sociological Conference at Karnataka State Open University, Mysore, December 27-29, 2013.
  14. "Sociology Research in Kerala – A critique" in Kerala Sociology Conference at S.H. College, Thevara, Kerala, December 13-15, 2013
  16. 'Being a Sociology Student in Kerala: Some Reflections' in the National Seminar on Doing Sociology in India: Retrospect and Prospects – Post Conference Seminar of Indian Sociological Society at Thiruvananthapuram, December 2011.
  17. The Empowerment Rhetoric of Women in Modern Professions – The case of I.T industry in Kerala xxxviii annual conference of Kerala Sociological Society at Thiruvananthapuram, October 2011.
  18. Exclusion, Social Capital, & Achievements in Higher Education: Case of SC & ST students in Kerala. In XXXVI All India Sociological Conference at Cuttack, Odisha, December 2010.
  19. Climate Change as Cultural Change in National Seminar on Climate Change at Christ University Nodal Office Thiruvananthapuram, October 2010.
  20. "Being a Dalit in an Educational Institute: A study on Cultural Inclusion in the Higher Education in XXXVI All Kerala Sociological Conference at Thiruvananthapuram in November 2009.
  21. Grooming Young Professionals? Emerging issues and Challenges of Professionalism in a Globalised Society. (Won the P KB Nair Award for the Best Paper Presented in XXXV All Kerala Sociological Conference at Thevara, November 2008.

**Invited Lectures:**

1. Resource person at MMTTC, IGNTU on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025 on the topic 'Modernity and Indigenous Knowledge: Some Reflections' in 'Online Refresher Course on 'Tribes, Indigenous Languages, and Socialisation' from 10-11-2025 to 22-11-2025.

2. Resource Person at ICSSR Sponsored One Week Research Methodology and Data Science Course for PhD/PDF Scholars in Social Science at IGNTU on “Philosophy of Research” on 01/04/2024.
3. Resource person at MMTTC, IGNTU on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2024 on the topic ‘Pedagogic opportunities of ICT’ in Short Term Programme on ICT Applications in Evaluation and Assessment from 25-05-2024 to 31-05-2024.
4. Resource person at MMTTC, IGNTU on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024 on ‘Critical Reading and Writing’ as a ‘Resource Person in “NEP orientation and sensitization programme’ from 13-05-2024 to 21-05-2024.
5. Resource Person at MMTTC, IGNTU on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 on the topic ‘Critical Reading, Writing and Reasoning for Social Sciences’
6. Resource Person at MMTTC, IGNTU on 04<sup>th</sup> March 2024 on the topic ‘Doing Critical Ethnography and Qualitative Research’
7. Resource Person at Two Week Capacity Building Programme on Academic Research Writing (22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 to 03<sup>rd</sup> May 2024) by Dept of Tourism Management on the topic ‘Referencing and Citation’
8. Resource Person at One week Research Methodology and Data Science Course for PhD/PDF scholars in social sciences, organized by Dept. of Economics from 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 to 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 on the topic ‘Philosophy of Research’
9. Resource Person at ICSSR Sponsored Research Methodology Course on Advanced Data Analytics in Multidisciplinary Research Using R Language, organized from 1-11<sup>th</sup> August 2023 by Dept. of Education, Economics and Statistics, on the topic ‘Ethnographic Studies’
10. Delivered a lecture on Research Ethics in a conference on Intellectual Property Rights and Research Ethics, held at Govt. RMD Girls PG College, Ambikapur (Surguja), Chattisgarh, on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2023.
11. Delivered a lecture on ‘The question of Marginality and Ambedkar’s philosophy’ in a seminar “Sociol-Economic Philosophy of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar: The Indian & Global Perspective” organized by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Chair, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak, M.P, December 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> 2022.
12. Talk on “Gender & Society on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at Sree Sabareesa College, Murukkumvayal, Kerala
13. Talk on Ethics in Write and Cite in the Three Days ICSSR Sponsored National Workshop on ‘Research Integrity and Publication Ethics’ Held during 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> November 2022, organized Dept. of Sociology, Periyar University Salem, Tamil Nadu.
14. “Unsung Heroes: Tribal Participation in India’s Freedom Struggle” on the occasion of Jajatiya Gaurav Divas on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at Kerala University College of Teacher Education, Karyavattom.
15. “Ethics in Write and Cite” in the Three day ICSSR sponsored National Workshop on ‘Research Integrity and Publication Ethics’ held during 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> November 2022 organised by the Dept. of Sociology, Periyar University, Salem, Tamil Nadu.
16. “Gender and Society” on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022, Sree Sabareesa College, Murukkumvayal, Kottayam, Kerala.
17. ‘Sociology: Reading and Writing’ on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at Dept. of Sociology, Malayalam University, Kerala.
18. “Doing Research: A beginners guide to dissertation work” on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at

Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kaladi, Kerala.

19. "Cosser – Functional Approach to Conflict" on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at Carmel College Mala, Thrissur, Kerala.
20. 'Doing Ethnography: Reflections from the field', Dept. of Social Work, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kaladi, Kerala. 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> August, 2021
21. 'Research Writing' – Session on Faculty Development Programme conducted by Teaching Learning Centre, Doctor Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar , Madhya Pradesh, 26-31<sup>st</sup> July, 2021.
22. 'Social Diversity in Classroom : Role of Teachers' – Organised by Kerala University College of Teacher Education, Trivandrum – Kerala : 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021
23. 'Schooling in Adivasi India during the pandemic' – National Webinar organized by University of Kerala and Indian Institute of Technology, Trivandrum. 15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021
24. 'Employment opportunities in social science' – International conference on Employment opportunities in social science organized by Nehru Yuva Kendra and University of Kerala 13<sup>th</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> February 2021.
25. 'Doing Social Science: Nature, Skills and Possibilities', Dept. of Sociology, Malayalam University, Kerala, December 2020.
26. 'Social Themes and Performing Arts: Some Critical Reflections', Dept. of Performing Arts, Kristu Jayanti College, Bengaluru, Karnataka, December, 2020.
27. National Seminar on 'Rehabilitation of the Disabled and Inclusive Development with special reference to North East India, Organised by Dept. of Sociology, Mizoram University, February 2020.
28. Welfare Policies and Empowerment Programmes for Women – A Critical Evaluation, Carmel College, Mala, Thrissur, January 2020
29. 'Gender and Society: Some Critical Concerns' – One day National Workshop Organised by Ambedkar Chair, IGNTU, February 2019.
30. Education, Social Change and the Marginalised – National Seminar Organised by the Ambedkar Chair, IGNTU, 26-27 September, 2018.
31. National Seminar on Health and Well Being: The Tribal Perspective: Held at Loyola College of Social Science, 27-29 March, 2017. Paper on "Indigenous Knowledge and Modernity – Some Critical Reflections.
32. UGC – SAP National Seminar on Adivasis in Kerala: The Development Question: Held at Department of Economics, University of Kerala, 29-31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. Paper on " Indigenous Knowledge : Some Critical Reflections"

**Courses Offering and Area of Specialisation**

- *Post Graduation: Advanced Sociological Theory*, Gender and Society, Sociology of Education, Research Methodology (Quantitative and Qualitative)
- *Graduation: Sociology of the Marginalised Communities*, Social Deviance, Society in India, Introduction to Sociology and Social Anthropology, Using ICT for Academic Work (SEC), Reading, Writing and Reasoning for Sociology (SEC)
- Research Interest : Sociology of Education and Marginalisation

### **Other Professional Engagements**

- Member Board of Studies, Sree Narayanaguru Open University, Kollam, Kerala.
- Member, Board of Studies, Dept. of Sociology, IGNTU, Amarkantak.
- Member, Advisory Board, Centre for Endangered Languages Project, IGNTU, MHRD, Govt. of India (2018)
- Member, Advisory Board, Livelihood Incubation Centre Project, IGNTU, Ministry of Skill Development, Govt. Of India.
- External Examiner – Rajasthan University, Jaipur Since 2023
- External Examiner -Dept. Of Social Work, IGNTU 2017-19
- External Examiner – Bundelkhand University, Jhansi
- External Examiner – Odisha State Open University, Sambalpur, Odisha
- Member, Board of Evaluations, Distance Education Centre, Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh.

### **Professional Body Membership**

- Life Member of Indian Sociological Society LMI3252
- Life Member of Kerala Sociological Society
- Life Member, Comparative Education Society of India (CESI)  
Executive Committee Member, CESI (2023- Still Continuing)  
<https://www.cesindia.net/ec-members.html>

### **Administrative Engagements**

- Member, NEP implementation committee, IGNTU 2021
- Member, University Admission Committee, IGNTU from 2017 to 2019
- Warden –IGNTU 2016-2019
- Member, Book Purchase Committee, IGNTU 2018-2022
- Observer/Supervisor : Entrance and Recruitment Exams, IGNTU 2016-2019