

Curriculum Vitae

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My research and academic interests lie at the intersections of sustainability, development and climate action across diverse contexts.

Educational Qualification

- Ph. D (Social Work-Social Science - Interdisciplinary): Topic: Politics and Dynamics of Environment and Development: The Political Ecology of a Proposed Ultra Mega Power Project in Tamil Nadu. Madras Institute of Development Studies, University of Madras, Chennai, October 2020.
- Master of Philosophy (Social Work): Stella Maris College (Autonomous), Chennai, First class, 2009.
- Master of Social Work (Community Development): Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kerala, First class, 2002.

Additional Qualification

- Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) Doctoral Fellowship from 2010-2013.
- National Eligibility Test for Lectureship (UGC) in 2013.

Teaching Experience

- Currently working as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Entrepreneurship, Madras School of Social Work, Chennai.
- Worked as a Visiting Faculty member at KREA University, Andhra Pradesh, for the trimester of October 2023 – January 2024.
- Worked as a Guest Faculty at Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Tuljapur Campus, Maharashtra during September-October 2022 and February 2024.
- Worked as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Work, Kumaraguru College of Liberal Arts and Science (KCLAS), Coimbatore (affiliated to Bharathiyar University) from July 2020 to June 2022.
- Worked as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Social Work, Guru Nanak College (Autonomous), Chennai for one academic year (June 2017 to March 2018).

NGO-based work/ Research and Administrative Experience

- Worked as a Social science researcher under the project Remaking One Health by The University of Edinburgh, UK, funded by the Wellcome Trust from July 2023 – March 2024.
- Research Associate, Participatory Learning and Action Network, Kerala. Significant areas of work include process monitoring and sustainability evaluation research, participatory assessment and documentation, and research on inclusion and exclusion analysis of World Bank water supply projects from June 2003 to December 2005.
- Programme Coordinator, Gandhi Smaraka Grama Seva Kendram, Kerala from August 2002 – May 2003. Major areas of work include forming and strengthening self-help groups, participatory rural appraisal, and promoting sustainable agriculture and research.

Article Publications

1. Chitra K. P., Preetha. K. V. (2023). Semi High-Speed Rail Development in Kerala, India. A Political Ecology Perspective. *Local Environment, The International Journal of Justice and Sustainability*. Taylor& Francis.
2. Preetha K. V., Chitra K. P. (2023). Integrating Sustainable Development Goals into Environment Impact Assessment in India: A Conceptual Analysis. *Sustainable Development* (Special issue article), Wiley Publishing Company. <https://doi.org/10.1002/sd.2579>
3. Chitra K. P., Preetha. K. V. & Vikas P. A. (2020). Wetland Conservation and Sustainable Development in Kerala, India. In Leal Filho, Walter (eds.), *Encyclopedia of the UN Sustainable Development Goals*. Springer. ISSN: 2523-7403
4. Preetha K V., Menon A. (2019). Neo-Liberalising Energy Production: The Making and Unmaking of an Ultra Mega Power Project in South India. *Review of Development and Change* 24(2): 242–258. Sage Publications. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0972266119886675>

Popular Articles

1. Chitra K P, Preetha K V (2020), Review of Draft EIA Notification 2020. Truecopythink. Online Magazine in Malayalam. <https://truecopythink.media/dr-chithra-kp-and-preetha-kp-article-onenvironment-clearance-for-industries>

2. Chitra, K P; Preetha K V (2020), Draft EIA Notification 2020: Need for critical intervention. Truecopythink. Online Magazine in Malayalam.
<https://truecopythink.media/index.php/environment-impact-assessment-eia-2020dangerousprotest-and-campaign>

Paper Presentations at International Conference

- Preetha K. V. (2020). 'Will the Coal Burn in Cheyyur? The Political Ecology of Unmaking of a Proposed Ultra Mega Power Project in Tamil Nadu, India' at the International Conference POLLEN 2020 themed 'Contested Natures: Power, Politics and Prefiguration' from 22–25 September 2020 organised by the Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, UK.
- Preetha K. V. (2020). 'Politics of Environment and Development: A case study from Tamil Nadu, India' at the IFSW Online Global Conference themed 'Social Work Global Agenda: Co-building Social Transformation' on 15-19 July 2020.
- Preetha K. V. (2019). 'Politics and Dynamics of Environmental Governance in India: Case Study of a Proposed Ultra Mega Power Project in Tamil Nadu' at the International Conference on 'The Environment and Sustainable Futures' organised by the Department of Social Work, Stella Maris College (Autonomous), Chennai in collaboration with United Board, University of Louisville, USA and University of Alabama, USA on 9-10 December 2019.
- Preetha K. V. & Antony Sagayaraj (2017). "Education of Tribal Children: The Rhetoric and Realities" in the 'International Summit–Child Rights: Education Matters for Life (ISCR 2017)' organised by the Department of Sociology and Social Work, Christ University, Bengaluru, India in collaboration with World Vision India and James Cook University, Australia, 2017.
- Preetha K. V. (2013). 'From Policy to Practice: Institutionalisation of EIA Notification in Tamil Nadu' at the International Conference on Contemporary Debates in Public Policy and Management held at Indian Institute of Management Calcutta, 2013.

Papers Presented/ Resource Person for National Conferences/ Seminars

- Preetha K. V. (2021). 'Whose development? Contesting Land Acquisition in Agrarian Villages in Tamil Nadu' at the National Conference on 'Social Work in Rural Societies: Reflections on Methods and Practice' organised by Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Tuljapur Campus on 26th and 27th August September 2021.

- Preetha K. V. (2021). 'Politics and Dynamics of Environment and Development in India: A Critical Social Work Perspective' during the Rajagiri National Research Conclave organised by Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) held on the 1st and 2nd of July, 2021.
- Invited as a resource person to the two-day National Conference 'Towards a Sustainable World: Revisiting Social Work Theory and Practice' and presented a paper titled 'Role of Locals and Civil Society Organisations in Ensuring a Sustainable World' organised by the Department of Social Work, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady on 30-31 January 2020.
- Preetha K. V. (2018). 'Between Pain and Stain: The Cultural Conspiracy of Silence' at the Conference on 'Menstruation and Menstrual Health Management' held at the Department of Social Work, Central University of Tamil Nadu, Thiruvavur, 2018.
- Preetha K. V. (2018). 'Legalities and Legitimacy: Trajectory of an Ultra Mega Power Project' at the National Conference on 'Modernization and Sustainable Social Policy: Challenges, Prospects and Strategies' organised by the Department of Social Work, Central University of Tamil Nadu, 2018.

Invited Lecture/ Talk

- ✓ Taken a module on 'Understanding Poverty' for the open course 'Decoding Development' organised by the Department of Social Work, Kumaraguru College of Liberal Arts and Science (KCLAS) during Nov-Dec 2021.
- ✓ Invited lecture on 'Green Social Work: Context and Significance' in the Webinar series organised by Alumni Collective, Department of Social Work, Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kaladi, Kerala on 24th May 2020.
- ✓ Invited lecture on 'Draft EIA Notification 2020: A critical review' in the webinar series jointly organised by Kottayam Natural History Society and Alappuzha Natural History Society, Kerala on 8th August 2020.

Coordinated Panel Discussion/ Workshop/ Expert Conversation

- Organised a Panel Discussion on the topic 'Understanding Climate Action in Indian Context' on 4th June 2021.
- Organised two workshops on the topics of 'Integrating Structural Social Work in Indian Context' on 21st December 2020, 'Disability Access Audit' on 25th September 2021, etc.
- Organised Expert Conversations on topics such as Engaging Urban Reconfiguration with a Spatial Logic; Forest and the Future of Forest Conservation; Emerging Trends in Social Work; National Education Policy 2020 & Equitable Quality Education for All; Developmental Issues in India: A Critical Appraisal; Unseen Tragedy of Elephants; etc