

# CURRICULUM VITAE

**Chandan Gowda**

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ramakrishna Hegde Chair Professor of Decentralization and Development, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru, April, 2021 to present.

Professor of Sociology, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru, May 2011 to March 2021.

Associate Professor of Sociology, National Law School of India, Bengaluru, July 2008 to April 2011.

## EDUCATION

PhD, Sociology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 1998-2007.

PhD Certificate, Cultural Studies, University of Pittsburgh, 1996-1998.

MA, Sociology, University of Hyderabad, 1994-1996.

BA, Social Science, St. Joseph's College, Bengaluru, 1994-1996.

Diploma, French, Alliance Francaise, Bengaluru, 1993.

## DISSERTATION

Title	Development, Elite Agency and the Politics of Recognition in Mysore State, 1881-1947
Committee	Jeffery Paige (co-chair), George Steinmetz (co-chair), Julia Adams, Sumathi Ramaswamy and Margaret Somers

## **HONOURS AND AWARDS**

Visiting Fellow, Watson Institute for International Studies, Brown University, USA, March-May 2015.

Schomburg Fellow, Ramapo College, USA, October 2013.

Dissertation Research Grant, National Science Foundation, 2003-2004

Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship, University of Michigan, 2002-2003

Dissertation Fieldwork Fellowship, American Institute of Indian Studies, 2002-2003

International Predissertation Research Award, International Institute, University of Michigan, 1999

Regent's Fellowship, University of Michigan, 1998-1999

Junior Research Fellowship, University Grants Commission, 1996.

Gold Medal, MA Sociology, University of Hyderabad, 1996

## **AREAS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTEREST**

Social Theory; Cultural Sociology; History of Development Thought; South Asian History and Culture; Caste; Indian Normative Traditions; and Kannada Literature and Cinema

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Books**

*Industrialize or Perish: The Colonial Origins of India's Developmental State* (Under Review, Oxford University Press, New York).

Co-Editor, *The Ram Manohar Lohia Reader*, New Delhi, Penguin Books (Forthcoming, 2024).

*The Kannadigas*, New Delhi, Aleph Book Company (Forthcoming, 2025).

Editor and Co-Translator, *Daredevil Mustafa: Short Stories of KP Purnachandra Tejasvi*, HarperCollins-India (Forthcoming, 2024).

*Another India: Memories, Events, People*, New Delhi, Simon and Schuster India, September, 2023).

Co-Editor, *The Essential UR Ananthamurthy Reader*, New Delhi, Aleph Book Company (2023).

Editor, *A Life in the World: UR Ananthamurthy in conversation with Chandan Gowda* (Harper Collins-India, 2019).

Editor, *The Way I See It: A Gauri Lankesh Reader* (DC Books and Navayana, 2017). (This book has been translated into Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam, Tamil and Telugu).

Translator, *Bara*, a Kannada novella by UR Ananthamurthy, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2016. *Shortlisted for the 2018 Raymond Crossword Translation Award*.

Editor, *Theatres of Democracy: Between the Epic and the Everyday - Selected Essays of Shiv Visvanathan*, HarperCollins-India, 2016.

## **Video Documentation**

*Sahitya Sahavasa (In the Company of Literature)*. Designed and directed an 8-hour video documentation of UR Ananthamurthy's lectures on major Kannada writers of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Now released as DVDs, these eight 60-minute episodes were telecast on Bangalore Doordarshan between June 8 and July 27, 2014.

## **Research Articles**

"The Routes of Kannada Language Activism," *Bangalore* (Editors) Lakshmi Srinivas and Tulasi Srinivas, State University of New York Press (Forthcoming, 2024).

"Bengaluru in History (in French)," *Critique*, Special Issue: L'Inde Colossale et Capitale (Guest Editor: Divya Dwivedi), Translated by Françoise Balibar, Volume 76, No. 872-873, Jan-Feb, 2020.

“Mela,” *The Handbook of Indian Keywords* (Editors) Peter Ronald de Souza and Rukmini Bhaya Nair (January, 2020).

“Four Narrations,” *People called Bengaluru* (Editor) Mamta Sagar, Srishti Institute of Art Design and Technology and the People Place Project LLP, Mumbai (Forthcoming).

“Old Mysore: A Milieu for an Artist,” *The Regional Modernism of K. Venkatappa* (Editors) Deeptha Achar and N. Pushpamala, Routledge India (Forthcoming).

“Understanding a Cultural Icon: A Preliminary Essay,” *Dr. Rajkumar* (Ed) Rukkoji, Bangalore (Forthcoming).

“Institutional Dimensions of ‘Access’ and ‘Justice,’” *State of the Indian Judiciary* (Editors) Harish Narasappa and Shruti Vidyasagar, 2016, Lucknow: Eastern Book Company.

“The Making of the Development Man: An Experiment in Recovery,” *Jindal Journal of Public Policy*, Volume 3, Number 1, 2016.

“A Writer’s Horizon,” *Seminar*, February, 2015, No. 666, Pp. 65-68.

UR Ananthamurthy and the Pursuit of Vision, *The Book Review*, October, 2014, Volume 38, Number 10.

“Empire and Developmentalism in Colonial India,” *Sociology and Empire: The Imperial Entanglements of a Discipline* (Ed.) George Steinmetz. Durham: Duke University Press. 2013.

“Global Cities,” *Handbook of International Relations*, (Editors) B.S. Chimni and Siddharth Mallavarapu, Pearson Books. 2012.

“Many Lohias? Appropriations of Lohia in Karnataka,” Special Issue on Ram Manohar Lohia, *Economic and Political Weekly* (Guest Ed) Yogendra Yadav, Volume 45, Number 40, October 2, 2010. (Translated into Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam and Marathi)

“‘Advance Mysore!’: The Cultural Logic of a Developmental State,” *Economic and Political Weekly*, Volume 45, Number 29, July 17, 2010.

Editor, *Seminar*, Special Issue, “Karnataka Vignettes,” August 2010.

“New Practices of Affirmative Action,” *Seminar*, October 2009, No. 602 (Special Issue: *India’s Religious Minorities*, Guest Editor: Surinder Jodhka).

“Thin Encounters with Knowledge,” *Seminar*, May 2009, No. 597 (Special Issue: *Knowledge in Question*, Guest Editor: Shiv Visvanathan).

“Inclusive Imagination: A Comment on Religion and Culture in India.” 2008. *Religion and the Arts*. Special Issue on the Inter-Religious Imagination (Ed.) Richard Kearney

(Reprinted in *Traversing the Heart: Journeys of the Inter-Religious Imagination* (Eds) Richard Kearney and Eileen Rizo-Patron, Leiden: Brill Publishers, 2010).

### **Translations of Kannada Writings into English**

“The Dalai Lama and History,” “Mithuna,” “Gandhi’s Chappals,” “Gandhi and Henry VIII,” and “Love and Duty,” Poems of UR Ananthamurthy, *The Essential UR Ananthamurthy Reader*, New Delhi, Aleph Book Company, 2023.

“Children of God,” A Kannada Poem by Huchhangi Prasad, *Battling for India: A Citizen’s Reader* (Editors) Githa Hariharan and Salim Yusufji, March, 2019, New Delhi: Speaking Tiger.

“The Retired Ones,” A Short Story by P. Lankesh, *Out of Print*, December, 2017 (Co-Translator).

“The Girl from Pakistan,” An Essay by Gauri Lankesh, Op-Ed, *The New York Times*, September 25, 2017.

“Placing North Karnataka,” An Essay by Amaresh Nugadoni, *Seminar* (Special Issue) “Karnataka Vignettes,” August, 2010.

“Food Et Cetera,” An Essay by Rahamath Tarikere, *Seminar* (Special Issue), “Karnataka Vignettes,” August, 2010.

“An Indentured Spirit,” A Short Story by KP Purnachandra Tejasvi, *Sirigannada: Contemporary Writings in Kannada* (Ed.) Vivek Shanbagh. New Delhi: Tranquebar Press 2010.

“Reason,” (A Short Story by Vivek Shanbagh) *Sirigannada: Contemporary Writings in Kannada* (Ed.) Vivek Shanbagh. New Delhi: Tranquebar Press, 2010.

“The Honour of Areca,” *Community and Culture: Selected Writings of KV Subbanna*. Heggodu: Akshara Prakashana. July, 2009.

### **Interviews**

‘Modern Indians must go beyond the binaries of secular and religious,’ *Scroll*, December 24, 2023.

“Freedom was never absolute at any point in time,” A Conversation on Another India, *The Federal*, December 26, 2023.

Another India: A Conversation, *Bangalore Literature Festival*, December 2, 2023.

Our Constitution and Another India: An Encounter, Dhvani Legal Trust, November 26, 2023.

“Tradition and Modernity at Crossroads,” *New Indian Express*, November 22, 2023.

Cover Story on Another India, *NewsX*, November 16, 2023.

“A Stereotypical Kannadiga image hasn’t Emerged Yet,” *The Hindu*, November 1, 2023.

“Science in the City,” Science Gallery, Bengaluru, October 17, 2023.

“The Congress Forms the Government: Power Sharing Arrangements,” May 19, 2023, SION Kannada.

“UR Ananthamurthy: A Thinker and Storyteller,” *The Federal*, May 12, 2023.

“Karnataka Elections,” *The Aidem*, May 8, 2023.

“2023 Karnataka Elections,” *The Quint*, May 4, 2023.

“Who are the Vokkaligas?” *NewsX*, April 22, 2023.

“Karnataka Elections: 2023,” *Scroll*, March 30, 2023.

“At the Edge of Today’s Politics,” An Interview with Salim Yusufji, *Guftugu*, September, 2020.

On Gauri Lankesh, *Outlook*, September 6, 2017.

“Reading and Translating UR Ananthamurthy,” An Interview with K. Satchidandan, *Guftugu*, July 2017.

Reading *Bara, Twice Told Tales*, Jaipur Bookmark, Jaipur Literature Festival, Jaipur, January 20, 2017.

“Drought Politics,” *Down to Earth Magazine*, November 15, 2016.

“UR Ananthamurthy’s *Bara*,” *The Times of India*, August 29, 2016.

“The Cinema of P. Lankesh,” *Nakshatra Mantana*, Janashri TV, February 10, 2013.

Interview, Exhibition on Sir M Visvesvaraya, *Timeout Bengaluru*.

## **Interviews of other Individuals**

“Dissent, Diversity Run Deep in Karnataka and in Indian Philosophy: A Conversation between Rahamath Tarikere and Chandan Gowda,” *The Wire*, March 7, 2023.

“Ramanujan’s Poetry is Alive,” An Interview of Guillermo Rodriguez, *The Hindu Sunday Magazine*, December 24, 2016.

“Reducing Quantity to Increase Quality,” An Interview of Mei Fong, *The Hindu Sunday Magazine*, September 3, 2016.

“Spirituality United Gandhi and Ambedkar,” An Interview of UR Ananthamurthy, *Outlook*, September 8, 2014.

“I was for Shelley and against Leavis,” An Interview of UR Ananthamurthy, *The Hindu Literary Review*, September 6, 2014.

“Fabric of the Future,” Interview with Prasanna, Theatre Director and Activist, Bangalore Doordarshan, January 12, 2014.

“An Inquiry into Modes of Existence,” Unpublished Interview of Bruno Latour, Bengaluru, 2012.

“The Idea of Karnataka,” An Interview of UR Ananthamurthy, *Seminar* “Karnataka Vignettes,” August, 2010.

“Village Deities,” Interview of Siddalingaiah, *Seminar* “Karnataka Vignettes,” August, 2010 (Translated from Kannada into English by me).

“The Experience of Compassion,” Interview of Ramachandra Gandhi, *Lankesh Patrike*, a Kannada political weekly, September 21, 2003 (Also published in *The Hindu*, November 18, 2007).

## **Review Essays**

“Method to the Mad Singer,” Review of *When Mirrors are Windows: A View of AK Ramanujan’s Poetics* by Guillermo Rodriguez, *Outlook*, November 14, 2016.

“Missing the Medieval,” Review of *The Medieval in Film: Representing a Contested Time on Indian Screen (1920s-1960s)* by Urvi Mukhopadhyay, *The Book Review*, February 2015.

“A Fantastic Turn Towards the End,” Review of six novellas from various Indian languages published in the Oxford Novellas series, *Outlook*, September 1, 2014.

“Archiving Damage,” Review of *Five Years of Saffron Rule in Karnataka* (Ed) Ambrose Pinto, *Frontline*, May 2, 2014.

“A Non-Take on Kannada Cinema,” Review of *Bipolar Identity: Region, Nation, and the Kannada Language Film*, MK Raghavendra, *The Book Review*, June, 2012.

“Archiving from Above,” Review of *Bengaluru Bangalore Bengaluru: Imaginations and their Times* (Eds) Narendar Pani, Sindhu Ramakrishna and Kishor Bhat, *The Book Review*. September, 2010.

Review of *Peasant Movements in Post-Colonial India*, by Debal K SinghaRoy, New Delhi: Sage Publications, 2004, Pp. 537-38, *Contemporary Sociology*, September, Volume 34, No. 5, 2005

### **Popular Press**

*The Living Stream*, Monthly Lead Op-Ed Column, *Deccan Herald* (>50 columns since September, 2019)

*Culture and Politics*, Weekly Lead Op-Ed Column, *Bangalore Mirror* (>250 columns between October, 2014 - April 2020).

“Ambedkar’s Ideal of Maitri,” *Outlook* (Independence Day Special Issue) August 12, 2023.

“A Morale Booster,” Lead Essay, *Outlook*, May 28, 2023.

“A Congress Wave,” *The Quint*, May 13, 2023.

“Three Possible Scenarios in Karnataka Election,” *The Wire*, May 12, 2023.

“Battleground Karnataka,” Lead Essay, *Outlook*, May 1, 2023.

“Can the BJP crack the Vokkaliga code in Karnataka this time?” NDTV, March 30, 2023 (<https://www.ndtv.com/opinion/can-bjp-crack-the-vokkaliga-code-in-karnataka-this-time-3906380>)

“The Case of the Women Sufis,” Special Issue, ‘Bangaluru as Palimpsest,’ sub:version Journal, RV University, Bengaluru (Forthcoming).

“More than a Mythical Persona,” *Outlook* (Special Issue on Shiva), October 22, 2022.

“What’s in a Sanskrit University? New Tensions over Kannada Identity,” *The Federal*, January 22, 2022.



“Revisiting the Sachar Report,” Humanity First, HHS and HMS Souvenir Volume, 2021.

“Why Bengaluru doesn’t need the NRC,” Long Form Op-Editorial (co-authored), *The Mint*, October 14, 2019.

“Missing Secularism in the New Education Policy,” Long Form Op-Editorial, *The Mint*, June 26, 2019 (Republished as “Is Secularism Missing in the New Education Policy?” in *Hindustan Times*, July 3, 2019).

“Girish Karnad’s Last Work was an Unfinished Autobiography in English,” *The Print*, June 10, 2019 (Published in Kannada translation as “Atmakathanakavannu Avaru Konegu Baredu Mugisalilla,” *Bahuroopi Girish Karnad* (Editor) Jogi, Bengaluru: Bahuroopi Publishers).

“Millennials Don’t Have a Taste for Politics,” (co-authored), Long Form Op-Editorial, *The Mint*, April 4, 2019.

“After Karnataka,” Op-Ed, *Indian Express*, May 21, 2018.

“Exit Polls in Karnataka,” *The Print*, May 14, 2018.

“Is a Regional Party Needed in Karnataka?” *The Print*, April 6, 2018.

“Terms of Separation,” Op-Ed, *The Hindu*, March 23, 2018.

“Understanding the Debate on Lingayats,” *The Print*, March 20, 2018.

“Do we need an Anti-Superstition Law?” Op-Ed, *The Hindu*, November 24, 2017.

“Legislating Superstition: The Significance of the Karnataka Black Magic Bill,” *The Print*, November 16, 2017.

“Russian Revolution Centenary: Missed Conversations with India need to take Place,” *The Print*, November 12, 2017.

“In Karnataka, a ‘Tax Denial Satyagraha’ seeks an end to GST on Handmade Goods,” *The Print*, October 6, 2017.

“She was never one to sit on the fence,” *Scroll*, September 10, 2017.

“Gauri Lankesh: She was on the side of Justice,” *Hindustan Times*, September 6, 2017.

“The Kannada Flag Etc,” Lead Op-Ed, *The Hindu*, July 22, 2017.

“All About Tipu Sultan,” Lead Op-Ed, *The Hindu*, November 9, 2016.

“Shadow of the Glen,” *Outlook*, January 12, 2015.

“UR Ananthamurthy’s Many Lives,” *The Mint Lounge*, August 30, 2014.

“Questionable Questions,” *Outlook*, March 17, 2014

“The Fabric of the Future,” *Outlook* (Web Edition), February 20, 2014

“American Moments,” *Sunday Magazine*, Deccan Herald, January 19, 2014.

“Heard that Kannadiga Joke?” *Outlook*, June 3, 2013

“Manifestos: Window to Party Strategies in Karnataka,” *The Times of India*, May 2, 2013

“The Erratic Stance of UPSC (in Kannada),” *Praja Vani*, March 23, 2013

“Arise, Awake!” *Outlook Magazine*, November 12, 2012

“The American Dream and the Truth of Reality (in Kannada),” *Praja Vani Sunday Magazine*, September 23, 2012

“Whirlpools in the Marsh: Politics amidst Uncertainty (in Kannada),” *Praja Vani Deepavali Special Issue*, October, 2011

“Barbers and Hairstylists,” *The Hindu Sunday Magazine*, August 21, 2011.

“Visvesvaraya – Engineer of Modernity,” Op-Ed, *The Hindu*, September 15, 2010

“Caste Census: Senseless Separation,” Op-Ed (co-authored), *The Hindu*, September 13, 2010.

“Letter to the Group of Ministers on Caste Census,” Op-Ed (co-authored), *The Hindu*, August 13, 2010.

“The Country’s Imminent Liabilities,” Op-Ed (co-authored with Vikas Kumar), *Deccan Herald*, June 19, 2010

“Lohia’s Legacy in Karnataka,” Op-Ed, *Deccan Herald*, March 23, 2010.

“The Menace of Security,” *Agni*, November 2-9, 2007. Volume 1, Number 6.

“The Silent Revolution,” *New Indian Express*, October 7, 2007.

“Vokkaligara Sangha: Need for Renewed Commitment,” *Deccan Herald*, September 1, 2007.

“The Passionate Philosopher,” Op-Ed Article, *New Indian Express*, June 19, 2007.

“Memoirs of a Public Intellectual,” Review of Siddalingaiah’s Autobiography, *Ooru-Keri*, Translated from Kannada by SR Ramakrishna, New Delhi: Indian Academy of Letters, 2004, *The Sunday Express*, December 19, 2004

“Hidden Spheres of Politics,” *The Sunday Express*, April, 14, 2004

“The Challenges of Pluralism,” *Deccan Herald*, July 10, 2002

### **Miscellaneous Publications**

“Summoning an Icon: Sir M. Visvesvaraya,” *Mysore Medley* (Editors) Pamela Sanath and Lalita Rao, Bougainvilla Publishing House, *Forthcoming*.

Scriptwriter, “Charaka,” Documentary film in English and Kannada on the Charaka Women’s Co-operative Society, Bhimanakone, February, 2013, Duration: 11 mins.

“Two Krumbiegel Moments,” *G.H. Krumbiegel: ‘Whatever He Touched, He Adorned’* Bengaluru: Max Mueller Bhavan. 2010.

“Jati Ganati Sutta Mutta (Regarding the Caste Census),” *Desha Kaala* (A Kannada Literary Quarterly) (Ed) Vivek Shanbag, No. 23, October - December, 2010.

“*Machhu Longu* Kannada Films,” Newsletter of the Suchitra Film Society, July 2009.

Co-Scriptwriter, “Dr. Rajkumar: An Analysis of a Phenomenon,” an English documentary film on the Kannada actor, Rajkumar.

“R.K. Narayan: The Question of Community,” *Musings on Raja Rao and R.K. Narayan* (Eds.) Avaneeja Rajesh and M.R. Rakshith, Bengaluru: Surana College, 2008.

“What one expects from Siddalingaiah. . .,” Article (in Kannada) in *Battada Beladingalu*, a Festschrift volume for the Kannada poet-activist, Dr. Siddalingaiah, (Ed) Lakshminarayana Nagavara, Bengaluru: Milind Prakashana.

### **LECTURES**

“What is to be Done?” Social Science Seminar Series, Azim Premji University, Bengaluru, February 2, 2024.

“Culture and the Nation: Thinking Through a Relationship,” Continuous Holistic Learning Programme, Political Science Faculty, Karnataka State Higher Education Academy, Dharwar, December 20, 2023.

“Lohia and the New Socialism,” Keynote Address, Centenary Celebrations of Shantaveri Gopala Gowda, Lohia Vichara Vedi, Thrikaripur, December 17, 2023.

“How do we think of the Kannada Cause today?” Chief Guest’s Address, BGS College of Engineering and Technology, Bengaluru, November 1, 2023.

“A Few Moves in Decolonization,” *Decolonization/Decolonial: Thinking Across Disciplines and Geo-Histories*, International Centre of Advanced Studies, ‘Metamorphoses of the Political’ Autumn School, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi, September 19, 2023.

“Pedagogy: Challenges and Approaches,” Keynote Address, *Teaching Pedagogy for General English*, Department of English, Vivekananda Degree College and Bangalore Central University and Platform of English Teachers, June 27, 2023, Bengaluru.

“Hind Swaraj,” *Reading Gandhi*, A Workshop, Nehru Study Centre, Mangalore University and Lohia Foundation, Shivamogga, January 28, 2023, Kuppalli.

“The Significance of Hind Swaraj,” Keynote Address, *Understanding Gandhi, A National Seminar*, Nehru Study Centre, Mangalore University and Department of Political Science, St. Aloysius College, Mangalore, October 29, 2022.

“Matters of Culture in the Political Thought of Lohia,” *Mangalat Raghavan Memorial Lecture*, September 24, 2022, Mahe.

“The Constitution of India and Pluralism,” Interfaith Dialogue for Climate Justice, Fireflies, August 9, 2022.

“Creativity in the Social Sciences,” Keynote Lecture, Nitte Creativity Fest, Nitte Institute of Communication, 2nd July, 2022.

“Reading Gandhi,” Department of English, St. Joseph’s Evening College, Bengaluru, October 5, 2021.

“Hind Swaraj in our Times,” Gandhian Centre for Philosophical Arts and Sciences, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal, October 2, 2021.

“Samaajika Tallanagalu (in Kannada),” *Prajavani* Online Lecture Series on the Covid Pandemic, June 25, 2021.

“Doing an Indian Social Science?” *Social Sciences and Humanities Conference*, Mallya Aditi International School, December 7, 2019, Bengaluru.

“How Might We Read Indian Cities?” Keynote Address, Biennial National Conference on “City Narratives: From Landscapes to Mindscapes,” Department of English, Jyoti Nivas College, Bengaluru, February 25, 2019.

“The Work of Gauri Lankesh,” Literature Festival, SRM University, February 1, 2019, Amaravati.

“Rethinking the Past,” Three Lectures, *Module on Language, Literature and Translation*, Post Graduate Diploma Programme in Management and Liberal Arts, S. P. Jain Institute of Management and Research, Mumbai, December 28-29, 2018.

“The Ayodhya of the South”: The Trajectories of the Hindu Right in South India, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Ludwig Maxmillian University Oberseminar Series, Munich, November 26, 2018.

“The Relevance of Hind Swaraj,” Gandhi Research Centre, Bangalore University, October 2, 2018.

“On Gauri Lankesh,” The Programme on English and Creative Writing, Ashoka University, July 25, 2019.

“The Way She Saw It: Introducing Gauri Lankesh,” Center for India and South Asia, University of California, Los Angeles, February 26, 2018.

“The Way She Saw It: Introducing Gauri Lankesh,” South Asia Institute, University of Texas, Austin, February 22, 2018.

“The Way She Saw It: Introducing Gauri Lankesh,” South Asian Council Lecture Series, Macmillan Center, Yale University, February 19, 2018.

“The Way She Saw It: Introducing Gauri Lankesh,” Centre for South Asian Studies, University of Michigan, February 13, 2018.

“Social Empowerment,” Karnataka 2025, *The New Indian Express Conclave*, January 2, 2018, Bengaluru.

“Democracy, Education and Nationalist Discourses – Towards a Critical Engagement,” Keynote Address, National Seminar, Department of English and the Department of Kannada, December 4, 2017.

Lecture, “The Figure of UR Ananthamurthy (in Kannada),” *Hattu Samastara Karnataka* (Cultural Architects of Karnataka), A National Seminar, DV Gundappa Kannada Research Centre, Tumkur University, November 23, 2017.

“The Cinema of Hrishikesh Mukherjee,” *A Hrishikesh Mukherjee Retrospective*, The Pickle Jar Collective, National Gallery of Modern Art, December 3, 2016, Bengaluru.

“Samaja Shastra Mattu Bahutva (in Kannada),” Culture Workshop, Ninasam, Heggodu, October 3, 2016.

“Revisiting the Ideal of Intellectual Swaraj,” *Issues, Problems and Prospects in Postcolonialism*, Department of English, Mangalore University, September 30, 2016.

“Emerging Areas in Social Research,” Department of Sociology, Christ University, Bengaluru, May 3, 2016.

“The Idea of the Universal Human: Kuvempu on Self, Society, and Politics,” *South Asia without Borders Seminar*, South Asia Institute, Harvard University, May 1, 2015.

“Kuvempu's Idea of the Universal Human: Ethics, Politics, and Philosophy in Modern India,” *South Asian Studies Council*, Yale University, April 23, 2015.

“The Origins of the Developmental State: Colonialism and the Politics of Knowledge in India,” *South Asian Politics: Brown, Harvard, MIT Joint Seminar*, Watson Institute, Brown University, April 17, 2015.

“Scenarios of Kannada Activism in Bengaluru,” Public Lecture, *India in Transition Series*, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, April 23, 2014.

“Colonial Knowledge and the Romance of Development,” Public Lecture, Ramapo College, New Jersey, October 9, 2013.

“Kaliyuga in Violent Kannada Cinema,” Center for the Study of Religion, and the Department of Historical Studies, University of Toronto, April 6, 2013.

“Religious Fundamentalism,” *Workshop for Journalists on India's National Security*, Press Institute of India, Christ University, Bengaluru, January 31, 2013.

“Development: The Tragic Origins of an Idea,” Institute of New Economic Thinking and Azim Premji University Summer School Workshop, July 15, 2012.

“Kannada Language Politics and the Future of Bangalore,” Department of History and Centre for Asian Studies, University of California, Irvine, May 24, 2011.

“Kannada Language Activism in Bangalore: Historical Origins, Contemporary Predicament,” Centre for South Asia, Stanford University, May 19, 2011.

“Theorizing Caste,” and “Orientalism,” Ramapo College Study Abroad Program, Fireflies, December 31, 2009

“Culture and Social Science,” *Interdisciplinary Methods in Teaching Literature*, Sri Kongadiyappa College, Doddaballapura, September 20, 2008.

“The Relevance of Gandhi's *Hind-Swaraj*,” Ramapo College Study Abroad Program Fireflies, Bengaluru, January 23, 2008.

“‘The Whole World is Watching’: The Developmental State in Mysore,” Department of Sociology, Princeton University, November 14, 2005.

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

“The Puranic Imagination in Violent Kannada Cinema,” *Metaphysics and Politics*, 6th Annual Conference of the Backwaters Collective, Kochi, July 26-28, 2019.

“Romancing Japan in Mysore,” India-Japan: Unearthing Lesser Known Linkages, Mombusho Scholars’ Association of India, November 15-17, 2018, India International Centre, New Delhi.

“Lohia and the Idea of the Self,” *Metaphysics and Politics*, 6th Annual Conference of the Backwaters Collective, Kochi, July 14-17, 2017.

“The Pasts and Futures of Technology,” *Creative Encounters with Science and Technology: Legacies, Imaginaries, Futures*, Kochi-Muziris Biennale, Kochi, February 18-19, 2017.

“Development Thought in Mysore, or, An Early Episode in Indian Social Science,” *Indian Social Sciences and the Vernacular/s: Disciplinary Histories and the Politics of Knowledge*, Institute of Economic Growth, New Delhi, February 9, 2017.

“Two or Three Things about Old Mysore State,” *International Conference on Mysore Modernity, Artistic Nationalism and the Art of K Venkatappa*, Bengaluru, November 25-27, 2016.

“The Ideal and Practice of Vishvamanava,” *Metaphysics and Politics*, 5th Annual Conference of the Backwaters Collective, Kochi, July 16-18, 2016.

“The Future of Social Sciences,” *Thinking Social Sciences*, July 11-12, 2016, Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla.

“Federalism and Democracy,” *Democracy in Diversity: Indian and European Perspectives*, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin, Berlin, March 8-10, 2015.

“Vishvamanava: Kuvempu’s Ethics,” *The Conceptual World of the Bhashas*, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi, February 13-15, 2014.

“The Normative Thought of Kuvempu,” *Caste/Anti Caste Thought*, Columbia University, Mumbai-Global Centre, Mumbai, June 20-22, 2013.

“Vishvamanava: The Ethical Imagination of Kuvempu,” *Prehistory of the Postcolonial: Language and Literature before Global Modernity*, American Comparative Literature Association 2013 Annual Conference, April 7-9, 2013, Toronto.

“The Devil is in the Implementation: The Prevention of Atrocities Act vs the Courts,” *Through the Lens of Law: Power and Society in India*, January 7-8, 2013 Centre Nationale Du Reserche Scientifique and Centre for South Asian Studies, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris.

“Invocations of Kaliyuga in Violent Kannada Cinema,” XV International Conference *Media and Utopia: Imagination, History, Technology*, December 16-19, 2012  
University of Allahabad.

“Ethics in the Making of Modern Kannada Identity,” *Language Politics and the Public Life of Indian Democracy*, the 40th World Congress of the International Institute of Sociology, *After Western Hegemony: Social Science and its Publics*, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, February 16 to 19, 2012.

“The Whys and Hows of Nativism in Bengaluru?” *Urban Governance and Politics: Bangalore in Comparative Perspective*, Organized by Brown University-Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru, January 3-4, 2012.

“Developmentalism in India: Colonial Legacies, Contemporary Challenges,” *Rethinking Development: Debating New Directions in a Time of Crises*, Department of Development Sociology, Cornell University, November 10-12, 2011.

“The Self and the Political in Lohia,” *Exploring the Histories of Concepts in South Asia: The ‘Political’* September 9-10, 2011, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi.

“Adjudicating Atrocity,” *Law and Social Exclusion in India*, Yale University and CNRS, Paris, New Haven, May 13-14, 2011.

“Bracketing Culture and the Dissatisfactions of Secular Policy,” *Panel on Law and the Politics of Religion, Siting Law*, Second Law and Social Sciences Research Network Conference, December 28, 2010, Foundation for Liberal Arts Management Education, Pune.

Chair, *Panel on Law and Social Exclusion, Siting Law*, Second Law and Social Sciences Research Network Conference, December 29, 2010, Foundation for Liberal Arts Management Education, Pune.

“Excluding Culture and the Dissatisfactions of Secular Policy,” *Law and Social Exclusion*, Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Law and Society Committee, National Law School of India University, Bengaluru, June 5, 2010.

“Culturing Policy: Affirmative Action and Religious Minorities,” *Plural Societies and Imperatives of Development: Religions, Communities, Citizenship*, University of Birmingham and the Indian Institute of Dalit Studies, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, April 19 and 20, 2010.

“Sub-Nationalism in Karnataka,” Panel Discussion, *Sub-Nationalism: Emerging Challenges to Indian Federalism*, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru, January 18, 2010.



Invited Participant, *Rule of Law and Democracy*, Institute of Advanced Study, Berlin at the Centre for Studies in Social Science, Kolkata, January 14 and 15, 2010.

“How Newness Ought to Enter the World? The Ethics of Affirming Knowledge,” *Knowledge Society Debates*, STEPS, Institute of Development Studies, Sussex and the Centre for Public Policy, IIM-B, National Institute of Advanced Studies, January 8, 2009, Bengaluru.

“‘The Village is the Problem’: Seeing Like a Developmental State,” *The Smallest N: Case Study Research in Historical Sociology*, Section Session of Comparative-Historical Sociology, Annual American Sociological Association Meeting, Montreal, August 11-14, 2006.

“Misrecognizing Autonomy: The Social Biography of an Iron Plant,” *The Cultures of Governance and the Social World*, Annual Conference on South Asia, University of Wisconsin, Madison, October 6-9, 2005.

“The Origins of a Developmental State: The Case of Mysore, 1881-1947,” *Imperialism and Nation-Building*, Section Session of the Political Economy of the World-System, Annual American Sociological Association Meeting, Philadelphia, August 13-16, 2005.

“A Politics for Cultural Peace,” *Religious Violence and Globalization*, Rathabeedhi Geleyaru, Udupi, India, December 16, 2002.

“Modernity in Colonial Mysore,” *Culture and Knowledge Brownbag Lecture Series*, Center for Research on Social Organization, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, December 7, 2000.

“Historical Sociology and Cultural Difference,” Social Science Methodology Conference, International Sociological Association, Cologne, Germany. October 6, 2000.

“General Theory and Cultural Difference,” Section on Comparative-Historical Sociology, Annual American Sociological Association Meeting, Washington DC. August 16, 2000.

## **PANEL DISCUSSIONS**

Panelist, Diversity in STEM and Academia, Recent Progress in Graphene and 2D Materials Research, 14th Annual Conference, Bengaluru, November 21, 2023.

Chairperson, “The Anthropocene and Tribal Communities,” *Seeking Cosmologies of Restorative Justice in the Anthropocene: Towards Planetary Futures in the Biocene*, United Theological College, October 20, 2023.

Organizer and Panelist, *Living Pluralities*, Bangalore International Centre, September 22, 2023.

Panelist, *Another India*, Organized by Shiv Nadar Institute of Eminence and Simon and Schuster, India International Centre, September 21, 2023.

Panelist, *Thinking from the Point of Confinements*, Bangalore International Centre, September 5, 2023.

Organizer and Panelist, *Socialist Futures: Thinking with UR Ananthamurthy*, Bangalore International Centre, July 8, 2023.

Panelist, *Issues that will Decide the Elections*, Bangalore International Centre, May 5, 2023.

Organizer and Panelist, *Compiling the Kalaikkalanjyam: The Making of a Tamil Encyclopaedia*, Bangalore International Centre, March 4, 2023.

Panelist, “Why the Mahatma Matters,” Bangalore Literature Festival, December 3, 2022.

Organizer and Panelist, “A Running River is all Legs,” A Film Screening and Discussion, Bangalore International Centre, November 1, 2022.

Panelist, *Batting for Reconciliation: South Africa, Cricket and the Challenges of Social Transformation*, Sports Law and Policy Centre, Bengaluru, Feb 18, 2022.

Organizer and Moderator, *Staying Poor in a Rich City: Slums and Informal Work in Bangalore*, Bangalore International Centre, September 21, 2021.

Organizer and Moderator, *The People’s Poet: Remembering Dr. Siddalingaiah*, Bangalore International Centre, June 22, 2021.

Panelist, “Karnatakada Sakshiprajne: A Tribute to HS Doreswamy,” *Praja Vani*, May 30, 2021.

Panelist, *UR Ananthamurthy: A Life in the World*, Kerala Literature Festival, January 18, 2020.

Book Discussion, *A Life in the World: UR Ananthamurthy*, Bangalore Literature Festival, November 10, 2019.

Panelist, *Medium as Message: Decoding Digital Narratives*, Manipal International Literature and Arts Platform, November 9, 2019.

A conversation with AR Venkatachalapathy, *Tamil Characters*, Bangalore International Centre, September 21, 2019.

Panelist, Draft National Education Bill: A Discussion, Lama Kaan, Hyderabad, July 16, 2019.

Panelist, “Gandhi’s Hind Swaraj,” *Mysuru Literature Festival*, Mysuru, July 14, 2019.

“Fetters on Creative Expression: Art and the Politics of Dissent,” January 12, 2019, *The Hindu Lit for Life*, Chennai.

A conversation with Tridip Suhrud, *Reading Gandhi’s Autobiography in Two Tongues*, Bangalore International Centre, February 22, 2019.

A conversation with Rinki Roy Bhattacharya, Shilpa Raj & Maithili Rao, “DownMemory Lane,” and Panelist, “The Journey of the Imagination,” *Mysuru Literature Festival*, November 18, 2018, Mysuru.

“Kannada and the Identity of Bangalore,” Interview with the radio channel, FM 104, on the occasion of Kannada Rajyotsava, November 1, 2018.

Launch Discussion of a Video Documentary Series, “Justice, Access and the Nation’s Approaches,” DAKSH, October 29, 2018, Bengaluru.

A conversation with Anand Teltumbde, *Questioning the Foundations of the Indian Republic*, October 27, 2018, Bangalore Literature Festival, Bengaluru.

A conversation with Gouri Patwardhan, Director of Bin Savlyanchya Gavati (In a Shadowless Town),” Urban Lens Film Festival, September 23, 2018, Indian Institute of Human Settlements, Bengaluru.

“Episodes of Reaching Out,” *Literary Meet for Tolerance*, September 2, 2018, Senate Hall, Central College, Bengaluru.

“The World of Translation,” Indian Novels Collective, July 29, 2019, Mumbai.

A conversation with Jairam Ramesh, “Intertwined Lives - PN Haksar and Indira Gandhi,” Bangalore International Centre, July 12, 2018, Bengaluru.

A conversation with Prasanna, “Hey Ram!” Bangalore International Centre, June 29, 2018, Bengaluru.

Panelist, “The Divine Parent and the Disciple Child: Understanding the Godmen (and women) phenomenon in India,” *Bangalore International Centre*, March 28, 2018.

Panelist, Free Speech vs Hate Speech, Global Education Forum Series, School of Education, American University, Washington, DC, February 15, 2018.

Panelist, Launch of *The Way I See It: A Gauri Lankesh Reader*, South Asian Women in Media and School of Communication, Jadavpur University, January 29, 2017.

Panelist, *Gauri Lankesh: A Life in Courage and Compassion*, Hyderabad Literature Festival, Hyderabad, January 28, 2018.

Panelist, *A Tribute to Gauri Lankesh*, Jaipur Literature Festival, Jaipur, January 26, 2018.

Panelist, *The Freedom of Dissent, The Hindu Lit for Life Festival*, Chennai, January 15, 2018.

Panelist, Book Launch *The Way I See It: A Gauri Lankesh Reader*, Mumbai Press Club, December 22, 2017.

Panelist, Book Launch, *Kolimi Ravvalu* (Sparks from a Furnace, Telugu Edition of *The Way I See It: A Gauri Lankesh Reader*), Lamakaan, Hyderabad, November 28, 2017.

Panelist, Book Launch, *The Way I See It: A Gauri Lankesh Reader* and “Writers Unite!” Goa Arts and Literary Festival, Goa, December 7-11, 2017.

Panelist, *Vernacular Values*, National Gallery of Modern Art, Bengaluru August 12, 2017.

Panelist, *Translation Conclave*, Indian Institute of Human Settlements, Bengaluru, July 24 and 25, 2017.

Panelist, *Reading South Asia in Translation* and *The Politics of Literary Translation* Jaipur Bookmark, Jaipur Literature Festival, Jaipur, January 20, 2017.

Panelist, “Dr. Rajkumar as Icon of Kannada Nationalism,” *National Festival on Dr. Rajkumar*, Department of Kannada and Culture, Bengaluru, December 3, 2016.

Panelist, “Are We Translating Enough? And Well?” Publishing Next, Kochi, September 15-17, 2016.

Speaker, Book Launch, *Five Years of Saffron Rule in Karnataka* (Editor), Fr. Ambrose Pinto, Bengaluru Citizen's Initiative, St. Joseph's College, Bengaluru, April 30, 2013.

Speaker, “Issues in Research Method,” Workshop for PhD students in the social sciences, Kannada University, Hampi, December 4, 2012.

Organizer and Chair, “Culture in Governance,” *Strengthening Institutions, Enhancing Governance*, Sixth Annual International Conference on Public Policy and Management, Centre for Public Policy, Indian institute of Management, Bengaluru, January 30, 2011.

Co-ordinator, “Pluralism: Realities and Possibilities,” Workshop for Youth Leaders, Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion, National Law School of India and Samvada at NLSIU, January 16-19, 2011.

Participant, *Reading Rammanohar Lohia - Advanced Study Workshop*, Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla, October 3-7, 2010.

Participant, *Social Exclusion: Issues and Method*, The Programme on Social Exclusion and Discrimination, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, February 26-28, 2009.

Participant, *Dalit Consciousness*, Dalit Intellectuals Collective, Mumbai and Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre, University of Mysore, Mysore, August 23-24, 2008.

Co-ordinator, *Dalit Rights and the Law*, A capacity building workshop for the District and Taluk Welfare Officers, Department of Social Welfare, Government of Karnataka, National Law School of India, Bengaluru September 18-19, 2008.

Participant, *Communal Violence: Issues and Solutions*, Workshop, Pipal Tree, Fireflies, Bengaluru, October 4-7, 2003.

Participant, *World Social Forum-Reflection Session*, Pipal Tree, Fireflies, Bengaluru, April 14-15, 2003.

Organizer, *The Writer and the Present*, Workshop, Fireflies, Bengaluru, Oct 4-6, 2002.

Participant, *Consultative Meeting-World Social Forum*, Pipal Tree, Fireflies, Bengaluru, December 15-16, 2001.

## **TV PANEL DISCUSSIONS**

Participant > 150 Panel Discussions, *NDTV*, *CNN-News 18*, *India Today TV*, *ET Now*, *TV 9*, *NewsFirst* and others

Panelist, “Karnataka Assembly Elections: Counting Day,” *NDTV*, May 13, 2023.

Featured Guest, “Rainbow Girit,” A Talk Show, *All India Radio*, 12 pm to 1 pm, September 14, 2022.

Panelist, “Karnatakada Sakshiprajne: A Tribute to HS Doreswamy (in Kannada),” *Praja Vani*, May 30, 2021.

Remembering Girish Karnad: Interview of Prasanna, *Doordarshan Chandana*, June 14, 2019 (Re-telecast on June 16, 2019).

Lok Sabha Results – Focus on Karnataka, May 23, 2019, *News 18 Kannada*.

“Karnataka Election Results,” *CNN News 18*, 8 am to 11 pm, May 15, 2018.

Featured Guest, *Belagu*, *Bangalore Doordarshan*, January 6, 2014.

“What Ails Karnataka,” *The Big Picture*, *Rajya Sabha TV*, March 22, 2013.

## **PODCASTS**

Decoding the Karnataka Verdict, Episode 193, South Asia Chat, National University of Singapore, May 16, 2023.

Decoding the Karnataka Election Results, In Focus Podcast, *The Hindu*, May 16, 2023.

Caste, Language and Politics in Karnataka, Season 2, Episode 24, Ganatantra Podcast, February 26, 2020.

*Samaja-Sanshodhane* (Society, Research and Truth), Episode 34, The Thale Harate Kannada Podcast, August 22, 2019.

“The Global and the Local,” *SynTalk Series*, Podcast Conversation, July 8, 2017, Mumbai.

## **COLLOQUIUM CO-ORDINATOR (2011-2021)**

As the designer and co-ordinator of the colloquium series at Azim Premji University, I invited and organized around 500 weekly lectures by leading scholars and activists from the country and abroad between July 2011 and March 2021.

## **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE**

External Member, Academic Council, Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai (2021-2024).

Member, Academic Council and Institutional Research Advisory Board, Mt. Carmel's College, Bengaluru (2019-2025).

Member, Advisory Committee, Nehru Study Centre, Mangalore University (2020-2026).

External Member, Department of Sociology, School of Social Sciences, University of Hyderabad (2015-2017).

Chairperson, Foundation for Educational Innovations in Asia, Bengaluru.

Member, Academic Programmes Committee and Research Programme Committee, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru.

Reviewer, Sociology Applications, Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowship, 2022-23, United States-India Educational Foundation, the Fulbright Commission in India.

Member, Selection Committee, Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowship, 2019-20, United States-India Educational Foundation, the Fulbright Commission in India.

Member, Jury, *The Hindu Lit for Life Non-Fiction Prize*, 2018 and 2019.

Member, Jury, *The Hindu Lit for Life Fiction Prize*, 2017.

Member, Jury, Indian Cinema Section, Bengaluru International Film Festival, 2015.

Co-ordinator, *Caste Census: Towards an Inclusive India*, A National Conference, Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion, National Law School of India, July 23, 2010.

Co-ordinator, *Law and Social Exclusion*, A National Conference, Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and the Law and Society Committee, NLSIU, June 5, 2010.

Student Representative (Elected), Comparative-Historical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association, 2006-2009.

Co-ordinator, *South Asia Reading Group*, Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop supported by the Rackham Fund for Interdisciplinary Initiatives, University of Michigan, Winter 2005.

Representative, Executive Committee, Center for Research on Social Organization, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, 1999-2000

Co-organizer and Co-ordinator (with Prof. Margaret Somers), *Brownbag Lecture Series in Power, History and Social Change*, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, Fall 2000.

Co-organizer, *South Asia: Histories of the Present*, Graduate Student Conference, University of Michigan, April 2000.

Chairperson (Elected), Graduate Students Organization, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, 1999-2000.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Core Course Instructor, Azim Premji University (2011-2021)

Core Course Instructor, National Law School of India, Bengaluru (2008-2011)

Course Instructor, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (Spring 1999, 2000, 2005)

Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (Fall and Winter, 2000-2001, 2005-2007)

Graduate Student Instructor, University of Pittsburgh (Fall and Winter, 1996-1998)