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### **Positions Held**

2020 – Assistant Professor, School of Social Sciences, National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS)

2014 – 2020: Assistant Professor, School of Development, Azim Premji University, Bangalore

2011 – 2012: Visiting Researcher, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia, United States

### **Education**

2007–13 **PhD in the Economics and Policy Studies of Technical Change**

United Nations University / MERIT (UNU-MERIT), Maastricht, the Netherlands

2005–07 **MPhil Applied Economics**, Centre for Development Studies (CDS),

Trivandrum, under Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi

2003–05 **MSc Economics**, Madras School of Economics (MSE), Anna University, Chennai

2000–03 **BA Economics, Sociology, Political Science**, St. Joseph's College, Bangalore, India

### **Research Output**

#### **Book**

Neethi, P., and Kamath, A. (2022) *Urban Undesirables: City Transition and Street-Based Sex Work in Bangalore*, Cambridge University Press

Kamath, A. (2020) *The Social Context of Technological Experiences: Three Studies from India*, Routledge, UK and New Delhi

Kamath, A. (2015) *Industrial Innovation, Networks, and Economic Development in India: Informal Information Sharing in Low-Technology Clusters*, Routledge, London

#### **Refereed Journal Articles**

Kamath, A., and Neethi, P. (2021) 'Disappearing spaces and betraying allies: urban transition and street-based sex work in Bangalore', *Globalizations*

Kamath, A., and Neethi, P. (2021) 'Body politics and the politics of technology: technological experiences among street-based sex workers in Bangalore' *Gender, Technology and Development*, 25(3): 294-310

Kamath, D. Y., Kamath, A.,..... Xavier, D. (2021) 'A qualitative, grounded theory exploration of the determinants of self-care behaviour among Indian patients with a lived experience of chronic heart failure' *PloS One*, 16(1): e0245659

Tewathia, N., Kamath, A., and Ilavarasan, P.V. (2020) 'Social inequalities, fundamental inequities, and recurring of the digital divide: Insights from India' *Technology in Society*, 61: 101251

Neethi, P., Kamath, A., and Paul, A.M. (2019) 'Everyday Place-Making through Social Capital among Street Vendors at Manek Chowk, Gujarat, India', *Space and Culture*, Sage

Kamath, A. (2018) 'Untouchable Cellphones: Old Caste Exclusions and New Digital Divides in Peri-Urban Bangalore', *Critical Asian Studies*, 50(3): 375-394, Routledge

Kamath, A., and Cowan (2015) 'Social Cohesion and Knowledge Diffusion: Understanding the Embeddedness–Homophily Association', *Socio-Economic Review*, 13(4), Oxford Journals

Mani, S., and Kamath, A. (2014) 'Evidence-based Policymaking: What can we learn from India's R&D statistics?' *Economic and Political Weekly*, 49(10):13-16

Kamath, A. (2013) 'Interactive Knowledge Exchanges under Complex Social Relations: A Simulation Model of a Developing Country Cluster', *Technology in Society*, 35(4), Elsevier

Kamath, A. (2011) 'Does Technical Education in India Contribute to its Core-HRST? A Case of IIT Madras', *Science and Public Policy*, 38(4):293-305, Beech Tree / Oxford Journals

### **Other Academic Output**

- Kamath, A. (2021) 'A Technological Enquiry into Inequality: A Conceptual Review', NIAS Working Paper NIAS/SSc/IHD/U/WP/11/2021
- Kamath, A. (2021) 'Informal Information-Exchange Networks in Rural Low-Tech Clusters', in Raina and Das (eds.) *Inclusive Innovation: Evidence and Options in Rural India*, Springer
- Kamath, A. (2015) 'Information Sharing through Informal Interaction in Low-Tech Clusters' *Innovation and Development*, 5(1): 170-171, Routledge
- Kamath, A. (2012) 'Enabling Inclusive Innovation: The Role of Informal Knowledge Exchanges through Interaction in Rural Low-Tech Clusters', WP 13/2009, Systems of Innovation for Inclusive Development, Centre for Policy Research (CPR), New Delhi, and IDRC, Canada
- Kamath, A. (2008) 'Analysing the Contribution of Technical Education to India's Science Manpower', final proceedings of *Sharing Agendas on Knowledge Systems*, UNESCO, Paris
- Kamath, A. (2007) 'Analysing the Contribution of Technical Education to India's Core-HRST: A Case Study of IIT Madras', unpublished MPhil Thesis, Centre for Development Studies (CDS), Trivandrum, under Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi

### **Output in Popular Press**

- Kamath, A., and Neethi, P. (2022) 'Bengaluru's sex workers: old work spaces are all gone, the city now considers them 'undesirables'', *Citizen Matters*, 28 February
- Neethi, P., and Kamath, A. (2021) 'Wistron Plant Turmoil is a Consequence of Privileging Foreign Capital over Domestic Workers', *The Wire*, 13 January
- Neethi, P., and Kamath, A. (2020) 'How the Coronavirus Outbreak is also a Socio-Economic Inequality Issue', *The Wire*, 23 March
- Neethi, P., and Kamath, A. (2018) 'Wasn't this city made for you and me? Sex workers and their shrinking spaces', *The News Minute*, 21 February
- Kamath, A., and Kumar, V. (2017) 'In India, Accessible Phones lead to Inaccessible Opportunities' *The Wire*, 24 November
- Kamath, A. (2009) 'India's Graduates lack Inspiration, not Infrastructure', *Opinions*, Science and Innovation Policy, Science and Development Network (*SciDev.Net*), February 5<sup>th</sup>, UK

### **Other Academic Activities**

Reviewer for – *Technology in Society* (Elsevier); *Socio-Economic Review* (Oxford Journals); *Current Science* (Current Science Association and the Indian Academy of Sciences); *International Journal of Innovation Management* (Elsevier); *Space and Culture* (Sage Journals); Danish Research Unit on Innovation and Development (DRUID)

Former Member, Board of Studies, Department of Political Science, St Joseph's College

### **Seminar / Conference Presentations**

#### **2021:**

- India Public Policy Network, Indian School of Business (ISB)
- Urban Arc, Indian Institute of Human Settlements (IIHS), Bangalore
- NIAS-DST Workshop, NIAS and Department of Science and Technology (DST)
- Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science (4S), Toronto
- Seminar on Political Economy of Technological Change: Concerns in Contemporary India
- International Sociological Association (ISA), Antwerp
- ISID-CII Roundtable on Harnessing Industry 4.0, Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID)

#### **2020:**

- Publics@IIHS, Indian Institute of Human Settlements (IIHS), Bangalore
- Centre for Development Studies (CDS), Trivandrum

#### **2019:**

- The Tenth International Conference on ICTs for Development, IIM Ahmedabad

**2018:**

Department of Management, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore  
Urban Arc, Indian Institute of Human Settlements (IIHS), Bangalore

**2012:**

Systems of Innovation and Rural Transformation in China and India, New Delhi, India  
Dept of Geography / Dept of Sociology, Seminar Series, University of Georgia, United States

**2011:**

Atlanta Conference on Science and Innovation Policy, GeorgiaTech, Atlanta GA, United States  
Globelics Conference, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

**2010:**

DIMETIC European Doctoral School 2010, Strasbourg, France  
DIME 'Industrial Dynamics & Sectoral Systems', Università Bocconi, Milan, Italy

**2009:**

Globelics Academy PhD School on Innovation and Economic Development, Lisbon, Portugal

**2008:**

UNESCO Global Research Seminar 2008, UNESCO Headquarters, Paris, France

**Other Academic Credentials and Activities**

**Freelance Manuscript Editor for Cactus Communications**, with an experience of editing 250,000 words in professional academic manuscripts for humanities and social sciences

**Intern at Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIM-B), May-June 2004:** under Prof. V Ranganathan, RBI Chair Professor, IIMB

**UGC-NET 2005:** Qualified for lectureship in economics on clearing the National Eligibility Test (NET) conducted by the University Grants Commission (UGC), Delhi.

**Peace Studies Honours Programme 2002–03:** Received a special award in this interdisciplinary 100-hour programme at St. Joseph's College, Bangalore.

**Western Classical Music**

- Head of the Department of String Ensembles, Bangalore School of Music
- Principal violinist of the Bangalore School of Music Chamber Orchestra
- Part-time faculty of music (August 1999 to June 2003) at the Bangalore School of Music
- Recipient of the Philomena Thumbboochetty Award for Violinist of the Year 2000 for scoring the highest in the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music (ABRSM) examinations, London. Won distinctions in the 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade exams (within three consecutive years).
- Regularly performed, with Dr. Raja Ramanna in Bangalore & New Delhi, violin concertos by Bruch, Beethoven, and Mendelssohn, and several other works

**Contact and Other Information**

**Date of Birth:** 3<sup>rd</sup> July 1982 (age 40)

**Nationality:** Indian

**Languages:** English, Konkani, Hindi (fluent), Malayalam, Kannada (functional)