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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. (forthcoming) *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

- 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 5th, UK

Other Academic Activities

Reviewer for –

- (a) *Technology in Society* (Elsevier)
- (b) *Socio-Economic Review* (Oxford Journals)
- (c) *Current Science* (Current Science Association and the Indian Academy of Sciences)
- (d) *International Journal of Innovation Management* (Elsevier)
- (e) *Space and Culture* (Sage Journals)
- (f) 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 5th, 7th and 8th 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

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Date of Birth: 3rd July 1982 (age 39)

Nationality: Indian

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