



CURRICULUM VITAE

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Present position:

Associate Professor, Department of International Environment and Development Studies,
Norwegian University of Life Sciences (UMB)

Main expertise and research interests:

Political economy of environment and development, development of marginalised social groups such as the working class, indigenous peoples and forest dwellers, oppressed castes; gender and development, conflict and development, human rights and development, social movements, climate change vulnerability, adaptation, and mitigation, biofuel production and its socio-economic and environmental impacts, policy analysis, land rights, sustainable development issues.

Teaching interests:

Development Classics, development theory and policy, gender and development, conflict and development, Research methods, Political economy of development.

Academic degrees:

PhD (Development Studies), 2005, Department of International Environment and Development Studies, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Ås.
M.Phil. (Applied Economics) Course Work, 1997-98, Centre for Development Studies, Kerala, India
M.Sc. (Natural Resource Management), 1991, Department of International Environment and Development Studies, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, Ås
M.Sc. (Horticulture), 1984, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, India
B.Sc. (Horticulture), 1982, Kerala Agricultural University, India

Awards

Awarded the NFU Prize 2005 by the Norwegian Association for Development Research for the best research paper in the field of Development Studies.

Positions held in the past:

Assistant Professor, Department of International Environment and Development Studies, (Noragric), August 2007-September 2008.
Senior Researcher, Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Research (NIBR), August 2006-August 2007.
Associate Professor, Noragric, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, January 2006 - July

2006 (temporary position).
Research Fellow, Noragric, Norwegian University of Life Sciences, 2001-2005.

Assistant Professor, Kerala Agricultural University, India, 1987-2000.
Agricultural Extension Officer, Department of Agriculture, Government of Kerala, India.
1984-1897.

PUBLICATIONS are registered in Cristin database

Current Research Project involvements:

1. Learning from REDD: A Global Comparative Analysis, as team member(NORAD)
2. Involved in the Noragric-ISA (Institute of Socio-Ambiental Brazil) institutional collaboration project and did an exploratory study of the Political economy of agricultural expansion and deforestation in Mato Grosso, Brazil.
3. Land conflicts in the context of resettlement and reintegration of Returnees and IDPs in Southern Sudan with special focus on gender issues (NUCOOP).
4. Human-wildlife interactions outside protected areas in Karnataka, India (ATREE-Noragric institutional collaboration project).
5. Impact of the new Forest Law of India on indigenous peoples' access to land and forest resources in Wayanad, India (Noragric-Atree collaboration).
6. 'Linking global with the local: enabling participatory climate risk management for biodiversity conservation and livelihood security in the western ghat region in South India'(Noragric-Atree collaboration).
7. Climate Change perceptions, impacts, vulnerability and adaptation among the Bhil indigenous people in the semi-arid areas of Rajasthan, India (Noragric-Seva Mandir Institutional collaboration project under development).
8. United Nations and War Economy (MFA)

Research projects while working with the Norwegian Institute for Urban and Regional Development (NIBR).

- Institutional challenges in environmental governance in Tanzania –as team member of a desk study.
- The ILO Convention 169- Status and impacts on indigenous peoples in Nepal and Bangladesh –as project leader
- Governance Institutions Network International – Research and training to contribute to governance reform in Pakistan- as team member.
- Was an observer at the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues in 2007, where the focal theme was 'Indigenous Territories, Resources and Rights'. A Report on the Conference was submitted to NIBR highlighting the issues of indigenous peoples' rights to land and natural resources.