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Chair, Economics, Finance and Accounting, Assumption University: 2023-present

Chair, Economics, Finance and International Business, Assumption University: 2021-2023

Program Director, Global Studies, Assumption University: 2022- present.

Professor, Economics, Assumption University: 2019-present

Associate Professor, Economics, Assumption University: 2012-2019

Assistant Professor, Economics, Assumption University: 2006-2012

Visiting Assistant Professor, Economics, Bates College: 2004-2006

Affiliated Scholar, Women's Studies Research Center, Brandeis University: 2013-2022

### **Teaching and Research Interests**

Feminist Political Economy, Gender and Development, International Trade and Migration, The South Asian Economy.

### **Teaching Experience**

Comparative Economic Systems: China, India and the US, Economic Development, International Trade, International Finance, Principles of Microeconomic Theory, Principles of Macroeconomic Theory, Economics Research Seminar, Honors Research Seminar, Economics of Race and Gender.

### **Publications**

Forthcoming. Migration: Differentiated Mobility under Capitalism in *Radical Political Economics: Principles, Perspectives, and Post-Capitalist Futures*, edited by Mona Ali and Ann E Davis. Routledge.

Forthcoming. Social Reproduction and Inequality in Feminist Political Economy in *The Springer Handbook on Inequality*, edited by S. Jodhka and B. Rehbein. Springer.

2023. with Smita Ramnarain, Sirisha Naidu, Anupama Uppal and Avanti Mukherjee. Work and Social Reproduction in Rural India: Lessons from Time-Use data. *Journal of Agrarian Change*. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/joac.12569>

with Smita Ramnarain. 2022. Gender, Social Protection and Crises of Social Reproduction: Contextualizing NREGA. *Review of Radical Political Economics, Special issue on Gender and Radical Political Economy*, 55(1). <https://doi.org/10.1177/04866134221123817>

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2021. How (not) to count Indian women's work: Gendered Analyses and the Periodic Labor Force Survey. *Review of Agrarian Studies* 11(2). <http://ras.org.in/0969eaac92d27456151a71157d8152ea>

2021. Beyond the Coronavirus: Understanding Crises of Social Reproduction. *Global Labour Journal* 12(1). DOI: <https://doi.org/10.15173/glj.v12i1.4307>

with Sarah Gammage, Julia Arnold and Elizabeth Armstrong. 2021. Human Mobility, Covid-19 and Policy Responses: The Rights and Claims-Making of Migrant Domestic Workers. *Feminist Economics*, 27(1-2), pp.254-270.

with Haroon Akram-Lodhi. 2021. Feminist Political Economy in *The Routledge Handbook of Feminist Economics*, edited by Günseli Berik and Ebru Kongar. New York: Routledge. pp 34-42.

with Smita Ramnarain. 2020. Women's Participation in NREGA: A Literature Review in *Women's Work in Rural India*, edited by Shruti Nagbhushan, Madhura Swaminathan and V K Ramchandran. New Delhi: Tullika Publishers.

with Vamsi Vakulabharanam. 2019. Migration, Crises and Social Transformation in India after the 1990s in *Handbook of Migration Crises*, Eds. Cecilia Menjivar, Marie Ruiz, Immanuel Ness. Oxford University Press.

Gender and Class Relations in Rural India. 2018. *Journal of Peasant Studies*, 45(5-6), pp 950-968.

2018. Gender and Financial Inclusion through the Post in Naoyuki Yoshino, José Ansón, and Matthias Helble, eds. *Postal Savings: Reaching Everyone in Asia*. Asian Development Bank Institute. 226-267.

2017. Women in the Urban Indian Economy: What Can the Data on Migration Tell Us? In *Gender and Time Use in a Global Context*, edited by in Kongar, E. and R Connelly. New York: Palgrave Macmillan. pp 231-260.

with Kade Finnoff. 2015. Marriage Migration and Inequality in India 1983-2008. *Population and Development Review*, 41(3), pp 485-505.

with Hazel Jean Malapit. 2014. Gender, Household Structure and Financial Participation in the United States. *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, 35(3), pp 1-15.

with Christina Presenti. 2012. Understanding Human Trafficking Origin: A Cross-country Empirical Analysis. *Feminist Economics*, 18 (2), pp 231-263.

2011. Work and Empowerment: Women in Agriculture in South India. *Journal of Development Studies*, 47(2), pp 294-215

2008. Reforms with a Female Face: Gender, Liberalization and Economic Policy in Andhra Pradesh. *World Development*, 36 (7), pp. 1213-32

2005. Women's Self-Help Groups and Credit for the Poor: A Case Study from Andhra Pradesh in V.K. Ramchandran and M Swaminathan eds. *Financial Liberalization, Rural Banking and Credit Markets in India*. New Delhi: Tullika Publishers, 2005.

### **Working Papers and Book Reviews**

with Sirisha Naidu. 2022. Time Use Data in Feminist Political Economy Analyses: Gender and Class in the Indian Time Use Survey. Political Economy Research Institute, Working Paper 564.

with Smita Ramnarain, Sirisha Naidu, Anupama Uppal and Avanti Mukherjee. 2021. Work and Social Reproduction in Rural India: Lessons from Time-Use data. Political Economy Research Institute, Working Paper 535.

with Sirisha Naidu. 2018. Reproductive Labor and Female Labor force participation in India. Political Economy Research Institute, Working Paper 458.

2017. Book Review of “Gender, Development and Globalization: Economics As If All People Mattered”, Second edition. Lourdes Beneria, Gunseli Berik and Maria Floro, eds. *Review of Radical Political Economy*, July 2017.

2016. Indicators of gendered control over agricultural resources: A guide for agricultural policy and research. Working Paper No. 1. *CGIAR Gender and Agriculture Research Network*, CGIAR Consortium Office and International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT). Cali, Colombia.

### **Popular Economics**

July 20, 2021 with Vijayamba Rao. Using the India TUS unit level data: Some notes on method (and some STATA code!). Foundation for Agrarian Studies blog. <https://fas.org.in/using-the-india-tus-unit-level-data-some-notes-on-method-and-some-stata-code-2/>

March 8, 2021, with Julia Arnold and Elizabeth Armstrong. Care Work During Crisis: Pandemic Unravels Fragile Gains in Gender Equality. <https://www.centerforfinancialinclusion.org/care-work-during-crisis-pandemic-unravels-fragile-gains-in-gender-equality>

August 1, 2020. Stringent, Stingy and Severe: The Coronavirus Crisis in Modi’s India. *Dollars and Sense*, July/August 2020.

April 7, 2020. Lessons from the Coronavirus: The socialization of care work is not “just” a women’s issue. <http://www.networkideas.org/news-analysis/2020/04/lessons-from-the-coronavirus-the-socialization-of-care-work-is-not-just-a-womens-issue/>

April 2, 2020, with Julia Arnold, Elizabeth Armstrong and Sarah Gammage: COVID 19: Why policymakers need a gender-focused approach for health and economic recovery. <https://seepnetwork.org/Blog-Post/COVID-19-Why-Policymakers-Need-a-Gender-focused-Approach-for-Health-and-Economic-Recovery>

Sturr, Chris, Smriti Rao, Bryan Snyder eds. *Real World Micro*, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> editions. Boston: Dollars and Sense.

James Cypher, Smriti Rao and Chris Sturr eds. 2010. *Current Economic Issues*. 14<sup>th</sup> edition. Boston: Dollars and Sense.

Rao Smriti. 2009. Putting the ‘Global’ in Global Economic Crisis, *Dollars and Sense*, Nov/Dec 2009.

Rao, Smriti. 2008. West Bengal’s Right Turn. *Dollars and Sense*, March/April 2008.

### **Other Affiliations**

Associate Editor, *Feminist Economics*

Book Series editor, International Association for Feminist Economics  
Board Member, International Association for Feminist Economics.

**Consultancies**

United Nations Development Program, Georgia (UNDP). February 2022. International Expert Review of Women’s Economic Empowerment Conceptual Framework.

International Center for Research on Women. Feb 20, 2020-May 2020. Technical consulting on analysis of economic empowerment and livelihoods.

International Food Policy Research Institute. April 15, 2015-August 30, 2015. Researched and wrote a technical report on “Gender Indicators in Agriculture”

UN Women. December 14, 2014 – January 20, 2015. Researched and wrote a technical report on “Financial Inclusion for women: A postal response/perspective”.

**Invited Referee Work**

World Development, Journal of Peasant Studies, Journal of Agrarian Change, Canadian Journal of Development Studies, Contemporary South Asia, Development and Change, Population and Development Review, Azim Premji Institute Research Grants, Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET) Research Grants, UN Women.

**Education**

University of Massachusetts, Amherst	Ph.D. Economics Dissertation Title: Gender, Liberalization and Agrarian Change in Telangana (India) Dissertation advisor: Dr.	May, 2005
University of Massachusetts, Amherst	M.A. Economics	May, 2000
Birla Institute of Technology And Science, Pilani, India	B.A./M.A. (Hons.) General Studies (Integrated Degree)	July, 1997