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EDUCATION

2021-

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

PhD in City and
Regional Planning

- Proposed topic of Migration, Globalisation and Urbanisation in the Global South, supervised by Dr. Teresa Caldeira and Dr. Sai Balakrishnan

2019-21

INSTITUT D'ÉTUDES POLITIQUES (SCIENCES PO), PARIS

Master in Governing
the Large Metropolis
(Research Emphasis
in Sociology)

- Top 2% of class in first year
- Laureate, Fondation Palladio 2020-21
- Jamsetji Nusserwanji Tata Memorial Scholar 2019-2021
- Finalist, Centre for Environmental Planning and Technology (CEPT) Essay Prize 2019
- Editor-in-chief, study report on urban transformations in Seoul, South Korea

2016-17

INDIAN INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENT, BANGALORE

Urban Fellow

- Selected in the first batch of the Urban Studies fellowship out of 800 applicants
- Studied housing, tenure security and social identity in Bangalore with Dr. Gautam Bhan

2012-15

ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MUMBAI

Bachelor's in Mass
Media (Journalism)
(Hons.)

- Abdul Hameed Ansari Memorial Prize and gold medal for Highest-Ranking Student
- St. Xavier's College Honour Roll and Scholarship for Highest Marks 2013-14, 2014-15
- Selected for student exchange to the Paris School of International Affairs, Sciences Po
- Nominated for KSP-Sciences Po 'Best Paper on the Middle-East' award, 2016
- Yale Summer School course on Bombay's history of urbanisation with Dr. Ashish Chadha

EXPERIENCE

2020

SOCIÉTÉ DU GRAND PARIS - ÎLE DE FRANCE

Capstone Consultant

- Studied transport-oriented development projects in London, Paris and New York with an emphasis on social housing projects

2017-19

CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH - NEW DELHI

Research Associate

- Member of the Urban Team with Dr. Partha Mukhopadhyay and Mukta Naik
- Studied youth migration, labour markets and small city urbanisation in India and Indonesia
- Studied informal rental housing arrangements and service provision in Indian 'urban villages'
- Was part of the 'Tacit Urban Research Network' (TURN) project comparing 4 Indian cities
- Studied voter behaviour, electoral politics and conducted fieldwork on provincial elections with Dr. Neelanjan Sircar

2013

THE HINDU NEWSPAPER - BANGALORE

Editorial Intern

- Covered the Karnataka Assembly Elections
- Worked on civic issues, infrastructure and service delivery stories in Bangalore

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Kuttaiah, P. (2020). Of Travels and Travails: Stories of Migration, Work and Hope from an Indian small-town. In A. Srivathsan, S. Khanwalkar, & K. Mehta (Eds.), *Dwelling in Asian Cities: CEPT Essay Prize 2019* (pp. 73-84). Ahmedabad, Gujarat: CEPT University Press.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Kuttaiah, P. (2019). Kaala and Raees: A Film Review. *Urbanisation* (SAGE), 4(1). doi: <https://doi.org/10.1177/2455747119878345>
- Kuttaiah, P. (2018). Are Linguistic Nationalisms Killing South Indian Federalism? *Economic & Political Weekly*, 53(46).

WORKING PAPERS

- Kuttaiah, P., & Sircar, N. (2018, April 28). *The Election in Karnataka: Caste, Class and Regional Complexity* (Working paper). New Delhi, NCR: CPR Working Paper Series.
- Kuttaiah, P. (2018, June 23). *AHINDA: Missed Opportunities and Radical Possibilities* (Working Paper). Round Table India
- Kuttaiah, P. (2017, April 01). *Caste in the Urban: Bangalore as case study* [Working Paper]. Round Table India

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Naik, M., Kuttaiah, P. and Kunduri, E. (2019). *Networks, Mobilities and Segmentation in Small-City Labour Markets*. Paper presented at IIHS Urban Arc conference, Bangalore, India.

MAGAZINE / LONG-FORM ARTICLES

- Kuttaiah, P. (2018, June 24). The Story of India: How Pa Ranjith's Kaala changes the way we imagine the city. *The Caravan*, (6).
- Kuttaiah, P. (2016, November). Book Review: Caste is not a Rumour by Rohith Vemula. *Biblio Magazine*, XXI(9-11).

SELECTED WEB PUBLICATIONS / OP-EDS

- Kuttaiah, P. (2019, February 23). 'Gully Boy' Strips Hip-Hop of Its Crucial Link With Identity [Editorial]. *The Wire.in*.
- Kuttaiah, P. (2018, November 03). Sabarimala controversy frames a fundamental question: Who is a Hindu and what exactly is Hinduism? [Editorial]. *Scroll.in*.
- Kuttaiah, P. (2018, August 24). Vajpayee and Karunanidhi: Their disparate careers point to the fault lines in Indian federalism [Editorial]. *Scroll.in*.
- Kuttaiah, P. (2018, May 17). How the BJP Deftly Played the Congress in Karnataka [Editorial]. *The Wire.in*.
- Kuttaiah, P., & Sircar, N. (2018, May 12). Karnataka elections: JD(S) is effective in leveraging networks across the state. *Hindustan Times*.

ADVOCACY

- Founding Member, The Missing *Basti* Collective
 - Mapping evictions and oral histories in Delhi's informal settlements
- Member, Human Rights Project on misuse of the Bombay Prevention of Begging Act 1959
- Participant, National Commission of Women Conference on 'Representation of Women in the Media'
- President, Interact Club (Youth Wing of Rotary International)

VOLUNTEER WORK

- Volunteer, Sciences Po Refugee Help - Paris, France
- Volunteer, *Basti Suraksha Manch* (Informal Housing Protection Group) - New Delhi, India
- Volunteer, Xavier's Resource Centre for the Visually Challenged - Mumbai, India
- Volunteer, SPARC Children's Shelter Home - Mumbai, India

SKILLS**METHODS AND SOFTWARES**

- Advanced Qualitative Skills
 - Ethnographic Methods
 - Training in Epistemology and Qualitative Urban Sociology
 - Interview and Focus Group Discussion Coding
 - Qualitative Analysis
 - Thick Descriptions and Fieldwork
 - Advanced Writing Methods
 - Experience with Archival Research
 - Policy Analysis and Drafting
- Quantitative Skills
 - Basic Regression Analysis
 - Proficiency with MS Excel
 - Working Knowledge of Stata, R
 - Data cleaning methods
- Advanced Spatial Skills
 - Arcmap
 - QGIS
 - Google Earth
 - Map Visualization
- Design and Multimedia Skills
 - Adobe InDesign, Quark XPress
 - Basic Illustrator and Photoshop Skills
 - Basic Video and Sound Editing Skills

LANGUAGES

- English, Kannada, Kodava, Hindi (Full Native Fluency)
- Malayalam, Tamil (Spoken Fluency)
- French (Full Professional Fluency - C1)
- German (Intermediate)
- Spanish (Basic)