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AREAS OF INTEREST

Comparative health systems, partnerships in healthcare, equity issues in health care and access to health services

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

Transnational actors and commercialization of health care; India-China Comparative health systems

EDUCATION

PhD in Public Health (2010), Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India (2010).

Thesis: *Social Transformation of 'not-for-profit' hospitals in Delhi.*

M.Phil. in Public Health, Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India (2004).

Dissertation: *Viability of a National Health Insurance for India: A Comparative Analysis.*

M.A in Social Work, Delhi School of Social Work, University of Delhi, Delhi, India (1998).

B.A. (Hons) in Applied Psychology, Gargi College, University of Delhi, India (1996).

CURRENT & PAST POSITIONS

Associate Fellow (since November 2012), Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi.

Senior Programme Coordinator, Public Health Resource Network (PHRN), New Delhi, January 2010-October 2012.

Project Associate, School Health Project component of University School Resource Network - Jawaharlal Nehru University (USRN - JNU), New Delhi, June 2009-December 2009.

Consultant with the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI), May 2007-October 2007.

Consultant, Project "Modes of Service Delivery, Collective Action and Societal Regulation: Making Public Services Responsive to the Poor in Brazil, India and Mexico" for IDS, Sussex, February 2006-May2006 and March 2007-June 2007.

Technical Consultant, National Commission on Macroeconomics and Health set up by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and WHO, India, May 2004-April 2005.

Research Associate, Institute of Social Studies Trust (ISST), New Delhi, March 1999-July 2001 and September 2002-November 2002.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

'Emergence and Social Transformation of Charitable Medical Institutions in Delhi: A Historical Overview', *History and Sociology of South Asia*, Vol. 8, No. 2, July 2014, pp. 195-215.

'Transformation of Health Insurance Schemes in China: Lessons for Access', *China Report*, Vol. 50, No.1, February 2014, pp. 31-43.

(co-author), 'Re-imagining School Health in Education and Health Programmes: A Study Across Selected Municipal Schools in Delhi', *Contemporary Education Dialogue*, No. 11, Vol. 1, January 2014, pp. 5-39.

(co-author), 'What the Good Doctor Said: A Critical Examination of Design Issues of the RSBY Through Provider Perspectives in Chhattisgarh, India', *Social Change*, Vol. 43, No. 2, July 2013, pp. 227-43.

'Approaches to Health Financing: A Review of Country Experiences' in the *Journal of Health and Development*, Vol. 2, No. 3 and 4, July-December 2006, pp. 37-57.

Articles

'Challenges to Health Service Systems in China and India', China Policy Institute Blog, The University of Nottingham, 2 October 2015.

(co-author) 'Lifting Drug price Controls in China', Web Exclusive, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 50, No. 22, May 30, 2015.

'Ebola Crisis: Not a Death Knell but a Wake-up Call', Primer, Observer Research Foundation, January 2015.

'The Ebola Crisis: Responses from India and China', ICS Analysis, No. 23, December 2014.

'Recent trends in the commercialization of medical care in China', *Medicine and Society, The National Medical Journal of India*, Vol. 26, No. 6, 2014, pp 280-281.

'The Transformation of Charitable Hospitals', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 48, No. 19, May 2014, pp 21-23.

(co-author) 'The Emerging Experience of RSBY in Chhattisgarh: What can the Informal Sector Workers Expect?', *Medico Friend Circle Bulletin*, No. 352-354, July 2013.

(co-author), 'Implementation of Rashtrya Swasthya Bima Yojana in Chhattisgarh', *Health, Culture and Society*, May 2012, Vol. 2, No. 1.

co-author with Rama V. Baru, 'Blurring of Boundaries: Public-Private Partnerships in Health Services in India' in *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 43, No.4, pp. 62-71, January 2008.

Contributions to Edited Volumes

'Challenges to health service system in China: Institutional and Financial Reforms', in Md. Nazrul Islam (ed.), *Public Health Challenges in Contemporary China: An Interdisciplinary Perspective* (Heidelberg: Springer, 2015), 9-23.

(Co-author) 'Implementing of RSBY in Chhattisgarh, India: A Study of Durg District', in Rama Baru (ed.) *Medical Insurance Schemes for the Poor: Who Benefits?* (New Delhi: Academic Foundation, 2015), 111-150.

Co-author with Rama V. Baru, 'Health PPPs in India: Stepping Stones for Improving Women's Reproductive Health Care?' in Timmermann, Martina and Kruesmann, Monika (ed.) *Public Private Partnerships within the Ethical Framework of the UN Global Compact: The Example of the "Women's Health Initiative for Improving Women's and Girls' Health in India"*, (Tokyo: UNU Press, 2009), pp. 217-246.

Book Reviews

of Leta Hong-Fincher, *Left-Over Women: Resurgence of Gender Inequality in China*, (London: Zed Books, 2014) in *China Report*, Vol. 51, No. 2, May 2015, 147-150.

of Colin Leys and Stewart Player, *Plot Against the NHS*, in *Social Change*, Vol. 43, No. 2 (Wales: Merlin Press, 2009), June 2013, pp. 321-324.

Working Papers and Background Papers

'Recent Trends in Health Sector Reforms and Commercialisation of Public Hospitals', ICS Working Paper, ICSSR Project - Transnational Actors and Commercialisation of Healthcare, December 2013.

'The Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) experience in Chhattisgarh: What does it mean for Health for All?' Working Paper, published by Sama - Resource Group for Women and Health.

(co-author) 'Understanding Children's Health Needs and Programme Responsiveness', Working Paper Series 3, Vol. 1, USRN, New Delhi, 2010.

'Health Sector in Delhi', Background Paper, *Modes of Service Delivery, Collective Action and Societal Regulation: Making Public Services Responsive to the Poor in Brazil, India and Mexico*, IDS, Sussex, 2006-07.

'Primary Health Care in India: Review of Policy, Plan and Committee Reports', Background Paper, National Commission on Macroeconomics and Health (NCMH), GOI, 2005.

'The 'Not-for-Profit' sector in Medical Care', Background Paper, National Commission on Macroeconomics and Health (NCMH), GOI, 2005.

(co-author) ‘**Delivery of Health Services in the Private Sector**’, Background Paper, National Commission on Macroeconomics and Health (NCMH), GOI, 2005.

Project Reports and Training Modules

(co-author) “**Transnational Actors and Commercialisation of Health Care: A China-India Comparative**”, ICSSR Project, ICS: 2015.

(co-author) “**Analysing Strategies for Community Participation in National Rural Health Mission: A Documentation of Action Research in Four States**”, ICSSR Project, PHRN: 2012.

(co-editor) **District Planning in Mental Health**, Module No.: 18, (New Delhi: Public Health Resource Network, 2012).

(co-editor) **Issues in Urban Health**, Module No.: 16, (New Delhi: Public Health Resource Network, 2011).

(co-author), ‘**A Health Programme for Homeless Children in Residential Care: A Handbook for Programme Managers**’, (New Delhi: Public Health Resource Network and Centre for Equity Studies, 2011).

(co-author), **Towards Universalisation of Maternity Entitlements: An Exploratory Case Study of Dr. Muthulakshmi Maternity Assistance Scheme**, (New Delhi: PHRN-MSSRF-TN-FORCES, 2010).

(co-author) **Towards A Handbook for India: A Cultural Approach to HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care**’ (Delhi: UNESCO / UNAIDS, 2001).

(co-author) **Living Under a Shadow: Gender and HIV/AIDS in Delhi**, (New Delhi: Institute of Social Studies Trust, 2001).

AWARDS/HONOURS

Awarded two ICSSR projects for comparative research on health sector reforms in India and China (2013-2015 ; 2014-2016).

Received Fellowship to attend **European Educational Programme in Epidemiology**, 23 June-11 July, 2008, Florence, Italy.

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

Changing Landscape of Chinese Health Services, Institute of Chinese Studies, Wednesday Seminar, 16 September, 2015.

Social unrest and resistances: State and the social sector in China during the reform period, Session 7: State and Civil Society: The Case of the Social Sector, *Seminar on Challenges to Health Service Systems in Transition: India and China*, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 11 March 2015.

Transnational Actors in Health Care: India and China, Session 8: Transnational Actors and Commercialisation of Health Care, *Seminar on Challenges to Health Service Systems in Transition: India and China*, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 11 March 2015.

'Non-governmental Organisations in the Social Sector in China', Session VI: Environment and Society, *7th All India Conference of China Studies* Banaras Hindu University, Banaras 16 November 2014.

'Health Sector Reforms and Transformation of the Health Sector in China', Session VI: Chinese Reforms and Social Transformation, *6th All India Conference of China Studies*, Indian Institute of Management, Kozhikode, Kerala, 14 December 2013.

'Health Sector Reforms in China', Institute of Chinese Studies, Wednesday Seminar, 31 July, 2013.

'Public-Private Partnership in ICDS', The Ministry of Women & Child Development, Government of India in collaboration with NIPCCD, PHD House, New Delhi, 11 February, 2008.

'Public-Private Partnerships in Healthcare', RC 37 of International Political Science Association on Comparative Health Policies in Developing Welfare Societies, University of Delhi, 15 October 2007.

'Blurring of Boundaries: The Mixed Economy In Health Services in India', Parallel Session: Social protection, markets and health care, RC 19 of International Sociological Association on Social Policy: Social Policy in a Globalizing World: Developing North-South Dialogue, University of Florence, Italy, 8 September 2007.

Lectures

'Public Health in India: An Overview', PRS Legislative Research, Centre for Policy Research, Legislative Assistants to the Members of Parliament, 15 January, 2013.

'Health Sector Reforms in China', Comparative Health Systems, CSMCH, Jawaharlal Nehru University, April 2014.

TEACHING

Resource Person, Post Graduate Diploma in District Health Management, Public Health Resource Network-IGNOU, New Delhi, 2010-2012.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Governing Body Member, Public Health Resource Society, Green Park, New Delhi.

FIELDWORK

Travelled extensively to districts in Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Orissa, Bihar and Rajasthan 2010-2012

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Presentation and Discussion: Community Health Workers - Accredited Social Health Activists, IGNOU-Gyan Darshan, 17 March, 2010.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

English, Hindi, Bengali, Basic French