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### **Research Area**

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**Disciplinary Background:** Political Science & Public Administration

**Broad Themes of Research:** Governance, Urban Governance, Urban Infrastructure (Water Supply and Sanitation), Public Policy, Urban Development, Urban Political Economy, Urban Poverty, Gender, Space and the City, and Urban Political Ecology.

**Current working themes:** My current working themes are: entrepreneurial urbanism, urban poor (housing, rehabilitation, migrants, urban mobility) intersecting with urban development and planning policies, urban governance, gender and the city, social-economic inequalities, spatial disparities & marginalisation and urban informality.

**Field Experience:** Bengaluru & districts in Karnataka, India

## Education

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**2013- PhD**, Dept of Political Science and Public Administration, awarded in 2013, Centre for Political Institutions, Governance and Development (CPIGD), Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore. (Thesis submitted to the University of Mysore, Karnataka, India).

**2005- MPhil (Master of Philosophy)**, Dept of Political Science and Public Administration, 2005, Dept of Political Science and Public Administration, Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupathi, Andhra Pradesh, India.

**1998- Master of Arts:** Dept of Political Science and Public Administration, Sri Venkateshwara University, Tirupathi, Andhra Pradesh, India.

**1998-** Post Graduate Diploma in Human Rights and Social Development, Sri Venkateshwara University, Tirupathi, AP, India.

**1995-** Post-Graduate Diploma in Computer Application (PGDCA), 1994-95, Brilliant's Computer's, Bangalore, India.

**1994- Master of Arts:** Dept of History, 1992-94, Bangalore University, Karnataka, India.

## List of Publications

### **Singe Author cum Edited Books**

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Smitha K.C. (ed) (2017), *Entrepreneurial Urbanism in India: Politics of Spatial Restructuring and Local Contestation*, Singapore: Springer. (ISBN 978-981-10-2235-7). (<https://doi.org/10.1007/978-981-10-2236-4>).

#### **Book Reviewed by:**

Annapurna Shaw (2018). Book Review: Smitha Kanekanti Chandrashekar (Ed.), *Entrepreneurial Urbanism in India: The Politics of Spatial Restructuring and Local Contestation*. *Environment and Urbanisation Asia* 9(1), 2018. (<https://doi.org/10.1177/0975425317748537>)

### **Books (Co-Authored)**

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Raju, K.V., Ravindra A., Manasi S., Smitha K.C., Ravindra Srinivas (2018) *Urban Environmental Governance in India: Browsing Bengaluru*, US: Springer. (ISBN 978-3-319-73467-5). (DOI-10.1007/978-3-319-73468-2)

### **Book Chapters (Author & Co-author)**

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1. Chitresh, S & K.C Smitha (2023). The Role of Indian Railways and the Mission of Decarbonisation: A Study of Electrification Programme. In Geoffrey Wood, Dr Vincent Onyango, Dr KomaliYenneti and Mariana Liakopoulou titled '*The Palgrave Handbook on Zero carbon Energy Systems and Energy Transitions*'. (forthcoming).
2. Sridhar, Kala S. and K.C. Smitha (2021). Challenges of Local Governance in Bengaluru. In Kala S Sridhar and George Mavrotas (eds.) *Urbanisation in the Global South: Perspectives and Challenges* (pp.255-272). India: Routledge. (ISBN 9780367553906). ISBN 978-0-367-52787-7 (DOI: 10.4324/9781003093282)
3. Sridhar, Kala S. and K.C. Smitha (2021). Is urbanization inclusive in India and China. In Kala S Sridhar and Li Jingfeng, (eds.) *The Rise of India and China: Social, economic and environmental impacts* (pp.101-120), Routledge Critical

Perspectives on India and China, Oxon, UK: Routledge. (eBook ISBN 978-1003005339/ ISBN 978-0367562243) (<https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003005339>).

4. M.G. Chandrakanth, Kala S Sridhar and K.C.Smitha (2021). Impact of urbanization on agriculture in India and China, in Kala S Sridhar and Li Jingfeng, (eds.) *The Rise of India and China: Social, economic and environmental impacts* (pp.145-168), Routledge Critical Perspectives on India and China, Oxon, UK: Routledge. (eBook ISBN9781003005339/ ISBN 9780367562243)
5. Nautiyal Sunil, Smitha K.C, Kaechele H (2020). Medicinal Plant Biodiversity in India: Harnessing Opportunities for Promoting Livelihood and Food Security. In Prof. Niranjan Roy, Dr. Shubhadeep Roychoudhury, Prof. Sunil Nautiyal, Dr. Sunil K. Agarwal, Dr. Sangeeta Baksi (Eds) '*Socio-economic and Eco-biological Dimensions in Resource use and Conservation*'(pp. 135-169). Springer International Publishing Switzerland. (ISBN 978-3-030-32462-9)/(<https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-32463-6>).
6. Sridhar, Kala Seetharam and K.C.Smitha (2017). The geography of economic migrants: Characteristics and location in Bengaluru. In Irudaya Rajan (Eds.) *India Migration Report 2017* (pp- 176-187), New Delhi: Routledge. (eBook ISBN9781351188753).
7. Smitha, K.C. (2017). Entrepreneurial Urbanism in India: A Framework. In K.C. Smitha (ed), *Entrepreneurial Urbanism in India: Politics of Spatial Restructuring and Local Contestation*, (pp. 1-31), Singapore: Springer. (ISBN 978-981-10-2235-7).
8. Smitha, K.C. (2017). Spatial Reproduction of Urban Poverty in Entrepreneurial City: Bengaluru, India. In K.C. Smitha (ed), *Entrepreneurial Urbanism in India: Politics of Spatial Restructuring and Local Contestation*, (pp. 193-220), Singapore: Springer. (ISBN 978-981-10-2235-7).
9. Smitha, K.C. and Manasi S. (2017). Urban Land Governance Reforms and Sustainable Development: A Study of Urban Property Ownership Records (UPOR) in Karnataka. In Pradip Swarnakar, Stephen Zvestoski and Binay Kumar Pattnaik (eds), "*Bottom-up Approaches in Governance and Adaptation for Sustainable Development: Case Studies from India and Bangladesh*". New Delhi: Sage Publications. (ISBN: 13: 978-1412995146).

10. Smitha, K.C. (2016). Politics of Institutions and Structural Constraints in the Delivery of Water Supply and Sanitation for Urban Poor in Bangalore Metropolis. In Anil Kumar Vaddiraju, Satyanarayana Sangita and Kala Seetharam Sridhar (ed.), *Urban Governance in Karnataka and Bengaluru: Global Changes and Local Impacts*, (pp. 132-150) UK: Cambridge Scholars Publishing. (ISBN (10): 1-4438-0125-9/ISBN (13): 978-1-4438-0125-6).
11. Manasi, S and K.C. Smitha (2012). Floods in Bengaluru: No Respect for Water Bodies and Water Courses, in Eklavya Prasad, K.J. Joy, Suhas Paranjape, and Shruti Vispute (Eds) '*Agony of Floods: Flood Induced Water Conflicts in India*', Pune: Forum for Policy Dialogue on Water Conflicts in India, October. (<https://www.soppecom.org/pdf/Agony-of-Floods-Compendium-of-Case-studies-Forum.pdf>)
12. Smitha, K.C. (2009). Socio-Economic Determinants of Women Leadership at the Grass-Roots-A Case Study of Andhra Pradesh. In M.R. Biju (eds), *Democratic Political Process*, New Delhi: Mittal Publications. (ISBN: 8183246729).
13. Smitha, K.C. (2008). Socio-Economic Determinants of Women Leadership at the Grassroots: A Case Study of Andhra Pradesh. In M.R. Biju (eds) *Panchayati Raj System in India: A Symbol of Participatory Democracy and Decentralised Development*, New Delhi: Kanishka Publishers, Distributors. (ISBN: 9788126136025)
14. Smitha, K.C. (2006). Urban Governance and Bangalore Water Supply & Sewerage Board (BWSSB). In K.V Raju (ed) *Elixir of Life: The Socio-Ecological Governance of Drinking Water*, Bangalore: Books for Change publications. (ISBN-978-8182910270).

## Journal Articles (Referred)

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1. Smitha, K.C. (2023). The Politics of Entrepreneurial Embedded 'VIP Urbanism' in Bengaluru: Elite Practices and Agency Problem. *Human Geography*, 0(0): 1-19. (<https://doi.org/10.1177/19427786231171885>). (<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/19427786231171885#tab-contributors>).
2. Smitha, K.C (2023). Book Review: Creative cluster development: Governance, place-making and entrepreneurship, edited by Marlen Komorowski and Ike Picone, *Journal of Urban Affairs*. (DOI: 10.1080/07352166.2023.2187599).(<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/citedby/10.1080/07352166.2023.2187599?scroll=top&needAccess=true&role=tab&aria-labelledby=cit>).
3. Smitha, K.C (2022). Urban Development and Real Estate Sector in India: Contextualising the Impact of Covid-19 Pandemic, Transformation and Revival. *Urban India*, 42(2): 1-23. (ISSN 0970-9045).
4. Mendis, Seid and K.C. Smitha (2022). The Impact of Ethnic Based Political Parties on the National Consensus in Ethiopia. *International Journal of Scientific Development and Research*, 7 (11): 331-337. (ISSN 2455-2631)
5. Mendis, Seid and K.C. Smitha (2022). The Attitude of Ethnic Based Political Parties towards National Unity in Ethiopia. *South Asian Journal of Socio-Political Studies*, XXIII (1): 102-111. (ISSN 0972-4613).
6. Sridhar, S. Kala, Manasi S., Latha N and K.C. Smitha (2019). Trends in Municipal Revenues: Evidence from Selected Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in Karnataka. *Arthika Charche: The FPI Journal of Economics & Governance*, 4(1): 59-75.
7. Smitha, K.C. and Barun Deb Pal (2018). Spatial Reproduction of Urban Poverty in Global City: Gender, Informality and Mobility in Bangalore Metropolis, *Economic & Political Weekly*, 53 (3): 67-76. (ISSN (Print) - 0012-9976).
8. Smitha, K.C. (2018). Agrarian Movement in Neo-liberalised India: A Case Study of Andhra Pradesh Vyvasya Vruthidarula Union (APVVU). *Agrarian South: Journal of Political Economy*, 7(2) 1–22. (DOI: 10.1177/2277976018778626).

9. Manasi, S. and K.C. Smitha (2015). Smart Land Governance for Smart Cities - Experiences of 'Urban Property Ownership Records' (UPOR) from the Cities of Karnataka', *Journal of Development Management and Communication*, Jaipur. January-March, 2(1). (ISSN 2348-7739).
10. Manasi, S. and K.C. Smitha (2013). Urban Property Ownership Records (UPOR) in Karnataka: Computerized Land Registration System for Urban Properties, *Urban India*, July-December, 33(2): 79-105.
11. Smitha, K.C. (2010). New Forms of Urban Localism: Service Delivery in Bangalore, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Feb, Vol. 45(8): 73-77. (ISSN-00129976).
12. Smitha, K.C. (2009). Determinants of Women Leadership at the Grassroots in Andhra Pradesh, *Local Government Quarterly*, Vol. LXXIX (4): 64-79. (ISSN 0024-5623).
13. Smitha, K.C. (2007). Emerging Women Leadership at the Grassroots: A Micro-Level Study in Andhra Pradesh State, *The Grassroots Governance Journal*, V (2): 345-376. (ISSN 0973-0257).
14. Smitha, K.C. and S.N. Sangita (2006). Urban Governance and Service Delivery in Bangalore: Public-Private Partnership, *Urban India*, XXVI (2): 14-43. (ISSN-0970-9045).
15. Smitha, K.C. (2006). Socio-Economic Determinants of Women Leadership at the Grass-Roots, *South Asian Journal of Socio-Political Studies*, 7(1): 37-49. (ISSN 0972-4613).

## **Working Paper Series**

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16. Manasi, S. K.C. Smitha, R.G. Nadadur, N. Sivanna and P.G. Chengappa (2013). Urban Property Ownership Records (UPOR) in Karnataka: Computerized Land Registration System for Urban Properties, *Working paper series 308*, Bangalore: ISEC. (ISBN 978-81-7791-164-0)
17. Smitha, K.C. and S.N Sangita (2008). Urban Governance and Service Delivery in Bangalore: Public-Private Partnership, *Working Paper Series No. 189*, Bangalore: Institute for Socio-Economic Change.

18. Smitha, K.C. (2007). Socio-Economic Determinants of Women Leaders at Grass-Roots, *Working Paper* No. 186, Bangalore: Institute for Socio-Economic Change.

### **Monograph (Co-Author)**

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1. Manasi, S., Nidhi Jamwal, N. Latha and K.C. Smitha (2018). Pathways to Improving Sanitation Governance- A Review of Best Practices. *Monograph Series 58*, Bangalore: Institute for Social and Economic Change. (ISBN 81-7791-157-0).
2. Sridhar, S. Kala, Manasi S. and K.C. Smitha (2017). Jobs, Commute, and Public Services in Bengaluru:A Pilot Study from Nagarabhavi, *Monograph Series 51*, RBangalore: Institute for Social and Economic Change. (ISBN 81-7791-150-3).
3. Manasi, S., K.C. Smitha, N. Sivanna, P.G. Chengappa , R.G. Nadadur (2015). Land Policy and Administration in Karnataka: Urban Property Ownership Records (UPOR)-The Karnataka Experience, *Monograph Series 43*, November ISEC, Bangalore: Institute for Social and Economic Change. (ISBN 81-7791-142-2).

### **Policy Brief & Social Science Perspective**

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Priyanca, Mathur, K.C. Smitha & Debangana C (2022). *The Social Science Perspective*, 2(2) March. Centre for Social Science Research and Education (CeRRSE), JAIN (Deemed-to-be University), Bengaluru: India.

Priyanca, Mathur and K.C. Smitha (2021). *The Social Science Perspective*, 1(3) October. Centre for Social Science Research and Education (CeRRSE), JAIN (Deemed-to-be University), Bengaluru: India.

Sridhar, Kala Seetharam and K.C.Smitha (2019). The Urban Transport Governance Initiative (TGI) Toolkit: Pilot from Karnataka's Cities, ISEC Policy Brief 27, July 2019, CRUA: Institute for Social and Economic Change.

Manasi. S, K.C. Smitha, (2018), Digitised Land Registration System in Karnataka: Implementation of Urban Property Ownership Records, ISEC Policy Brief No. 22. CRUA: Institute for Social and Economic Change.



## New Paper Column

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- News Paper publication on Bengaluru, hub of lifestyle diseases: Survey (Co author), Deccan Chronicle, Published Jul 28, 2015. (<http://www.deccanchronicle.com/150728/nation-current-affairs/article/bengaluru-hub-lifestyle-diseases-survey>).
- New Paper column on *Public Services in Bangalore* was published in leading New Paper The Hindu (Metro Plus a special issue on Bangalore) on September 6, 2004.

## Research Blog Post

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1. Urban development and real estate in India - new knowledge generated from the COVID-19 pandemic? published by Regional Studies Association, December, 2022. See here- (<https://www.regionalstudies.org/news/blog-urban-development-and-real-estate-in-india-new-knowledge-generated-from-the-covid-19-pandemic/>).

## Research Reports (Co-Author)

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- Sridhar, S. Kala, Manasi, N., Latha, K.C. Smitha and Rakshantha Rao (2018). Sustainable Finances for Urban Karnataka: Viable Options. Research Report (CMAK)-June, Centre for Research in Urban Affairs, Bangalore: Institute for Social and Economic Change.
- Sridhar, S. Kala, Smitha K.C., and Latha N. (2018). The Story of an Indian Metropolis Revisited. Research Report (ICSSR)- March, Centre for Research in Urban Affairs, Bangalore: Institute for Social and Economic Change.
- Sridhar, S. Kala, Manasi, S., Smitha K.C., and Latha N. (2018). Will Bengaluru Become Smart or Livable?, Research Report (APU)- February, Centre for Research in Urban Affairs, Bangalore: Institute for Social and Economic Change.
- Sridhar, S. Kala and K.C. Smitha (2016). The Urban Transport Governance Initiative (TGI) Toolkit: The Pilot from Bengaluru and Mysuru, Research

Report-July, Centre for Research in Urban Affairs, Bangalore: Institute for Social and Economic Change.

- Sridhar, S. Kala, Manasi S. and K.C., Smitha (2015). Bangalore City Surveys-2: A Pilot Study, Research Report-June, Centre for Research in Urban Affairs, Bangalore: Institute for Social and Economic Change.
- Raju, K.V., Manasi S., K.C. Smitha, A. Ravindra and Srinivas Ravindra (2014). Urban Environment Governance: A Study of Bangalore Metropolis, Research Report, Centre for Ecological Economics and Natural Resources (CEENR), Bangalore: Institute for Social and Economic Change and Centre for Sustainable Development.
- Smitha, K.C. (co-author) (2014). UPOR-Process Documentation, in S. Manasi, R.G. Nadadur, P.G. Chengappa, N.Sivanna 'Land Policy and Administration in Karnataka: Urban Property Ownership Records (UPOR)', Research Report, Centre for Ecological Economics and Natural Resources (CEENR), Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore.
- Smitha, K.C. (co-author) (2014). UPOR-Review of Activities: Challenges, Constraints and Title Enquiry Process, in S. Manasi, R.G. Nadadur, P.G. Chengappa, N. Sivanna 'Land Policy and Administration in Karnataka: Urban Property Ownership Records (UPOR)', Research Report, Centre for Ecological Economics and Natural Resources, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore.

## Conference and Workshops

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1. Attended a Roundtable: After Autonomy: A Post-Mortem for Hong Kong's first Handover- January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Hosted by London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), TBA, London.
2. Attended a workshop titled 'The city without the city? Anatomy of urban voids in Delhi metropolitan region' by Samuel Benkimoun and Hugo Ribadeau Dumas conducted by The Centre for Policy Research (CPR) and Centre de Sciences Humaines (CSH) New Delhi dated November, 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
3. Attended a workshop on 'Gig-Platform Economy in Global South' – October 18th 2 pm to 5 pm- Hosted by London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), TBA, London.
4. Attended a workshop by The Centre for Policy Research (CPR) and Centre de Sciences Humaines (CSH) New Delhi entitled – 'Informal Work and Urban Exclusion' by Dr. Supriya Roychowdhury, Visiting Professor at the National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore dated September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
5. ISEC Golden Jubilee Work Shop entitled 'Gender and Development' organized by Centre for Economic Studies and Policy (CESP), Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore, dated September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022.
6. Workshop entitled on 'Study of Primary Collection of Solid Waste in Bangalore: Garden City to Garbage City back to Garden City, organized by Centre for Public Policy, IIM, Bangalore, dated 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2014.
7. Paper titled 'The Women Leaders and Decentralization: Reality or Myth', presented at 20th International Political Science Association (IPSA) World Congress, 9-13 July 2006, Fukuoka, Japan.
8. Participated in International Conference titled 'Neighborhoods and Urban Transformation: the New Global Context' organized by Urban Affairs Association, in Montreal-Quebec, Canada, April 19-22 2006. Funding was supported by Shastri-

Indo Canadian Institute (SICI) and Prof. Richard Stren, Professor & Director, Urban & Community Studies, University of Toronto, Toronto-ON, CANADA.

9. Attended World Urban Forum 3-2006, Vancouver, Canada. An International UN-HABITAT event on Urban Sustainability. Funding was supported by Prof. Richard Stren, Professor & Former Director, Urban & Community Studies, University of Toronto, Toronto-ON, CANADA.

10. Paper presented on the topic titled 'Urban Governance and Bangalore Water Supply & Sewerage Board (BWSSB)', at 4th International Water Management Institute -Tata Annual Partners' Research Meet on 'India's Water Economy: Bracing up for a Turbulent Future' from Feb 24-25, 2005; Institute of Rural Management, Anand, Gujarat.

11. Presented a paper titled "Governance Civil Society and E-Governance: an Interface". A UGC Seminar, held at Gandhigram University, Gandhigram, Tamil Nadu in February 2004.

## **WEBINAR COORDINATOR**

### **I. Centre for Social Sciences and Education (CeRSSE)-Jain (Deemed to be University)-2021-2022.**

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1. WEBINAR Series- Topic: Religion, Tradition, Secularism and Post-Secularism: Gadamer, Habermas and Beyond. Dated May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
2. Lecture Series –CeRSSE Conversations on 'Practical Considerations in Research Writing and Publication. March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022.
3. Virtual Panel Discussion on- Sports Promoting 'Unity in Diversity' in India: Challenges and Possibilities. December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

## **Teaching at PhD-level**

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### **2023- Course Work at ISEC.**

#### **2021-2023 (August): Taught Course work at Jain (Deemed to be University):**

- i. Research Methodology
- ii. Specialization 1 & 2 and Core Papers (Political Science & Public Administration, and Public Policy).

2015-16 Taught selected classes for PhD Course work (2015-16) from modules titled (i) Part-A Indian Urban Development Studies (IUDS) and (ii) Part-B Basic Urban and Regional Studies (BURS), at Centre for Research in Urban Affairs (CRUA), Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru.

2014-15 Taught selected classes -PhD Course work (2014-15) from modules titled (i) Part-A Indian Urban Development Studies (IUDS) and (ii) Part-B Basic Urban and Regional Studies (BURS), at Centre for Research in Urban Affairs (CRUA), Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru.

## **Teaching (Undergraduate and Post-Graduate levels)**

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2021-2022: Taught Online Course in Public Policy, for Post-graduate, Jain (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru. Module Paper titled -Introduction to Public Policy: Concepts, Processes and Analysis (October-March).

2021- Taught elective course titled 'Philosophy and Public Policy Science' for Master's (MSc and Forensic Science), Jain (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru.

2021-Taught Core Courses for Masters in Public Policy (2021), modules titled: Governance, Polity and Constitution. Dept of International Studies, Political Science and History, Christ University, Bengaluru.

2021- Taught Core Course for Under-Graduate (2021) from the modules titled: (i) Foundations of Public Policy (ii) Comparative Political Systems and (iii) Indian Government and Politics. Dept of International Studies, Political Science and History, Christ University, Bengaluru.

2000-2001- Lecturer at Government Secondary Grade College, Irala, Andhra Pradesh, between November 2000 to March 2001. (4 Months)

1994-95- Lecturer at Sharada Vidyaniketan, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru between June 1994 to April 1995. (10 Months)

### **Certificate Course and Research Retreat**

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2022- Conducted one session – ‘How to Publish a Paper?’ – Centre for Distance Education and Virtual Learning (July 19<sup>th</sup>). Jain (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru.

2021- Conducted one session – Research Course on “Interdisciplinary Research” (dated 19<sup>th</sup> December), 2021. Jain (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru.

2021- Conducted one session for Certificate Course on Public Policy (dated 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2021), a joint Collaboration of Centre for Research in Social Sciences and Education (CeRSSE), Jain (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru and Indian Institute of Public Administration, Karnataka Regional Branch (IIPA-KRB) (from 13<sup>th</sup> December to 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021).

2015- Taught one class on ‘Urban Environmental Governance: Concept and Contextualising in India’, at the workshop titled ISEC-NCI (Nordic Centre of India) International Course on ‘Approaching the Environment in India-Issues and Methods in the Study of the Nature-Economy-Society Interface, June 25, 2015 to July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015, Centre for Ecological Economics and Natural Resources, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru.

2014- Taught two classes on (i) Urban Environmental Governance in India: A Study of Bangalore Metropolis and (ii) Urban Property Ownership Records (UPOR) in Karnataka, for post-graduates attending workshop titled ISEC-NCI International Course on ‘Approaching the Environment in India-Issues and Methods in the Study of the Nature-Economy-Society Interface, July 6, 2014 to August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, Centre for

Ecological Economics and Natural Resources and Centre for Research in Urban Affairs (CRUA), Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru.

## Consulting Assignments

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2023 - A project entitled “**Environmental Problems and Congestion: Evolving Sustainable Solutions for Bengaluru’s Development**”- by Karnataka Evaluation Authority (KEA) and Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Bangalore (January to February).

2021-2022- **Book Project** titled “**Reclaiming Our Cities: The Future of Urban India**”- Sponsored by Public Affairs Centre (PAC), Bengaluru in Collaboration with Centre for Sustainable Development (CSD), Bengaluru (December-March).

2014- ‘**A Life after ‘Namma Metro’: A Study of Socio-economic Profile, Livelihood and Mobility of Rehabilitated Slums in Bangalore**’, 2014, (A Project by Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL)), Centre for Economic Studies and Policy (CESP), Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore.

2013- ‘**Organizing in the Informal Sector: Documenting Case Studies (APVVU)**’, 2014, funded by National Alliance for Social Security (NASS), New Delhi.

## Academic Distinction and Awards

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2015- Recipient of **Justice Shri E.S. Venkataramiah Award** for **best thesis** in Public Administration (2009-14), Institute for Social and Economic Change, Nagarabhavi, Bangalore.

2006- Recipient of *Shastri Indo-Canadian Doctoral Scholarship* to visit Canada for 8 months for the year 2005-06. Affiliation with Centre for Urban and Community Studies –Director & Professor David Hulchanski, University of Toronto (UofT), Toronto, Canada from February –October-2006.

2003-2007-ISEC Doctoral Fellowship from August 2003 to August 2007 (for 4 years).

1998- Secured III Rank in Political Science, S.V. University, Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh)-India.

## **Media Interviews (Published)**

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1. Sridharan, Bhanu (2023). Private sector influence dilutes Bengaluru's local government authority (Part 1, July 14<sup>th</sup>): Prof. K.C. Smitha. Citizen Matters, July 24<sup>th</sup>. (<https://bengaluru.citizenmatters.in/elites-private-sector-parastatal-bodies-governance-bbmp-bda-bwssb-121524>).
2. Sridharan, Bhanu (2023). Bengaluru's committees and vision groups prioritise elite aspirations: Prof. KC Smitha (Part II, July 25<sup>th</sup>).(<https://bengaluru.citizenmatters.in/kc-smitha-development-planning-brand-bengaluru-municipal-corporation-private-sector-international-funding-122362>).

## **Manuscript Reviewer**

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1. Journal of Social and Economic Development (JSED)- Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore (2023).
2. Working Paper, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore (2022).
3. International Journal of Urban and Regional Research (IJURR) (2021).

## **On-going Project**

1. Minor Project: Digital Disruption and Gig-Platform Economy in Metro Cities of India: A Paradigm Shift in Service Delivery- funded by Jain (Deemed to be University) Amt 2 lakhs (March, 2023).

## **Membership**

1. Regional Studies Association
2. Development Studies Association: (Membership Number: M43415).



3. Saw Swee Hock Southeast Asia Centre (SEAC): London School of Economics (LSE).

## **PhD Supervision**

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1. Seid Mendis (Completed) titled– ‘Ethnic Based Political Parties in Ethiopia and their Impact for National Unity’, November, 2022, Jain (Deemed to be University).