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### Education:

PhD, Madras University, Madras, 1987

MA, Madras University, Madras, 1980

BA, Scott Christian College, Nagercoil, 1978

### Research Interests:

Nationalism, Kashmir, caste movements, Tamil cinema and popular culture

### Profile:

#### Employment

Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Professor, 2009-

Madras Institute of Development Studies, Madras, Associate Professor, 1989-2001

#### Fellowships, Grants & Honours

Member (formerly), the South Asia Regional Advisory Panel, the Social Science Research Council, New York

Member (formerly), the Steering Committee of the South-South Exchange Programme for Research on the History of Development (SEPHIS), the Amsterdam

Member (formerly), the Editorial Collective, Subaltern Studies

Editor, *South Indian Studies*, 1996-97

Co-editor (formerly), *South Asia Cultural Studies*

Charles Wallace Fellow, Centre for South Asian Studies, University of Cambridge, 2004

South Asia Visiting Scholars Fellow, Queen Elizabeth House, University of Oxford, 1999

Commonwealth Post-Doctoral Fellow, School of Oriental and African Studies, London, 1991-92

#### Publications

##### Books

*Brahmin and Non-Brahmin: Genealogies of the Tamil Political Present*, New Delhi: Permanent Black, 2007/2008

*The Image Trap: M G Ramachandran in Films and Politics*, London and New Delhi: Sage Publications, 1992

*Political Economy of Agrarian Change: Nacnchilnadu, c. 1880-1939*, London and New Delhi: Sage Publications, 1990

## Edited Books

*Muslims, Dalits and Fabrications of History: Subaltern Studies: Writings on South Asian History and Society*, vol. 12, New Delhi: Permanent Black, 2005 (co-edited)

## Articles and Chapters

Being 'Hindu', Being 'Secular'; Tamil Secularism and Caste Politics', *Economic and Political Weekly*, 4 August 2012.

'Nation Impossible' in R. Cheran, Darshan Ambalavanar and Chelva Kanaganayakam (eds.), *New Demarcations: Essays in Tamil Studies* (Toronto: Canadian Scholars' Press Inc., 2008). Reprinted in *Economic and Political Weekly*, 10 March 2009.

'Writing Ordinary Lives', *Economic and Political Weekly*, 20 September 2008. Reprinted in G. Pandey, *Subaltern Citizens and Their Histories: Investigations From India and the USA* (New York: Routledge, 2009).

'Void and Memory: Story of a Statue on Chennai Beachfront', *Inter-Asia Cultural Studies*, vol. 6, no. 3, September 2005.

'Picture Lives', in David Blamey and Robert D'Souza (eds.), *Living Pictures: Perspectives on the Film Poster in India* (London: Open Edition, 2005).

'Dilemmas of Public Reason: Secularism and Religious Violence in Contemporary India', *Economic and Political Weekly*, 28 May 2005.

'Nation as Nostalgia: Ambiguous Spiritual Journeys of Vengal Chakkarai,' *Economic and Political Weekly*, 27 December 2003.

'One Step Outside Modernity: Caste, Identity Politics and Public Sphere' Sephis-Codesria Working Paper, Amsterdam, 2002. Reprinted in *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 17, No. 18, 4 May 2002.

'Parasakthi: Life and Times of a DMK Film', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Annual Number, March 1991. Reprinted in Ravi Vasudevan (ed.), *Making Meaning in Indian Cinema* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2000).

'Nation from its Margins: Notes on E V Ramaswamy's 'Impossible' Nation', in Rajeev Bhargava, Amiya Bagchi and R Sudarshan (eds.), *Multiculturalism, Liberalism and Democracy* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1999).

'Stepping Outside History: New Dalit Writings from Tamilnadu' in Partha Chatterjee (ed.), *Wages of Freedom: 50 Years of the Indian Nation-State* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1998).

'Tamil Cultural Elites and Cinema: Outline of An Argument', *Economic and Political Weekly*, 13 April 1996.

'Gendered Negotiations Hunting and Colonialism in Late 19th Century Nilgiris', *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, January-December 1995. Reprinted in Patricia Uberoi (ed.), *Social Reform, Sexuality and State* (New Delhi: Sage Publications, 1996); and in Richard Grove et al., *Nature and the Orient* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1998).

### Lecture Courses

Number	Title	Outline and Readings
M41425	Region, Language and the Politics of Nation-making	PDF
M41427/41222	Caste, Culture and Community: An Alternative Intellectual History of Modern India	PDF

### Seminar Courses

Number	Title