

Curriculum Vitae

Name: V.Sujatha

Education: Ph.D (Sociology)

Designation and Organisation: Professor, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi -110067, India.

Field of specialisation: Sociology of knowledge, Sociological theory and methodology, Sociology of health and medicine

Recent Research Projects

- 2015-17 Lead Collaborator in the ICSSR (India)-NIHSS (South Africa) Joint Research Project with the University of Cape Town on, 'The antinomies of public health and economic growth: Comparative history of nutrition and reproductive health in post liberal India and South Africa,' from 2015- 2017. This project involved fieldwork in South Africa during October 2016 on food habits and nutritional practices
- Member, Transdisciplinary Research Cluster (TRC), Jawaharlal Nehru University on 'Pluralist Health Care: Knowledge, Technology and Practice' and Consultant on the Government of India Position paper on national instruments and measures for protection of Health Related Traditional Knowledge (HRTK) prepared by the Ministry of AYUSH for World Intellectual Property Organisation negotiations (WIPO) 2016-17, in collaboration with TRC, JNU
- 2013 April -2018: University Potential Excellence interdisciplinary project titled, 'Mapping Forms of Integrative Health Sciences: An Inter-Disciplinary Study of Emergent Knowledge, Technology and Practice'
- 2011 -2014: CAS, University Grants Commission project on 'New perspectives in sociology of health and medicine' to identify studies on health and medicine that contribute to a conceptual framework to explain the operations of plural systems of medicine, as opposed to conventional sociology of medicine that relates to biomedicine as the only object of analysis, resulting in the publication of a monograph in 2014
- 2009-2010: UGC-DAAD PPP Program on 'Epistemological pluralism and bilateralism. Ayurveda in a globalizing world' in collaboration with University of Freiburg, Germany, from 2009 involving field studies of ayurvedic practices and institutions in Germany. By the summer 2010 About 60 practitioners and of ayurveda and 20 patients were interviewed in Germany, the Netherlands and Switzerland

Publications:

Books and Reports

1. 2014. Sujatha.V. *Sociology of Health and Medicine. New Perspectives.* Oxford University Press: New Delhi
2. 2012. Sujatha.V and Leena Abraham (Eds.) *Medical pluralism in contemporary India*, Orient Black Swan: New Delhi
3. 2003. Sujatha.V. *Health by the people. Sociology of medical lore.* Rawat: Jaipur.

4. 1998. Arundathiars. *The traditional leather artisans in Tamil Nadu. A techno, social and economic survey.* Research report submitted to the Dept. of Adi Dravidar Welfare, Govt. of Tamil Nadu.

Recent articles/Book chapters

1. 'Nutrition and environment in the era of public health. Expert approaches and popular perceptions in India.' In Amita Baviskar (Ed.) *Nature Today. New studies in ecology and environment*, Accepted.
2. 'Beyond medical pluralism. Medicine, power and social legitimacy in India' in Yasmeen Arif and Deepak Mehta (Eds.) *Rethinking India: Essays in Celebration of 50 Years of Contributions to Indian Sociology. Volume II*, Sage Publications, (Forthcoming)
3. 'Is food a numerical value? Critique of the caloric conception of nutrition,' in Christoph Wulf, and Axel Michaels (Eds.) *Scientification and scientism in the humanities* , 2017 (Forthcoming)
4. 'What is the sociology behind health status and health seeking?,' *Sociological Bulletin*, Vol. 66 (3), 2017 (Forthcoming)
5. 'Forms of social asymmetry and cultural bias. Of gender and science in India and the world,' *Transcience* Vol.5 (2) pp 1-19, 2015.
6. 'Is food natural or cultural? Food, Body and 'the social' in Indian medical traditions' in Jobin Kanjirakkat Gordon Mcquat and Sundar Sarukkai (Eds.) *Science and the narratives of nature in the east and the west*, Routledge, pp 113-136, 2015.
7. 'Conclusion: Emergent domains in globalisation discourse,' in Asheesh Kumar, Janz, Caroline and Fulquet, Gaston (Eds), *Analyzing Globalization in 21st Century*, Palm leaf Publication, 2013.
8. 'Knowledge, science and society' in Yogendra Singh (Ed.) *Indian Sociology. Emerging Concepts, Structure and Change* Vol. I, ICSSR and Oxford University Press, pp 135-196, 2013.
9. 'Globalisation of ayurvedic massage,' in Maarten Bode (Ed.) *Traditional Indian Medicine*, *Focus Pages IAS News Letter Autumn 2013 No.65* , 2013.
10. 'Laboratory and life as sites of validation. Ethics in the regime of medical pluralism' in U Kalpagam (Ed.) *Ethics, Health and Medicine: Anthropological Perspectives*, Manak Publications, PP 37-56 , 2012
11. 'What could 'integrative' medicine mean? Social science perspectives on contemporary ayurveda' *Journal of Ayurveda and Integrative medicine*, Vol. 2 (3), pp 115-12 , 2011.
12. 'Innovation within and between traditions. Siddha medicine in contemporary South India' to *Science technology and society*, Vol.16 (2), pp 191-213, 2011
13. 'Disciplinary trajectories and social trends: An essay on sociology in Tamil Nadu' in Maitrayee Choudhuri (Ed.) *Sociology in India*, Rawat, pp 33-57, 2010.
14. 'The patient as a knower. Principle and practice in Siddha Medicine' in V.Sujatha and Leena Abraham (Eds.) 'Medicine state and society. Indigenous medicine and medical pluralism in India' Special section of the *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. XLIV(16) April 18-24, pp 76-83, 2009
15. 'Introduction' (co-author Leena Abraham) V.Sujatha and Leena Abraham (Ed.) 'Medicine state and society. Indigenous medicine and medical pluralism in India' Special section of the *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. XLIV(16) April, pp 18-24, 2009.

16. 'Pluralism in Indian medicine: Medical lore as a genre of medical knowledge', *Contributions to Indian Sociology*, May-Aug 2007, Vol. 41 (2) pp 169 – 202, 2007.

Other writings and Publications in Indian languages

- 'Scientism, familism and women scientists,' in *Kafila* <https://kafila.online/2017/04/10/scientism-familism-and-women-scientists-v-sujatha/2017>
- 'Measuring' academic performance in the social sciences: The API regime and its follies,' Commentary in *Economic and Political Weekly*, 2015
- Trans. 'Thol pathaniduthal. Marabana thozil nutpathin pangu' (Role of traditional technology in the leather processing), *Vellai Kuthirai* (Tamil Intellectual Monthly) Issue 4, July 2012
- 'Noyuruthalum, noyarithalum' (To be diseased and to know the disease), *Kalachuvadu* (Tamil intellectual monthly) June 2012
- 'Kalachara parimatram enbathu enna?' (What is cultural assimilation?), *Kalachuvadu* (Tamil intellectual monthly) January 2010
- 'Samoogaviyalum Samudhayamum ('Sociology and Society'), *Kalachuvadu* (Tamil intellectual monthly) June 2009.

Honorary academic positions

- Coordinator, Global Studies Programme, School of Social Sciences, Centre for the Study of Social Systems, JNU, since 2013
< <http://global-studies-programme.com/>>, <<https://www.gsp.uni-freiburg.de/>>
- Member, Academic Council, Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai, since 2015
- Special invitee, Inter Academy Panel on 'Women in science,' of the National Academy of Sciences India (NASI) from 2015.

Visits, courses designed/taught

- Visiting Professor at the First Global Week organized by the University of Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona between 20-28 February 2017
- Visiting Professor at the Department of Sociology, Mumbai University, February 2017
- 'Modern European thought and its critique,' at the Institute for Soziologie, University of Freiburg, Germany; May – July 2009
- 'The politics of medical pluralism and indigenous medicine' at the Institute for Soziologie, University of Freiburg, Germany; May – July 2009
- 'Theories of Globalization: New Perspectives on Knowledge, Science and Society' at the Faculty of Social Sciences, FLACSO, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Oct- Nov 2012
- 'Sociology of knowledge', 'Sociological theory' 'Methods of social sciences', 'Health culture and society' and 'Economy and society in India' at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Research presentations in seminars/conferences and lectures (ONLY 2016-17)

1. 'What is local and universal knowledge? The case of Asian medicines in Europe,' at the First Global Week organized by the University of Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, on 21st February 2017
2. 'Globalisation, technology and conflict. South Asian Perspectives,' at the First Global week organized by the University of Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona on 20 February 2017
3. Panelist in session on 'Making health technologies accessible,' at the Difficult Dialogues on 'Is India's health a grand Challenge?' organized by the University College London (UCL) at Goa International Centre, Goa, 10-12 February 2017
4. 'The antinomies of economic growth and public health. Econometric and sociological conceptions of food and nutrition,' delivered at the Institute for Sociology, University of Freiburg, Germany on 13 December 2016
5. "Three lives of things'. War, technology and society,' delivered at the Department of sociology, University of Mumbai on 6 February 2017
6. One day workshop for research scholars titled, 'Sociology of knowledge. Emerging perspectives in contemporary India,' at the Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai on 7 February 2017.
7. 'Globalisation versus universalisation. Asian medicines in Europe,' at the Departmental colloquium, University of Mumbai, on 8 February 2017
8. 'Gender asymmetries in science and technology in India and the world. Interplay of social structure and culture,' presented at the 6th Science Technology Studies (STS) Italia conference held at the University of Trento, Italy between 24 -26 November 2016