

# **KALPANA KANNABIRAN**

## **A. DESCRIPTION OF WORK**

In the past three decades, Kalpana Kannabiran has researched and written in the areas of sociology of law, historical sociology, social movements, gender studies, disability studies, indigenous/advansi rights, minority rights, development studies, jurisprudence (colonial, constitutional and criminal) and human rights. She has been based in India and trained as a sociologist (PhD-Sociology), and as a lawyer (LLM-Jurisprudence) and has combined research, teaching in three disciplines (law, sociology and gender studies), activism, pro bono socio-legal counseling, rights advocacy and strategic litigation in her work.

Kalpana Kannabiran studied for her BA in Nizam College, Osmania University, her MA (Sociology), MPhil (Sociology) in Central University of Hyderabad, India and has a PhD from the Centre for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi. She has a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) and Master of Laws (LLM Jurisprudence) from Osmania University, Hyderabad. She was General Secretary of the Indian Association for Women's Studies, 1998-2000 and Member of the Executive Committee of the International Sociological Association, 2014-18.

Kalpana Kannabiran received the Rockefeller Humanist-in-Residence Fellowship, Women's Studies Program, Hunter College, City University of New York in 1992-1993. She received the VKRV Rao Prize for Social Science Research in 2003 for her work in the field of Social Aspects of Law and the Amartya Sen Award for Distinguished Social Scientists in 2012 for her work in the discipline of Law. Both these awards were conferred by the Indian Council for Social Science Research. In 2007, she was invited to be a member of the Expert Group on the Equal Opportunities Commission, Government of India set up on the recommendations of the Sachar Committee, led by Professor NR Madhava Menon.

Part of the founding faculty of NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, where she taught sociology and law for a decade (1999-2009) besides inaugurating its research programme through a grant from Ford Foundation in 2004 on Criminal Justice and Human Rights, Kalpana Kannabiran was part of the team that introduced and taught the Masters Programme (LLM) in Human Rights in NALSAR. In March 2011, she was invited to join Council for Social Development, Southern Regional Centre, a research institute recognized and supported by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, as its Regional Director, a position she held for 10 years till March 2021. At CSD, Hyderabad, she initiated the PhD programme in the social sciences and women's studies in collaboration with Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Hyderabad and Mumbai in 2012, and secured an annual institutional grant-in-aid from the Government of Andhra Pradesh in 2011 and the Government of Telangana in 2015. She also secured a major Ford Foundation grant for research and advocacy in the area of Advansi Rights in 2012, that saw CSD taking major initiatives in the area of socio-legal research, strategic litigation and legal training in the field of advansi/indigenous rights making CSD-SRC the first social science institute to engage intensively with law and legal research. Since 2012, she has focused in terms of pedagogy on working with young researchers on honing writing skills through writing workshops,

on training lawyers from vulnerable communities, especially adivasi communities to develop lawyering skills and court-craft.

Alongside her academic career, she is co-founder of Asmita Resource Centre for Women, set up in 1991 in Hyderabad, where she has led the legal services and outreach and pro-bono counselling services for women survivors of violence and women in difficult situations. Guided by a collective of feminist intellectuals, of which Kalpana Kannabiran was part, Asmita is a front running women's rights collective for 30 years between 1991 and 2021, providing learning materials, imparting training to women's groups across the state and initiating discussions on issues of public interest, as well as organizing women writers and publishing anthologies of women's writing in Telugu.

## **Teaching**

Kalpana Kannabiran has taught undergraduate and graduate students of law for 10 years between 1999-2009 – teaching courses in sociology, labour law, criminal law, and a range of interdisciplinary seminar courses for senior graduate students. She has supervised Master's dissertations in law and doctoral and post-doctoral research in the social sciences - two LLM and five PhD dissertations in Law, Women's Studies and Social Sciences, and she is currently supervising one doctoral dissertation in women's studies. She has also been advisor for three ICSSR post-doctoral fellows in the social sciences. She has been external examiner for 21 PhD dissertations submitted in the Departments of Law, Sociology, Comparative Literature, Women's Studies, Political Science, Law & Governance and Community Health & Social Medicine at the Central University of Hyderabad, Pune University, University of Delhi, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Viswabharati University, Shantiniketan, Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi, and Ambedkar University Delhi.

## **Research**

Her research over the years has focused on a range of questions – historical and contemporary – that are critical to an understanding of India today. She has worked extensively with quantitative data, ethnographies, legal hermeneutics and creative literatures in Indian languages (Hindi, Tamil and Telugu as well as other Indian writers in translation in English) to explore the different dimensions of inequality, disparities, diversities, entitlements and genealogies of free speech, rights sensibilities, resistance and radical ideas. Her research has been closely intertwined with interventions in policy, strategic litigation and peoples' initiatives for justice.

### ***(a) Law and Society***

Kalpana Kannabiran has written extensively on various dimensions of law and society. Three books, two that she has edited and one of which she is author, are especially central to her endeavour to chart the field of law and society over two decades during a time when there were very few scholars from the social sciences engaging seriously with the law: *Challenging the Rule(s) of Law: Colonialism, Criminology and Human Rights in India* (Sage 2008), is a collection of original essays of which she is co-editor that attempts a layered and counter-colonial approach to criminology and criminal jurisprudence. Her own

essay in this volume, “Contexts of Criminology in India” maps this field in some detail. The second book, of which she is author, focuses on constitutional law and the layered relationship between non-discrimination and liberty opening out the fields of disabilities, caste, gender, tribe, religious minority and sexualities - *Tools of Justice: Non-Discrimination and the Indian Constitution* (Routledge 2012). This was one of five titles worldwide voted for the Authors-meet-Critics session at the VIII World Sociology Congress at Yokohama, 13-19 July 2014.

The third book, which she edited, *Women and Law: Critical Feminist Perspectives* (Sage 2014), is one of the few books on the subject with original essays that straddle fields not conventionally associated with “women and law” – forest rights, anti terror laws, labour legislation, land rights – and unconventional explorations of habitations gender discrimination in the family and workplace.

The constitutional questions around adivasis (indigenous/aboriginal communities) has been another major preoccupation. She has led a major programme supported by the Ford Foundation on Realising Social and Economic Rights of Adivasi [indigenous] Communities – that has involved research, curriculum building, teaching, strategic litigation, lawyer training, para-legal training, and extensive archiving and documentation of legal cases relating to land and adivasi communities. As part of this ongoing work she is coordinating a fellowship programme for lawyers belonging to scheduled tribes aimed at strategic rights litigation and the development of practice guides for lawyering.

More recently, she has been working on the history of civil liberties lawyering in India and developing the idea of the constitution-as-commons. This is work in progress. As part of this project, which is self-supported and involves archival research, she is currently working on a manuscript that looks at 12 legal cases and their implications for our understanding of post-Independence Indian history of rights and constitutionalism.

### ***(b) Indigenous Rights***

Kalpana Kannabiran has worked with indigenous/advasi communities since 2004, initiating discussions on the meanings of constitutionalism in indigenous habitations, especially the scheduled areas, to develop a mutual common ground on the place of popular constitutionalism and its significance. As part of this work, she has done extensive surveys of schooling for indigenous children in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana and led, at the invitation of Professor SK Thorat, a major research project that looks at socio-economic status and educational attainment among 76 Denotified, Nomadic and Semi Nomadic Communities in nine states in India. This study was supported by the Indian Council of Social Science Research, and its findings were published in a coauthored essay titled “Education and its Discontents: Barriers to Education among the Denotified and Nomadic Communities,” in July 2018.

In the area of indigenous rights Kalpana Kannabiran has combined rights advocacy and rights education with strategic litigation on a case-by-case basis, situating incremental gains in individual cases within a larger context of securing collective rights. Notably, she has coordinated the successful defense in courts and administrative tribunals and secured

bail, reinstatement in service and acquittal from convictions for murder following unfair trials.

Her recent paper that looks at constitutionalism and indigenous rights is titled “Constitutional Geographies and Cartographies of Impunity: Human Rights and Adivasis/Tribes in Contemporary India” was published in the *Economic and Political Weekly*, 5 November 2016. A revised version of this paper is published in Ganesh Devy and Geoffrey Davis eds. *Key Concepts in Indigenous Studies: Human Rights* (Routledge 2021).

In 2019 she led a survey of the implementation of the Forest Rights Act, 2006, in 24 sites spread over 11 states in India. This project was conceived in collaboration with Adivasi Rights lawyers and activists to prepare documentation for the ongoing challenge in the Supreme Court on the eviction of forest dwellers on grounds of encroachment. The report of this project: *Forest Dwelling Communities and the Forest Rights Act, 2006: Evidence from 24 Sites* published by CSD, is the only report of its kind based on primary field research.

Finally, her paper ‘Constitution-as-Commons, Spatial Justice and Estrangements in Adivasi India: The Continuing Legacy of Three Legal Cases’ forthcoming in Antje Linkenbach and Vidhu Verma eds. *State/Adivasis Law and Property Rights: Changing Norms of Justice* (Sage, New Delhi: 2021) explores the relationship between adivasis, the constitution and spatial justice.

### ***(c) Disability Studies***

From petitioning the Supreme Court of India to release Dr. Saibaba on grounds of disability, and arguing for the specific rights to life and dignity of prisoners with disabilities, to participating in the deliberations around the disability rights legislation in India, making comprehensive recommendations to the Parliamentary Standing Committee in December 2014, Kalpana Kannabiran has been actively involved with disability rights groups in the country organising around legal reform and constitutional interpretation on questions of representation and equal opportunity. She has also been closely involved with collaborative research with Marcia Rioux and Disability Rights Promotion International, York University.

Her research in this area has included a theoretical exploration of the category of “worker with disabilities” under the NREGA programme, and the publication of the first development report to focus on disability rights in India, of which she is co-editor (with Asha Hans): *India Social Development Report 2016: Disability Rights Perspectives* (OUP 2017).

### ***(d) Caste***

Kalpana Kannabiran’s published work has focused on the question of caste since 1991. After her first co-authored essay on “Caste and Gender” published in *Economic and Political Weekly* in 1991 in the aftermath of the massacre of dalits in Chunduru, and widely

cited as the first attempt to theorise the connections between caste, gender and violence, she contributed the entry on “Caste” in the Routledge International Encyclopedia on Women, and has written widely on caste-gender-violence intersections. “Sociology of Caste and the Crooked Mirror: Recovering BR Ambedkar’s Legacy” in the *Economic and Political Weekly*; and “Cartographies of Resistance: The National Federation of Dalit Women” in a volume she co-edited with Nira Yuval Davis and Ulrike Vieten, *The Situated Politics of Belonging* (Sage 2006) are an important part of her writing. Much of her writing on caste has been in the form of Op-Eds in the national press or commentaries in the *Economic and Political Weekly* as an immediate response to caste violence in contemporary India – “Annihilation by Caste,” published in *Economic and Political Weekly* is one such essay. She has contributed an article on “Caste and Gender” to the Handbook on the Economics of Discrimination” edited by Ashwini Deshpande for Springer (forthcoming 2021).

### ***(e) Violence Studies***

The concern with violence has been a running thread through much of Kalpana Kannabiran’s writing – caste violence, family violence, gender violence, communal violence, state violence, free speech and a host of related concerns. Most recently, at the invitation of Mahnaz Afkhami of Women’s Learning Partnership and Yakin Erturk, former UN Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, she revisited feminist campaigns to end family violence in India over a three decadal period, and traced its impact on family law. The essay “Feminist Activism, Violence in the Family, and Law Reform in India: A Three Decadal History” is in press as part of an edited collection on the subject in 2019 (Routledge). Her first co-authored (with Vasanth Kannabiran) collection of essays on violence, *De-eroticizing Assault: Essays on Modesty, Honour and Power* (Stree 2002), her two edited collections, *Violence of Normal Times: Essays on Women’s Lived Realities* (Women Unlimited & Kali for Women 2005) and *Violence Studies* (Oxford University Press, 2016), together chart the field of Violence Studies in the social sciences in India and its gendered inflections. Here most recent essay on “Violence against Women in Telangana” draws on district level data published by the National Crime Records Bureau from 1991-2016.

### ***(f) Literatures and Dissent & Law and Literature***

From filing a writ petition in the High Court of Andhra Pradesh seeking action against elected legislators who attacked Bangladeshi writer Taslima Nasrin during her visit to Hyderabad, to translating Muvalur Ramamirthammal’s Web of Deceit from Tamil to English, to speaking about and publishing an essay on the work of Tamil writer Perumal Murugan, “Storytelling in the Time of Hate”, the question of free speech, and the indispensability of storytelling and poetic expression in a democratic society has been a core area of interest.

At the invitation of Professor Ganesh Devy, Kalpana Kannabiran anchored an ambitious project of selecting and translating progressive Telugu writing that challenged the status quo over six centuries into English in order to counter the rising conservatism and

ensorship of writers in contemporary India. *Dakshinayana: Selections from Telugu Literature* is part of a series on progressive thought in Indian languages consisting of one anthology in every major language containing important texts — songs, poems, stories, essays, letters, non-literary articles, extracts from iconic books, etc. — already existing in published form. With no restrictions on the period/s from which these texts are selected, Kalpana Kannabiran has co-edited (with Volga) the Telugu selection which consists of extracts from the work of 90 writers from the 12 century CE to the present that are strikingly ‘progressive’/social-reformist, taking readers beyond caste-creed, religious orthodoxies and gender-bias. As an effort to remember a plural and counter-hegemonic intellectual history in contemporary India, this volume has been compiled in Telugu, and has been translated into English by Vasanth Kannabiran. It is to be published both in English and in Telugu. The completed manuscript is in press with Orient BlackSwan and scheduled to be published in 2021.

As part of her work on dissent, she has looked at the place of creative literatures in the conspiracy trials against against political dissenters in India – her article “The Struggle is its Own Reward” an example.

Apart from the focus on dissent, Kalpana Kannabiran’s work has also addressed the growing field of Law and Literature. She first looked at the place of poetry –“What Use of Poetry? Excavating Tongues of Justice in Navtej Johar vs. Union of India” – in the decriminalization of homosexuality by the Supreme Court of India (2018). Especially pertinent to this field is her recent exploration of fictional narratives of the corruption complex in Indian literatures. Her essay exploring Hindi, Oriya and English fiction is forthcoming in a volume of interdisciplinary, cross-cultural essays on corruption she has co-edited with Bettina Hollstein and Florian Hoffman for Sage Publications (New Delhi).

#### **(g) *Telangana Studies (Regional Studies)***

Since 2009, when she co-authored “On the Telangana Trail” published in *Economic and Political Weekly*, Kalpana has been engaged in conducting research focused specifically on Telangana state, the newest state in the Indian union. With its stunning seven-decadal history of resistance to hegemonies of caste, community and state (as old as the country itself), and widespread and diverse political participation, the new state faces challenges of keeping the space of resistance and insurgent cultural expression alive even while addressing core concerns of development. Since 2015, she has led a team of researchers in CSD to publish the *Telangana Social Development Report 2017* and *Telangana Social Development Report 2018: Gender, Access and Well Being* – these are the first state-level reports on social development in the country. *Telangana Social Development Report 2020: Education in Telangana* is currently under preparation.

#### **(h) *Women’s Studies and Gender Studies***

Cutting through, intersecting with and informing her work in all the fields listed above, Kalpana Kannabiran’s work in Women’s Studies and Gender Studies, has looked at intellectual histories of feminist organizing on the Indian sub-continent, colonial jurisprudence, unorganised labour, violence against women and gender based violence, feminist jurisprudence, gender and privacy, and feminist methodologies among others.

Two decades ago in 1997, Kalpana, along with S. Anandhi and Meera Velayudhan, conceptualized and conducted the first month long residential course in women's studies at Asmita with support from the Ford Foundation, *Summer School in Women's Studies*, the first such initiative in the country. The residential course, which involved the compilation and distribution of 15 volumes of seminal writing in feminist scholarship, lectures by feminist scholars from across the country, with a focus on the global south and South Asia, involved a close mentoring of the scholars who enrolled for the course over a year, several of whom now head women's studies/feminist collectives and departments in universities. She also compiled the only bi-lingual pictorial history of women who shaped modern Andhra (with Volga and Vasanth Kannabiran), *Mahilavaranam/Womanscape* (Asmita 2001), and co-edited (with Volga and Vasanth Kannabiran) the first text of feminist essays in Telugu, *Sarihaddulu Leni Sandhyalu* ([Twilight without Borders], Asmita 1998).

A contributor to the *Routledge International Encyclopedia on Women*, she has co-translated and co-edited *Muvalur Ramirthammal's Web of Deceit: Devadasi Reform in Colonial India* (Kali for Women 2003); a revised edition of this text is in press to be published as an ebook by Zubaan, New Delhi in 2021.

Bridging the activist-academic-rights advocate spaces, her work in the fields of gender has encompassed advocacy on questions of women's rights and LGBTQI rights, provision of legal assistance, services and training, engaging with diverse publics through op-eds in the national and regional print media, and books, monographs, and research articles in academic journals. Kalpana Kannabiran led the three-year Ford Foundation supported project on Combatting Child Marriage both at Asmita (where the advocacy and public education was located) and at CSD (where the survey research was located). A research article on causes and patterns in female age at marriage, one of the first of its kind covering all districts in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, was published in April 2017 in *Economic and Political Weekly*. During this period she helped conceptualize and supervised a related study of age at marriage among Muslims in Malappuram, Kerala, by a post doctoral fellow located in CSD, which was published in the in-house working paper series, *Hyderabad Social Development Papers*, of which she is editor.

Straddling these various spaces, she compiled and edited two successive *NGO Alternative Reports on CEDAW for the National Alliance of Women-India* – the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Combined Reports presented in January 2007 in New York; and the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Combined Reports presented in July 2014 in Geneva and has been active in lobbying on the Concluding Comments of the UN Committee on both occasions. She also led the South Asia Litigation Initiative research in India on tracking compliance to CEDAW in Indian jurisprudence, the findings of which have been published both in *Economic and Political Weekly* and in her edited collection on women and law. She is member of the Editorial Advisory Committee of the half yearly Review of Women's Studies of the *Economic and Political Weekly* since 2011, which plans, conceptualizes and puts together the special segment for the journal.

She has a book, of which she is co-author (with Swethaa Ballakrishnen) (2021) from Zubaan: *Gender Regimes and the Politics of Privacy: Feminist Re-Readings of Puttaswamy vs. Union of India*, which picks up on the current debates on the right to privacy consequent on a 2017 decision of the Supreme Court of India declaring privacy to be a fundamental right.

## **Publications**

Kalpana Kannabiran has published 14 books by national and international publishers, has 7 books in press and has contributed over 90 book chapters and journal articles (including 7 in press) on a range of subjects. A regular contributor to Op-Ed columns of leading dailies and online news magazines, she has over 70 articles in the national press – a collection that is in press with a foreword by Anand Teltumbde under the title *Law, Justice and Human Rights: Short Reflections* (Orient BlackSwan 2021).

A distinctive part of Kalpana Kannabiran's work, evident in her publication is her interest in collaborations as mutually enriching, working with teams of scholars and rights collectives. As an editor, she has consistently brought together a wide range of scholars diverse in experience, training and location, to contribute original essays to volumes on matters of contemporary relevance in India, taking a particular interest in mentoring first-time authors and authors with English language difficulties to write for her volumes, and co-author essays with her, all published by reputed publishers/journals.

Besides her writing projects, as part of her longstanding commitment to knowledge production and its collective ownership in the South, Kalpana Kannabiran has, between 2012 and 2016, put together a comprehensive digital archive on *Adivasi Studies* that is available for reference on site at CSD for interested scholars. She is also actively engaged in building a human rights/constitutionalism archive drawing on reports and case records, and private papers of insurgent bureaucrats and civil liberties lawyers from the past five decades in Andhra Pradesh and thinking through ways of physically locating the archive in Hyderabad even while making it accessible to scholars from across the world.

## **Peoples' Initiatives for Justice**

Committed to constitutional values, human rights, civil liberties and the rule of law, Kalpana Kannabiran has been an active member of juries in national peoples' tribunals – most recently (in 2018) on discrimination against transgender people, the crisis in higher education, and the police firing on anti-Sterlite protestors in Tuticorin, Tamil Nadu. She has also been actively engaged in writing and interventions in the print media, chronicling the movement triggered by the death of Rohith Vemula in Hyderabad in 2016, and the questions it continues to raise for our understanding of a future free of caste and majoritarian violence and prejudice.

More recently, Kalpana Kannabiran's engagements with Peoples' Initiatives for Justice has focussed on the historiography of civil liberties lawyering in India, drawing specifically on the archive of her father, KG Kannabiran.

Between November 2020 and February 2021, Kalpana Kannabiran conceptualised and organised a series of 15 lectures on YouTube (KGK Lectures) by practising advocates, judges and legal scholars on their collaborations with her father, renowned lawyer-jurist and civil liberties advocate KG Kannabiran (1929-2010), edited them for serialised publication in the legal news site *LiveLaw* alongside compiling them into a volume that



opens out a different view of the history of the legal profession as it unfolds through this recounting. Titled *The KG Kannabiran Lectures on Law, Justice and Human Rights*, this series is the first of its kind to be organised with the defence of civil liberties at the centre of legal philosophical praxes. The book length manuscript, tentatively titled *The Challenge to Impunity: KG Kannabiran's Politico-Legal Praxes and Courtcraft* [edited] – presents these fifteen essays that focus on building politico-jural strategies for the legal defence of civil liberties in India and reflects on its implications for our understanding of the sociology of the legal profession. Due for completion in 2021.

## B. CURRICULUM VITAE

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### 4. EDUCATION:

**MA & MPhil** (Sociology)  
University of Hyderabad, India, 1983, 1985

**Doctor of Philosophy** (Sociology)  
Centre for the Study of Social Systems, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India, 1993

**Bachelor of Laws**  
Osmania University, 1999.

**Master of Laws** (Jurisprudence)  
Osmania University, India, 2005.

### 5. HONOURS/AWARDS:

- a. Rockefeller Humanist-in-Residence Fellowship, Women's Studies Program, Hunter College, New York, 1992 - 1993.
- b. VKRV Rao Award for Social Science Research In The Field *Social Aspects Of Law*, 2003 Awarded by The Indian Council For Social Science Research and ISEC Bangalore (A National Award).
- c. Amartya Sen Award for Distinguished Social Scientists, 2012, For the Discipline of Law, awarded by the Indian Council for Social Science Research (A National award).

### 6. HONORARY POSITIONS:

- Commonwealth Civil Society Governor (Asia Region), Commonwealth Foundation, London, 2020-2022.
- Permanent Fellow, ICAS-MP

## **7. ACADEMIC POSITIONS:**

- **March 2011 — March 2021:** Professor & Regional Director, Council For Social Development, Hyderabad.
- **July 1999 — June 2009:** Professor of Sociology, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad.
- **1994—1999:** Director of Research and Legal Outreach, Asmita Resource Centre for Women, Secunderabad.
- **1992—1993:** Rockefeller Fellow, Women’s Studies Program, Hunter College, CUNY.
- **1990—1991:** Research Associate, National Institute of Rural Development, Hyderabad.
- **1985—1989:** UGC Doctoral Research Fellow, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi.

## **8. TEACHING:**

- Undergraduate teaching for law students — BABL (Hons) – in Sociology, Labour Law, Criminal Law, Law and Poverty and elective seminar courses in interdisciplinary law, 1999-2009.
- Postgraduate teaching and dissertation advisor for law students – LLM – 2000-2008. Dissertation advisor for Two LLM students.
- PhD Supervision for research scholars in Women’s Studies and Social Sciences – 2008 – ongoing. Five PhDs awarded – four in women’s studies and one in social sciences (TISS – Hyderabad & Mumbai, and Mother Theresa Women’s University). One ongoing in Women’s Studies.
- External Examiner for 22 PhD dissertations in Sociology, Political Science, Community Health and Social Medicine, Law and Governance, Women’s Studies, Comparative Literature, International Relations submitted to University of Delhi, JNU, University of Hyderabad, Viswa Bharati, Pune University, Jamia Millia Islamia, University of Kerala, TISS-Mumbai.

## 9. PUBLICATIONS:

### A. Books

#### *Authored*

1. *Law, Justice and Human Rights: Short Reflections*. Hyderabad: Orient BlackSwan. 2021.
1. *Gender Regimes and the Politics of Privacy: Feminist Re-Readings of Puttaswamy v. Union of India*. Delhi: Zubaan. 2021. Co-author with Swethaa Ballakrishnen.
2. *Tools of Justice: Non-Discrimination and the Indian Constitution*. New Delhi: Routledge, 2012. Author.
3. *From Mathura to Manorama: 25 years of Resisting Violence against Women.*, New Delhi: Women Unlimited, 2007. Co-author with Ritu Menon.
4. *De-Eroticizing Assault: Essays on Modesty, Honour and Power*, co-author, Calcutta: Stree, 2002. Co-author with Vasanth Kannabiran.

#### *Edited*

1. *Discourses on Corruption: Interdisciplinary and Intercultural Perspectives*. Co-edited by Kalpana Kannabiran, Bettina Hollstein, Florian Hoffmann, New Delhi: Sage Publications.
2. *Migration, Workers and Fundamental Freedoms: Pandemic Vulnerabilities and States of Exception in India*. New Delhi: Routledge, 2021. Co-editor with Asha Hans, Manoranjan Mohanty and Pushpendra.
3. *Muvalur Ramamirthammal's Web of Deceit: Devadasi Reform in Colonial India*. New Delhi: Kali for Women, 2003. Co-translator, co-editor and co-author of substantive introduction with Vasanth Kannabiran. Revised Edition, New Delhi: Zubaan, 2021.
4. *Telangana Social Development Report 2018: Gender, Access and Well Being*, Hyderabad: Council for Social Development. 2018. Co-editor with Padmini Swaminathan and J. Jeyaranjan and chapter author.
5. *Re-Presenting Feminist Methodologies: Interdisciplinary Explorations*. New Delhi: Routledge, 2017. Co-editor with Padmini Swaminathan and chapter author.
6. *Telangana Social Development Report 2017*, Hyderabad: Council for Social Development. 2017. Co-editor with Padmini Swaminathan and J. Jeyaranjan.

7. *India Social Development Report 2016: Disability Rights Perspectives*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press. 2017. Co-editor with Asha Hans and chapter author.
8. *Violence Studies*. (Oxford India Studies in Contemporary Society), Delhi: Oxford University Press. 2016. Editor and chapter author.
9. *Women and Law: Critical Feminist Perspectives*. New Delhi: Sage, 2014. Editor and chapter author.
10. *Challenging the Rule(s) of Law: Colonialism, Criminology and Human Rights in India*. Delhi: Sage Publications, 2008. Co-Editor with Ranbir Singh and chapter author.
11. *The Situated Politics of Belonging*, London: Sage, 2006. Co-editor with Nira Yuval Davis and Ulrike Vieten and chapter author.
12. *The Violence of Normal Times: Essays on Women's Lived Realities*. New Delhi: Women Unlimited & Kali for Women, 2005. Editor.

### **Books**

#### Forthcoming 2021:

2. *Law, Society and Justice: Selected Works of Upendra Baxi* (Volume 3: Law & Society). New Delhi: Oxford University Press. 2021. Editor.

### **B. Research Articles/Book Chapters**

1. "Caste and Gender: Understanding Dynamics of Power and Violence", *Economic and Political Weekly*, September 14, 1991. Co-author with Vasanth Kannabiran.
2. "The Frying Pan or the Fire? Endangered Identities, Gendered Institutions and Women's Survival," co-author in Urvashi Butalia and Tanika Sarkar eds., *Women and the Hindu Right: A Collection of Essays*. New Delhi: Kali for Women, 1995. Pp. 121-135.
3. "The Judiciary, Social Reform and the Debate on 'Religious Prostitution' in Colonial India", *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 30 No. 43, 1995, pp. WS 59-WS 69.
4. "Rape and the Construction of Communal Identity: The Rameeza Bee Case", in Kumari Jayawardena and Malathi De Alwis [eds]., *Embodied Violence*, New Delhi: Kali for Women and London: Zed Press, 1996. Pp. 32-41.
5. "Gendering Justice", *Economic & Political Weekly*, Vol.31 No.33, 1996, pp.2223-2225.

6. "Looking at Ourselves: The Women's Movement in Hyderabad," in M.Jacqui Alexander and Chandra Talpade Mohanty. ed. *Feminist Genealogies, Colonial Legacies, Democratic Futures*. New York and London: Routledge, 1997. Co-author. 259-279.
7. "From Social Action to Political Action: Women and the 81st Amendment", *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 32. No.5, Feb 1-7, 1997 pp.196-97. Co-author.
8. "Gender in Mainstream Politics: Case of Telugu Desam Party", *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol.32 No.22, May 31 - 6 June, 1997, pp.1236-1238.
9. "Mapping Migration, Gender, Culture and Politics in the Indian Diaspora: Commemorating Indian Arrival in Trinidad", *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 33 No. 44, October 31-November 6, 1998, pp. WS 53-WS 57.
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## **E. Others**

### **I. CEDAW NGO Alternative Reports for India**

1. Editor, *India: 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Alternative Report on CEDAW*, Delhi: National Alliance of Women, 2006.
2. Editor, *India: 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Alternative Report on CEDAW*, Delhi: National Alliance of Women, 2014.

### **II. Forest Rights Act, 2006**

1. *Forest Dwelling Communities and the Forest Rights Act, 2006: Evidence from 24 Sites*. Hyderabad: Council for Social Development, 2019.

### **III. Documentary Films**

1. *The Advocate* (a bio-pic on noted lawyer and civil liberties leader K.G. Kannabiran): Produced by Kalpana Kannabiran, directed by Deepa Dhanraj. 120 mins, 2007.
2. *Schooling in Nallamalla* (a documentary film on schooling for forest dwelling indigenous Chenchu children - English and Telugu). Conceptualised and Produced by Kalpana Kannabiran for Council for Social Development, Hyderabad, 2015. 25 minutes.

### **III. Editorial Responsibilities in Journals and Periodicals**

1. Editorial Committee Member – *Social Change* (a Sage journal)
2. Editorial Advisory Committee Member – half yearly Review of Women’s Studies, *Economic and Political Weekly* 2011-2019.
3. Editorial Advisory Group, *Oxford Development Studies*, 2020-2023.
4. Editorial Advisory Board, *The Leaflet*.

### **IV. Journal Special Issues**

1. Co-Editor of Special Issue of *Patterns of Prejudice* [Routledge] on “Negotiating the Politics of Belonging”. July 2006.
2. Editor, Review of Women’s Studies, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 31 October 2009. Issue focus: Women and Law.
3. Co-Editor, Review of Women’s Studies, *Economic and Political Weekly*, 30 April 2016. Issue focus: Feminist research methodologies.

### **10. RESEARCH GRANTS (SELECTIVE):**

1. National Coordinator, Socio-Economic and Educational Status of Denotified, Nomadic and Semi Nomadic Communities in India (A study of 10 states). Indian Council for Social Science Research, 2012-2016.
2. Coordinator. Realising Social, Economic, Civil and Political Rights of Adivasi Communities, CSD supported by Ford Foundation, Delhi and UUA Holdeen India Fund-HIVOS. 2011-2015.
3. Country Co-ordinator. Employment Outcomes for People with Disabilities in India, Nepal and Bangladesh, in collaboration with Disability Rights Promotion International, York University, 2013-2014.

4. Chief Coordinator. Combating Child Marriage, Eliminating Discrimination Against the Girl Child, Asmita Resource Centre for Women and CSD Hyderabad, supported by Ford Foundation, Delhi (Asmita) with co-support from Government of Andhra Pradesh (CSD), 2012-2015.
5. Principal Investigator & Coordinator, Human Rights Monitoring Project for Persons with Disabilities, in collaboration with Disability Rights Promotion International, York University, Canada, 2007-2010.
6. Principal Investigator, South Asian Litigation Initiative – India, in collaboration with IWRAW-Asia Pacific, that looked at the impact of CEDAW on jurisprudence of non-discrimination in India. 2007.
7. Chief Co-ordinator, “Strengthening Human Rights and the Criminal Justice System in India”, supported by the Ford Foundation, NALSAR University, 2004- 2006.
8. Co-ordinator. “South Asia Project on Violence against Women: Review of a Decade,” International Centre for Ethnic Studies, Colombo. 2003-2005.
9. Coordinator, South India. Women and Governance in South Asia. International Centre for Ethnic Studies, Colombo, 1997-2004.
10. Consultant, Gender, Peace and Conflict Resolution. Gender and Youth Affairs Division, Commonwealth Secretariat, London, 1998.
11. Chief Coordinator, Summer School in Women’s Studies [a one-month residential programme for women scholars], Asmita Resource Centre for Women, Secunderabad. Supported by Ford Foundation, 1997-1998.

## **11. PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS/MEMBERSHIPS**

- MEMBER, EXPERT GROUP ON EQUAL OPPORTUNITY COMMISSION, MINISTRY OF MINORITY AFFAIRS, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA. 2007. CHAIR: PROFESSOR N.R. MADHAVA MENON
- Member, Expert Group on Legal Education Reform, Government Of Kerala, India. 2008. Chair: Professor N.R. Madhava Menon
- Life Member, Indian Law Institute
- Life Member, Indian Sociological Society
- Joint Secretary, Indian Association for Women’s Studies, 1996 –1998.
- General Secretary, Indian Association for Women’s Studies, 1998-2000.

- Chair, Research Committee 32, Women in Society, International Sociological Association, 2002-2006.
- Representative to the Research Council, International Sociological Association 2002-2006.
- Member of the Program Committee, International Sociological Association for World Sociology Congress, Durban, 2006.
- Member of The Program Committee, International Sociological Association for World Sociology Congress, Yokohama, 2014.
- Member of Executive Committee, International Sociological Association, 2014-2018.
- Member of The Program Committee, International Sociological Association for World Sociology Congress, Toronto 2018.

## **12. RECENT CONFERENCES/ACADEMIC EVENTS**

- Invited speaker, Adivasi and Dalit Conference, Inequality and Poverty Research Programme, Department of Anthropology, LSE, 8-10 December 2017. Organised by Alpa Shah and Jens Lerche.
- Invited Delegate, Commonwealth People's Forum, London, 16-18 April 2018.
- The Annual Radha Devi Joshi Foundation Lecture, India Studies Program, University of Connecticut, 5th March 2021.
- Invited Speaker, Human Fights: Celebrating I. A. Rehman (1930-2021), LSE South Asia Centre, 4 May 2021.

## **13. PODCASTS (Most recent)**

RightsUp-The Need for Empathy: Understanding India's COVID 19 Lockdown. *Oxford Human Rights Hub*, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020. <https://soundcloud.com/oxhrh/rightsup-need-for-empathy-india-lockdown> Accessed on 6 July 2021.

