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POSITION

Current position

Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Kerala, Kariavattom, Trivandrum, 695 581. 2020-

Director, VK Krishna Menon Centre for International Relations, University of Kerala, Kariavattom, Trivandrum 2020-

Positions held

Rainaj University, Professor & Head, Department of Political Science, West Bengal, 2019-20

Mabatma Gandhi University, Director, KN Raj Centre for Economics, 2015-2018

Central University of Kerala, Chair Professor, Centre for WTO Studies; Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences; Dean, Centre for International Co-operation; Head, Department of International Relations, 2012-15

European University Institute, Jean Monnet Fellow, Robert Schuman Centre, Florence, Italy, 2010

Indian Law Institute, ICSSR Fellow, New Delhi, 2008-09

University of Cambridge, Sydney Sussex College, Cambridge-Pavate Fellow, UK, 2007

Mabatma Gandhi University, Chairman, Centre for Trade, Development and Governance, School of International Relations and Politics, Kottayam, Kerala. 2008

Mabatma Gandhi University, Assistant Professor, School of International Relations and Politics, Kerala 2006

George Washington University, Fulbright Fellow, at George Washington University Law School, Washington DC, USA 2000.

Editorial responsibilities

General Editor, *Journal of Polity and Society*, Department of Political Science, University of Kerala 2020-

Member, Editorial Board, *International Journal of South Asian Studies*. Department of International Relations and Politics, Pondicherry University, 2019 -continuing,

Associate Editor, Editorial Board, *Indian Journal of Politics and International Relations*. 2012-continuing, School of International Relations and Politics, Mahatma Gandhi University

Associate Editor, *South Asian Journal of Diplomacy*, KPS Menon Chair for Diplomatic Studies, School of International Relations and Politics, Mahatma Gandhi University 2015- continuing

Editor, *Journal of Political Economy and Fiscal Federalism*, KN Raj Centre for Economics, Mahatma Gandhi University, 2016 – 2018

Associate Editor, *Journal of Political Economy and Fiscal Federalism* 2015-2016

Committees

Member, Board of Studies, Department of Political Science and Development Administration, The Gandhigram Institute, Tamilnadu 2021-24.

Member, Executive Council, Raiganj University, West Bengal, 2019-20

Member, Syndicate, University of Kerala 2014-16

UGC Nominee, Governing Board, Midnapore College, Vidyasagar University, West Bengal 2013-2019.

Convener, Syndicate sub-committee on Academics and Research, University of Kerala, 2014-15

Member, *School Board*, School of International Studies, Central University of Gujarat 2014-17

Member, *Board of Studies*, Politics and International Relations, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala 2013

Member, *Academic Council*, Cochin University of Science and Technology (CUSAT), Cochin, Kerala 2009-2012

Member, *Senate*, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala 1999-2000.

Institution Building Experience

Founder Director, Centre for South and South East Asian Studies, Raiganj University, India, January 2019- March 2020

Founder Director, Business Innovation and Incubation Centre, Raiganj University, India, 2019-2020

Founder Head, Department of International Relations, Central University of Kerala, Trivandrum, Kerala, 2012-15.

Member, IQAC, Raiganj University, West Bengal India, 2019-2020.

Member, IQAC, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala, India, 2016-2017.

Member, IQAC, (as representative from the Syndicate), University of Kerala 2014-16.

PROFESSIONAL HONORS, AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Intercontinental Research Experience

Research experience in three continents –America, Europe, Asia.

George Washington University Law School, USA;

Centre for International Studies, University of Cambridge, UK;

Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University, Florence, Italy;

Indian Law Institute, New Delhi;

Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala.

Post-doctoral fellowship

- *Jean Monnet Fellowship*, European University Institute, Italy, 2010.
- *ICSSR Fellowship*, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi 2008-9
- *Cambridge Pavate Fellowship*, University of Cambridge, 2007
- *PDF*, School of International Relations and Politics, Mahatma Gandhi University 2005-06
- *Research Associate*, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram 2004-05.

Awards

- *Fulbright Fellowship*, Intellectual Property Rights, George Washington University, USA.
- *UGC-Junior Research Fellowship (UGC-JRF)*, at School of International Relations, Mahatma Gandhi University 1997-2002.
- *Second Rank* for MA Political Science, University of Kerala 1992.
- *Merit Scholarship*, (University of Kerala) 1990.
- *Third Rank* for BA Economics, University of Kerala 1989.
- *KSL Panicker Memorial Award*, for topping first in University College for BA in Economics 1989.

EDUCATION

BA Econ., LLB, MA Pol. Sc., MA Econ., PhD International Relations

Interdisciplinary Educational Background

Graduation in Economics (BA); Graduation in Law (LLB); Post-Graduation in Politics; Post-Graduation in Economics; PhD in International Relations, Post-doctoral research in Trade Law, and in Global Governance.

Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala, India, *PhD (International Relations)*. Dissertation: *WTO Dispute Settlement Mechanism: Adjudication of Disputes in TRIPS (1995-1999)*. A part of research was conducted at George Washington University Law School, Washington DC, USA, as a Fulbright pre-doctoral Fellow 2000.

University of Kerala

University of Kerala, *LLB (Law)* Kerala Law Academy Law College, India, 1996.

Madurai Kamaraj University, *MA (Economics)*, Directorate of Distance Education, Madurai, Tamilnadu.

University of Kerala, *MA (Political Science)*, Department of Politics, Kerala, India, 1991.

Institute of Journalism, Press Club, Trivandrum, *Diploma (Journalism)*, Kerala, India, 1990.

University of Kerala, *BA (Economics)*, University College, 1989.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING

PhDs Produced

1. Dinoop, M, *Consumption Patten of Return Migrants: A study of Saudi Returnees of Kerala*, 2021.
2. Viswam Mathew, *Right to Elementary Education: Sarva Siksha Abhayan in Kerala* January, 2020
3. Dr. Rajesh M, *India's National Innovation System in the Post Liberalization Period: A Study with Reference to ICT Diffusion in the Agriculture Sector*, 2018.
4. Dr. Sebastian Mathew, *WTO, GATS and Indian Telecommunication Services Sector: Transition in Market structure*, 2017.
5. Dr. Relfi Paul, *Global IPR Regime and Broadcasting Rights: Implications for Developing Countries with special reference to India* 2016.
6. Dr. Vijesh TP, *Judiciary and Higher Education: A Study with reference to Self-financing Professional Colleges in Kerala*, 2015.
7. Dr. Linu Mathew Philip, *Trade Safety Nets and Agricultural Production System in International Agreement with Special reference to Kerala*, February 2014.
8. Dr. Vishnu Konoorayar, *Thee Global Climate Change Regime and Fairness in International Environmental Law: India's Experience*, 2nd August 2013.
9. Dr. Santhosh Mathew, *WTO, Agricultural Subsidies and the Media: An Analysis of Reporting Issues of Global and Indian Media*, 2012.

Papers taught for MA/M.Phil/ PhD

- Shakespeare and Politics
- International Political Economy
- Law and Political Economy of WTO
- International Relations
- International Law
- Indian Constitution
- Health Policy
- Global Governance
- Fiscal Federalism

- Economics of Innovation and Technology

PUBLICATIONS

Books

1. Girish Kumar R, *WTO, Public Health and South Asia (Pending)*
2. Girish Kumar R, (Co-editor) (2018). *Pamba: Environment, Culture and Governance*. DC Books, Kottayam / Mahatma Gandhi University.
3. Girish Kumar R (Ed.). (2017). *Globalisation and India's Innovation Systems: A Creative Destruction?* Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam.
4. Girish Kumar R and Relfi Paul. (2017). *Asset Management in Local Governments: A case study of grama panchayths in Kerala*, Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation, Kerala, India.
5. CP Chandrasekhar and Girish Kumar R (Ed.), (2016). *GST: Fiscal Federalism in Central Polity*, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala, India.
6. Girish Kumar R. (2013). *Loka Vyapara Sankadanayum Vikaswara Rajyanagalum: Oru Niyama Patanam*, Government of Kerala, Basha Sahithya Institute,
7. Girish Kumar R. (2013). *Pampa Nadi: Paristhithiyum, Samskaravum*, Government of Kerala, Basha Sahithya Institute.

Chapters in Book

1. "Defending National Interest: India at WTO Ministerial Conferences" in B. Mohanan Pillai, Sage, 2021, forthcoming
2. "Communist Manifesto: The Text that stands the test of Time", editorial comment in *Communist Manifesto*, Centre for South Asian Studies, 2021.
3. "India's Innovation Systems: Changing Structure in the Post-TRIPS Regime", C. Vinodan (ed.) (2014) *South Asia in a Global Context*, New Century Publishers, New Delhi.
4. "The Supreme Court Judgments and the Self-financing Professional Education in India: A study with reference to Kerala" in Jacob Chacko (ed.) (2013). *Higher Education in India*, Manak Publishers, New Delhi.

Articles

1. 'GST and Cooperative Federalism, *Yojana*, May 2021.
2. 'Pandemic Governance and Public Health System: The Kerala Model of COVID 19 Prevention' *Indian Journal of Politics and International Relations*, July-December, Vol.2 2020.

3. "Education as Soft Power: Student migration from India to Australia, *Journal of Polity and Society*, July-December, Vol.2 2020. Co-author
4. "Globalisation and Law's expanding Empire: International Relations and International Law", *Indian Journal of Politics and International Relations*, January-June No.1, 2020.
5. "The Business Innovation and Incubation Centre (BIIC) at Mahatma Gandhi University: Towards Better University-Industry Linkage", *Journal of Political Economy and Fiscal Federalism*, 2018.
6. "Global innovation Divide and Access to Health Technology: Cancer medication in India", *Indian Journal of Politics and International Relations*, January-June No.1, 2017.
7. 'Road Asset Management in Local Governments: A case study of selected Grama Panchayats in Kerala', *ISDA Journal: Studies in Development and Public Policy*, October-Dec, 2017 (Co-author: Relfi Paul).
8. "Effective management of Building Asset in Kerala: Need for Enhancing Own source of revenue by Local Governments", *KILA Journal of Local Governance*, (January-June) Vol-3, 2017. (Co-author: Relfi Paul).
9. "India's Migration Policy: Need for Reforms", *South Asian Journal of Diplomacy*, January-December 2016.
10. "India and the Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR): How significant is MTCR membership to Space programmes?" *Indian Journal of Politics and International Relations*, July-December, No.2, 2016.
11. "Shakespeare and Politics: Locating 'Political' in King Richard II", *Indian Journal of Politics and International Relations*, January-June Vol.1, 2016.
12. "Land asset management in Local Governments: A study on selected Panchayats in Kerala", *KILA Journal of Local Governance*, (January-June) Vol-3, 2016. Co-author.
13. "Global Space Economy: Positioning India" in *Journal of Political Economy and Fiscal Federalism*, Jan-Dec., 2016. Co-author.
14. "Drinking Water Asset Management in Local Governments", *Journal of Political Economy and Fiscal Federalism*, vol.2, 2016. Co-authors.
15. "India at the Outer Space: The tryst with the Outer Space Treaty", *International Journal of South Asian Studies*, July-December, Vol.2, 2015
16. "Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership and its Implications For Indian Spices Trade: A political economy Approach", *Journal of Polity and Society*, 2015. Co-Author Aswathy Varughese.
17. "Health and Trade: WTO's shocker to India's anti-bird flu measures", *International Journal of South Asian Studies*, January-June, Vol.1. 2015.

18. "South- South Cooperation and Spices trade: Indian Scramble for African-LAC Trade", *South Asian Journal of Diplomacy*, 2015. Co-Author.
19. "Environmental Governance and Climate Change: Need for Global Partnership", *International Journal of South Asian Studies*, January-June, Vol.2. 2014.
20. "India's Space Programmes: Remapping contours of 'Security'", *South Asian Journal of Diplomacy*, January-December, 2014.
21. "Global IP Governance: Disciplining the South through WTO regime", *International Journal of South Asian Studies*, January-June, Vol.1. 2014.
22. "The Role of Media in the Protection of Human Rights in India", *Holistic Thought*, Vol. 12, No.1, January- June 2013.
23. "Textile Disputes at WTO: Did India succeed in opening Global Market?", *International Journal of South Asian Studies*, January-June, Vol.1. 2013.
24. "WTO Dispute Settlement Mechanism and the Developing Nations", *International Journal of South Asian Studies*, January-June, Vol.2. 2013.
25. "India and WTO Jurisprudence: Scope of Distributive Justice", *South Asian Journal of Diplomacy*, Vol.2, 2011.
26. "Trade Relations between India and Bangladesh: A case for Free Trade", *Journal of Polity and Society*, Vol. No.2, Issue No.2, July-Dec.2011
27. "South-South Strategy to address Common Challenges in Intellectual Property: A Study of South Asia", *ISDA Journal: Studies in Development and Administration*, vol.21, no.4., October-December, 2011.
28. "The Global Corporations and WTO Litigation in Patent Disputes", *Journal of Polity and Society*, University of Kerala, Volume No.2, Issue No.2, July-Dec.2009.
29. "Copyright and neighbouring rights of Broadcasting Corporations in India: Do we need legal reforms?" (co-author.) *Indian Journal of Intellectual Property Law*, Vol.2, 2009.
30. "South Asia and WTO Dispute Settlement Mechanism", *International Journal of South Asia Studies*, vol.1 no 2, July-Dec. 2008.
31. "WTO, TRIPS and South Asia: Internalisation of IP Law and the Problem of Access to Medicines", *Indian Journal of Politics and International Relations*, vol. 2, July-Dec. 2008.
32. "WTO, Indian Agriculture and EU Protectionism", *ISDA Journal: Studies in Development and Administration*, vol.18, no.1 & 2, Jan.-June 2008.
33. "WTO Dispute Settlement Mechanism and the Legalisation of International Trade Relations", *The Academy Law Review*, vol. XXX, nos. 1 & 2, 2006.

Publication in vernacular dailies/ TV interviews

“How the Left Front bucked a decades-old trend in Kerala”, *The Hindu*, May 7 2021. co-author

Published article in *Mathrubhumi*, Kerala’s leading local daily on ‘India and Credit Rating’

Interviews to *Asianet* TV channel, ‘videsha vicharam’; US election analysis in *Malayala Manorama*

MASSIVE OPEN ONLINE COURSES (MOOC) DEVELOPED

MOOC on International Political Economy

Developed MOOC for course on *International Political Economy*, six modules (Department of Political Science, University of Kerala) 2021.

MOOC on US Government and Politics

Developed MOOC for course on *US Government and Politics*, six modules (Department of Political Science, University of Kerala) 2021.

MOOC on Start-ups and Innovation

Modules developed for MOOC on Start-ups (State Institute of Education Technology and Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala).

MOOC on Organic Farming

Modules developed for MOOC on Organic Farming (State Institute of Education Technology and Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala. ISBN: 978-93-80419-45-9)

WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND INVITED TALKS

Conference Presentations/ Participation

Paper presented on ‘The Water Dispute Management: Indo-Bangladesh sharing of river Ganga and the Farraka Barrage’ at the National Seminar on *Indian Strategic Culture and Policy Options*, on 27 February, 2019.

Paper presented on ‘India’s Space Security Dilemma: Containing Chinese Threat in Outer Space after ASAT’ at the National Seminar on *Indian Strategic Culture and Policy Options*, on 26 February, 2019.

Paper presented on ‘Sino- Indian Relations: A Neo-realist Perspective’ in *The Pacific Century*, International Studies Association/ Hong Kong University, Hong Kong 13-17 June, 2017.

Discussant, *China and South Asia*, *The Pacific Century*, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong 13-17 June 2017.

Discussant, *Informality and Labour Markets*, 59th Annual, 59th Annual Conference of Indian Society of Labour Economics, 16-18 December 2017, Thiruvananthapuram, ISLE/ Gulati Institute of Finance and Taxation.

Paper presented on 'Innovation Divide in Access to Health Technology', Innovation in Healthcare and Pharmaceuticals, *The Fourth IndiaLICS International Conference and Training Workshop* 2-4 November 2017 NewDelhi organised by Centre for Studies in Science Policy, (JNU); CSIR-NISTADS; Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi.

Discussant, *Communicating Science Technology and Innovation for Sustainable Development*, The Fourth IndiaLICS International Conference and Training Workshop 2-4 November 2017 NewDelhi organised by Centre for Studies in Science Policy, (JNU); CSIR-NISTADS; Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi.

Chair, 'Vision 20125', *Pamba: Environment, Culture and Governance*. 19-21, May 2017 Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala.

Chair, 'University Innovation System in India', *Globalization and India's Innovation Systems*, Mahatma Gandhi University 2017

Valedictory address, *Virtual Internationalisation of Higher Education*, 2016, University of Kerala/ University of Roehampton.

Valedictory address, 'Climate Change: Paris Summit and after 2016', on 5, December 2015, Department of Politics University of Kerala.

'TRIPS and South Asia: Is WTO a Disconnecter?', *Greater Connectivity and Regional Integration in South Asia* (February 14-16, 2013), Pondicherry University

Valedictory Address at Payannur College on *Media and Human Rights*, UGC National seminar on 1st February, 2014.

The Doha Round Impasse: A Constructivist Reading (Main author), *Millennium Conference*, 2010 ('International Relations in Dialogue'), London School of Economics, Oct .17, 2010

Workshop on 'Biodiversity Conservation of River Pamba' at Pathanamthitta on September 19th 2012

All-India American Studies Workshop, September 20-21, 2012, UNESCO Chair for Peace and Intercultural Understanding, Malaviya Centre for Peace Research, Banaras Hindu University & Public Affairs Section, U.S. Embassy, New Delhi at Benares Hindu University

Paper presented at the Millennium Conference, 2010 ('International Relations in Dialogue') at London School of Economics and Politics on *Politics of North- South Dialogue: A Constructivist Explanation to the current Impasse in Doha Round Negotiations* (Co-author Schieder Siegfried) on Oct 17, 2010

WTO, TRIPS and South Asia: Does International Law Penalise the Poor?, Paper presented at Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, EUI, Florence on 28th April, 2010.

FICCI and Intellectual Property India's programme on *Intellectual Property Sensitization*, held on 26th February 2009 at New Delhi, India participated.

'Managing the Global Financial Crisis: The Role of WTO' in *Global Financial Crisis: Implications for India* conducted by Centre for Trade, Development and Governance, School of International Relations and Politics, Mahatma Gandhi University (January 12-13, 2009) at Kottayam, Kerala.

'The Global Corporations and WTO Litigation in Patent Disputes (1995-2004)', paper presented at International Conference of Jurists on "Terrorism, Rule of Law & Human Rights" (December 13-14, 2008) at New Delhi, India.

'The UN vs. WTO: Does WTO's Treaty Interpretation of TRIPS violate Jus Cogens?', *Round Table Discussion on UN and World Politics*, School of International Relations and Politics, Mahatma Gandhi University, 24 October 2007.

Textiles Committee, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, Regional Stakeholders Consultation workshop on *NAMA and Agriculture*, October 30, 2006, at Chennai

Individual Research projects

Government of Kerala / BIIC research project. Ten lakhs on *University Innovation Systems: Assessing Academia Industry Linkage in Kerala..*

World Bank/ DAC, Government of Kerala.

UGC Major project on *WTO, Public Health and South Asia*

UGC Minor project. WTO's Interpretation of Special and Differential Treatment Principles.

Consultancy

Consultancy, World Bank Project on *Asset Management*, 2015-17.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

International Studies Association (ISA), USA.

American Society of International Law (ASIL).

American Political Science Association (APSA).

European Society of International Law (ESIL).

CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Science and Technology in International Relations
 - Politics of Outer Space
 - Innovation Systems/ Science Diplomacy
- International Political Economy
 - Political Economy of WTO
- US Foreign Policy
- Indian Constitution
- Psephology