

Curriculum Vitae

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Areas of Academic Research Interest

Social and Cultural History of modern India, colonialism, intellectual history, history of education in modern and contemporary India, environmental history, cultural nationalism, politics of religious conversion

Educational Qualifications

Dr. M. Christhu Doss completed his Ph. D., at Centre for Historical Studies, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University in 2011. I worked on *Missionary Politics and Depressed Classes in Tamil Nadu 1813-1947*.

Completed M. Phil from the Department of History, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu in 2000.

Completed M.A. in History from Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu in 1999.

Completed B.A. in History from St. John's College, Palayamkottai, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu in 1997

Awards and Fellowships

Dr. Doss was awarded a Gold Medal for being the topper in Master's Degree by Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu, 1999.

Junior Research Fellow, Indian Council of Historical Research, New Delhi from October, 2006 to March, 2007.

Member/Editorial Board/Academic Journals

Member, Editorial Board, *South Asia Research* (Sage Publications)

Research/Post-Doctoral Work Experience

Dr. M. Christhu Doss has worked on *Towards Freedom* Project, sponsored by Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) from October 2009 to 7 October 2010.

He has worked as a Research Associate on *Selected Works of Jawaharlal Nehru*, at Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Fund, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library from 8 October 2010 till 30 June 2015.

Teaching /Courses Taught

Courses taught at Miranda House, University of Delhi [1 June 2015-20 May 2016]

1. *Environmental issues in India* [I B.A. Hons.]
2. *History of the United States of America* [II B.A. History Hons.]
3. *Making of Contemporary India* [III B.A. History Hons.]

Courses taught at Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi [1 August 2016 to till date]

1. *History of India from the Earliest Times till 300 AD* [I B.A. Programme]

2. *Environmental Science* [I B.com Hons]
3. *Transformations in History* [Annual Mode II B.El.Ed]
4. *Issues in Contemporary World* [III B.A Programme]
5. *Rise of the Modern West* [II BA History Hons]
6. *Art appreciation: An introduction to Indian Art* [II B.A. History Hons.]
7. Understanding Heritage [II B.A History Hons]
8. Cultural Diversity in India [I BA Programme]
9. History of India 1206-1700, II BA History Programme]
10. Archives and Museums [III BA Prog.]
11. Colonialism, Culture and Power [III B EL ED]
12. Communicating Culture: Tellings, Representations and Leisure [I BA Programme, MIL, I Semester]
13. Environmental Studies [I BA Prog.]
14. An Introduction to Archaeology, II BA Programme, IV Semester]
15. Inequality and Difference [II BA Programme, MIL, IV Semester]
16. History of India 1700-1950 [II BA History Hons.]

Papers Presented at National and International Conferences

1. Paper presented at the History Association Conference, Centre for Historical Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, entitled "*Re-visioning Caste Question: Missionary politics in Tamil Nadu 1706-1813*" on 13 March, 2008.
2. Presented a paper on *Colonialism, Ethnogenesis and Identity: A Case Study of Nadars in Madras Presidency* in a National Seminar, conducted by Centre for the Study of Discrimination and Exclusion, School of Social Sciences, sponsored by Indian Council of Historical Studies, dated 24 November, 2009.
3. Presented a paper on *Contextualising Missionary Encounters in Colonial South India* at a seminar on Edinburgh 1910 Re-visited, organized by Centre for Mission Studies, UBS, Pune on 13-15 January, 2010.
4. Presented a paper at the Centre for German Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University on *Connected Histories at a Glance: Protestantism, and Colonialism-An Indian Scenario* held on 2-5 March 2010.

5. Paper on *Missionaries and the Discourse of 'Dravidian' Politics* at a national seminar, held from 24-03-2010 to 26-03-2010, at the Centre for the Discrimination and Exclusion, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University.

6. Presented paper at the World Classical Tamil Conference, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu on 25 June 2010 on *Protestantism and the Making of Communal Politics in Colonial Tamil Nadu*.

7. *Missionaries and Minority Politics in Independent India* at South Asia Institute of Advanced Christian Studies, Bangalore, 17-18 December 2011.

8. *Imperial Missions and Cultural Confrontations in South India in the Twentieth Century* held at Nehru Memorial Museum and Library [NMML], on 25 July 2012.

9. Presented a paper on *Contesting Missionary Modernity in Colonial South India*, at Centre for the Study of Religion and Society, Department of Sociology, Jadavpur University on 8 April 2016.

10. Presented a paper at National Law University, Delhi titled *Linguistic Nationalism and the Discourse of Rahtrabhasha, 1920-1964* on 11 January 2018.

Academic Visits to Foreign Countries

1. Germany

Presented a paper on *Protestant Missionaries and Depressed Classes in Southern Tamil Nadu 1813-1947* at the International Summer School held during 14-25 July 2008, organized by Francke Foundation, Halle, Germany. The paper was discussed on 15 July 2008.

2. Hong Kong

Presented a paper in the conference on Love in the Religions of the World entitled *Cultural Encounters between the West and the East*, organized by School of Modern Languages and Cultures, Faculty of Arts, The University of Hong Kong on 24 October 2009.

3. Edinburgh

Presented a paper *Indian Nationalism and the Making of Constitution* at Yale-Edinburgh Conference of History of the Missionary Movement and World Christianity, held at New College, University of Edinburgh, 28-30 June, 2012.

Selected Publications in Journals [UGC Approved] and Chapters in Books

1. *Contextualising Missionary Engagement: Transition from Christianisation of India from Indianisation of Christianity in Colonial South India—Edinburgh Conference and After*, in Frampton F. Fox (ed.), *Edinburgh 1910 Revisited: 'Give Us Friends!'*, Asian Trading Corporation, Bangalore, and Union Biblical Seminary, Pune, 2010. (ISBN 81-7086-554-9)

2. *Missionary Insurgency and Marginality of Modernity in South India*, *South Asia Research*, Sage Publications, Vol. 33 No. 3, November 2013, pp. 223-244. (Sage Publications, ISSN 0262-7280)

3. *Repainting Religious Landscape: Economics of Conversion and Making of Rice Christians in Colonial South India (1781-1800) Studies in History*, Vol. 30, NO. 2, August 2014, pp. 179-200 (Sage Publications, ISSN: 0257-6430).

4. *Sandwiched Nehru: Religious Minorities and Indian Secularism*, *Economic and Political Weekly* [Special Article] Vol. 53, Issue No. 29, 21 July 2018, pp. 38-47 (ISSN 0012-9976).

5. *Indian Christians and the Making of Composite Culture in South India*, *South Asia Research*, Vol. 38(3): 1–21, November 2018, pp. 247-267 (Sage Publications, ISSN 0262-7289)

6. Irmgard Den Hollander and M. Christhu Doss: *Hollowed Crowns, Composite India's Value Crisis and the Never-Ending Business of Education, South Asia Research*, Vol. 38(3), November 2018, pp. 219-228 (Sage Publications, ISSN 0262-7289).

Popular Writings

1. "Missionary education in Colonial India: An analysis," *Organiser*, November 19, 2006.
2. "Christianity and Caste," *Dalit Voice*, October 2008.
3. "Rice, Refuge and Redemption: Missionary Politics and Colonisation of Culture in Colonial South India: An Historical Analysis," *Union Biblical Seminary Journal*, Vol. 7, No. 1, March, Pune, 2010, pp.37-58.
4. "Uncapping the Springs of Localization: Christian Acculturation in South India in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries," *Journal of Inter Religious Studies, Issue 7*, August 2011, pp.17-30.
5. "What History tells us about discussions around Hindi as Rashtra Bhasha," published in *The Wire*, 25 September 2019.
6. "Mahatma Gandhi's Tryst with RSS," published in *Organiser*, 15 October 2019.

Ongoing research works/Accepted for Publication

1. Dr. Doss is working on a manuscript titled: *Mahatma Gandhi and the RSS: The Cultural Grounding of Social Representations* to be published in the journal *Indian Historical Review*.
2. His paper *Negotiating Seclusion: Colonial Mission and Zenana Women in 19th Century India* has been accepted for publication by Studies in World Christianity, University of Edinburgh.

3. The Cambridge University Press has accepted his book proposal *Negotiating Marginality: Mission and Modernity in Colonial South India* for publication.
4. His work *Communalising the Secular* is in progress with Har-Anand Publications, New Delhi.
5. Another work titled *Decolonising the Indian Mind: India After the First War of Independence* is with Routledge publication.

Yours sincerely,
Dr. M. Christhu Doss