

CURRICULUM VITAE

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I, Aswathi A Nair, submitted my Ph.D thesis under the supervision of Prof. S.N. Malakar in July 2018 at the Centre for African Studies Department, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India. The topic of my research is “*The Political Economy of Transformation in Zimbabwe, 1980-2013*”. I was awarded the Doctor of Philosophy Degree in International Studies, with specialization in African Studies, by Jawaharlal Nehru University on 23rd October 2019. I have been a recipient of the renowned **Doctoral Fellowship of Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)** from 2017-2018. Concurrently, I was also awarded a travel grant by ICSSR for undertaking my field research work in Zimbabwe. I am at present working as Assistant Professor (Ad hoc) in the Political Science Department of Jesus & Mary College, University of Delhi, India.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

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| <p>PhD (2013-2018) from Centre for African Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University on <i>“The Political Economy of Transformation in Zimbabwe, 1980-2013”</i></p> | <p>Submitted thesis on 25th July 2018 and awarded Doctorate on 23rd October, 2019. Recipient of the <i>ICSSR Doctoral Fellowship</i> since January 2017. Also awarded <i>ICSSR</i> travel grant for field trip to Zimbabwe. I completed my field trip in Zimbabwe under the guidance of Dr. Donald P Chimanikire, Chairperson of the Political and Administrative Studies Department in University of Zimbabwe, Harare.</p> |
| <p>M.Phil (2011-2013) on <i>“Political Turmoil in Madagascar: 2002-2012”</i> from Centre for African Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi</p> | <p>Secured Grade point A for the M.Phil Dissertation with a final grade of 7.37/9 in the overall M.Phil course.</p> |
| <p>M.A (2009-2011) in Political Science from Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Delhi, Delhi</p> | <p>Secured 994/1600 (62.12%, First Division) and came second in the University.</p> |
| <p>B.A (Hons.) (2006-2009) in Political Science from Daulat Ram College, University of Delhi, Delhi.</p> | <p>Secured 714 /1100 (64.9%, First Division) and came second in the University.</p> |
| <p>CBSE AISSCE (2006) from St. Peters Senior Secondary School, Kadayiruppu, Ernakulam, Kerala</p> | <p>74.8%</p> |
| <p>CBSE AISSE (2004) from M.E.T Public School, Perumbavoor, Ernakulam, Kerala</p> | <p>90.4%</p> |

PUBLICATIONS:

ARTICLES IN REFERRED JOURNALS

1. “*State, Capital & Labour: Contours of a Political Economy in Transition in Zimbabwe*” in a quarterly journal, *Annals of Multi-Disciplinary Research* (ISSN 2249-8893, Vol.VII, Issue I) in March 2017.
2. “*End of Mugabe’s Regime and the Beginning of a New Mugabean Regime: Reworking the Praxis of Politics and Power in Present-Day Zimbabwe*” in the *Economic & Political Weekly* (ISSN 0012-9976, Vol.LV, No.35) on 29 August 2020.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

1. 3 Chapters in the Edited Volume “*Mistaking Wealth Accumulators as Wealth Creators: An Analysis of the Economic Survey, 2019-2020*”, published by the Centre for Financial Accountability in February 2020. Following are the 3 chapters:
 - a) Hunger and Malnutrition in the times of Thalinomics.
 - b) What lies behind the Glorified Numbers on Social Infrastructure, Employment and Human Development?
 - c) Markets and Debts: Knocking at the Wrong Door.
2. “*Delineating the Western Orders of Rights and Reason in Post-Colonial Africa: An Appraisal of the Zimbabwean Variant Under and After Mugabe*” in the Edited Book Volume to be published by the African Association of Political Science in May, 2022.

ARTICLES ON WEBSITE

1. Global Mass Protests: Why the Ubiquitous Outrage?, published at <http://www.cenfa.org/publications/> on 24 November, 2019.
2. Corona Uncovering the Cracks in Capitalism, published at <http://www.cenfa.org/publications/> on 17 April, 2020.
3. Social Ownership of Renewable Energy: Crisis and Prospects in the African Context, published at <http://www.cenfa.org/publications/> on 4 September, 2020.
4. Energy Conundrums in the Post-Covid Indian Economy, published at <http://www.cenfa.org/publications/> on 18 September, 2020.

PAPERS PRESENTATIONS:

1. ***“Marxism and the Women’s Question: A Critical Study of the Revolutionary Left Movements’ Understanding of Gender and Patriarchy”*** in the *International Conference on Marxism & Contemporary South Asia: Relevance and Issues* organized by Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences, South Asian University & Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung held in New Delhi, India in November 2016.
2. ***“Comprehending the Resistance to the Globalization of Human Rights and Democracy: A Case Study of Post-colonial Zimbabwe under Robert Mugabe”*** at the International DAKAM [Eastern Mediterranean Research Centre] Conference held at Istanbul, Turkey, 20-21 April 2018.
3. ***“The Violence of Exclusion and the Contours of Spatial Inequalities: The Conspicuous Case of the Indian Muslims”*** at the First International Graduate Student Conference on *“Towards Anti-Hegemonic Knowledge Paradigms: Space, Place, Mobility and Power”* organized by the Birzeit University in Palestine, May 8-10, 2018.

4. “*Delineating the Western Orders of Rights and Reason in Post-Colonial Africa: An Appraisal of the Zimbabwean Variant Under and After Mugabe*” at the African Association of Political Science Conference held virtually from 25-27 March, 2021.

WORK EXPERIENCE:

- **Senior Research Associate, Centre for Financial Accountability**
 - After my PhD submission in July 2018, I started working as a Senior Research Associate in the Energy Finance division of Centre for Financial Accountability based in New Delhi, India. CFA aims to strengthen and improve financial accountability within India by analyzing and monitoring the role of national and international financial institutions and their impact on development, human rights and environment. I was specifically engaged in the preparatory works of two symposiums on *Energy Finance* and the *Political Economy of Energy Transition* in the country, that CFA hosted in collaboration with Indian Institute of Technology, Madras, India on the 16th and 17th of August 2009 at IIT Madras, and again between 7th to 18th December 2020 on an online forum, respectively. The Conferences were an attempt to establish a dialogue amongst bankers, activists, policy analysts and other stakeholders on the need to finance a robust energy regime in India, and received outstanding responses from both within and outside the country.
 - Worked as the team lead for the development of a *Tool book on judicious renewable energy investments* in India to facilitate a critical understanding of the viability of alternative energy models emerging out of the ongoing energy transitions from coal to renewables.

- Worked as the project lead for the working paper on *Women's Voices in Energy Development* that attempted to mainstream gender conversations within the sustainable energy paradigm in India, including the indispensable role of women in influencing environmental consciousness in energy policy-making and climate change negotiations.

- Currently working as **Assistant Professor (Ad hoc)** in the Political Science Department of Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi.