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Dr. V.J. Varghese is specialized in modern Indian history and his areas of interest include economic history, transnational migrations, modern subjectivities, regional modernities and modern Kerala. He taught at the Centre for Development Studies (CDS), Trivandrum (2007-2011) and Central University of Punjab, Bathinda (2011-2014), earlier. He was Charles Wallace India Trust Fellow at the University of Edinburgh; Research Excellence Visiting Fellow at CEU, Budapest; Visiting Senior Research Fellow at ARI, National University of Singapore and an ESRC Visiting Fellow at the University of Sussex.

1. Fellowships and Awards:

- ❖ **Charles Wallace India Trust Fellow**, Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities (IASH), **University of Edinburgh**, UK, Sept – Dec 2018.
- ❖ **Research Excellence Visiting Fellow**, at the **Central European University, Budapest**, in the Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Winter and Spring, 2017-18.
- ❖ **Visiting Senior Research Fellowship**, at Asia Research Institute (ARI), **National University of Singapore**, Singapore, May- July 2014.
- ❖ **Visiting Fellowship from the British Economic and Social Research Council** under the ESRC-ICSSR India-UK Scholar Exchange programme, 2010 -2011, at the **University of Sussex**, UK.

2. Major Research Projects:

- “Brokering Mobility: Migration Brokerage between India and the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries” IOE funded, University of Hyderabad.
- “Governance of Labour Migration in India,” research project funded by the International Labour Organization (ILO), October 2007 to June 2009 (jointly at CDS).
- “Beyond the Existing Structures: Revamping Overseas Recruitment System in India,” Research conducted for the Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs (MOIA), Government of India, New Delhi, September 2007 to January 2009. (jointly at CDS).
- “Transnationalisation, Migration and Transformation: Multi-Level Analysis of Migrant Transnationalism,” research project on migrations from the Indian Punjab to the U.K, funded by the European Commission, March 2008 to March 2011. See for details the web site: (<http://www.uta.fi/laitokset/kasvlait/projektit/transnet/index.php>) (jointly at CDS).

Publications

1. Books/Journals Published:

Dreaming Mobility and Buying Vulnerability: Overseas Recruitment Practices and its Discontents in India, New Delhi: **Routledge**, 2011 (Co-authors: S. Irudaya Rajan and M.S. Jayakumar)

Co-editor, *Migration, Mobility and Multiple Affiliations: Punjabis in a Transnational World*, New Delhi: **Cambridge University Press**, 2015.

Co-Editor, *Anjuru Varshathe Keralam: Chila Arivadayaalangal* (Malayalam) [Five Hundred Years of Kerala: A Cultural Study], 1999, Tapasam, Changanasserry, 6 reprints subsequently.

Issue Editor, Special issues of *Tapasam Journal for Kerala Studies*, Vol. 1, No.2 (October, 2005), Vol. 2, No. 3 & 4 (2007), Vol. 4, No. 1-4, (2010), Vol. 8, No. 1-4, (2013).

2. Research Papers Published:

“An Industry of Migration Frauds? State Policy, Migration Assemblages and Migration of Nurses from India” in Michiel Baas (ed), *The Migration Industry in Asia: Brokerage, Gender and Precarity*, Singapore: **Palgrave Macmillan**, 2020: 109-131.

“For God and the Country”: Agricultural Migrations and Their Moralities in South India” in Filippo Osella and Daromir Rudnyckyj (eds), *Religion and the Morality of the Market*, London: **Cambridge University Press**, 2017: 240-62.

“Histories of Proletarianisation: Migration and Adivasi Displacement as Modernisation” in Kailash Sarap and Venkatanarayana Motkuri (eds), *Adivasis in India: Resources, Livelihoods and Institutions*, New Delhi: **Bloomsbury**, 2017: 88-100.

“A Troubled Home?: Transnational Properties and its Discontents in Indian Punjab” in Md Mizanur Rahman and Tan Tai Yong (eds), *International Migration and Development in South Asia*, New York / London: **Routledge**, 2015, pp. 101- 129 (Co-author: Vivek Thakur).

“Migration as a Transnational Enterprise: Migrations from Eastern Punjab and the Question of Social Licitness” in S. Irudaya Rajan, V J Varghese and A.K. Nanda (eds), *Migration, Mobility and Multiple Affiliation: Punjabis in a Transnational World*, New Delhi: **Cambridge University Press**, 2015, pp. 172-201 (Co-author: S. Irudaya Rajan).

“Indian Punjabi skilled migrants in Britain: of brain drain and under-employment,” *Journal of Management Development*, 32(2), 2013, pp. 182-92 (Co-authors: Kaveri Qureshi and Filippo Osella).

“Possibilities of Reinventing Diasporic Connections with Central Asia: Reflections through History,” in Rashpal Malhotra, Sucha Singh Gill and Neetu Gaur (eds), *Perspectives on Bilateral and Regional Cooperation: South and Central Asia*, Chandigarh: **CRRID**, 2013, pp. 345-58.

“Protecting Women or Endangering the Emigration Process: Emigrant Women Domestic Workers, Gender and State Policy” *Economic and Political Weekly*, 47(43), 2012, pp. 56-66 (Co-authored with Praveena Kodoth).

“Transnationalism and ambivalence: the Punjab-UK linkage,” Chapter Two in P Pitkänen, A İçduygu and D Sert (eds) *Migration and Transformation: Multi-Level Analysis of Migrant Transnationalism*, Dordrecht/London: **Springer**, 2012, pp. 13-62 (Co-authored with Kaveri Qureshi, Filippo Osella and S. Irudaya Rajan).

“Emigration of Female Domestic Workers from Kerala: Gender, State Policy and Politics of Movement,” in Barak Kalir and Malini Sur (eds), *Transnational Flows and Permissive Politics*:

Ethnographies of Human Mobilities in Asia, Amsterdam: **Amsterdam University Press**, 2012, pp. 169-88, (Co-authored with Praveena Kodoth).

“Broadening Exchanges and Changing Institutions: Multiple Sites of Economic Transnationalism,” in S.I. Rajan (ed), *India Migration Report 2012: Global Financial Crisis, Migration and Remittance*, New Delhi/Abingdon: **Routledge**, 2012, pp. 322-346 (Co-authored with S. Irudaya Rajan).

“Emigration of Female Domestic Workers from Kerala: Gender, State Policy and the Politics of Movement,” **CDS Working Paper** 445, Trivandrum: Centre for Development Studies, 2011, (Co-authored with Praveena Kodoth)

“To Survive or Flourish? Minority Rights and Syrian Christian Community Assertions in the 20th Century Travancore/Kerala,” *History and Sociology of South Asia*, 5(2), 2011, pp. 103-28, (Co-author: J. Devika).

“Governmentality, Social Stigma and Quazi Citizenship: Gender Negotiations of Migrant Women Domestic Workers from Kerala,” in S.I. Rajan and Marie Percot (eds), *Dynamics of Indian Migration: Historical and Current Perspectives*, New Delhi: **Routledge**, 2011, pp. 224-48, (with S.I. Rajan).

“Outside and Inside the Nation: Migrant Narratives and the Making of a Productive Citizen,” in *Discourses: Social Sciences & Humanities*, 1(1), 2010, pp. 1-16

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“Overseas Recruitment in India: Structures, Practices and Remedies,” **CDS Working Paper** 421, Centre for Development Studies, Trivandrum, 2010, (with S. Irudaya Rajan and M.S. Jayakumar)

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“The Alluring Music of Labour: Migrations and the Recreation of Syrian Christian Community in Kerala,” *Tapasam Journal for Kerala Studies*, 2(3&4), 2007, pp. 501-38.

“Modernity, Development and Discourse: Situating Migration to Malabar,” in Rattanlal Hangloo and A. Murali (eds), *New Themes in Indian History: Art, Politics, Gender, Environment and Culture*, New Delhi: **Black & White**, 2007, pp. 468-83.

“Migrant narratives: Reading Literary Representations of Christian Migration in Kerala, 1920-1970,” in *Indian Economic and Social History Review*, 40(2), 2006, pp. 227-55.

“De-scribing Self: Reading Migrant Novels on Malabar Migration”, *Tapasam Journal for Kerala Studies*, Vol. 1, No. 2, October 2005, pp. 327-54, 109-18.

“Histories of Elamkulam: Some Reconsiderations” (Malayalam), in V J Varghese, N. Vijya Mohanan Pilla and Scaria Zacharia (eds), *Anjuru Varshathe Keralam: Chila Arivadayaalangal*, pp. 136-53.

“Looking Beyond the Emigration Act 1983: Some Revisiting the Recruitment Practices in India,” in S. Irudaya Rajan (ed.), *Governance and Labour Migration: India Migration Report 2010*, New Delhi: **Routledge**, 2010.
