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CURRICULUM VITAE

I am currently Professor, Gender and Development at the School of International Development, University of East Anglia, UK. With over 30 years' experience as a field-level practitioner, trainer, researcher and teacher, I have worked extensively in the field of gendered land relations, agriculture and food and nutrition security, migration, education and intra-household relations, mainly in South Asia. My book entitled "'Good women do not inherit Land": Politics of Land and Gender in India' was published in 2008 by Social Science Press, New Delhi, and republished in 2012. I currently have research projects in both South Asia and East Africa. At a macro-level, I have worked on country-level analyses of the gender differentiated impacts of growth processes in India and Nigeria.

Qualifications

- 2002 PhD, Gender and Development, University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK. Thesis entitled "Standing One's Ground: Gender, Land and Livelihoods in the Santal Parganas, Jharkhand, India".
- 1994 MA (distinction), Gender Analysis in Development, University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK.
- 1985 Post Graduate Diploma in Rural Management, Institute of Rural Management, Anand, Gujarat (ranked amongst first three in batch).
- 1983 BA (first), History Honours, University of Delhi (ranked 3rd in University).

Employment

- Aug 2012 - Professor, Gender and Development School of International Development, University of East Anglia, Norwich
- Aug 2002-12 Senior Lecturer, School of International Development, University of East Anglia.
- 2001-2003 Social Development Consultant to DFID Bangladesh (Education Sector)
- 1998-2001 Programme Officer, Asian South Pacific Bureau of Adult Education (Part-time)
- 1996-1998 Independent Consultant and Researcher.
- 1995-1996 Senior Adviser, Gender and Development, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, New Delhi.
- 1992-1993 Research Fellow, National Institute of Adult Education, New Delhi.
- 1991-1992 Consultant to Unicef, India on Women's Development Programmes.
- 1985-1991 Project Manager, Mahila Sewa Trust's Jabalpur Women Bidi Workers Project.

Recent Research/Consultancy Awards

- 1) PI for India on research project 'Migration and collectives as pathways out of poverty: Gendered vulnerabilities and capabilities of fishing communities in Asia'
- 2) Gender Lead, Research Programme Consortium 'Leveraging Agriculture for Nutrition in South Asia' (LANSA), August 2013-2017.
- 3) Team member, "ASSAR: Adaptation at Scale in Semi-Arid Regions" for the Collaborative Adaptation Research Initiative in Africa and Asia (CARIAA) call, March 2014-2018.
- 4) External Coordinator, UNRISD research project 'When and why do states respond to women's claims?: Understanding gender egalitarian policy change in Asia', May 2013-April 2016.
- 5) Commissioned by IFPRI to write a paper on Gender Justice and Food Security in India, 2015-16.
- 6) Commissioned by the World Bank to co-author the background paper on India for the World Development Report 2012 on Gender and Development, and to write a chapter on gender and land in India for the India Development Report 2013.
- 7) Team member, ESRC-DFID research project on intra-household allocations, 2007-10.
- 8) DFID Research grants for assessments of Gender and Growth in India (2007) and Nigeria (2008).
- 9) Research grant from DRC on Migration, Globalisation & Poverty for a study of "Gender Differences In Migration Opportunities: Implications For Educational Choices And Outcomes", 2005-7.

Selected Recent Publications

- Rao, N. (2017 forthcoming). Global Agendas, Local Norms: Mobilizing around Unpaid Care and Domestic Work in Asia. *Development and Change*
- Rao, N. (2017). Assets, Agency and Legitimacy: Towards a Relational Understanding of Gender Equality Policy and Practice. *World Development*. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.worlddev.2017.02.018>.
- Rao, N and M.S Swaminathan (2017) A Farmer-Led Approach to Achieving a Malnutrition-Free India. *Agricultural Research*. 6(1): 1-7. DOI 10.1007/s40003-016-0240-8
- Cagna, P and N. Rao (2016) Feminist mobilisation for policy change on violence against women: insights from Asia, *Gender & Development*. 24(2): 277-290.
- Mitra, A and N. Rao (2016). Families, farms and changing gender relations in Asia. In: FAO and MSSRF (eds.) *Family farming: Meeting the zero hunger challenge*. New Delhi. Academic Foundation: 41-124.
- Rao, N (2015) Marriage, Violence, and Choice: Understanding Dalit Women's Agency in Rural Tamil Nadu. *Gender and Society*. 29(3): 410-433.
- Rao, N (2015) Transnational Remittances and Gendered Status Enhancement in Rural Bangladesh, In: Hoang, L.A and B.S.A.Yeoh (eds.) *Transnational Labour Migration, Remittances and the Changing Family in Asia*, Palgrave Macmillan, London, pp. 27-49.
- Rao, N (2014) Caste, Kinship and Life-course: Rethinking Women's Work and Agency in Rural South India. *Feminist Economics*, 20(4): 78-102.
- Rao, N (2014) Migration, mobility and changing power relations: Aspirations and praxis of Bangladeshi migrants. *Gender, Place and Culture*. 21(7): 872-887.
- Rao, N & A. Mitra (2013) Migration, Representations and Social Relations: Experiences of Jharkhand Labour to Western Uttar Pradesh, *Journal of Development Studies*, 49(6): 846-860.
- Locke, C, Seeley, J & N. Rao (2013) Migration and Social Reproduction at Critical Junctures in Family Life Course. *Third World Quarterly*, 34:10, 1881-1895.
- Rao, N (2012) 'I want to be respected': Migration, mobility and the construction of alternate educational discourses in rural Bangladesh, 2012. *Anthropology and Education Quarterly*, 43(4): 415-428.
- Rao, N (2012) Male 'providers' and female 'housewives': A gendered co-performance in rural North India. *Development and Change*, 43(5):1025-48.
- Rao, N (2012) Breadwinners and Homemakers: Migration and Changing Conjugal Expectations in Rural Bangladesh. *Journal of Development Studies*, 48(1): 26-40
- Rao, N (2011) Respect, status and domestic work: Female migrants at home and work, *European Journal of Development Research*. 23: 758-73.
- Rao, N (2011) Confronting poverty and educational inequalities: Madrasas as a strategy for contesting dominant literacy in rural Bangladesh, *International Journal of Educational Development*, 31: 623-33.
- Rao, N, (2010) "Is the New India bypassing women? Gendered implications of India's growth", in D'Costa, A.P. (ed.) *A New India? Critical Reflections in the long twentieth century*. Anthem, UK: 99-126.
- Rao, N et al. (2009) *Gender and Growth Assessment Nigeria* (in 3 volumes), Report submitted to DFID and CIDA. <http://www.uea.ac.uk/dev/publications/otherarticles/gender-growth-nigeria-overview>
- Rao, N et al (2008) *Gender Caste and Growth Assessment – India* (in 3 volumes), Report submitted to DFID. <http://www.uea.ac.uk/dev/publications/RPP8>
- Rao, N, (2010) "Aspiring for distinction: Gendered educational choices in an Indian village". Special issue of *Compare on Migration, Education and Socio-Economic Mobility* (40:2), guest edited by N. Rao.
- Rao, N, (2008) "Good women do not inherit Land": Politics of Land and Gender in India. Social Science Press and Orient Blackswan, New Delhi.
- Rao, N (2007) Custom And The Courts: Ensuring Women's Rights To Land, Jharkhand, India. *Development and Change*. Vol 38(2): 299-319.
- Rao, N (2006) Land rights, gender equality and household food security: exploring the conceptual links in the case of India, *Food Policy*. 31:180-93.