

Biography

I did my Bachelor of Divinity (BD) and Master of Theology (MTh) at the United Theological College, Bangalore, India. Then I moved to the University of Edinburgh for doctoral studies in the Department of Religious Studies where I did an ethnographic research on interreligious dialogue. Sociology and Political Science are other subjects I have studied at postgraduate level.

Before moving to Cambridge, I was teaching in India in the fields of Religion, Theology and Mission. I worked as Associate Professor, Dean of Theology and Dean of Postgraduate Studies at the Union Biblical Seminary (Serampore University), India. I have taught courses including Introduction to Asian Religions, Detailed Study of Hinduism, Interfaith Relations, Contextual Theologies, Secularism, Theological Education in Asia, Science and Religion, and Green Theology. I have supervised theses/dissertations on topics related to interfaith marriage, contextual theologies, theology of religions, pluralism, public/political theologies, science and religion, religious fundamentalisms, religion and Marxism, ecclesiology, and comparative theology.

I have been also involved in interfaith work for many years, with a focus on relations among people in every day ordinary life. I have worked as Asia Editor and General Editor in the [Mission Theology in the Anglican Communion](#). I serve as a visiting faculty member in colleges/universities in India and UK. I did a sabbatical research in 2017 at the Wycliffe Hall, Oxford. Since 2017, I am a Visiting Fellow at [St. John's College, Durham University](#).

Currently, I teach and supervise in the [Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge](#) and in the [Cambridge Theological Federation](#).

I am also Project Manager for [Theological Education for Mission in the Anglican Communion](#). As part of this role, I am involved in organising inter-continental conferences on the three priorities of the Archbishop of Canterbury (Reconciliation, Evangelism and Witness, and Prayer), and editing three books preparing for Lambeth Conference 2020: [Walking Together](#), [Witnessing Together](#) and *Listening Together*.

My Research Interests

- * World Christianities
- * Indian/Asian religions; Indian Christian theologies
- * Postcolonialism; subaltern movements
- * Interfaith dialogue; Issues arising from Christian relations with other religions and traditions
- * Ecumenical relations; local and grassroot ecumenism
- * Contextual theologies; lived religion/theologies
- * Religious and other fundamentalisms
- * Religion-state, religion-secular distinctions/relations
- * Peacebuilding and conflict transformation
- * Science and religion

Current Teaching

Courses:

B7 World Christianities (University of Cambridge)

BTh/DTM (University of Cambridge)

MA Theology and Practice of Mission (Cambridge Theological Federation)

MA Development of Global Christianity: Asia/India (Cambridge Theological Federation)

PhD and MPhil supervision topics:

Rastafari Environmental Ethics (University of Cambridge)

Christian Cultural Identities: Subalterns in India and the British Underclass (University of Cambridge)

Christian-Muslim relations (Cambridge Theological Federation)

Key Publications

Monographs:

- [Reconciliation: The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book 2019](#) (London: SPCK & Delhi: ISPCK, 2018).
- [The Problem with Interreligious Dialogue: Plurality, Conflict and Elitism in Hindu-Christian-Muslim Relations](#) (London: Bloomsbury, 2016).

Edited Volumes:

- (Co-editor) [Walking Together: Global Anglican Perspectives on Reconciliation](#) (2019); [Witnessing Together: Global Anglican Perspectives on Evangelism and Witness](#) (2019); [Listening Together: Global Anglican Perspectives on Prayer and the Religious Life](#) (2020). London: The Anglican Communion & Cincinnati, Ohio: The Forward Movement.
- (Co-editor) [Christian Engagement in Social Change: The Role of Theological Education](#) (New Delhi: Christian World Imprints, 2017)

Research Report:

- (Co-author) [The role of the local church in contributing to well-being in conflict affected fragile states](#). Cambridge/Teddington: Cambridge Centre of Christianity Worldwide and Tearfund, 2019.

Select Essays/Book Chapters:

- "Christian Missionary Constructions of Hinduism," *Oxford Handbook of Mission Studies*. OUP, 2020 (Forthcoming).
- ["Revisiting the Antecedents of Interreligious Dialogue"](#) in *Current Dialogue, The Ecumenical Review* 71/5 (December 2019): 719-38.
- ["The Theological Potentials of Local Ecumenical Efforts in Ordinary and Everyday Life: An Ethnographic Study of South Indian Context"](#) in *Ecclesial Practices* 5/2 (Dec 2018): 138-56.
- ["Refugee Crisis and Migration Today: Challenges for Doing Theology"](#). 120/5: 334-46.
- "The Joy of Relationships for an Anglican," in [The Joy of Being an Anglican](#), 2017, pp. 112-22.
- "Reading Martin Luther's, *The Freedom of a Christian* as Catholics and Protestants Together," *Jnanadeepa: Pune Journal of Religious Studies* 21/2 (July-December 2017): 145-62.
- ["Doing Mission in Context: Christian Mission as Invitation."](#) (2016)
- "Interpreting Christianity *in Relation to Other Religions & Secular Ideologies: The Challenge of M. M. Thomas*," *Religion & Society* 61/3 & 4 (September-December 2016): 73-101.
- "Cyprian and the Unity of the Church: The Continuing Significance of *De Ecclesiae Catholicae Unitate*," *UBS Journal* 10/2 (November 2016): 21-35.
- "K. C. Sen on Christ and Christianity," *Bangalore Theological Forum* 47/1 (June 2016): 116-31.
- "Objections to the Perspicuity and Clarity of Scripture: A Survey of Historical and Contemporary Arguments," *UBS Journal* 10/1 (March 2016): 102-45.
- "Indian Christian Responses to Anti-Conversion Activities: A Proposal for Enhancement and Alternatives," *Journal of Mission and Intercultural Studies* 3/1 (Jan-June 2016): 56-68.
- "Radical Pluralism and Christic Principle in Raimon Panikkar's Theology of Religions," *Indian Journal of Theology* 57/2 (December 2015): 76-95.
- "Religion and State in St Ambrose and in Hindu Nationalism: A Comparative Study," *Asia Journal of Theology*, 22:2 (October 2008): 350-75.
- "The Bible and Postliberal Theologies," *Bangalore Theological Forum*, XL: 1 (2008): 31-55.

Research Projects Currently Involved:

- Principal Investigator, [Local Churches' Response to Conflicts](#) (Tearfund-CCCW).

I am involved in two forthcoming monographs:

- *Reactions to Christianity in Contemporary India: Perceptions, Interpretations and Responses*. Philadelphia: Fortress Press.
- *Deconstructing the Antecedents of Interreligious Dialogue*. Postcolonialism and Religion Series. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

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