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CURRENT POSITION

GITAM School of Humanities and Social Sciences
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Bengaluru
July 2022-Present

Ghent University
Post- Doctoral Fellow

Belgium
2025-2026

EDUCATION

Freie Universität Berlin Germany
Ph. D., Department of History and Culture 2015-2024
Thesis title: **Writing Devotion on the Malabar Coast: Malayalam Poetry of the Mappila Muslims in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries**

University of Delhi Delhi
M.Phil, Department of History 2012-2015
Dissertation Title: *Islamic Modernity and Reform in Colonial Kerala: Reading Makti Tangal, 1884-1912.*

University of Delhi Delhi
Department of History 2010-2012
M. A, Modern Indian History

Hindu College Delhi
University of Delhi 2007-2010
B. A (Hons) History

BOOKS & MONOGRAPHS

- **Islamic Reformism and Malayali ummah in the Nineteenth Century Colonial Kerala, Southwest Indian Ocean.** Sweden: SASNET Publication: 2020 (ISBN: 978-91-986267-2-8).

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- **'Malayala' Islam and Modernity: Being 'Muslim' and Being 'Modern' in Colonial Kerala, Southwest Indian Ocean.** *Internation Journal for History, Culture and Modernity*, (Forthcoming 2025).

- **Beyond Linguistics: Arabic-Malayalam and the Communal Discourse in Malayalam Literary History.** *Tapasam* (A Quarterly Journal for Kerala Studies), (Forthcoming 2025).
- **What is Arabic-Malayalam? Navigating Linguistic Intersections and Unravelling the Dynamics Between Arabic and Malayalam Script and Language.** *Malayalam Research Journal* (Forthcoming 2025).
- **Shaping Muslim Literary Heritage: *Māppiḷapāṭṭū* in Malayalam Literary Culture.** Special Issue: Folklore from South Asia. *Nidan: International Journal of Indian Studies*, Vol.7, no.1 (July 2022). <https://doi.org/10.36886/nidan.2022.7.1.2> (ISSN 2414-8636).
- **Modernity and Reform in Colonial Kerala: Revisiting the Contributions of Sayyid Sanaullah Makti Tangal.** *Social Orbit*, Vol. 3, No. 1 (ISSN 2395-7719), 9-31.

BOOK CHAPTERS- ENGLISH

- **“Memories of Suffering: Vernacular Hagiographies and the Historical Sensibilities of the Nineteenth Century Malabar Muslims,”** in *Brill Handbook of Indian Memory Studies*, (Forthcoming 2025).
- **"Embodied Charisma in *Mālappāṭṭu*: Sainly Piety and Sacred Sovereignty in the Mappila Mindscape of Colonial Malabar,"** in *Exploring Sovereignty: Engagements, Contestations, and Fabulations from the Global South*, ed. Filippo Osella and R Santhosh. Cambridge University Press (Forthcoming 2025).
- **“Saints Textualized: Pious Commemoration of Friends of God and Vernacular Hagiographies in Nineteenth Century Malabar,”** in *Media Technology and Cultures of Memory Mapping Indian Narratives*, ed. Elwin Susan John and Amal P Mathews, London: Routledge, 2024.
- **“Entanglement of Arabic-Malayalam Print Culture and Mappila Community Formation in Colonial Kerala,”** in *The Universe of Words: Two years of Malayalam Printing*, ed. Babu Cherian. Kottayam: Benjamin Bailey Foundation, 2021 (ISBN 978-93-91946-16-6)

BOOK CHAPTERS- MALAYALAM

- **“Politics of Marginalization: Arabic-Malayalam and Mappila Literature in Kerala Literary History,”** in *1921: A Century old History of Kerala Muslims*, ed. A P Kunhammu. Kozhikode: Vachanam Books, 2021.
- **“Hostagizing History: Commemorating the Sacrifices of 1921 Mappila Martyrs,”** in *The Malabar Revolt and Dictionary of Martyrs*, ed. Umair Bukhari. Kozhikode: IPB Books, 2021 (ISBN 978-93.91376-23-9).

EDITORIAL PUBLICATIONS

- **Dictionary of Martyrs: India's Freedom Struggle (1857-1947). Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Assam, and the North-Eastern Hill States. (1857-1920) Volume 4.** Delhi: Manak Publications & Indian Council of Historical Research, 2018 (ISBN 978-81-938176-0-5-4).
- **Dictionary of Martyrs: India's Freedom Struggle; (1857-1947). Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu Volume 5,** Delhi: Manak Publications & Indian Council of Historical Research, 2019 (ISBN 978-81-938176-1-2).

POPULAR ARTICLES

- **When History is Held Hostage: Commemorating the Continuing Sufferings of the Mappila Martyrs of 1921.** *The Wire*, 2021.
- **Captivation of Historical Records and Silencing the Martyrdom Memories** (Malayalam). *Prabodhanam Weekly*, 2021.
- **Never Hostagize History Writing** (Malayalam). *Madhyamam Daily*, 2020.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- **Locale of Ponnani as the 'Little Mecca' of Malabar: Intellectual Entanglements and Trajectories of Arabic Cosmopolis in the South-West Indian Ocean in Modern Times.** *'Little Meccas' - 7th Muhammad Alagil Chair in Arabia Asia Studies Conference.* Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, Singapore, December 1, 2022.
- **Printed Texts, Translated Ideas, Intellectual Encounters: Shaping Arabo-Islamic Print Cosmopolis in South-West Indian Ocean.** *Spiced Islam and Textual Circulations: India, Indonesia and the Indian Ocean.* Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University of Jakarta, Indonesia, 28 November 2022 (Online).
- **Marginalized Memories in Hagiographies: Vernacular Literature and Twentieth Century Malabar Muslims.** *Fifth Annual South Asia Conference,* Ireland India Institute. Dublin City University, Ireland, April 28, 2022 (Online).
- **Reflections on Muslim- Christian Intellectual Encounters: Polemics and Public Disputations in Southwest Indian Ocean in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Century.** *Decolonising Archives, Rethinking Canons: Writing Intellectual Histories of Global Entanglements,* School of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom, March 27, 2021.
- **Saintly/Sufi Piety in Mālā Literature: Muslim Liturgical Sphere and Cult of Sufi Saints in the Nineteenth Century Malabar.** *Exploring Sovereignty and Charisma:*

Engagements, Contestations and Fabulations from the Global South, Centre for Development Studies (CDS), Thiruvananthapuram, (India), December 17, 2019.

- **Interactions and Negotiations in Printed Texts and Circulated Ideas: Vernacular Islam and Arabic Cosmopolitanism in the Nineteenth Century Indian Ocean Print Cosmopolis.** *Vernacular and Cosmopolitan in South Asian Islam*, University of Pennsylvania, USA, April 6, 2019.
- **Printed Texts, Translated Ideas, and Islamic Network in Indian Ocean Littoral: Arabic Cosmopolis in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Century South-West India.** *Muslim Cultures in the Indian Ocean Diversity and Pluralism, Past and Present Conference*, The Aga Khan University Institute for the Study of Muslim Civilizations, London, UK, September 12, 2018.
- ***Madúhú Nabi and Hubbū Rasūl: Prophetic Love and Devotion in South West Indian Ocean.*** *Global History Student Conference Istanbul*, History Department of Istanbul Sehir University, Turkey, June 23, 2018
- **'Mawlid' in Mappila Mindscape: Muslim Social Life in Colonial Kerala, South-West India.** *Ways of Knowing: 5th Annual Graduate Conference on Religion*, Harvard Divinity School, Cambridge, USA, October 28, 2016.
- **Muslim Print Sphere and New Public: Language and Identity in Colonial Kerala, South India.** *24th European Conference on South Asian Studies*, Warsaw, Poland, July 28, 2016.
- **Entanglements of Print Culture and Trajectories of Community Formation: Mappila Muslims of Kerala, 1867-1924.** *18th Humboldt India Project*, Department of South Asian Studies, Institute of Asian and African Studies, Berlin, Germany, May 20, 2016.
- **Muslim-Christian Polemics and the Emergence of a Rational Muslim Discourse in Colonial South India.** *British Association of South Asian Studies Annual Conference*, University of Cambridge, London, UK, April 6, 2016.
- **Text and Performance: Muslim Print Sphere in Malabar.** Workshop on *Islam in Malabar: Discourse, Text and Public Culture*, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany 2016
- **Reading Makti Tangal: Language, Education, and Identity in Colonial Kerala, 1884-1912.** *Second Muslim South Asia (MUSA) Graduate Conference* in collaboration with The Royal Asiatic Society, London, UK, October 10, 2015.
- **Print Resistance: Marginalization of Mappilas and Resistance of Subalterns from Malabar.** *Research Scholars Seminar 'Marginalization and Resistance.'* Tata Institute of Social Science, Tuljapur Campus, Maharashtra, 2012.

INVITED TALKS

- **Public Sphere Unveiled: Exploring Muslim Intellectual Traditions and Print Culture in Colonial Kerala.** Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Tirur Campus, January 10, 2024.
- **Remembering Martyrs and Commemorating Sacrifice.** Inaugural Lecture at College of Quran & IBN Khaldun Institute of Social Sciences, Kuttiadi – Kozhikode, October 2021.
- **Studying History and Beyond.** Lecture at Marthoma College Tiruvalla, Mahatma Gandhi University, February 25, 2021.

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- **DAAD Visiting Research Fellowship** JNU, Delhi- October – December 2019
- **DFG German Research Foundation Fellowship** October 2015- March 2019
- **Certified Behavioral Mentoring Analyst (CBMA)**

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Department of History
Mount Carmel College (Autonomous)

Bengaluru
2021 August – 2022 July

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Indian Council of Historical Research New Delhi
Ministry of Culture, Government of India 2014- 2015
Research Assistant- Project 'Dictionary of Martyrs: India's Freedom Struggle (1857-1947)

Institute of Economic Growth New Delhi
University of Delhi 2013-2014
Research Assistant. Project 'Higher Education and Language Policy In India'

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Convener International Conference
Modernites Redefined: Perspectives from South Asia Bengaluru, 2024
GITAM (Deemed to be University), Bengaluru Campus

Convener of Workshop
Islam in Malabar: Discourse, Text and Public Culture Berlin, 2016
Freie Universität Berlin
Presented a paper '

Workshop 'Researching the Contemporary' Delhi, 2013
Centre for the Study of Developing Societies

Seminar Series Coordinator
History Society of Hindu College, University of Delhi

Delhi, 2009-2010

LINGUISTIC PROFICIENCY

English: Advanced Listener, Speaker, Reading, and Writing

Malayalam: Advanced Listener, Speaker, Reading, and Writing

Hindi: Advanced Listener, Speaker, Reading, and Writing

Arabic-Malayalam: Advanced Listener, Speaker, Reading, and Writing

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