Prof. Velayutham Saravanan

Velayutham Saravanan is engaged with economic and environmental history and his area of study pertaining to South India encompasses the late eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth centuries besides the contemporary period. With interdisciplinary research interests, he has made significant contributions to the fields of economic history, environmental history, agrarian history, history of water conflicts, history of Scheduled Tribes problems, labour issues, and human rights, etc. His published works demonstrate a consistent multidisciplinary approach to understand the political economy of Tamil Nadu in particular and South India in general, with contemporary relevance. He has published books, Colonialism, Environment and Tribals in South India, 1792-1947 (2017) by Routledge and Environmental History and Tribals in Modern India (2018) by Palgrave Macmillan. He has contributed a number of research articles both in national and international journals viz., Modern Asian Studies (MAS), South Asia Research (SAR), Environment and History (E&H), International Forestry Review (IFR), The International Journal of Human Rights (IJHR), Journal of Forest Economics (JFE), Indian Economic and Social History Review (IESHR), Indian Economic Journal (IEJ), Indian Journal of Agricultural Economics (IJAE), Indian Journal of Labour Economics (IJLE), Artha Vijnana, Review of Development and Change (RDC), Journal of Social and Economic Development (JSED), Economic and Political Weekly (EPW), Contemporary Perspectives: History and Sociology of South Asia, Asian Economic Review, Mainstream, Social Change, Social Action, Man and Development, Frontier, etc. Precisely, he has published more than 60 research articles both in national and international journals and presented more than 40 articles in various seminars conducted at national and international level both of historical and contemporary periods. He also delivered several invited lectures in different universities like University of Delhi, Jawaharlal Nehru University, University of Pondicherry and Ambedkar University.

Currently, his research is focused on environmental issues of contemporary period.
Book


Journal Articles


**Articles in Edited books**


**Book Reviews**


**Papers/ Lectures presented at Conferences / Seminars**

**Memorial Lecture**


Endowment Lecture


Keynote Address


Special invited Lectures


66. (2017) `Environment and Development in Contemporary India’ delivered at 120th Orientation Programme held at Academic Staff College. JMI, New Delhi, November, 16.

67. (2017) `Environmental Issues in Contemporary India’ delivered at 119th Orientation Programme held at Academic Staff College. JMI, New Delhi, August, 8.

68. (2014) `Eminent domain, Environment and Livelihood’ delivered at the Summer
Programme held at Academic Staff College. JMI, New Delhi, April 21.


72. (2013) ‘Environmental issues and challenges’ delivered at the 104th 4-Week Orientation Programme held at Academic Staff College. JMI, New Delhi, April 16.


77. (2012) ‘Colonialism and Environment in India during the pre-Forest Act period, 1800-1878’ delivered at the Department of History, University of Pondicherry, Pondicherry, March 5.

78. (2011) ‘Historical Data Sources and Its Relevance for Social Science Research’ delivered for the M.Phil Students, Department of Economics, Indira Gandhi
79. (2011) ‘Environment: A Historical Perspective’ delivered for the 8th Refresher Course in Economics’ at the Academic Staff College, organized by the Department of Economics, Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi, September 16.

80. (2011) ‘Data Sources for Social Science Research’ presented at the School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-Disciplinary Studies, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi, in April, 26.

81. (2011) ‘Colonialism and Environment in India’ presented at the School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-Disciplinary Studies, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi, in April, 18.


83. (2010) Invited lecture on ‘Forest and Environment’ delivered for the Refresher Course of ‘Geography & Environmental Studies’ at the Academic Staff College, organized by the Department of Geography, Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi, January 29.

84. (2008) Invited lecture on ‘Environmental History of India: Commercialisation or Conservation during the colonial and post-colonial experiences, 1800-2005’ delivered for the Refresher Course in Environmental Studies for College Teachers, at the Department of Environmental Biology, Faculty of Science, University of Delhi, Delhi, March 8.


86. (1999) Invited lecture on the Problems of Tribals in Tamil Nadu, at the Kolli Hills, on the 19th July, by the Tamil Nadu Tribal Association.

87. (1998) Invited lecture delivered on the Economic Conditions of Tribals in Tamil Nadu, on 23rd September, during the III State Conference of the Tamil Nadu Tribal Association, held at Sathyamangalam, Erode.

_Papers/ Lectures presented at Conferences / Seminars_


Delhi, August 18-19.


104. (2005) ‘Reinterpretation of Tribal Movements in south India’ invited paper presented (in absence) at the International Seminar on Reinterpreting Adivasi (Indigenous Peoples) Movements in south Asia, held at the Graduate Centre in the School of Humanities, and Graduate Centre in the School of Social Sciences and Cultural Studies, at the University of Sussex on 21-23 March 2005.


the Rural Employment with Focus on Non-Farm Sector, held at the National Institute of Rural development (NIRD), Hyderabad, in December 6-7.


122. (1995)'Women Vegetable Vendors in the Madras City: An Economic Analysis' (co-authored with M. Atchi Reddy) presented at the Fourth Conference of Indian Political Economy Association held at the University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, in January.


**Occasional Papers**


**Working Papers**
Centre for Jawaharlal Nehru Studies.

Group (ODG) Working Paper No.4 (along with V.Ratna Reddy, M.Gopinath 
Reddy and B.Madhusudana).

Paper No.62, Centre for Economic and Social Studies (along with V.Ratna 
Reddy, M.Gopinath Reddy, B.Madhusudana and Oliver Springate-Baginski).

Reports

to Overseas Development Group (ODG) (along with V.Ratna Reddy, 
M.Gopinath Reddy, B.Madhusudana and Oliver Springate-Baginski).

129. (2004) Sustainable Tribal Empowerment Project (STEP) CARE-Visakhapatnam: 
Baseline Survey, Submitted to CARE, Hyderabad (Jointly).

130. (2001a) Promoting the Linkages between Women’s Employment and Reduction of Child 
Labour, submitted to the International Labour Organisation (ILO), Geneva, in 
September.

131. (2000a) Socio-Economic Status of Tribals in Tamil Nadu: A Historical Perspective 
submitted to the Institute of Development Alternatives (IDA), Chennai in 
November.

to the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Ottawa, Canada, in 
December.

133. (1998a) Local Strategies for Water Supply and Conservation Management in the 
Bhavani and Noyyal River Basins, Part I- Domestic Water Supply and Industrial 
Sector submitted to the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), 
Ottawa, Canada, in August.

134. (1998b) Local Strategies for Water Supply and Conservation Management in the 
Bhavani and Noyyal River Basins, Part II- Agriculture Sector, submitted to the
International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Ottawa, Canada, in August.

He has delivered one of the prestigious Vera Anstey Memorial Lecture, viz., `Economic History of Tamil Nadu: Living Conditions of Scheduled Castes during the Post-Independence Period, 1947-2007’ at the 91st Annual Conference of Indian Economic Association (IEA), Udaipur, 2008. He also served as a Professor and Director at the School of Interdisciplinary and Trans-Disciplinary Studies (SOITS), Indira Gandhi National Open University (Central University), New Delhi (2011-12).

Earlier, he was with the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi, Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS), Hyderabad and the Giri Institute of Development Studies (GIDS), Lucknow. Awarded Ph.D in Economics by the University of Hyderabad, he was educated at the University of Madras, Chennai, (M.Phil) and Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli (M.A). Precisely, he has published more than 60 research articles both in national and international journals and presented more than 40 articles in various seminars conducted at national and international level both of historical and contemporary periods. He also refereed articles for several journals like Environment and History (White Horse Press), Conservation and Society (Medknow Publications), Society & Natural Resources (Routledge), Journal of Historical Geography (Elsevier), Artha Vijnana (Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics), Manpower Journal (Institute of Applied Manpower Research), etc and evaluated thesis for several universities like University of Madras, Bharathidasan University, University of Hyderabad etc. He also delivered several invited lectures in different universities like Jawaharlal Nehru University, University of Delhi, University of Madras, Pondicherry University and Ambedkar University.

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