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EDUCATION

- **PhD Sociology**
Loyola College of Social Sciences, University of Kerala Dec 2013
Topic: Tribal Development and Participatory Approach in Kerala: Problems and Prospects
- **MA (with first rank) Sociology**
Loyola College of Social Sciences, University of Kerala 2003-2005
- **BA English Language and Literature**
Alphonsa College, Mahatma Gandhi University 2000-2003

APPOINTMENTS

Teaching

- **Associate Professor in Sociology** August 2024- Present
Department of Sociology and Social Work
CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore
- **Assistant Professor in Sociology** June 2012- July 2024
Department of Sociology and Social Work
CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore

Prepared & delivered lectures on a range of courses including sociology of development, qualitative research, Indian society, social ecology, sociology of health, CSR. etc Introduced service learning at the undergraduate level. Engaged in research & internship supervision and Mentoring. Holds various leadership positions and plays a great role in directing teaching-learning practices at the university through Teaching Learning Enhancement Cell (TLEC).

Research

- **Research Assistant** in the project 'Women, Well-being, Work, Waste and Sanitation (4WS) conducted by Loyola College of Social Sciences and Socio-Economic Unit Foundation, Alapuzha. 17.08.2005- 31.01.2006.
- **Research Assistant** in the Tsunami aftermath assessment project by the Cleveland State University, Ohio, USA at Amritapuri. 13.07.2005- 16.08.2005.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Work in Progress

- Book: The Edge of Bengaluru and Beyond - *I am writing a book based on my ethnographic work in the urban peripheries of Bangalore covering areas of Suddaguntepalya, Madiwala and Adugodi. It is on the transformation of agrarian land to an urban place, demographic shifts and its impact.*

Completed Works

- An ethnographic study on the process of in-situ urbanization in SG Palya, Bangalore (Principal Investigator) - *Partially funded through the seed money scheme of the university that explores the processes of transformations in the urban periphery (2022-23).*
- Capacity Building for Whole Person Education in India (Co-Principal Investigator) - *Funded by United Board. June 2022- May 2024. It aims to develop a framework to address the physical, social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing of students of higher education.*
- Continuing Education for Disadvantaged Adolescents in South Asia (Research Team) - *Funded by IFCU - International Federation of Catholic Union (2017). The study examined the issues of dropouts in urban slums by using a life course approach.*
- Feasibility study to understand the scope of opening schools for underprivileged children (Co-Principal Investigator) - *Funded by Debora Foundation(2023-24); Explored the feasibility of starting a school in Doddabalapur using a mixed method approach.*
- One-day basic training programme on Human Rights (Principal Investigator) - *Funded by the National Human Rights Commission in India (2024). A grant in aid to organise a one day human rights training for youth.*

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- Paul Lelen Haokip, **Maya M** and D Benjamin Haokip 2023. An ethnographic expose of Mithun-human interrelationship among the Kuki community of Northeast India, Asian Ethnicity, DOI: [10.1080/14631369.2023.2275588](https://doi.org/10.1080/14631369.2023.2275588) (Scopus indexed)
- **Maya M.** 2022. 'Teaching Ecology and Conservation: Lessons from the COVID 19 Pandemic' in Lessons in Conservation 12(1) pp 24-25 published by Network of

Conservation Educators and Practitioners, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History. ISSN 1938-7024

- Paul Lelen Haokip, **Maya M** and D Benjamin Haokip 2022. 'Effects of the Doctrine of Discovery: A Strive to build sustainable and peaceful communities in Northeast India' in ECS Transactions. 107(1): 10183-10197. ISSN 1938-5862. (Scopus indexed)
- Arun S, **Maya M** and Priya Treesa Thomas. 2018. 'Resilience building in Children: A comprehensive approach' in Vinayasadhana. 9 (1) 25-34.
- Bachan & **Maya M** 2017. 'Rethinking Institutional Frameworks in Conservation and Governance of Forests in the Background of FRA in Kerala: From Exclusion to Inclusion'. Artha – Journal of Social Sciences. No 2, Vol. 16, Issue 2, April-June 2017, 57-73. ISSN: 0975-329X
- Arun S, Priya Treesa Thomas and **Maya M**. 2017. 'Roles and Challenges of Teachers in Ensuring Mental Health of Adolescents: A Qualitative Inquiry'. Shanlax International Journal of Arts, Science and Humanities. 5(4): 27-34. ISSN 2321-788X (UGC Approved Journal no: 43960).
- Bachan, Shewtha and **M, Maya**. 2014. 'Education and Ethnic Communities: Towards an Inclusive Framework'. Indian Educational Review. NCERT. 52(2): 113-133. ISSN 0972-561x.
- **M, Maya**. 2009. 'Stereotyping, Stigma and Development Initiatives: A Tribal Experience' in the Kerala Sociologist Vol. XXXVII No 2, December 2009 (pp 56-63).
- MK George, Kochurani Mathew, Jessy and **Maya M**. 2005. 'Wealth from Waste: Experience of Thumpoli (Kerala, South India) Women', Loyola Journal of Social Sciences, Vol. XIX No.1, January-June 2005.

Book Chapters

- **Maya M.** & Joseph, P. (2025). Bridging Gaps in Palliative Care Through Corporate Social Responsibility: Emerging Trends in India. In G. Tomaselli (Ed.), Corporate Social Responsibility in Health and Social Care (pp. 281-304). IGI Global. <https://doi.org/10.4018/979-8-3693-5991-4.ch011>. ISBN 13: 9798369359914|ISBN13 Softcover: 9798369359921|EISBN13: 9798369359938 total no of pages 476
- **Maya M.** (2024). Sociology of Pandemic: Perspectives on Covid-19. In Rajakumar Joseph SJ, Joseph Victor Edwin SJ (eds), Pandemic Challenges to the Indian Church: A Theological Response (pp12-32). ISBN: 978-81-19664-33-7.
- **Maya, M.** & Garai, S. (2024). Service Learning as a Pedagogical Strategy: A Case Study on Disability Inclusion. In S. Valarmathi, J. Kareem, V. Tantia, K. Babu, & P. Lucas (Eds.), Effective and Meaningful Student Engagement Through Service Learning (pp. 124-141). IGI Global. <https://doi.org/10.4018/979-8-3693-2256-7.ch008> (Scopus indexed)

- **Maya, M.** (2024). The Importance of Corporate Social Responsibility in Social Value Creation. In *BUSINESS AND SOCIETY: Issues and Cases in the Indian Context*. World Scientific (pp. 147-161). URL: https://doi.org/10.1142/9789811286674_0007 (Scopus indexed)
- **Maya, M.** (2023). *Populism and Solidarity*. In: Chacko Chennattuserry, J., Deshpande, M., Hong, P. (eds) *Encyclopedia of New Populism and Responses in the 21st Century*. Springer, Singapore.
- **Maya, M.**(2023). Context Matters: A Case study of Community Development Approaches in Tribal Areas in Models for Social Responsibility action by Higher Education Institutions. edited by Joseph Chacko Chennattuserry, Elangovan N and Victor Paul. Nova science publishers,Inc. New York. ISBN: 979-8-89113-097-5. pp71-86 URL: <https://novapublishers.com/shop/models-for-social-responsibility-action-by-higher-education-institutions> (Scopus indexed)
- **Maya, M.** (2023). Teaching on pandemic during the pandemic: Experiences of Teaching Sociology of Health during COVID-19 in Challenges and Benefits of Learning and Teaching in Virtual Classrooms. Atalia Initiu (ed). Presa Universitara Clujeana. ISBN 978-606-37-1912-7 link: <https://vreclassrooms.uvt.ro/HTML/international.html>
- Paul Lelen Haokip, K.Katini., **Maya M.** (2021) ‘Probable benefits of human-nature relationship during covid-19 pandemic’ in *Impact of COVID-19 on Economy, Business, Education and Social Life Volume 8* edited by Yogesh Kanna S, Smitha Baboo and Ranjit Singha. The Native Tribe Publication. ISBN 978-93-91413-12-5 pp14-32 (DOI 10.17605/OSF.IO/CV26B) pp14-32.
- Paul Lelen Haokip, K.Katini, **Maya M.**, Amalanathan S. (2021).‘Achieving Environmental Sustainability through Digital Finance: Possibilities and Challenges’ – In *Social Sciences and Humanities: Different perspectives* edited by Sonali Sharma and Arun Dev Pareek. Nitya Publications. Bhopal ISBN:978-93-91257-41-5 pp.1-14.
- **Maya M.** (2019). The Women in Tribal Development Initiatives in India’ (pp 385-391) in ‘The Contemporary Socio-cultural scenario of Tribal Women in India Challenges and Prospects’ edited by K S Pradeep Kumar. Kozhikode: KIRTADS (Kerala Institute for Research, Training and Development Studies of Scheduled castes and Scheduled Tribes. ISBN 97881941658508.
- Arun S and **Maya M.** (2015). ‘Street Children in India: The Need for a Mental Health Framework’ (pp 109- 112) in ‘Global Mental Health’ edited by Dr. M.K.Joseph and Dr. Sunirose I.P. Coimbatore: Bonfringe. ISBN 978-93-85477-05-8.
- **Maya M.** (2015) ‘Kadinnakathekkum Purathekkum’(pp 125-131) in *Penvazhi* edited by Tissy Mariam Thomas. Kottayam: Litmus. ISBN 978-81-264-6554-5.
- **Maya M.** (2014). ‘Experiencing Participatory Tribal Development: A Case of Kadars in Kerala’ (pp.233-39) in *Thoughts and Practices of Social Transformation* edited by A. Thomas William. Delhi: Authors Press. ISBN 978-81-7273-798-6

Books

- Bachan, A K H, **Maya M** and Divya Kalathingal. 2022 'Vanavibhavaadhikaarangalum adivasi vikasanavum – vanaavakaasaniyamam 2006 – onnara pathittandu Keralathil' (Malayalam book) (Forest Resource Rights and Tribal Development : One and a half decade of forest rights act 2006 in Kerala). Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation. ISBN 978-93-5692-953-1.
- Bachan A. K.H., **Maya Mohan**, M.P. Shajan, Tintu Kuryan & P.C. Resmi 2013. Forest Right Act 2006 and Community Forest Reserve (CFR) area management- A field guide. Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation and Centre for Environment and Development. ISBN 978-81-927105-6-3.
- Murali D Nair, Nicole Chapman, **Maya Mohan** (eds). 2005. 'God's Own Children – An Anthology of Writings of Residents of Abhaya Girls Home in Kerala, India' Human Net Works Inc publication.

Popular articles

- Article in South Asia Monitor titled The challenge of Artificial Intelligence to higher education: Policymakers need to answer critical questions on 20 July 2023
- East Mojo (a digital news media platform promoting north east India news.) titled 'Election 2023: Is Nagaland ready to elect its first woman MLA?' Published on 10 February 2023.
- Truecopy Webzine (A Malayalam web magazine published every week) packet 87 on 23 July 2022. Article title: An open invitation to the corporates to encroach forest - proposed amendments to Forest Protection Act
- Published a creative non-fiction titled 'First wave of covid 19 through the lens of a child from a middle-class family in Kerala, South India' in the Journal of expressive writing. 6 August 2021

INVITED TALKS AND KEYNOTES

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- Invited speaker to deliver a talk on "**Economic Empowerment of women : Unpacking the Gaps between Policy, Practice and Impact**" for the National Seminar on "Gender Inclusivity: Breaking Bias and Sustainable Development" sponsored by Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) held during 23-24 January 2025 organised by the Department of Sociology, Periyar University, Salem.
 - Invited speaker to deliver a talk on '**The Cost of Growth: Understanding Ecological Disasters in the Pursuit of Development**' at the Musings and Reflections Lecture Series III hosted by the Department of Sociology at Kristu Jayanti College (Autonomous) on 7 October 2024.

- Invited speaker for ECOPOLIS Summit 2024 : Navigating Climate Shifts in Political Realms , a joint venture of Department of Political Science, Lakhimpur Girls' College and the Mahapurush Srimanta Sankardeva Welfare Trust at Lakhimpur Girls College during 19-21 September 2024. (**Ecological Crises, Traditional Knowledge & State Interventions : Exploring the role of indigenous Communities in Sustainable Development**)
- Resource person for UG orientation for EMS students – handled a session on ‘**Challenges of Higher Education – some perspectives**’ organised by the Department of Mathematics, CHRIST Deemed to be University on 13 July 2023
- Resource person for the pre conference workshop organised by the Kerala Sociological Society (KSS) as part of the 48th Annual International Conference and handled a session on ‘**How to write, present and publish research papers**’ on 9 February 2022 through zoom platform (7-8.30 pm)
- Resource person to deliver a talk on ‘**Tribal Culture of India**’ organised by the Department of Psychology, Providence Women’s College as part of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav on 18 December 2021
- Resource person for a webinar series organised by Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation and Uravu, Wayanad as part of participatory Resource Mapping of Bamboo Resources and handled a session on ‘**Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) as a research tool for natural resource management**’ on 27 September 2021 (2-5 pm)
- Resource person for a National Webinar organised by Department of Sociology, Carmel College, Mala and handled a session on ‘**Reading one dimensional man in a VUCA world**’ on 6 October 2021.
- Resource person for a webinar series on ‘Turning Research Aspirants to Create Knowledge’ organised by the IQAC cell of Vimala College (Autonomous) , Thrissur, Kerala and handled a session on **Research Article Writing and Publication** on 6 November 2020 (2-3.30 pm).
- Resource person for a Webinar on the topic ‘**Social Stratification and Inequality: Marxian and Weberian Views**’ to the Department of Sociology, Carmel College, Thrissur on 13 November 2019.
- Talk through video conferencing on the topic ‘**Dynamics of Man-Nature Interactions: A Sociological Inquiry**’ to the Department of Sociology, Carmel College, Thrissur on 28 February 2017.
- Resource person for ICHR funded two- day National Workshop on ‘Transition of particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (Primitive) in India: An Ethno- Historical Relook’ organised by Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy, University of Mysore handling a session on ‘**Dimensions of Social Exclusion of the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups**’ during 20-21 October 2016.
- Resource person handling a session on ‘**Tribes in Transition: Resistance and Struggles over the Ages**’ in the Tribal History Seminar on ‘Understanding Tribes:

Past and Present' organised by Christ University, Bannerghatta Campus on 25 August 2016.

- Resource person handling a session on '**Tribal Development: A Gender Perspective**' in the 'Generation UK-India Programme' organised at the Christ University Campus on 20 July 2016.
- **Keynote speaker**, National Seminar on Theoretical Perspectives in Sociology organised by Carmel College, Mala, Thrissur, Kerala on 26 August 2014.
- Resource person handling a session on '**Symbolic Interactionism**' at National Seminar on Theoretical Perspectives in Sociology organised by Carmel College, Mala, Thrissur, Kerala on 26 August 2014.

LANGUAGES KNOWN

- English. : Read/ Write/Speak
- Malayalam : Native Proficiency
- Hindi : Read/Write/Speak

TEACHING AND SUPERVISION

Courses Taught

MA Applied Sociology	: Sociology of Health
Social Gerontology	Pubic Health
Corporate Social Responsibility	Corporate Sociology
Approaches to Indian Society	Qualitative Research
Social Movements and Social Transformation	Social Welfare Administration
Organisational Behaviour	Modern Sociological Perspectives
Project Management and Evaluation	Contemporary Sociological Theory
Masters in Social Work Work	: Sociological Foundations of Social
PhD/MPhil Course Work	:Social Research Methods (Qualitative)
Undergraduate Courses	:Service Learning

Social Ecology	Sociology of Development
Study of Indian Society	Classical Sociological Theories
Sociology of Women	Methods of Social Research
Bachelor of Business Administration	: Principles of Sociology
Sociology of Change and Development	Pacific Rim Asian Societies
USAC (University Study Abroad Consortium)	: Population and Poverty
Women's Studies	Fieldwork-practicum

Short Course/ Training Modules

- Enhancing Mentoring Skills - A short course offered to faculty in 2023-24
- Modules on Curriculum Design, Effective teaching skills, classroom management for staff induction/orientation programmes since 2022

Research Supervision

- PhD
 - Mary Louisa - Empowering Women Living with HIV/AIDS- A Study on Organisational Strategies and Challenges - Awarded
 - Dungal Paul Lelen Haokop (1144502): Human-Nature Relationship: Indigenous Ecological Tradition among the Kukis in Manipur (Thesis submitted)
 - Simon D'souza (1850076): Transformational Leadership among Reang female student leaders in Agartala, Tripura (Data analysis stage).
 - Sentsuthung Odyuo (1980703): Gender and Political Empowerment: A Narrative Inquiry into the Participation of women in electoral politics in Nagaland (Data collection phase).
 - Sindu D (2270096): Subaltern Environmentalism: Negotiating the issues of 'Poramboke' (Commons) in Ennore, North Chennai (Data analysis phase).
 - Radhika Sharma (2470184): Evaluating Early Childhood Development Programmes in India: A Study of Bal Vikas Samitis in Karnataka and Mobile Creches in Delhi (proposal accepted).
 - Stuti Chakraborty (2470187): The Embodied Self: Lived Experiences of the HIV + Female Sex workers of Sonagachi, Kolkata (proposal submission phase)
- MPhil
 - Melissa Remedios (1530027) : A Study on Gender Roles of Corinth Women in the Writings of St Paul (Awarded)

- Navya A (1730068): Gendered Experience of women Entrepreneurs in Kerala: A Sociological Analysis (Awarded)
- Priya Joseph (1830066): Palliative Care in Bengaluru: A Case Study (Awarded)

PRESENTATIONS

- Maya M presented a paper titled 'The story of a hitherto 'urban periphery' : an ethnographic account of S G Palya, Bangalore at the Urban Ethnography and Bangalore Symposium organised by Vidyashilp university in collaboration with ISEC during 12-13 December 2024.
- Maya M presented a paper titled Inclusion or Exclusion? Examining Tribal Development Initiatives through Participatory Approaches at the international conference 'marginalised communities and inclusive development: challenges and perspectives organised by the Department of Sociology and Industrial Relations, St Joseph's University, Bengaluru during October 25-26, 2024
- Maya, M. & Caroline C Netto presented a paper titled "Negotiating Risk: Politico-Legal Discourses on Ecological Crisis in Kerala, South India' at the International Conference on Navigating Inequality Development and Sustainability in the Global South (ICNIDS 2024) organised by VISH, Vellore Institute of Technology-Andhra Pradesh (VIT-AP) during 13-14 September 2024.
- Maya, M. & Caroline C Netto presented a paper titled 'Leveraging Women's Empowerment through Corporate Social Responsibility : the Potential of Industries to Contribute to SDG 5' at the International interdisciplinary Conference on 'Sustainable Development Goals: Policy, Practice, Concerns and Way Forward-2024' organised by Bennett University in collaboration with the University of Birmingham (UK) and the University of Camerino (Italy) during June 6th & 7th, 2024.
- Maya M & Sudipta Garai presented a paper titled ' Ensuring Women's Economic Empowerment: A Critical Analysis of schemes addressing gender-specific constraints and enablers in India' at the ICSSR Sponsored National Seminar on Social Entrepreneurship, Sustainability and Empowerment scheduled to be held on June 21 & 22, 2024.
- Maya M, Infanta Vincy R, Jimmy Thankachan and Suparna M Kar presented a paper titled Measuring Student Readiness for Learner-Centered Andragogy: Development and Validation of a Scale at the ASIA PLAT conference 2024 : International Perspectives on Psychology Teaching and Learning held at CHRIST (Deemed to be University) Bangalore during 1-3 August 2024.
- Maya M presented a paper titled 'Nurturing Transformational Learners through Service Learning : Lessons from Classroom' on 10 August 2024 during the Service Learning Day Celebration - "Curricular Connections with Community: Igniting Passion and Inspiring Change
- Presented a paper titled Navigating through the vulnerable status: Experiences of Tribes in Kerala during the COVID-19 Pandemic, in the panel 'P053 - Indigenous

People in the COVID-19 Pandemic: Reassessing Vulnerability'. at the IUAES-WAU World Anthropology Congress 2023 on Marginalities, Uncertainties, and World Anthropologies: Enlivening Past and Envisioning Future to be held at University of Delhi, Delhi, India from 14th to 20th October 2023.

- Co-presented a paper titled 'caste and waste: A politico-ecological study on Kodungaiyur Garbage dump, North Chennai' at the International Conference on Environmental Justice 2023 held on 25th August and 1st September 2023 jointly organised by Centre for Environmental Law and Policy, University of Colombo and Indian Law Institute, New Delhi.
- Co-presented a paper titled 'Service-Learning as a transformative journey: A study among undergraduate students in India' at the 9th Asia-Pacific Regional Conference on Service-Learning (APRCSL) on the theme Service-Learning: Touching lives and transforming communities through innovative pedagogy, research and partnerships from 19th-21st July, 2023 at CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore.
- Presented a paper titled 'Teaching on 'Pandemic' during the Pandemic: Experiences of Teaching Sociology of Health during COVID-19' at International Conference on Challenges and Benefits of Learning and Teaching in virtual classrooms organised by the West University of Timisoara Faculty of Sociology & the Dept of Education Sciences, Romania on 16 June 2023.
- Co-presented a paper titled 'From tradition to equality: a struggle for Naga Women's representation in local governance in Nagaland' In the National Conference on Local Governance in India @75: Issues, Challenges and Contemporary Developments organised by the Centre for the Study of law and Governance (CSLG), JNU during 25-26 March 2023.
- Co-presented a paper titled 'State, Market and Common people: A Sociological Reading on Lakeside Gentrification in South India' at the International conference on Globalization and the Emergence of a New World Order: Theoretical Formulations and Empirical Reality organised by GREFI during 20-24 November 2022.
- Co-presented a paper titled 'Sustainable Indigenous Eco-ethical values for Ecotourism and Cultural Tourism in North East India: An Ethnographic Approach' at the 3rd Asian Tourism Research Conference 2022 on Rethinking Asian Tourism: Regional Integration, Sustainability, and Digital Transformation organised by the Department of Tourism management, CHRIST (Deemed to be University) in association with Mahatma Gandhi University and Far Eastern University during 17-19 November 2022.
- Co-presented a paper titled 'Teaching, learning and assessment practices during COVID 19 pandemic: A case study from India' in the 1st International Conference of the Society for Strategic Education Studies, Inc (S4SES) organised by the College of Education, Silliman University during 24-25 August 2022.
- Paper titled 'Teaching tools for Online Instructions: Challenges in catering to the diversity in class' at the International Conference on Teaching, Learning and Assessments (ICTLA 2022) organised by the School of Education and the Centre for Education Beyond Curriculum (CEDBEC), CHRIST (Deemed to be university) in

collaboration with Oral Roberts University, USA and Chinhoyi University of Technology, Zimbabwe during 25-26 February 2022.

- Paper titled 'Challenges faced by tribals during the pandemic induced online education in Kerala' at the 46th All India Sociological Conference on Constitution, Citizenship and Minorities: Mapping Seventy Years of Indian Republic' organised by Department of Sociology, University of Mumbai during 8-10 December 2021.
- Co-presented a paper titled 'Effects of the Doctrine of Discovery: Northeast India Realities at the First International Conference on Technologies for Smart Green Connected Societies (ICTSGS) organised by SPAST Foundation and held on 29 - 30 November 2021.
- Co-presented a paper titled 'Role of Eco-ethics in Ensuring Sustainable Ecotourism and Cultural Tourism: A Case Study of North East India'. at the International Conference on "Revitalization of Indian Tourism & Hospitality Industry and its Contribution towards Socio-economic Development". Jointly organized by the Faculty of Commerce and Management, Department of Tourism, Kristu Jayanti College (Autonomous), Bengaluru, In Collaboration with India Tourism Bengaluru, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India on 25 November 2021.
- Co-presented a paper titled 'A Qualitative Study on Online Teaching Learning for Elementary School students in Kerala' at the international conference on 'Sociology of Education in the time of Covid-19 pandemic' organised by Department of Sociology, University of Science & Technology, Meghalaya in association with Department of Sociology, University of Lucknow on 11 August 2021, through zoom platform.
- Paper titled 'Land Alienation and Land Struggles among Scheduled Tribes in Kerala: A Historical Analysis' at the 45th All India Sociological Conference on 'Environment, Culture and Development: Discourses and Intersections' organised by Department of Sociology, University of Kerala during 27-29 December 2019.
- Paper titled 'Academic and Administrative Interest on Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups in Kerala' at the 44th All India Sociological Conference on 'Restructuring Sociological Discourse in India: Perspectives from the Margins' organised by St.Philomina's College (Autonomous), Mysuru during 27-29 December 2018.
- Paper titled 'The Women in Tribal Development Initiatives in India' at the international seminar on 'The Contemporary Socio-cultural scenario of Tribal Women in India' during 10-12 October 2018 at KIRADS (Kerala Institute for Research, Training and Development Studies of Scheduled castes and Scheduled Tribes), Chevayur, Kozhikode.
- Paper titled 'Social Problems, Social Entrepreneurship and Social Responsibility: Possible synergies' at the ICIER – Christ University International Conference on Social Entrepreneurship: Sustainable models and Practices organised by the Department of Social Work, Christ and ICIER. 17-18 November 2017.
- Paper titled 'Roles and Challenges of Teachers in Ensuring Mental Health of Adolescents' at the International Conference on School Mental Health organised by

Department of Social Work, Bharatidasan University, Kajamalai Campus, Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu. 25-26 October 2017.

- Paper titled 'Reproductive Health of Women in India and Human Rights Concerns' at the International Conference on Integration of Human Rights Approaches in Healthcare Practices' organised by Department of Social Work, Roshni Nilaya, Mangalore and National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences, Bengaluru at Roshni Nilaya 2-4 March 2017.
- Paper titled 'Tribals, Culture and Community Resources: A Study of Kadar in Kerala' in a National Conference on 'Dwindling Wetlands – Impacts on Livelihood and Ecosystem Services' organised by the Department of Life Sciences held at Christ University 30-31 January 2017.
- Paper titled ' CSR Reporting in India: Possibilities and Challenges' at an International Conference on 'The Paradigm of TBL-Risks, Ethics, Governance and Responsibility' organised by St. Joseph's College of Commerce (Autonomous) Bangalore. Aug 31-Sept 1, 2015.
- Paper titled 'Street Children in India: The Need for a Mental Health Framework' at the International Symposium on Evidence in Global Mental Health - DYUTI 2015 jointly organised by Rajagiri College of Social Sciences (Autonomous) Kerala and International Centre for Mental Health. January 7-9, 2015.
- Paper titled 'The Development Experiences of Tribal Communities of Ranni Forest Division in Southern Kerala' at 40th All India Sociological Conference held at Varanasi Nov 30- Dec 1, 2014.
- Paper titled 'Forest Management in Tribal Areas: Towards an Inclusive Framework' at an ICSSR sponsored National Seminar on Poverty and Social Exclusion in India: Need for a Paradigm shift towards an Inclusive Society' organised by the Department of Sociology, Christ University in collaboration with the Institute of Social and Economic Change on March 12-13, 2014.
- Paper titled 'Traditional Social Institutions and their Role in Development Initiatives' at the XXXIX All India Sociological Conference held at Karnataka State Open University. December 27-19, 2013.
- Paper titled 'River as a community Resource for Kadar: Cultural Dimensions' in the UGC sponsored National Seminar on Dynamics of Environmental Degradation with Special Reference to Water Pollution in Kerala organised by Post Graduate Department of Economics in collaboration with Women Study Centre (CUSAT) & Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation on 4.12.13.
- Paper titled 'Participatory Forest Management and Grassroot level Development of Tribals' in the International Conference on Grassroots Social Development jointly organised by the University of Calicut, Rajiv Gandhi National Institute for Youth Development and CIGI at CIGI, Calicut during 4-6 February 2013.
- Paper titled 'Ecological Concerns and Sustainable Livelihood: A Study of PFM in Kerala' in the National Seminar on Development, Disparity and Social Research organised by Christ University at Christ University Nodal office, Thiruvananthapuram during 29-31 January 2013.

- Paper titled ‘Community Forestry and Indigenous Participation’ in the National Seminar on Counters of Development: Vulnerability and Social Justice organised by the Department of Sociology, Christ University and Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC) Bangalore at Christ University on 28 February 2013.
- Research paper titled ‘Participatory Approaches to Tribal Development: the Subjective Dimensions’ in the Christ University Forum of Humanities & Social Sciences (CUFOHSS) organised by the Deanery of Humanities and Social Sciences on 30 June 2012.
- Paper titled ‘Thinking Beyond Participatory Tribal Development in Kerala: an Experience of Kadar in Kerala’ in the First Annual International Conference on Society, Technology and Sustainable Development, organised by the Department of Social Work, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham and School of Social Work, SUNY Buffalo at the Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences, Kochi during 3-5 June 2011.
- Paper titled ‘Experiencing Participatory Tribal Development: A case of Kadar in Kerala’ in the International Conference on Development Discourse organised by the Department of Rural Development Science, Arul Anandar College, Karumathur, Madurai during 15-17 March 2011.
- Paper titled ‘Impact of Participatory Governance in Tribal Development’ in the International Conference on ‘A Decade of Decentralisation in Kerala: Issues, Options and Lessons’ organized by Institute of Social Sciences, Thiruvananthapuram during 7-9 October 2005.

Conference Presentations – Moderator

- Maya M [Moderator/chair]. (2025). Chaired Session II -Gender: A synoptic View at the ICSSR sponsored National Seminar on Gender Inclusivity: Breaking Bias and Sustainable Development organised by the Department of Sociology, Periyar University, Salem.
- Maya M [Moderator/chair]. (2024).Chaired Session II ‘Realising SDG through Social Entrepreneurship’ at the ICSSR Sponsored National Seminar on Social Entrepreneurship, Sustainability and Empowerment scheduled to be held on June 21 , 2024,
- Maya M [Moderator/chair]. (2022). Bengaluru Sociology Student Seminar 2022 (BSSS) on ‘The post-pandemic world: Critique, Challenges and Hopes’ organised by the Department of Sociology and Social Work, CHRIST (Deemed to be University) on 16.11.2022.
- Maya M [Moderator/chair]. (2020). UN SDG conference 2020 on ‘Education as a Propelling Force towards Sustainable Development Goals’. Organised by Centre for Social Action (CSA) on 12th and 13th November 2020.
- Maya M [Moderator/chair]. (2020). Bengaluru Sociology Student Seminar 2020 (BSSS) on ‘Societies in Transition: Modern and PostModern Conditions’ CHRIST (Deemed to be University) on 12.2.2020.

- Maya M [Moderator/chair]. (2018). Bengaluru Sociology Student Seminar 2018 (BSSS) on Connecting the Dots: Understanding Change and Development in the 21st Century. Bengaluru: Christ University on 17.08.2018.
- Maya M. [Moderator/Chair]. (2018). Scholar Express- One Day National Conference on Social Science Researches Today: Outcomes and Challenges. Bengaluru: Christ University on 13.07.2018.
- Maya M. [Moderator/Chair]. (2017). International Conference on Contemporary Challenges to Indian State and Society organized by Christ University jointly with NIAS. Bengaluru: Christ University on 15.11.2017
- Maya M. [Moderator/Chair]. (2015). National Seminar, 'Narrating Centers and Peripheries - Minority Discourses in India' organised by the Department of English, Christ University in January 2015.
- Maya M. [Moderator/Chair]. (2014). ICSSR sponsored National Seminar on Poverty and Social Exclusion in India: Need for a Paradigm Shift towards an Inclusive Society organised by Department of Sociology, CU in collaboration with the Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC) Bangalore in March 2014.

TRAININGS AND CERTIFICATION

- Online Faculty Development Programme (FDP) - Digital Learning Playbook offered by IIMBx(IIM Bangalore) Digital Learning Foundation from 13 April- 15 June 2024
- United Board Virtual Mentorship Asia 2023 Program from May 5, 2023- June 9, 2023
- Professional Certificate Course on Adaptive Design Learning (ADL) by Ateneo de Manila University's Institute for the Science and Art of Learning and Teaching (SALT) from September to December 2021.
- Completed the one-month Teaching and Learning Community Exchange Programme organized by Network of Conservation Educators and Practitioners, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History July 2020.
- Certificate in 'International Perspectives in Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation' jointly conducted by PRIA Continuing Education, New Delhi and Division of Continuing Studies, University of Victoria, Canada. 2010.
- Coursera /Edex courses : Creative Thinking: Techniques and Tools for Success (2024); Foundations of Teaching for Learning: Introduction to Student Assessment' (2024); Shaping Urban Futures (2023); Nature based solutions for Disaster and Climate Resilience (2021); Learning to Teach Online (2020); Learning How to Learn (2014).

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP

- Member, Core Team, Teaching Learning Enhancement Cell, CHRIST (Deemed to be University) - coordinates employee enhancement activities since June 2022.
- Coordinator, Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC), Department of Sociology and Social Work, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore 2019-2022.
- Coordinator, Service Learning Programme, Department of Sociology and Social Work 2017-2022.
- Coordinator, Blossoms the deanery level extra curricular programmes for the Deanery of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences 2016-2020.
- Coordinator, UG Programmes, Department of Sociology and Social Work, CHRIST (Deemed to be University), Bangalore 2017-2019.
- Coordinator, MPhil programme (Advanced postgraduate research degree before the Doctor of Philosophy), Department of Sociology, Christ University, Bangalore 2015-2017.
- Programme Coordinator, India Experience Programme of students from Cleveland State University, Ohio, USA to Kerala 10 June- 11 July, 2005.
- Programme Coordinator, PG Certificate Course in Counselling and PG Certificate course in Research Methodology, Continuing Education Programme of the Kerala University, conducted by Loyola College of Social Sciences, 2005-2006.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Received the prestigious **Teacher Award 2024 for Innovative Teaching**, CHRIST Deemed to be University on 5 September 2024
- Received First position in the Research Colloquium Competitions for Service Learning Day Competition 2024 on the theme 'Curricular Connections in Community: Igniting Passion, Inspiring Change' held on 10 August 2024.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES

- Life Member, Indian Sociological Society (Membership Number LMI 3690) – Member, Managing Committee RC-07 Adivasi/Tribal Studies.
- Life Member, Kerala Sociological Society (Membership Number 254)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Tribal/ indigenous communities

My research area is with the endemic tribal community, Kadar in Kerala where I was looking at the participatory development models. After my research, I became closely associated with the Western Ghats Hornbill Foundation (WGHF) especially in the area of implementation of forest rights act (FRA 2006). Along with training and workshops with stakeholders, publication of field guides and books was another way to help in the implementation of policies.

Learner diversity

Another passionate area for me is towards ensuring diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) in higher education institutions. Initiated discussions among stakeholders towards contributing to inclusive learning spaces.

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