Isha Bhallamudi

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EDUCATION

University of California Irvine, USA.

Ph.D. in Sociology.	Exp. 2024
MA. In Social and Demographic Analysis.	2021

Indian Institute of Technology Madras, India.

5-yr Integrated M.A. in Development Studies. (Minor in Economics).	2017

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Gender, Technology, Work, Inequality, Culture, India

SKILLS

- **Data Collection:** Interviews, surveys, focus group discussions, literature reviews, working with adolescents and in low-resource communities.
- **Data Analysis:** Survey data analysis (proficient), qualitative analysis (proficient), regression analysis (proficient), statistical inference & hypothesis testing (basic), demographic analysis (basic), networks analysis (basic), & policy analysis (basic).
- **Software**: STATA (proficient), R (proficient), Dedoose (Proficient) & Excel (basic).
- **Languages**: English (native), Hindi (native), Telugu (proficient), Tamil (basic).

JOURNAL and CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

- (Invited for a Special Issue, forthcoming in 2022) Bhallamudi, I. 'Girls, Gadgets and Gatekeepers: How Gender and Class Shape Inequalities in Adolescents' Access to Technology in Mumbai, India'. *Information, Communication and Society*.
- 2019. **Bhallamudi, I**. & Lingam, L. "Swaying between saving the Environment and Mitigating Women's Domestic Drudgery: India's Efforts at Addressing Clean Cooking Fuels". *Gender, Technology and Development*, 23(1), pp. 36-54.
- 2019. Bhaskaran, J. & **Bhallamudi, I.** "Good Secretaries, Bad Truck Drivers? Occupational Gender Stereotypes in Sentiment Analysis". In Proceedings of the First Workshop on Gender Bias in Natural Language Processing, *Association for Computational Linguistics 2019*, Florence, Italy.
- (Under R&R) Bray, R. & **Bhallamudi, I**. "Research rigour and social transformation in the study of poverty: What can a 'Merging of Knowledge' approach achieve?"*Action Research.*

BOOK CHAPTERS, WORKING PAPERS AND PUBLISHED REPORTS

- (Forthcoming in 2022) Lingam, L. & **Bhallamudi, I**. "Keeping Young People Out of Harm's Way: Smartphones and the Social Reproduction of Gender?" in Lingam, L. and Mkhwanazi, N. (eds). *Smart Phones, Social Media and Gender Fault-lines: Southern Perspectives*. Routledge.

- 2018. Lingam, L., **Bhallamudi, I** & Rao, N. "Adolescent Sub-cultures and Smartphones: Exploring Implications for Gender, Sexuality and Rights". Report. UNICEF: Mumbai.

- 2019. Lingam, L., **Bhallamudi, I** & Rao, N. "Gender Mainstreaming Across Agriculture, Urban Planning and Governance: Lessons for India". Resource Pack. UN Women: Mumbai.

- 2018. Rao, N. and **Bhallamudi, I.** Collaborative Knowledge Creation: Interrogating Processes and Patterns. Workshop Report: Tata Institute of Social Sciences and Committee of Resource Organizations (CORO).

- 2015. Bray, R., **Bhallamudi, I**. with Ugarte, A. *Doing participative research: What is needed to make it work?* Working Paper, Collaborative Research Design Workshop between ATD Fourth World and the University of Oxford. Oxford, UK.

- 2015. Bray, R., **Bhallamudi, I**. with Ugarte, A. *Methods for conducting participative research: Strengths and Limitations*. Working Paper, Collaborative Research Design Workshop between ATD Fourth World and the University of Oxford. Oxford, UK.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER PREPARATION

- Turney, K., Schmidt, S., **Bhallamudi, I.,** Torres, A. and Liu, A.G. "How Families Manage the Burden of Incarceration".

- Ballakrishnen, S., Paik, A., **Bhallamudi, I**. and Whitworth, T. "Prevalence of Gender and Race Networks in Law Students' Transition to Employment".

- **Bhallamudi, I**. & Lingam, L. "Safe for Boys, Risky for Girls: Moral Panics in Response to Indian Girls on Digital Media".

- **Bhallamudi, I.** and Muraleedharan, V.R. "Progress in Access to Healthcare by Adolescents in Tamil Nadu, India - Lessons for Public Sector Delivery".

- **Bhallamudi, I.** and Alladi, H. "Absent Histories: Locating Friendships in Gendered Histories of Home in India". In Phadke, S. and Kanagasabai, N. (eds) *Friendships in South Asia*. Routledge.

LIGHTLY REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2021. "Gender Parity in India: What a Case of 'Accidental Feminism' Can Offer". *Oxford Human Rights Hub Blog*.

- 2021. "Girls, Gadgets, and Gatekeepers: What is Ethical Feminist Fieldwork When Working with Children?". *Platypus*, the CASTAC blog.
- 2020. "Bespoke but not Woke": A commentary on the show Indian Matchmaking. *Economic and Political Weekly*. Vol 55, Issue 31.
- 2020. "Outrage and Othering: 'Bois Locker Room'": A commentary on online gender-based violence in India. *Economic and Political Weekly*. Vol 55. Issue 20.
- 2020. "Rowdy Without a Cause?": A commentary on misogyny in South Indian films. *Economic and Political Weekly*. Vol. 55. Issue 6.
- 2018. "Positive Approaches to Adolescents and Sexuality Education: A Case for Expanding Regional Vocabularies". Family Planning Association of India (blog post).
- 2017. "Mental Health in IIT Madras: Survey Findings". The Fifth Estate, IIT Madras. (2-part article based on a survey of 800 students that I designed, conducted & analysed).
- 2016. "Gender-Based Harassment: a Reality on Campus?" The Fifth Estate, IIT Madras. (2-part article based on a survey of 800 students that I designed, conducted & analysed).

RESEARCH FEATURED IN MEDIA

- TISS-UNICEF Study on Smartphone Use by Adolescents, DNA India, June 2018
- Fathima Lateef: Death on the Campus, Open Magazine, Nov 2019

WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, 'How Law Student Networks Impact Employment'
PIs: Ballakrishnen, S. and Paik, A.   10/21 – 06/22
- Will be conducting interview analysis as well as networks analysis, and co-authoring a paper on gender and race networks.

Research Assistant, 'Intergenerational Consequences of Paternal Incarceration'
PI: Turney, K.   06/20 – 01/22
- Carried out collaborative qualitative coding and analysis of interviews on Dedoose and co-authored a paper.

Research Assistant, 'Adolescent Subcultures and Smartphones: Investigating Gender, Sexuality and Rights' (funded by UNICEF India)
PI: Lingam, L.   06/17 – 08/18
- Drafted the proposal, conducted literature reviews and field data collection, analysed the data, published and released a UN report, presented the findings at 2 conferences, and in the process of publishing 3 manuscripts.

Research Assistant, 'Gender Mainstreaming in Urban Planning, Agriculture and Governance in India' (funded by UNDP)

PI: Lingam, L. 06/17 – 08/18

- Carried out literature reviews and case study analyses, and published a UN resource pack document based on the findings.

Research Assistant, '[**Global Poverty in All its Forms: Determining the Dimensions of Poverty & How to Measure Them with People Who Experience it'**](#)

PI: Walker, R. 06/15 – 07/15

- Worked on the proposal for this project at Oxford, particularly researching the methodology (used in small-scale settings) and how to adapt it to this (cross-national) project. The project was presented at the UN and OECD in 2020.

Research Intern, 'Barriers to Girls' Education in India: Future Directions'

PI: Lingam, L. 06/14 – 08/14

- Carried out a literature review, analysed survey findings and wrote up a report based on the findings

HONORS, PRIZES AND GRANTS

- 2022. **Summer Research Fellowship**, Dept. of Sociology, UC Irvine. $6,000.
- 2021. **Graduate Fellow**, Center for Networks and Relational Analysis, UC Irvine.
- 2021. **Conference Grant**, AGS, UC Irvine. $250.
- 2021**. Summer Research Grant**, Dept. of Sociology, UC Irvine. $600**.**
- 2020**. Summer Research Grant**, Dept. of Sociology, UC Irvine. $600.
- 2019. **Summer Research Grant**, Dept. of Sociology, UC Irvine. $1,000.
- 2019. **Summer Research Fellowship**, Dept. of Sociology, UC Irvine. $6,000.
- 2018. **Graduate Dean's Recruitment Fellowship**, UC Irvine. $10,000.
- 2015. **Research Travel Grant**, IIT Madras, India.
- 2015. **Institute Merit Prize** for academic excellence. IIT Madras, India.
- 2014. **Institute Merit Prize** for academic excellence. IIT Madras, India.
- 2012. **INSPIRE scholarship**, awarded to top 1% high school students in India. Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India.
- 2012, 2010. **Merit Certificate for Academic Excellence**. Central Board of Secondary Education, Government of India.

INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCES

- 2022. "How Gender and Class Impact Access to Tech for Women". **Invited Talk at a Tech Startup** (GET Cities).
- 2021. "Survey Research Methods". **Guest Lecture, Research Methods course**, Summer Session, UC Irvine.

- 2021. "Fighting Gender Inequality with Coding + Social Science". **Guest Lecture for Girls Tech Camp**, National Center for Women and Information Technology, USA.
- 2021. "Ethical Dilemmas During Fieldwork with Adolescents in India: Complicating and Questioning Ideas of Feminist Fieldwork in the Global South".
  - Paper presentation, **Society for Social Studies of Science Annual Meeting**.
  - Paper presentation, **Anthropology in Transit Conference**, UC Irvine.
- 2021. "Girls, Gadgets and Gatekeepers: Gendered Modes of Access to Mobile Phones in Mumbai, India".
  - Paper presentation, **AoIR Annual Meeting**.
  - Paper presentation, **SSSP Annual Meeting**.
  - Refereed Roundtable, **ASA Annual Meeting** (declined due to Covid-19).
- 2019. Participant, **Roundtable on Artificial Intelligence in Health in India, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay**, India.
- 2019. "Smartphones and Gender Fault Lines: How are Adolescent Girls and Young women Navigating?" **Paper presentation**, **Imagine a Feminist Internet: Research, Practice and Policy in South Asia** conference. Internet Democracy Project, Sri Lanka.
- 2018. "Fight for Equality: Moral Panic over Adolescent Girls and Mobile Phone Use in Mumbai". **Paper presentation**, **Gender Research Workshop**, **UC Irvine**.
- 2018. "Why Loiter? Women Claiming Online Public Space". **Paper presentation, National Conference on Gender-Based Cyber Violence.** Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India.
- 2014. Participant, Symposium on Violence Against Women: Review of Institutional Responses in India and the U.K., Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai**, India**.

TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS

- 2021. Summer Institute in Computational Social Science, UCLA (1 of 30 participants selected).
- 2020. Summer Institute on 'AI and Governance', Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society, Harvard University (1 of 23 students selected globally).
- 2020. NSF Problem-Solving Sociology Dissertation Proposal Development Workshop, Northwestern University (moved online due to COVID-19).

SERVICE, LEADERSHIP AND POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY

- **Co-Chair**, Transnational STS Working Group, Student Section of the Society for Social Studies of Science   2021-22
- **Student Member**, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, CITAMS, ASA   2021

- **Student Member**, Graduate Admissions Committee, Sociology, UC Irvine 2021-23
- Informally mentored >12 minority students through their PhD applications 2021
- **Member**, Professional Devl Committee, Associated Grad Students, UC Irvine 2020-21
- **Social Sciences Rep.**, Associated Graduate Students, UC Irvine 2020-21
- **Peer Mentor,** UC Irvine. 2019-20
- **Occasional Reviewer,** Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters. 2019- pres
- **Executive Editor,** The Fifth Estate, IIT Madras. (News Body) 2016-17
    - Led a team of 50 correspondents and media team members, produced several novel media initiatives and features, revamped the website & increased viewership by 27%.
    - Spearheaded campus-wide surveys forming the only publicly available data on campus sexual harassment and mental health.
- **Peer Mentor,** IIT Madras. 2016-17
- **Founder and Member,** Committee to Prepare Guidelines for Sexual Harassment Policy, Student Legislative Council, IIT Madras. 2016-17
    - Researched and drafted guidelines and recommendations for the Complaint Committee Against Sexual Harassment, IIT Madras.
- **Member,** Committee to Prepare Recommendations for Campus Mental Health, Student Legislative Council, IIT Madras. 2015-16
    - Researched and drafted guidelines and recommendations for recognizing and addressing student mental health on campus, IIT Madras.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

- **Inclusive Instruction Working Group**, UC Irvine Spring 2019
    - Created teaching resources including Inclusive Teaching Practices: A Practical Guide and the Accessible Teaching Habits Checklist
- **Enhancing Diversity and Equitable Inclusion** seminar, UC Irvine Fall 2020
- **Content Developer**, National Prog. on Technology Enhanced Learning Summer 2013
    - A Govt. of India sponsored collaborative educational program offering >1000 MOOCs
- **Teaching Assistantships**
    - 'Sociology Majors Seminar', UC Irvine. Winter, Spring 2021
    - 'Fundamentals of Psychology', UC Irvine. Spring 2018, 2019
    - 'People and Society', UC Irvine. Winter 2018
    - 'Law and Society', UC Irvine. Fall 2018
    - 'International Trade and Finance', IIT Madras, India 2016