

Bio-sketch
AJAILIU NIUMAI

Ajailiu Niumai is Professor of Sociology and Head, Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion & Inclusive Policy, University of Hyderabad (UoH), Hyderabad. She has served as the Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology in UoH from 2000-2009 & she is one of the pioneers in establishing the Centre for Women's Studies, UoH in 2007. Currently, she is the Honorary Adjunct Professor, Department of Science and Humanities, National Institute of Technology (NIT), Nagaland (September 2020- August 2023). She is a Member, Managing Committee of Indian Sociological Society (ISS) (2019-2025). She has served as Convenor of RC-04 Migration & Diaspora Studies of ISS (2016-2019). She has been an active member of the International Sociological Association (ISA). She has served as the Chairperson of Internal Complaints Committee (ICC), UoH (2020-21). She graduated from Miranda House (1995) in Sociology (Honours), Delhi University & completed her M.A (1997), M.Phil (1999) and Ph.D in Sociology (2008) from JNU, New Delhi. She completed her Post-Doc from University of Iowa, USA (2014).

Specialization

- Gender Studies (Special focus on human trafficking of girls and women, and feminine hygiene), Indian Diaspora & Migration, North East India Studies, NGOs & Development.

Awards

- UGC awarded her the Raman Post-Doctoral Fellowship in USA (2013) under INDO-US Knowledge Initiatives.
- The Collaborative Arts and Research Translation for Humane Advancement, USA awarded her 'First Fellow' grant in 2006.

Visiting Fellow & Senior Research Fellow Abroad

- Senior Research Fellow (Honorary Special Appointment), Department of Sociology, University of Johannesburg, South Africa, 2022-2025.
- Visiting Fellow (2013-14), Department of Gender, Women's & Sexuality Studies, University of Iowa, Iowa City, USA.

UGC Resource Person

- She is the National Resource Person for UGC Capacity Building of Women Managers in Higher Education.

Board of Trustees

- Member of the Board of Trustees, Highland National College, affiliated to Manipur University, Senapati, Manipur from June 2020 onwards.

Board of Governors

- Member of the Board of Governors, Institute for Social and Economic Change (ISEC), Government of India, Bengaluru, 2022-2025.

Book (forthcoming)

Her forthcoming book (with co-author Prof. Abha Chauhan) is entitled “Gender, Law and Social Transformation in India” by Springer.

Selected articles in the reputed National & International Journals

- Menstruation: Brook of Life, Mainstream, 25th September 2021, Vol LIX No 41, ISSN 2582-7316/RNI No: 7064/62/RSS 2.0, New Delhi.
<http://mainstreamweekly.net/article11574.html>
- Untold Stories of Human Trafficked Survivors and Sex Workers in Manipur, Special Article in Economic & Political Weekly (EPW) on 10th July 2021, Vol. 56, Issue No 28, pp – 58-64.
- Stigma & Exclusion: Challenges of Re-Integration of Human Trafficked Survivors in Assam, (accepted/forthcoming), Sociological Bulletin, Sage Journals, 2022.
- Rani Gaidinliu – The Iconic Woman of North East India, Indian Journal of Gender Studies, Sage Publication, Vol 25, No.3, 2018.
- Unspoken Voices of Trafficked Women and Children in Manipur, Economic and Political Weekly (EPW) (Special Issue on REVIEW OF WOMEN'S STUDIES) on 5th November 2016, Vol. 1.1, Nos 44 & 45, pp 69-76, Sameeksha Trust, Mumbai.
- Indian Diaspora Philanthropy: A Sociological Perspective. 2011. Man in India - An International Journal of Anthropology, Vol. 91 No 1. January – March, pp 93-114, Brij Maharaj (eds), New Delhi, Serial Publications.
- Naga People’s Movement For Human Rights in the Indian Journal of Human Rights, Volume 7, Numbers 1&2, January-December, 2003, Pages 177-184, Hyderabad, India.
- Development and Discontentment in South Asia: With Special reference to North East India” in the Himalayan Journal of Development and Democracy (HJDD), Volume 1, Number 1, Special Issue 2006, (ed) Alok K. Bohara & Mukti P. Upadhyay, published by Nepal Study Center, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, 87131, USA.
- Development and Discontentment in North East India: Perspective on India’s Look East Policy, in the journal Alternative Perspectives: Economy, Polity, History & Culture, Vol 1, Issue 1V, July-September 2006, 16-25 pp, Centre for Alternative Discourse, Delhi.

Selected chapters in edited books

- Manipur's Diaspora in the United States: Mapping Cultural and Development Ties with Homeland in (ed) Ajaya Sahoo's *Routledge Handbook of Asian Diaspora and Development*, Routledge publication, 2021.
- Gender and Human Rights in Manipur, in Anand Kumar and Pradeep Kumar Jena (ed) 'Gandhian Way in the Era of Globalisation,' Winshield Press, 231-243, Part-11, Chapter 12, New Delhi, 2016.
- Gender Among the Nagas of North East India, in Rekha Pande's (ed) 'Gender Lens: Women's Issues and Perspectives', Rawat Publishers, ISBN No 978-81-316-0628-5, pp. 346 – 376, Chapter 18, Jaipur and New Delhi, 2015.
- The politics of trafficking amongst tribal women in Manipur - North-East India, in Murtaza, Shahida (ed.) *Understanding Women's Issues - A Feminist Standpoint*, ISBN no.978-3-659-22772-1, Chapter 6, p.p 96-117, Germany, LAP-Lambert Publishers, 2013.
- Globalization and Naga Women: A Sociological Perspective, in Arindam Borkataki and Neeta Sharma (eds) *Women: Issues and Perspective*, Chapter 11, Assam, Ajanta Press, Krantikal Prakashan, 2012.
- Look East Policy & Trafficking of Women in Manipur, in Arindam Borkataki and Neeta Sharma (eds) *Women: Issues and Perspective*, Chapter 7, Assam, Ajanta Press, Krantikal Prakashan, 2012.
- Development and Discontentment in the North East: Perspective on India's Look East Policy,' in Thingnam Kishan Singh (ed), *Look East Policy and India's North East: Polemics and Perspectives*, Chapter 3, New Delhi, Concept, 2009.
- Religion of the Liangmai Nagas in North East India in D. Murali Manohar (ed), *Dalits and Religion*, Chapter 4, Atlantic Publishers & Distributors 2009, Delhi.

Other Research Publications

- Chinese Diaspora in Assam Face Political and Cultural Exclusion, in *India Abroad - International Weekly Magazine on South Asia*, ISSN 00468932, New York, USA, India Abroad Publications, Inc, 9th April 2018.
- Giving a Little Back of Your Total Wealth Sanctifies It, in *India Abroad - International Weekly Magazine on South Asia*, ISSN 00468932, New York, USA, India Abroad Publications, Inc, 15th August, 2014.

Referee in Journals/book proposals

- *Indian Journal of Gender Studies*, Sage Publication from September 2020 onwards.
- 'Sage Open' (international Journal) on Gender (Human Trafficking) from January 2017-18 (<http://journals.sagepub.com/home/sgo>).
- 'Indian Anthropologist' (international journal) from August 2017-18 onwards.
- *Diaspora, Indigenous, and Minority Education*, Routledge Francis & Taylor from March 2018 - 19.
- Routledge book proposal, 2021.

Research Projects

She has completed six projects sponsored by UGC, ICSSR, Sehgal Foundation (USA), Eye Foundation of America (USA), UGC - Special Assistance Programme (SAP) of the Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad and University of Potential for Excellence (UPE), Department of Political Science, University of Hyderabad.

Member in Editorial Board

- Editorial Board Member of International Refereed Journal “The NEHU Journal”, North-Eastern Hill University Publications, ISSN. 0972-8406, Indexed in the Guide to Indian Periodical Literature, Shillong Meghalaya (2020-2023).
- Editorial Board Member of the Peer Reviewed journal “Sociology Today - A Journal of Cotemporary Sociological Research” (<http://sociologytoday.net/contact/>) (2018-2021).
- Editorial Advisory Board Member of Journal of Sociology (Peer Reviewed Journal), Jadavpur University Kolkata, ISBN no. 0976-5212 (2019 – 2022).

Research supervision

23 M.Phil students and 6 Ph.D students have submitted thesis under her supervision. Currently, 8 Ph.D students and 2 M.Phil students are working under her supervision.