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Research papers published in	Nos.
Web of Science Journals	6
Scopus indexed journals	8
PubMed journals	4
University Grants Commission (UGC) CARE list of journals	3
Books Authored	1

Standard Research Measurement Indicators Sept. 2020	Score
Google Scholar Citations (All)	302
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EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

2004-2008, PhD in Public Health

The School of Public Health, Queensland University of Technology, Australia.

PhD Thesis: Training of Traditional Birth Attendants: An Examination of the Influence of Biomedical Frameworks of Knowledge on Local Birthing Practices in India'.

The thesis drew conceptually on Jordan's 'authoritative knowledge', and used both quantitative and qualitative methods to assess whether a local TBA (Traditional Birth Attendants) training programme in Ahmednagar District, Maharashtra in India has been successful in disseminating biomedical knowledge in the birthing practices applied by TBAs and in incorporating local knowledge into the training.

1993-1995, Master of Arts in Development Planning

Centre for Development Studies and Activities (CDSA), University of Pune, India.

Master's Thesis: Agro-forestry and Wasteland Development: A Case Study of Pudupatty Village of Dharmapuri District, Tamil Nadu, India.

Village Study: Impact assessment of Self Help Groups (SHGs) formed by PRADAN Foundation on women's empowerment in Meenakshipattinam, Madurai, Tamil Nadu

1990-1992, Master of Arts in Geography, Department of Geography, University of Bombay, India.

Specialization: Regional Planning, Thematic Cartography

EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP RECEIVED

International Postgraduate Research Scholarship (IPRS), Australia March 2004 to December 2006, for Ph.D. at Queensland University of Technology (QUT) Brisbane, Australia.

EMPLOYMENT - Academic (in Universities/ Colleges/ Research Institutes)

Since March 2020 - **Associate Professor,**

Since 1st July 2020 - **Head, Centre for Women's Studies (CWS), School of Social Science, University of Hyderabad, India.**

Teaching, Research, Publishing, Fund Raising, Administration.

Feb 2016 - Jan 2018, Research Associate at the Department of Anthropology, South Asia Institute, University of Heidelberg, Germany.

This was a self-obtained fund from German Research Foundation. I was a team leader of the Indo-German comparative project on understanding the social construction of prenatal diagnosis and selective abortions. I conducted field work interviewing gynecologists, policy makers and approximately 100 pregnant women and 20 gynecologists in Meghalaya, Maharashtra, Odisha and Delhi. I conducted two workshops on the use of reproductive technologies such as; ultrasound, organ scans, amniocentesis and Non-invasive Prenatal Testing (NIPT) from an ethical and social justice perspective, and its impact on selective abortions and women's rights in Delhi and Heidelberg in Germany. The purpose of the workshops was to; liaison with lawyers, activists, researchers and NGOs working on this topic to be able to contribute to policy change. I was also teaching several courses to Masters students of Humanities in Heidelberg University.

Jan 2015 - Dec 2015, Senior Researcher at the Department of Medical Ethics and History of Medicine, University of Goettingen, Germany.

(Same as the above in Heidelberg University. It was a funding I obtained and moved with the funds from Goettingen to Heidelberg University to reduce distance from home)

Jan 2014 - Dec 2014, Research Fellow - Lichtenberg-Kolleg, University of Goettingen, Germany.

A fellowship to write proposals and obtain funds for the University of Goettingen. I obtained the DFG project funds during this period.

July 2009 - June 2010, Post-Doctoral Researcher at the Karl Jasper Centre, Asia-Europe Cluster of Excellence, University of Heidelberg, Germany.

I conducted intensive field work for 6 months using participant observation and personal accounts of surrogate mothers, their spouses, intended parents and doctors in 2 In-Vitro Fertilisation clinics in Gujarat, India. Several peer-reviewed journal articles, conference presentations, a documentary film and a book are some of the outcomes of this project.

Nov 1998 - Oct 2002, Researcher at Institute of Social Studies Trust (ISST), New Delhi, India.

I co-ordinated the project 'Gender Planning Network' in five South Asian countries (Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan and Nepal) funded by IDRC Canada. The study conducted a randomized controlled trial of women working in the export processing zone in New Delhi. I was also involved in co-ordinating the data collection and analysis process of the impact of liberalization on working women in New Delhi. I was responsible for the preparation of thematic maps on Gender Development Indicators in South Asia (Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka) at various geographical levels (country, state and district level).

Apart from co-ordination, I was responsible for undertaking research on manifestations of gender bias and facets of violence against women in India. Some of the research focus in this report included; gender education, poverty level, employment, health and forms of violence (female foeticide-infanticide, child marriage, sexual abuse, child labour, domestic violence, eve-teasing and violence against aged women). A report based on this literature review has been documented and is available on the IDRC website.

Aug 1995 – May 1996, Researcher at M.S.Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai, India. (Implementation Oriented project)

I was responsible for research and implementing of the social aspects of the programme 'Coastal Wetlands: Mangrove Conservation and Management'. I conducted research in Cuttack district on socio-economic dependence of local villagers on the fragile yet second largest mangrove ecosystem (Bhitarkanika Wildlife Sanctuary) in India. I also co-ordinated the implementation programme of forming and organising horticulture groups as an economic intervention programme of women's empowerment and school awareness programme on forest conservation.

Aug 1992 - June 1993, Lecturer of Environmental Studies at Saint Andrews College, Bombay. (Taught Environmental Studies and Foundational Course)

I was teaching; 1) Environmental Studies, and 2) Foundational Course to First Year Commerce students. The subjects included; Globalization and Indian Society, Human Rights, Ecology and Understanding & Managing Stress and Conflict in Contemporary Society to undergraduate students at Saint Andrews College, Bombay, India.

EMPLOYMENT – Short-term Research Consultancies

15th Jan – 29th Feb 2020 Consultant (Researcher), OXFAM, New Delhi, India.

Research on Intersectionalities between Gender (SDG5) and Responsible Business in India. Research for a policy brief that will employ the lens of responsible business conduct when assessing their intersectionalities with gender equality, decent work, discrimination, justice and human rights, respectively. The policy brief will be juxtaposed with the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) recently revised National Guidelines on Responsible Business Conduct (NGRBC) and NITI Aayog's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) framework. It

will argue for establishing coherence between the existing policy frameworks for SDG monitoring and responsible business conduct.

Dec 2019 – 15th Jan 2020 Consultant GIZ (The German Society for International Cooperation) at Institute of Social Studies Trust (ISST), New Delhi.

As an expert consultant, conducted an impact assessment study of ISST's livelihood training programme in East Delhi. Conducted an assessment of the Water Challenges in East Delhi Low-income Settlements to help the NGO implement intervention programs on women. Apart from research, I conducted sessions on sexual abuse awareness and English grammar classes among adolescents.

Feb 2019 – Consultant, E.O.N.D.F.R. (The European Observatory for Non-Discrimination and Fundamental Rights), France

Conducted research on the 'Experience and Impact of Surrogacy on the health, emotion and social well-being of surrogate mothers in India'. I conducted intensive field work in Nadiad, Anand and Ahmedabad speaking to 45 women who have been surrogate mothers to understand the economic, health and social impact of surrogacy on their lives.

Dec 2018 - Consultant GIZ (The German Society for International Cooperation) at IIHMR, Indian Institute of Health Management Research, Rajasthan`.

I conducted intensive field work in around Jaipur city in Rajasthan to explore the feasibility and use of mhealth (mobile phone based health) and eplatform (electronic platform) for enhanced maternal and infant health care provision and access during emergencies.

EMPLOYMENT – Technical (GIS) Geographical Information System

May 1998 to September 1998, Mapping and Charting Technician (GIS) Farming and Rural Conservation Agency, Cambridge, United Kingdom.

Conducted verification of Agri-Environmental data using GIS with the information provided by farmers in England who were paid by the Ministry of Agriculture, Farming and Forestry (MAFF), U.K. to conserve agro-environmental sensitive areas.

Sep 2005- Nov 2006, GIS Analyst, School of Public Health, Queensland University of Technology (QUT), Brisbane, Australia.

Used MapInfo software to spatially investigate socio-economic differences in food purchasing behaviour in Brisbane city. I was also involved in another project at its beginning stage in using GIS in the process of randomised sampling method with the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) household data.

Aug 2003 to Jan 2004, GIS Analyst, IYB Services, Brisbane, Australia.

Carried out spatial analysis of market intelligence using Map Info software to assess the existing market for the sales of broadband connection in Brisbane suburbs.

Grants Obtained

- **German Research Foundation (DFG) - Individual Grant (Jan. 2015 – Jan. 2018)**, €300,000 for conducting research on ‘Prenatal Diagnosis and Selective Abortions in Germany & India’.
- **German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)** travel and daily allowance funds for an exchange program of scholars between Department of Medical Ethics, University of Goettingen and Department of Sociology, Delhi School of Economics.

SPOKEN LANGUAGES KNOWN

English	Expert Knowledge
Hindi, Marathi,	Good in speaking, reading and writing
Tamil, Malayalam,	Fluent in speaking
German, Gujarati, Bengali & Odiya.	Working knowledge

LIST OF PROJECTS

Managed single-handedly or as a team-leader

1. ‘A Study of ‘Desired Children’ in Germany and India as a context leading to prenatal genetic diagnosis and selective abortions’, as a Principal Investigator (PI) with individual research grant obtained from *Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft* (DFG) - German Research Foundation - Individual Grant (Jan. 2015 – Jan. 2018).
2. ‘Social Construction of Transnational Surrogacy in India’, as an individual researcher of a project within the Cluster of Excellence, Asia and Europe in a Global Context, Karl Jaspers Centre for Advanced Transcultural Studies, University of Heidelberg, funded by *Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft* (DFG) - German Research Foundation (July 2009-July 2010).
3. ‘Gender Planning Network’, as a co-ordinator at the Institute of Social Studies Trust, India funded by International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada (November 1998 to November 2002).

Research project as a team member

4. A Home away from Home: ‘Cultural Capital’ of the Indian Diaspora in Germany (Jan 2017 – Present) with Dr. V.S.Saravanan as the Principal Researcher.

COURSES TAUGHT

Semesters	Taught Courses
October 2017 - Feb. 2018 (2 hours per week - Semester)	‘ Gendered Embodiment and Complementary Medicine ’ to the Master of Arts Health and Society in South Asia (MAHASSA) students at the Department of Anthropology, South Asia Institute, University of Heidelberg, Germany.

- April – June 2017 (2 hours per week - Semester) **'Feminism and Public Health'** to the Bachelor students from the Department of Anthropology, **University of Heidelberg, Germany.**
- October-Feb. 2016-17 (2 hours per week - Semester) **'Theories and Practice of Assisted Reproductive Technologies'** to the MAHASSA students at the Department of Anthropology, South Asia Institute, **University of Heidelberg, Germany.**
- April – June 2016 (2 hours per week - Semester) **'Introduction to Socio-ethical Dimensions of Assisted Reproductive Technologies'** to the MAHASSA students at the Department of Anthropology, South Asia Institute, **University of Heidelberg, Germany.**
- December 2015 (6 hours block seminar) **'Methoden der Geschlechterforschung' (Methods of Gender Research)**, two sessions (4 hours) to Social Science and Gender Studies students in **Goettingen University, Germany.**
- August 1992 - June 1993 (12 hours per week, for 2 semesters) 1) **Environmental Studies**, and 2) **Foundational Course** which included; Globalization and Indian Society, Human Rights, Ecology and Understanding & Managing Stress and Conflict in Contemporary Society to undergraduate students at **Saint Andrews College, Bombay, India.**

SUPERVISION (PhD/Master's thesis)

of completed degrees

PhD

1. 3rd supervisor to Henrietta Asante-Sarpong (2016) 'Free delivery policy and access to professional care at birth: Experiences on utilization from the Central Region of Ghana', PhD thesis submitted to Development Studies at the Institute of Statistical Social and Economic Research (ISSER), University of Ghana.

of Master's thesis

1. 2nd supervisor to Amy Clare (2016) 'Biomaterial Accessibility from Toronto to India: A Transnational Feminist Perspective on Women Seeking Oocyte Donation', postgraduate thesis submitted for obtaining the degree of Masters of Arts Health and Society in South Asia, Medical Anthropology, South Asia Institute Heidelberg University.
2. 2nd supervisor to Mathesis, Yoon Junghyun (2017) 'Engaging the Dharma of Gender in the Bodhisattva Path', thesis submitted as Master's thesis to South Asia Institute, Heidelberg.
3. 1st supervisor to Khan Rahat Al Rafe (2017) 'Health Communication Campaign in Slum in Bangladesh 'An Analysis from Audience Perspective'', postgraduate thesis submitted for obtaining the degree of Masters of Arts Health and Society in South Asia, Medical Anthropology, South Asia Institute Heidelberg University.
4. 1st supervisor to Imogen Pierce (2017) 'Talking Through the Taboos: Menstrual Health in India', postgraduate thesis submitted for obtaining the degree of Masters

of Arts Health and Society in South Asia, Medical Anthropology, South Asia
Institute Heidelberg University.

of Bachelor’s thesis

1. 1st supervisor to Alena Eicker (2018) `Weibliche Genitalverstümmelung im westlichen Kontext - Mögliche Ansätze zur Verbesserung der Situation genitalverstümmelter Frauen in Deutschland`.

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

SINGLE AUTHORED BOOK



Sheela, S. (2018) ‘A Transnational Feminist View of Surrogacy Biomarkets in India’. Singapore: Springer Nature Singapore Pte Ltd.
Google Scholar Citations - 21

Forthcoming Journal Articles:

Submitted: Sheela, S. (2019) ‘Women’s Empowerment and Prenatal Selective Preference: Narratives of ‘Vansh Raakhya’ from Odisha, India’. Submitted to *Social Change*.

Forthcoming Book:

Submitted:

	PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES	Google Scholar Citations
1	Sheela, S. (2016) 'Humanitarian' thresholds of the fundamental feminist ideologies: evidence from surrogacy arrangements in India.' <i>Analyze: Journal of Gender and Feminist Studies</i> , 6(20): 66-88.	9
2	Asante-Sarpong, Henrietta; Adobea Yaa Owusu, Sheela Sheela, Ernest Appiah and Mumuni Abu (2016) ‘Determinants of use of supervised delivery care under Ghana’s fee exemption policy for maternal healthcare: the case of the Central Region’ <i>BioMed Central Pregnancy and Childbirth</i> , 16: 172. PubMed, SCOPUS, UGC CARE	8
3	Sheela, S. (2015) "Global justice, capabilities approach and commercial surrogacy in India" <i>Medicine, Health Care and Philosophy</i> , 18(3): 295-307. Web of Science, SCOPUS, UGC (previous list 1096).	26
4	Sheela, S. (2013). An ethnomethodological approach to examine exploitation in the context of capacity, trust and experience of commercial surrogacy in India, <i>Philosophy, Ethics, and Humanities in Medicine</i> , 8:10. Web of Science, PubMed, SCOPUS, UGC CARE	65

5	Sheela, S., Johnson, H., Turrell, G., & Fraser, J. (2012). Re-examining authoritative knowledge in the design and content of a traditional birth attendant training in India, <i>Midwifery</i> , 28(1):120-30. Web of Science, PubMed, UGC CARE	6
6	Sheela, S., Turrell, G., Johnson, H., Fraser, J., & Patterson, C. (2011). Traditional birth attendant training and local birthing practices in India, <i>Evaluation and Programme Planning</i> , 34(3): 254-265. Web of Science, PubMed, SCOPUS, UGC (previous list 11947)	25
7	Sheela, S., Turrell, G., Johnson, H., & Fraser, J. (2010). Birthing practices of traditional birth attendants in South Asia in the context of training programmes, <i>Journal of Health Management</i> , 12(2): 93-121. Web of Science, SCOPUS	18
8	Sheela, S. (2010). Transnational surrogacy and objectification of gestational mothers, <i>Economic and Political Weekly</i> , 45(16): 26-29. (Commentary) SCOPUS	47
9	Sheela, S., Johnson, H., Turrell, G., and Fraser, J (2009). Social roles and birthing practices of traditional birth attendants in India with reference to other developing countries, <i>Asian Journal of Women's Studies</i> , 15(4): 57-89. Web of Science, SCOPUS, UGC (previous list 4018)	4
10	Sheela, S. (2003). Reproductive Health of Women in South Asia – Beyond Beijing, <i>Asian Women</i> , (17): 171-203. Web of Science, SCOPUS, UGC (previous list 4054)	
11	Sheela, S. (2002). Female Infanticide in India - A Review of Literature, <i>Social Change</i> , 32(1&2): 58-66. SCOPUS	14

BOOK (Forthcoming)

Sheela, S. (2019) Women's Empowerment and Prenatal Selective Preferences: Narratives of 'Vansh/Wunschinder' in Germany and India.' Berghahn Books, 'Fertility, Reproduction and Sexuality' series: Oxford, New York.

DOCUMENTARY FILM (on commercial surrogacy in India)

Sheela, S. and Ranadive, R. 2010. 'Mother anonymous' (Documentary Film). India: Frame of Mind Communications Pvt. Ltd. Mumbai. Funded by Asia and Europe in a Global Context, Cluster of Excellence, University of Heidelberg, Germany.
Video Weblink:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2_yevJkBDhQ&feature=youtu.be

TRANSLATED ARTICLES

Sheela, S. (2018) ,Humanitäre Grenzen und Grenzüberschreitungen feministischer Rechtsforderungen – ein Bericht über Leihmutterchaft in Indien.' *Streit: Feministische Rechtszeitschrift*, 2: 70-80. (article in Analyze translated into German by Barbara Streidl).

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Sheela, S. (2019). 'My Heart is Hurting' in , Jennifer Lahl, Melinda Tankard Reist, Renate Klein. ed. 'Broken Bonds: Surrogate Mothers Speak Out'. Spinifex Press, Melbourne, Australia.
- Sheela, S. (2016). Addressing Global Inequalities in Surrogacy. In E, Scott Sills. ed. Handbook of Gestational Surrogacy: International Clinical Practices and Policy Issues. Cambridge, United Kingdom; New York: Cambridge University Press, 41-44.
- Sheela, S. (2007). 'Reproductive Health Status of Women in South Asia', in Gender Concerns in South Asia, (Eds.) Bhatia, M., Bhanot, D., & Samanta, N. Jaipur: Rawat Publications, 334-377.

MEDIA JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- Sheela, S. (2018) ,Socio-ethics of Surrogacy in India and Reproductive Justice', *India Foundation Journal*, 6(6): 23-31.
- Sheela, S. (2017) 'When Doctors Rock the Cradle', *Governance Now*, February 16-28, 8(2): 56-58.
- Sheela, S. (2016) 'Surrogacy and Gender Justice', *Governance Now*, September 16-30, 7(16): 40-42.

BOOK REVIEWS

- Sheela, S. (2017, November). [Review of the book *Conceptions. Infertility and Procreative Technologies in India*, by Bharadwaj, Aditya]. *Anthropos*, A.112. 2017/2, 640-641.
- Sheela, S. (2018). Book review: Surrogacy: A human rights violation by Renate Klein. *Dignity: A Journal of Sexual Exploitation and Violence*. Vol. 3(2). Article 7.

POLICY DOCUMENTS

- Sheela S. (2019) `Surrogacy Arrangements and the Sale and Sexual Exploitation of Children`, **United Nation's Special Rapporteur**, submitted to the United Nations, Geneva.
- Sheela, S. (2020) 'Response to the Surrogacy (Regulation) Bill 2019' submitted to the **Rajya Sabha Secretariat, Government of India**.

RESEARCH REPORTS

- Sheela, S. (2000). 'Violence against Women in India - A Literature Review', Institute of Social Studies Trust (ISST), submitted to **International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada**.
Google Scholar Citations - 54
- Sheela, S. (2019). ` Surrogacy in India: Bioethics, Human Rights and Agency`, **The European Observatory for Non-Discrimination and Fundamental Rights (E.O.N.D.F.R.), France**.
<http://europeanobsndfr.org/wp-content/uploads/etudes-et-rapports/final-surrogacy-report-in-india-17th-june-2019-dr-sheela-sheela.pdf>
- Sheela, S. (2002). 'Manifestation of Gender Bias in South Asia: An Overview', Institute of Social Studies Trust (ISST), submitted to **International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada**.
- Sheela, S. (1996). 'Inter-relationship between Mangrove Ecosystem and Human Economy in Bhitarkanika Reserved Forest, Orissa, India'. M.S.Swaminathan Research

Foundation (MSSRF) India, submitted to **Norwegian Agency for Development Corporation (NORAD), Norway.**

OTHER ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

KEYNOTE SPEECHES

1. **6th March 2019**, 'Exploitation of Global surrogacy in the Indian Surrogacy Market' at a panel on Maternal Surrogacy and Human Dignity of Women and Children at the United Nations 40th regular session of the **Human Rights Council, United Nations, Geneva.**
<https://adfinternational.org/news/experts-at-un-event-on-surrogacy-modern-exploitation-of-women-and-children/>
2. **10th October 2018**, 'Transnational Surrogate motherhood in India' organised by *Büro für Frauengesundheit und Gesundheitsziele Wiener Programm für Frauengesundheit* at the City Hall, **Vienna, Austria.**
3. **5th March 2018**, 'Surrogacy Bio-markets in India: Exploitation of Women and Child Trafficking'. Behind the Baby Bed, a Panel Discussion on 'Why do we need an International Ban', organized by *Stoppt Leihmuttertschaft* (Stop Surrogacy), **Vienna, Austria.**

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION/ INVITED LECTURES (selected 2014-)

1. (Forthcoming) 8-9 April 2021, paper titled 'Commercial Surrogacy in India: Intersectionality of Women's Experience and Agency' at a Webinar on Reproductive Ethics Conference Fifth Annual Conference organised by Institute for Bioethics & Health Humanities, **University of Texas, USA.**
2. 13th January 2021, paper titled 'Sexual Harassment at Workplace: Local Complaint Committee for Women in Unorganised and Local Government Setup' in Webinar on Prevention & Response Mechanism for Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace, organised by Directorate of Mahila Kalyan, Department of Women and Child, Government of Uttar Pradesh in association with Vatsalya, **Lucknow.**
<https://www.facebook.com/UPMahilaKalyan/videos/736473133967197/>
3. 11th January 2021, paper titled 'Sex Ratio at Birth and Child Sex Ratio in Uttar Pradesh: Situation, Causes and Implications' in Webinar on PCPNDT Act organised by Directorate of Mahila Kalyan, Department of Women and Child, Government of Uttar Pradesh in association with **Vatsalya, Lucknow.**
<https://www.facebook.com/UPMahilaKalyan/videos/2198096823657197/>
4. 17th October 2020, paper titled 'Engaging with better education, sanitation, water and health conditions for women and children' at the Diaspora Engagement as DF for Programme Migration & Diaspora (PMD) with focus on Sustainable Development Goals 5 - Gender, organised by GIZ, **Berlin, Germany.**
5. 5th October 2020, paper titled 'Unwanted Girls in India: Sex Selective Abortions, Patterns, Technology and Implications', at the Workshop on "Pre-Birth Discrimination Against the Girl Child"* organised by Girls Count and ADF, **Delhi.**

6. 9th September 2020, paper titled 'Feminism and Multiculturalism' at the online Refresher Course in Multiculturalism for Assistant Professors and Associate Professor of Degree Colleges and Universities across India organised by UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, **Hyderabad, India.**
7. 30th July 2020, paper titled 'The Covid-19 Pandemic Lockdown and Reproductive Health in India: Intersectionalities of Gender Inequalities' at the Webinar on 'Promoting Gender Equality: Strategies and Challenges', organised by the University College for Women, (Autonomous) Koti, **Hyderabad, India.**
8. 30th June 2020, paper titled 'Gender-based Violence under Covid-19 Pandemic Lockdown in India.' presented at the Webinar on 'Transnational Feminist Dialogues in times of Corona Crisis' organised by [Margherita von Brentano Center for Gender Studies](#) in cooperation with the [MA Program Gender, Intersectionality and Politics](#) at Freie Universität Berlin, [Academy in Exile](#) and [Academics for Peace Germany](#), **in Berlin, Germany.**
9. 16th June 2020, paper titled 'The Physical, Emotional, Social and Financial Impact of Surrogacy on Surrogate Mothers in India', presented at the Webinar titled 'Surrogacy Motherhood', organised by The Swedish Women's Lobby with The Federation of Social Democratic Women, The Women's Federation of Centre Party and The Medical Women's Association of Sweden, in **Sweden.**
10. 16th May 2020, paper titled 'Research Aptitude' at the Webinar on 'NET/SET Guidance Lecture Series', organised by the Department of Geography, University of **Mumbai, India.**
11. 18th December 2019, paper titled 'An Intersectional Approach to Gendered Water Challenges in East Delhi Low-income Settlements', at the Water Resources: Challenges and Sustainable Management Practices' Kalina University, Mumbai.
12. 11th December 2018, paper titled 'Human Rights, Reproductive Justice and the Surrogacy Practice', at IIHMR (Indian Institute of Health Management Research), **Jaipur.**
13. 24th - 27th July 2018 paper titled 'Embodied Notions of Vansh in India in the Context of Prenatal diagnosis and Selective abortions" at the 25th ECSAS - European Conference on South Asian Studies, **Paris, France.**
14. 10th May 2018, paper titled 'A Feminist Discourse on the Global Indian Surrogacy Bazaar' at the "The Sexual Contract: 30 Years On" School of Law and Politics and Feminist Legal Studies, **Cardiff, UK.** Video Weblink: <https://vimeo.com/284532186>
15. 10th April 2018, paper titled 'Transnational Surrogacy Bazaar in India from a Feminist Perspective'. Institute for Anatomy and Cell Biology, **Halle, Germany.**
16. 16th October 2017, paper titled 'Surrogacy body bazaar in India: Transnational feminism towards Reproductive Justice' organised by Dhira e.V. **Chemnitz, Germany.**
17. 10th October 2017, paper titled 'Female Genital Mutilation: Feminism and Health Rights' at Leiden University College, **The Hague, Netherlands.**
18. 23rd March 2017, paper titled 'Reproductive justice and transnational feminism: Surrogacy in India and Germany', at the Chamber of Deputies in Rome, a feminist meeting to include Surrogacy in the CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women) list of harmful practices & human rights of women, **Rome, Italy.**

19. 28th June. 2016, paper titled 'Humanitarian' Thresholds of the Fundamental Feminist Ideologies: Evidence from Surrogacy Arrangements in India', at the Medical Anthropology Forum, South Asia Institute, University of Heidelberg, Germany.
20. 2nd Feb. 2016, paper titled 'Commercial surrogacy in India and global Injustice'. Feminists from all over the world signed a Charter (in an Assisesi) at the Assemblée Nationale, **Paris, France**. Video Weblink: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7o00oq0nDZs&feature=youtu.be> (19:00 to 29:00 mts).
21. 20th May 2015, paper titled 'Global justice, capabilities approach and commercial surrogacy in India', Colloquium at the Centre for Modern Indian Studies CeMIS, **Goettingen, Germany**.
22. 6th May 2015, paper titled 'Socio-ethical and regulatory challenges of global reproductive technologies in Europe and Asia', along with screening of documentary film 'Anonymous Mother'. Workshop on International Medically Assisted Reproduction (IMAR) – The Central and Eastern European Perspective, at the Medical University of **Innsbruck, Austria**.
23. 7th January 2015, paper titled 'Capabilities approach for mutual fellowship in commercial surrogacy', at the 10th World Conference on Bioethics, Medical Ethics and Health Law, **Jerusalem, Israel**.
24. 23rd July 2014, paper titled 'Evidence-making and Therapeutic Practices of Commercial Surrogacy: A Case Study of Western India' at the 23rd European Conference on South Asian Studies, University of **Zurich, Switzerland**.
25. 28th May 2014, paper titled 'Individual expectations of children in Germany and India in the context of prenatal genetic diagnosis and selective abortions' at the Lichtenberg Kolleg, **Goettingen, Germany**.

Workshop/Colloquium/Panel Discussions Organised

1. **9th December 2020 Presentation** by Dr. Renate Klein 'Two sides of the same coin: New and old reproductive technologies' at Winter Series International Colloquium Series on 'Women and Reproductive Health': Lecture 3 at **Centre for Women's Studies, University of Hyderabad**.
2. **20th November 2020 Presentation** by Prof. Kumkum Sangari 'Here, there, or everywhere? Questions on social reproduction' at Winter Series International Colloquium Series on 'Women and Reproductive Health': Lecture 3 at **Centre for Women's Studies, University of Hyderabad**.
3. **2nd November 2020 Presentation** by Dr. Silja Samerski 'The decision trap: How prenatal testing perverts female autonomy' at Winter Series International Colloquium Series on 'Women and Reproductive Health': Lecture 2 at **Centre for Women's Studies, University of Hyderabad**.
4. **30th September 2020, Presentation** by **Pallabi Roy** "Stop crying, forget it and move on": Reproductive Loss and Grief in Kolkata, at Winter Series International Colloquium Series on 'Women and Reproductive Health': Lecture 1 at **Centre for Women's Studies, University of Hyderabad**.
5. **17th June 2020**, organised **International Webinar** on 'Transnational Widening Gender Inequalities amid Covid-19 Pandemic Lockdown', at **Centre for Women's Studies, University of Hyderabad**.

6. **26th June 2020**, organised **National Webinar** on 'Missing Girls in India, Implementation of the Law and the Way Forward' at **Centre for Women's Studies, University of Hyderabad**.
7. **13th - 14th September 2017**, Notions of 'Wunschkind/Vansh¹' expressed in Prenatal Diagnosis and Selective Abortions in Germany and India, held at **the International Academic Forum (IWH) Heidelberg, Germany**.
8. **27th January 2018**, Future Challenges of Advancing Prenatal Diagnosis Technologies in India: Linking Medical (Mis)Use with Regulatory Gaps and Trailing Social Reforms. **India International Centre, New Delhi, India**.

MEDIA INTERVIEW

1. **24th July 2020**, Interviewed by Aline Kinzie on 'the surrogacy situation in India', for 'Wissen2go', a popular German channel.
Weblink: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rseY3MX1KqI> at 9.45mts
2. **31st May 2020**, Interviewed by Vaishnavi Sundar, Lime Soda Films about the Surrogacy Regulation Bill and the Problems.
Weblink:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s05TMJ5Ei8Y&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR2OEYxUKmddBUwmQ8f3QXF-iCc6dkr9-J1sWikfPHke2QWNnFGwPeDv03I>
3. **30th April 2020 Interview conducted by Jennifer Lahl**, President, Center for Bioethics & Culture Network, San Francisco, USA. (The documentary film is yet to be released)

¹ *Wunschkind* and *Vansh* are the commonly used local expressions in Germany and India. *Wunschkind* in German language means 'desired children'. In India, a lineage or an inheritor is referred to as '*Vansh*' or '*Waaris*'.