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## EDUCATION

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- 2021-** **UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY**
- PhD in City and Regional Planning
- Supervised by Dr. Teresa Caldeira and Dr. Sai Balakrishnan
  - Intended Designated Emphasis in Global Metropolitan Studies
- 2019-21** **INSTITUT D'ÉTUDES POLITIQUES (SCIENCES PO), PARIS**
- Master in Governing the Large Metropolis
- Research thesis in Sociology supervised by Dr. Sukriti Issar
  - Editor-in-chief, study report on urban transformations in Seoul, South Korea
- 2016-17** **INDIAN INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN SETTLEMENT, BANGALORE**
- Urban Fellow
- Selected in the first batch of the Urban Studies fellowship out of 800 applicants
  - Studied housing, tenure security and social identity in Bangalore with Dr. Gautam Bhan
- 2012-15** **ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE, MUMBAI**
- Bachelor's in Mass Media (Journalism) (Hons.)
- Selected for student exchange to the Paris School of International Affairs, Sciences Po
  - Yale Summer School course on Bombay's history of urbanisation with Dr. Ashish Chadha

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## AWARDS, HONOURS AND GRANTS

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- Berkeley Fellowship for Graduate Study 2021-26
- Laureate, Fondation Palladio 2020-21
- Jamsetji Nusserwanji Tata Memorial Scholar 2019-2021
- Finalist, Centre for Environmental Planning and Technology (CEPT) Essay Prize 2019
- Abdul Hameed Ansari Memorial Prize and gold medal for Highest-Ranking Student
- Nominated for KSP-Sciences Po 'Best Paper on the Middle-East' award, 2016

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## EXPERIENCE

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- 2020** **SOCIÉTÉ DU GRAND PARIS - ÎLE DE FRANCE**
- Capstone Consultant
- Studied transport-oriented development projects in London, Paris and New York with an emphasis on social housing projects
- 2017-19** **CENTRE FOR POLICY RESEARCH - NEW DELHI**
- Research Associate
- Member of the 'Tacit Urban Research Network' (TURN) project with Dr. Partha Mukhopadhyay and Mukta Naik
  - Studied youth migration, labour markets and small city urbanisation in India and Indonesia
  - Studied informal rental housing arrangements and service provision in Indian 'urban villages'
  - Studied voter behaviour, electoral politics and conducted fieldwork on provincial elections with Dr. Neelanjan Sircar
- 2013** **THE HINDU NEWSPAPER - BANGALORE**
- Editorial Intern
- Covered the Karnataka Assembly Elections
  - Worked on civic issues, infrastructure and service delivery stories in Bangalore

**BOOK CHAPTERS**

- Kuttaiah, P. (2020). Of Travels and Travails: Stories of Migration, Work and Hope from an Indian small-town. In A. Srivathsan, S. Khanwalkar, & K. Mehta (Eds.), *Dwelling in Asian Cities: CEPT Essay Prize 2019* (pp. 73-84). Ahmedabad, Gujarat: CEPT University Press.

**PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES**

- Kuttaiah, P. (2019). Kaala and Raees: A Film Review. *Urbanisation* (SAGE), 4(1). doi: <https://doi.org/10.1177/2455747119878345>
- Kuttaiah, P. (2018). Are Linguistic Nationalisms Killing South Indian Federalism? *Economic & Political Weekly*, 53(46).

**WORKING PAPERS**

- Kuttaiah, P. (2022). *To Go or Not to Go: Unpacking Mobility Decisions in Mumbai During the COVID-19 Lockdown of 2020*. NCCR -- On The Move Working Paper #30.
- Kuttaiah, P., & Sircar, N. (2018). *The Election in Karnataka: Caste, Class and Regional Complexity* (Working paper). New Delhi, NCR: CPR Working Paper Series.
- Kuttaiah, P. (2017). *Caste in the Urban: Bangalore as case study* [Working Paper]. Round Table India

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- Naik, M., Kuttaiah, P. and Kunduri, E. (2019). *Networks, Mobilities and Segmentation in Small-City Labour Markets*. Paper presented at IIHS Urban Arc conference, Bangalore, India.

**MAGAZINE / LONG-FORM ARTICLES**

- Kuttaiah, P. (2018, June 24). The Story of India: How Pa Ranjith's Kaala changes the way we imagine the city. *The Caravan*, (6).
- Kuttaiah, P. (2016, November). Book Review: Caste is not a Rumour by Rohith Vemula. *Biblio Magazine*, XXI(9-11).

**SELECTED WEB PUBLICATIONS / OP-EDS**

- Kuttaiah, P. (2019, February 23). 'Gully Boy' Strips Hip-Hop of Its Crucial Link With Identity [Editorial]. *The Wire.in*.
- Kuttaiah, P. (2018, November 03). Sabarimala controversy frames a fundamental question: Who is a Hindu and what exactly is Hinduism? [Editorial]. *Scroll.in*.
- Kuttaiah, P. (2018, August 24). Vajpayee and Karunanidhi: Their disparate careers point to the fault lines in Indian federalism [Editorial]. *Scroll.in*.
- Kuttaiah, P. (2018, May 17). How the BJP Deftly Played the Congress in Karnataka [Editorial]. *The Wire.in*.
- Kuttaiah, P., & Sircar, N. (2018, May 12). Karnataka elections: JD(S) is effective in leveraging networks across the state. *Hindustan Times*.

**ADVOCACY**

- Founding Member, The Missing *Basti* Collective
  - Mapping evictions and oral histories in Delhi's informal settlements
- Member, Human Rights Project on misuse of the Bombay Prevention of Begging Act 1959
- Participant, National Commission of Women Conference on 'Representation of Women in the Media'
- President, Interact Club (Youth Wing of Rotary International)

**VOLUNTEER WORK**

- Volunteer, Sciences Po Refugee Help - Paris, France
- Volunteer, *Basti Suraksha Manch* (Informal Housing Protection Group) - New Delhi, India
- Volunteer, Xavier's Resource Centre for the Visually Challenged - Mumbai, India
- Volunteer, SPARC Children's Shelter Home - Mumbai, India

**SKILLS****METHODS AND SOFTWARES**

- Advanced Qualitative Skills
  - Ethnographic Methods
  - Training in Epistemology and Qualitative Urban Sociology
  - Interview and Focus Group Discussion Coding
  - Qualitative Analysis
  - Thick Descriptions and Fieldwork
  - Advanced Writing Methods
  - Experience with Archival Research
  - Policy Analysis and Drafting
- Quantitative Skills
  - Basic Regression Analysis
  - Proficiency with MS Excel
  - Working Knowledge of Stata, R
  - Data cleaning methods
- Advanced Spatial Skills
  - Arcmap
  - QGIS
  - Google Earth
  - Map Visualization
- Design and Multimedia Skills
  - Adobe InDesign, Quark XPress
  - Basic Illustrator and Photoshop Skills
  - Basic Video and Sound Editing Skills

**LANGUAGES**

- English, Kannada, Kodava, Hindi (Full Native Fluency)
- Malayalam, Tamil (Spoken Fluency)
- French (Full Professional Fluency - C1)
- German (Intermediate)
- Spanish (Basic)