**Smriti Rao**

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**Teaching and Research Interests**

Gender and Economics, Development Economics, International Trade and Migration, The South Asian Economy.

**Education**

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| University of Massachusetts, Amherst | Ph.D. EconomicsDissertation Title: Gender, Liberalization and Agrarian Change in Telangana (India) | May, 2005 |
| University of Massachusetts, Amherst | M.A. Economics | May, 2000 |
| Birla Institute of Technology And Science, Pilani, India | B.A./M.A. (Hons.) General Studies(Integrated Degree)  | July, 1997 |

**Teaching Experience**

Comparative Economic Systems: China, India and the US, Economic Development, International Trade, International Finance, Principles of Microeconomic Theory, Principles of Macroeconomic Theory, Economics Research Seminar, Honors Research Seminar, Economics of Race and Gender.

**Publications**

with Vamsi Vakulabharanam. 2019. Migration, Crises and Social Transformation in India after the 1990s. in *Handbook of Migration Crises,* Eds. Cecilia Menjivar, Marie Ruiz, Immanuel Ness. Oxford University Press.

Gender and Class Relations in Rural India. 2018. *Journal of Peasant Studies,* 45(5-6), pp 950-968.

2018. Gender and Financial Inclusion through the Post in Naoyuki Yoshino, José Ansón, and Matthias Helble, eds. *Postal Savings: Reaching Everyone in Asia.* Asian Development Bank Institute. 226-267.

2017. Women in the Urban Indian Economy: What Can the Data on Migration Tell Us? in Kongar, E. and R Connelly, eds. *Gender and Time Use in a Global Context*. Palgrave Macmillan.

with Kade Finnoff. 2015. Marriage Migration and Inequality in India 1983-2008. *Population and Development Review*, 41(3), pp 485-505.

with Hazel Jean Malapit. 2014. Gender, Household Structure and Financial Participation in the United States. *Journal of Family and Economic Issues*, 35(3), pp 1-15.

with Christina Presenti. 2012 An Empirical Analysis of the Determinants of Human Trafficking. *Feminist Economics,* 18 (2), pp 231-263.

2011. Work and Empowerment: Women in Agriculture in South India. *Journal of Development Studies,* 47(2), pp 294-215

2008. Reforms with a Female Face: Gender, Liberalization and Economic Policy in Andhra Pradesh. *World Development*, 36 (7), pp. 1213-32

2005. Women’s Self Help Groups and Credit for the Poor: A Case Study from Andhra Pradesh in V.K. Ramchandran and M Swaminathan eds. *Financial Liberalization, Rural Banking and Credit Markets in India*. New Delhi: Tullika Publishers, 2005.

**Book reviews, Working Papers and Popular Economics**

with Sirisha Naidu. 2018. Reproductive Labor and Female Labor force participation in India. Political Economy Research Institute, Working Paper 458.

2017. Book Review of “Gender, Development and Globalization: Economics As If All People Mattered”, Second edition. Lourdes Beneria, Gunseli Berik and Maria Floro, eds. *Review of Radical Political Economy*, July 2017.

2016. Indicators of gendered control over agricultural resources: A guide for agricultural policy and research. Working Paper No. 1*. CGIAR Gender and Agriculture Research Network*, CGIAR Consortium Office and International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT). Cali, Colombia.

Sturr, Chris, Smriti Rao, Bryan Snyder eds. *Real World Micro*, 14th , 15th ,16th, 17th, , 18th editions. Boston: Dollars and Sense.

James Cypher, Smriti Rao and Chris Sturr eds. 2010. *Current Economic Issues.* 14th edition. Boston: Dollars and Sense.

Rao Smriti. 2009. Putting the ‘Global’ in Global Economic Crisis, *Dollars and Sense*, Nov/Dec 2009.

Rao, Smriti. 2008. West Bengal’s Right Turn. *Dollars and Sense*, March/April 2008.

**Works in Progress**

“Labor and Social Reproduction in Critical Agrarian Studies”. Chapter contribution for the forthcoming *Edward Elgar Handbook of Critical Agrarian Studies,* Eds. Akram-Lodhi, H., K. Dietz, B. Engels and B. McKay.

With Haroon Akram-Lodhi. “Feminist Political Economy”. Chapter contribution for the forthcoming *Routledge Handbook of Feminist Economics* edited by Günseli Berik and Ebru Kongar.

**Other Affiliations**

Associate Editor, Feminist Economics

Books editor, IAFFE

**Invited Referee Work**

Feminist Economics

World Development

Journal of Peasant Studies

Journal of Agrarian Change

Development and Change

Population and Development Review

Review of Radical Political Economy

Journal of Family and Economic Issues

Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET) Research Grants

UN Women

ICRW, Washington DC

**Select Presentations (since 2017)**

“The feminization of agriculture in India? A feminist political economy analysis.” Asian Political Economy Conference, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, April 13-14, 2018.

Invited participation as discussant and resource person. Conference on Women and Work in Rural Economies. Foundation for Agrarian Studies. Kochi, India, Nov 30-Dec 2, 2018.

Participant in year-long workshop on ‘Cascading: Gender, Race and Downward Mobilities in America’. 2018-19. Women’s Studies Research Center, Brandeis University, MA.

Conference presentation with Smita Ramnarain. 2018. “NREG and Rural Economies: The Role of Gender and Class.” The 50th Anniversary conference of the Union for Radical Political Economists. University of Massachusetts, Amherst. September 28-30, 2018.

Invited faculty lectures on “The State, Trade and Aid in Development Policy”, ILO Master’s Program in Development Management, ILO Training Center, Turin, Italy. March 7-9, 2018

Conference presentation. “The Regional Dynamics of Production and Reproduction in India”. Eastern Economic Association, Febrary 23, 2017, New York City.

Invited lecture. “What can women’s work tell us about the economy? A Comparative Analysis of India and the US”. Women’s Studies Faculty Lecture series, Assumption College. February 22, 2017.

**Research Grants/ Fellowships**

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| 2018-2020 | Faculty Research Grant | Assumption College, Worcester MA |
| Summer 2010 | Faculty Development Grant | Assumption College, Worcester MA |
| Summer 2010 | Honors Program Summer Research Fellowship, Assumption College (mentoring Daniel Mansuk) | Assumption College, Worcester MA |
| Summer, 2008 | Honors Program Summer Research Fellowship, Assumption College(mentoring Christina Presenti) | Assumption College, Worcester MA |
| 2005-06 | Christian Johnson Fellow; Faculty Seminar on Disparity and Justice | Research Fellowship, Bates College, Lewiston ME |
| Summer 2003 | Fellow, Knowledge Networking Program on Gender, Macroeconomics and International Economics | International Working Group on Gender, Macroeconomics and International Economics, University of Utah, Salt Lake City. |
| 2002-03  | International Doctorate Fellowship  | American Association of UniversityWomen, Washington D.C. |
| 2002-03 | Dissertation Grant in Women Studies  | Woodrow Wilson National FellowshipFoundation, Princeton, N.J. |
| Spring 2001  | Dissertation Research Fellowship | Political Economy Research InstituteAmherst, Massachusetts |
| 1997-98 | Graduate School Fellowship  | Graduate School, University of Massachusetts, Amherst |
| 1991-97 | National Talent Search Scholarship | National Council for Education Research and Training, New Delhi, India |