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Qualifications: M.A. (Andhra), Ph.D. (IIT, Bombay)

Dr. Lakshmi Lingam is a Professor at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences. During the period 2011-16, Prof. Lingam was the Deputy Director at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), in Hyderabad. In this position she provided leadership in envisioning a new campus, hiring new teams of Faculty and researchers, building relationships with the government, non-government organizations and civil society groups. Since 2012, TISS Hyderabad has steadily established with 7 Masters, 1 Integrated BA Social Sciences and MPhil and PhD programmes from TISS Hyderabad campus.

Teaching: Dr. Lakshmi has been on the Faculty of the TISS for the past 28 years. She teaches courses titled 'Gender: Interdisciplinary perspectives', 'Women, Development Practice and Politics', 'Gender, Health and Public Policy' for Bachelors & Masters students at the Institute.

Research Interests: Dr. Lakshmi Lingam's research interests range from exploring the social and gender-specific implications of health sector reforms and other macro economic policies; urban poverty and women's livelihoods; studying women's movements and other social movements in the period of globalization; understanding women's health and reproductive rights; and exploring issues of culture, women's identity and agency. She has undertaken several research projects and published extensively on gender, health, development; structural adjustment & urban poverty; micro credit & women empowerment and public policies.

Fellowships: Dr. Lakshmi participated in the Fulbright-Nehru Education Administrators Seminar and visited several educational institutions in the United States between October-November 2015. Dr. Lingam was a Indo-Shastri Visiting Scholar associated with the University of Montreal, Montreal, Canada (2011); Visiting Fellow, Gender, Sexuality and Law Fellowship program, School of Law, Keele University, Keele, North Staffordshire (2007); Toda Institute for Global Peace and Policy Research Fellow to participate in the global dialogue of civilizations, Vancouver, Canada (2006); Fulbright Visiting Fellow, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA (2005); Fulbright New Century Scholar (2004-05) to work on the subject "Towards Equality: Global Empowerment of Women". Visiting Fellow, Center for the Education of Women, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA (2003);

Advocacy & Policy Work: Lakshmi Lingam is on the Curriculum Advisory Boards of several Women Studies Departments in Indian Universities as well as Technical and Ethical Advisory Board member of NGOs. In addition to her

outstanding teaching and research activities, she has contributed to gender and equity mainstreaming activities of Government departments in a number of states in India. She was the General Secretary of the Indian Association for Women Studies during the period 2000 -2002 and was a member of the Organizing Committee that hosted the International Women Health Meeting in 2005 in New Delhi. Dr. Lakshmi was a member of the National Resource Group of the Government of India, Mahila Samakhya program for women's empowerment under the Ministry of HRD.

Training programmes: She is a gender expert, trainer, teacher and researcher. She has over 25 years of experience in this field and is an extremely successful teacher and trainer. She has been the key trainer in several Gender and Human Rights training programmes for Police, civil society organisers and activists. She has participated as a key developer and trainer for programmes on 'Gender, Health and Development' 'Women's Empowerment'.

Research Projects: Dr. Lakshmi had just commenced a project funded by the ICMR to assess health services preparedness to address sexual violence cases and contribute to enhancing the overall quality of care to sexual violence survivors. Dr. Lakshmi concluded a study titled National Review of Maternity Protection Policies and Programs commissioned by the International Labour Organization and the Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India. She has completed two international collaborative projects with University of Montreal funded by the Canadian Institute for Health Research Seed Grant (GGH-169582): "Integrating Gender Sensitivity in TB Programs In India: Building International Partnerships and Models for Equitable Access"; and a South Asian region project titled: "Crossing Boundaries: Regional Capacity Building on Integrated Water Resource Management, Gender, Equity and Water", funded by the Wageningen University, Netherlands.

Significant Publications: Dr. Lakshmi has edited a book titled *Understanding Women Health Issues: A Reader*, (1998), published by Kali for Women, New Delhi, which is widely used in Indian Universities as a textbook. She has published papers in reputed journals and in edited volumes. Her important publications include:

'Gendered Pattern of Burn Injuries in India: A Neglected Health Issue' in *Reproductive Health Matters*. Vol. 24, p. 96–103, 2016. (co-authored)

'Household Livelihood Strategies' in Naples, Nancy A., (Editor). *Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Gender and Sexuality Studies*. Oxford: Wiley Blackwell, Volume, 6, Pp. 1322-1326.

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(Co-author)

'Rape and Medical Evidence Gathering Systems, Need for Urgent Intervention' (co-author), *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol - XLVIII No. 03, 2013.

'Gender and health in India: Emergent issues Beyond Equitable Access' in Shweta Singh (Ed.), *Social work and Social Development: Perspectives from India and the United States. 2013*, Lyceum Books, Chicago, USA.

'Development Theories and Community Development Practice: Trajectory of Changes' in Marie Weil, Michael Reisch & Mary L. Ohmer (Eds.), *The Handbook of Community Practice* (Second Edition), August, 2012, Sage Publications, USA.

'Unintentional injuries among children in resource poor settings: where do the fingers point?' (co-author). *Archives of Childhood Diseases*. Vol. 97 (1), p.35-38, January, 2012.

'Reproductive Rights and Exclusionary Wrongs: Maternity Benefits'. (co-authored with Vaidehi, Y) *Economic & Political Weekly*, October 22, Vol XLVI, No 43, p. 94-103, 2011.

'Poverty Discourses and Global Civil Society' with a sub-chapter titled "Mapping Poverty and Gender Discourses in India" in Kumar, A., Scholte, J. A. et.al., (eds.) *Global Civil Society Yearbook: Poverty and Activism*, Sage Publications, UK, 2009.

'Limits to Empowerment: Micro-credit programs and Women in South India' in Isabella Bakker & Rachel Silvey (eds.) *Beyond States and Markets: The Challenges of Social Reproduction*, Routledge, USA, 2008.

'Domains of Empowerment: Women in Micro-credit Programs Negotiating Multiple Patriarchies' in Carolyn M. Elliott (ed) *Global Empowerment of Women: Responses to Globalization and Politicized Religions*, Routledge, New York, 2007.