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Educational Qualifications (Pre-University onwards)

2004 - 2007 : University of Nottingham, UK Campus

PhD in Psychology in the area of Social cognition and Autism. Carried out experimental work taking a new perspective on the Theory of Mind hypothesis of autism.

Title of the thesis: Are individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders sensitive to traits?

1996 -1998 : University of Madras, India

MA Applied Psychology & Psychological Services (Aggregate – 75.9%, First class with Distinction).
First class in all the individual subjects and secured the UNIVERSITY FIRST RANK.

1993 - 1996 : University of Kerala, India

BA Psychology (Aggregate – 90.34 %, First class with Distinction)
Secured the HIGHEST percentage of marks in psychology main (89.5 %) and
the UNIVERSITY FIRST RANK
Subsidiaries: Human physiology & Psychological Statistics

Work Experience

2009-Present : Assistant Professor (Regular), University of Calicut, Kerala, India

Plan, Teach and evaluate courses for PG and Mphil students of Psychology. Courses handled include Cognitive Psychology, Research Methodology, Current Trends in Psychology and Neuropsychology. Also supervise PG and MPhil Dissertation work.

2004 - 2007 : Teaching assistant (Part time) University of Nottingham, UK

Conducted 1st and 2nd year BSc Psychology seminars: This involved preparing and conducting revision classes before yearly examinations.

Demonstrating in 1st and 2nd year BSc Psychology practical class: This involved assisting the lecturer in conducting the class as well as evaluating lab records.

Fellowships and Awards

- 1) ICSSR post-doctoral fellowship, 2015
- 2) Commonwealth Scholarship under Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship Plan, 2004
- 2) Overseas Research Students Award Scheme, UK, 2004

- 3) The Indian Psychological Association Golden Jubilee and Madras Psychology Society Medal in recognition of excellent performance in MA Applied Psychology, 1998
- 4) His Highness Marthanda Varma Elaya Raja Prize for securing the highest percentage of marks in BA Psychology main, 1996
- 5) Have cleared UGC-NET

Publications

In peer reviewed journals

Ramachandran, R., Mitchell, P. & Ropar, D. (2009). Do individuals with autism spectrum disorders infer traits from behaviour? *Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry*, 50, 871–878.

Ramachandran, R., Mitchell, P. & Ropar, D. (2010). Recognizing faces based on inferred personal characteristics in Autism Spectrum Disorders. *Autism*, 14, 605-618.

Freeth M, Sheppard E, Ramachandran R & Milne E (2013) A Cross-Cultural Comparison of Autistic Traits in the UK, India and Malaysia. *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*, 43, 503-752.

Ramachandran, R (2016). Humility in Professionalism. *Research and Humanities in Medical Education*, 3.

Ramachandran, R. (2020). A qualitative study on perspective of parents of children with autism on the nature of parent–professional relationship in Kerala, India. *Autism*, 24(6), 1521-1530.

In edited book

Freeth, M., Milne, E., Sheppard, E., & Ramachandran, R. (2014). Autism across cultures: Perspectives from non-Western cultures and implications for research. In F. Volkmar, R. Paul, K. Pelphry, S. Rogers (Ed.) *The Handbook of Autism and Pervasive Developmental Disorders* (4th ed.). Wiley

In seminar proceeding

Ramachandran, R (2012). Dealing with autism. In Ashraf, D. B. & Palanthara, P. (Ed.). *Recent Approaches in Counselling and Psychotherapy*.

Trainings/Workshops undertaken

Participated in a five day workshop on Restructuring the Undergraduate Course in Psychology organised by Board of Studies in Psychology, University of Kerala in March, 2009.

Statistics workshop conducted by Kerala School of Mathematics (March 5 – 6, 2010)

Refresher course in Statistics and Research Methods conducted by Academic Staff College, University of Kerala (Nov 24 – Dec 15, 2011).

Facilitator training workshop in Theatre of the Oppressed led by Dr. Radha Ramaswamy and conducted by Centre for Community Dialogue and Change, Bangalore (June 2 – 7, 2012)

Workshop on Autism and Applied Behavioural Analysis conducted by We CAN, Chennai and Prasanthi School, Kozhikode, Kozhikode (Nov 9 – 10, 2013)

Facilitator training workshop on Forum theatre led by Dr. Sanjoy Ganguly, Jana Sanskriti, Kolkata and conducted by Centre for Community Dialogue and Change, Bangalore (Nov 26 – 28, 2014)

Participated in Syllabus Revision and Preparation of Model Question Paper for the SET exam organised by LBS centre for Science and Technology at Trivandrum on July 20- 21, 2015.

Facilitator training workshop on Rainbow of desires led by Jean Francois Martel, TOP theatre, France and conducted by Jana Sanskriti, Kolkata (Oct 28 – Nov 2, 2015)

Facilitator training workshop on Theatre for Living led by David Diamond, conducted by Centre for Community Dialogue and Change, Bangalore (Jan 2 – Jan 17, 2017)

Attended a three day discussion meet for the development of “Learning and wellbeing” framework held at Re:imagine learning community centre, Bhor, Pune (Aug 29 - Aug 3, August 2018).

Workshop on Research Methods in Special and Inclusive Education and Disability Rehabilitation (level 1) organized by National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities, Dept of Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in association with the University of Northampton, U.K. and CDMRP at University of Calicut, Kerala (Jan 28th – 30 Jan, 2019)

Workshop on Revised Accreditation Framework of NAAC and Quality Systems in Higher Education at University of Calicut on 5th March 2019

Workshop on Research Methods in Special and Inclusive Education and Disability Rehabilitation (level 2) organized by National Institute for Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities, Dept of Empowerment of Persons with Multiple Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in association with the University of Northampton, U.K at NIEPMD, Chennai (April 9 – April 12, 2019)

Attended national conference on Mental Health, Migration, and Resilience: Innovative methodologies for research, policy, and practice in India jointly organized by TISS (Mumbai), IHMP, NIMHANS (Bangalore), and DeMontford University (U.K) at Pune (Sept 17 – Sept 18, 2019)

Online hands on workshop on training programme on Learning Management System – Moodle jointly organised by Department of Computer Science and IQAC of University of Calicut, May 25 - June 9, 2020.

Completed the DEF-ISL Short Term Training Programme on “Basic Indian Sign Language” conducted from 26-10-2020 to 28-12-2020.

Papers presented and training/workshops facilitated

Presented poster titled, “Trait inference in autism” at IMFAR, Montreal, Canada, June 1 – 3, 2006

Presented poster titled, “Trait and Theory of Mind: The other side of the coin” at IMFAR, Washington, May 3 – 5, 2007

Presented paper titled, “Are individuals with Autism especially sensitive to traits” at BPS Developmental Psychology Session, University of Plymouth, Aug 29 -31, 2007

Presented paper titled, “Social Orienting Deficit in Autism and its Implication in Research and Intervention” at National conference of Autism organised by Insititute for Communicative and Cognitive Neurosciences at Shornur, April 2 – 3, 2011.

Presented paper titled, "Dealing with Autism" at National Training Seminar on Counselling and Psychotherapy organised by Society of Psychologists for Social Action at Town hall, Kozhikode, January 23 – 24, 2012.

Facilitated a workshop on "Theatre as an intervention strategy in Schools" at International Training Program on School Psychology organised by Indian School Psychology Association and Department of Psychology, University of Calicut, November 23 -28, 2012.

Presented paper titled "Effect of on the track accidents on loco-pilots" at National seminar on Mental Health and Wellbeing organised by Department of Psychology, University of Calicut, November 14 – 16, 2013.

Facilitated a workshop session on "Theatre of Oppressed in education" as part of Faculty Development Program organised by Department of Civil Engineering, National Institute of Technology Calicut, December 15 – 21, 2013.

Facilitated a workshop on Medical Humanities organised by PSG institute of Medical Sciences and Research, Coimbatore, July 22 – 24, 2014.

Part of 21 day project titled, " Act for Change in India: Healing Minds" organised by The Public Health Foundation of India, Delhi, The George Institute of Global Health, Delhi and Oxford University dramatics club at Goa and Delhi, September 1 – 21, 2014.

Facilitated a Theatre based workshop on value education for Civil Engineering students organised by Department of Civil Engineering, National Institute of Technology Calicut in October and November of 2014.

Presented a paper titled " Healing Minds and TO" at National Theatre of the Oppressed Conference organised by Centre for Community Dialogue and Change, Bangalore, November 29 – 30, 2014.

Facilitated a Training of Trainers program on Youth Employability organised by Community Agrodiversity Centre of M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Waynad on 18 January 2016,

Facilitated a "Gender workshop" at Overbrook Technology Services Private Limited, Ernakulam, on 3rd September 2016 and 18th and 19th May 2017

Facilitated a workshop for students and teachers of Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences, Kozhikode on World Mental Health Day on 10th October 2017

Invited talk on "Cognitive Perspective in Psychology" at Little Flower Institute for Social Science and Health, Kozhikode on 27th October 2017

Facilitated a one day theatre workshop for second year DEd students at Teachers training Institute, Kozhikode, Kerala on 7th November 2017

Invited talk on "Dealing with autism" as part of Continued Rehabilitation Education programme conducted by Composite Rehabilitation Centre for people with disabilities, Kozhikode, Kerala on 21st November 2017

Invited talk on "Cognitive Perspective in Psychology" at Mankada Government Arts and Science College, Kozhikode on January 2018

Facilitated workshop on “Theatre in Psychology” for Post Graduate student in Psychology in the national seminar titled “Psychology: What is what not” at University of Calicut, Kerala, 1st- 2nd March 2018

Invited talk on “Learning styles and strategies in ASD” as part of Continued Rehabilitation Education programme conducted by Composite Rehabilitation Centre for people with disabilities, Kozhikode, Kerala on 13th November 2018

Facilitated a one day theatre workshop for Post Graduate Students of Psychology in the National Workshop entitled Creative Psychologist: Applying Art in Psychology at Government College for Women, Trivandrum on 28th November 2018

Invited talk on “Psychology through gendered lens” in National Seminar on Women and Mental Health at CSI Christian Muller Women’s College, Vadakara, 11th – 13th January, 2019

Invited talk on “Parent Professional Relationship in the rehabilitation of Children with Autism” at Indian Institute of Management Kozhikode, Kerala on 29th March 2019

Facilitated session on “Using arts for self expression” as part of Walk with the Scholar program at Government Arts and Science College Kondotty, Villayil, on 19th Oct 2019

Presented paper titled “Using Theatre of the Oppressed to explore the struggles faced by women employees in fulfilling their career aspirations” at the 29th Annual Convention of National Association of Psychologists and International Conference on making Psychology Deliverable to Society held at University of Pondicherry, 20th – 22nd Dec 2019.

Presented the keynote address titled “Neurodiversity and Inclusive Communities” at the National Conference: Insight held at Kristu Jayanthi College, Bangalore, 9th – 10th Jan 2020

Facilitated a one day workshop “Exploring mental wellbeing” at Overbrook Technology Services Private Limited, Ernakulam on 4th March 2020

Resource person for 5 Day Mental Health Day Observation program 2020 organised by Psychology Circle, Kerala and delivering a session on “Nature, Content and Efficacy of Academic Programs” (Online) on 12th Oct 2020

Invited lecture on “Autism in the Mind: Neurodiversity perspective and its relevance” at Science Academy’s lecture series workshop (virtual) Current Trends in Brain Development and Behaviour organised by Indian Academy of Sciences, Bangalore, Indian National Science Academy, New De Ihi, and The National Academy of Sciences India, Allahabad in collaboration with U. C. College Alluva on 2nd and 3rd Jan 2021

Resource person for Faculty Development Programme on Positive psychological capital of college students and role of teachers organised by STRIDE MG University and delivered a session (Online) on “Understanding students with disability in higher education” on 10th Feb 2020

Other position held

Academic

Member, Academic Council, Lady Doak College, Madurai

Member, Board of Studies, Farook College, Calicut

Member P.G. Board of Studies, University of Calicut

Voluntary non-academic

Resource person for Research and Development of Autistic Children, Under Sarva Shiksha Abhyas,
Kozhikode

Research advisor, Flourishing Minds Foundation, Pune