

# Isha Bhallamudi

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## EDUCATION

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(Expected 2023). **Ph.D. Sociology.** University of California Irvine.

(Expected 2020). **MA. Social and Demographic Analysis.** University of California Irvine.

2017. **Integrated M.A. in Development Studies.** Indian Institute of Technology Madras, India.

*Dissertation.* "Exploring Adolescent Health in Tamil Nadu through the National Adolescent Health Programme: Where Do Implementation Status and Access to Healthcare Stand?".

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Gender, Health, Technology, Social Networks, Demography, South Asia

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Journal Articles and Conference Publications

- 2019. **Isha Bhallamudi** and Lakshmi Lingam. "Swaying between saving the Environment and Mitigating Women's Domestic Drudgery: India's Efforts at Addressing Clean Cooking Fuels". *Gender, Technology and Development*.
- 2019. Jayadev Bhaskaran and **Isha Bhallamudi**. "Good Secretaries, Bad Truck Drivers? Occupational Gender Stereotypes in Sentiment Analysis". In Proceedings of the First Workshop on Gender Bias for Natural Language Processing, *Association for Computational Linguistics 2019*, Florence, Italy.
- 2019. Lakshmi Lingam and **Isha Bhallamudi**. "Smartphones and Gender Fault Lines: How are Adolescent Girls and Young women Navigating?" *Imagine a Feminist Internet: Research, Practice and Policy in South Asia* conference. Internet Democracy Project, Sri Lanka.

### Articles in Progress

- (Under review). **Isha Bhallamudi** and V.R. Muraleedharan. "Progress in Access to Healthcare by Adolescents in Tamil Nadu - Lessons for Public Sector Delivery".
- (Under revision). Rachel Bray and **Isha Bhallamudi**. "Research rigour and social transformation in the study of poverty: What can a 'Merging of Knowledge' approach achieve?"
- (In preparation). **Isha Bhallamudi** and Lakshmi Lingam. "Young Adults and Mobile Phones: Gender, Society and Moral Panic".

### Reports and Working Papers

- (Forthcoming). Lakshmi Lingam, **Isha Bhallamudi** and Neomi Rao. "Gender Mainstreaming: Resource Pack". UN Women.

- 2018. Lakshmi Lingam, **Isha Bhallamudi** and Neomi Rao. “Adolescent Sub-cultures and Smartphones: Exploring Implications for Gender, Sexuality and Rights”. Report, UNICEF.
- 2015. Rachel Bray and **Isha Bhallamudi** with Alberto Ugarte. *Strengths and limitations of participative research approaches*. Working paper, Collaborative Research Design Workshop between ATD Fourth World and the University of Oxford. Oxford, UK.
- 2015. Rachel Bray and **Isha Bhallamudi** with Alberto Ugarte. *Doing participative research: What is needed to make it work?* Working Paper, Collaborative Research Design Workshop between ATD Fourth World and the University of Oxford. Oxford, UK.
- 2015. Rachel Bray and **Isha Bhallamudi** with Alberto Ugarte. *Methods for conducting participative research*. Working Paper, Collaborative Research Design Workshop between ATD Fourth World and the University of Oxford. Oxford, UK.

### Other Publications

- 2018. “Positive Approaches to Adolescents and Sexuality Education: A Case for Expanding Regional Vocabularies”. Family Planning Association of India (blog post).
- 2017. “[Mental Health in IIT Madras: Survey Findings](#)”. The Fifth Estate, IIT Madras. (2-part article based on a survey of 800 students that I designed, conducted and analysed).
- 2016. “[Gender-Based Harassment: a Reality on Campus?](#)” The Fifth Estate, IIT Madras. (2-part article based on a survey of 800 students that I designed, conducted and analysed).
- 2016. “[Inside Healthcare Policy](#)”. *Immerse*: IIT Madras Research Magazine.
- 2014, “[IGCS: A Peek into HSS Research](#)”. *Immerse*: IIT Madras Science Magazine.
- 2014. “[Vials on Dial](#)”. *Immerse*: IIT Madras Science Magazine.

### SKILLS

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- **Software:** Endnote, STATA (working proficiency), R (basic proficiency).
- **Languages:** English, Hindi, Telugu.

### CONFERENCES and WORKSHOPS

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- 2019. Participant, *Roundtable on Artificial Intelligence in Health in India*, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, India.
- 2019. “Hyperobjects as a theoretical framework for understanding and tackling climate change”. Presentation for *Environment and Society Research Workshop*, UC Irvine.
- 2018. “Fight for Equality: Moral Panic over Adolescent Girls and Mobile Phone Use in Mumbai”. Paper presentation for *Gender Research Workshop*, UC Irvine.
- 2018. “Why Loiter? Women Claiming Online Public Space”. Presentation for the *National Conference on Gender-Based Cyber Violence*. Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India.
- 2015. Participant and researcher, *Designing a Multi-method, Participative Study of the Dimensions of Poverty: Collaborative Design Workshop between ATD Fourth World and the University of Oxford*, University of Oxford.
- 2014. Participant, *Symposium on Violence Against Women: Review of Institutional Responses in India and the U.K.*, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, India.

## ACADEMIC HONOURS, PRIZES AND GRANTS

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- 2019. Summer Funding Award, UC Irvine.
- 2018. Graduate Dean's Recruitment Fellowship award, UC Irvine.
- 2018. Recruitment Fellowship Award, Department of Sociology, UC Irvine.
- 2015. Research Travel Grant, IIT Madras.
- 2015. Institute Merit Prize for academic excellence. IIT Madras.
- 2014. Institute Merit Prize for academic excellence. IIT Madras.
- 2012. INSPIRE scholarship, awarded to top 1% high school students in India. Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India.
- 2012, 2010. Merit Certificate for Academic Excellence. Central Board of Secondary Education, Government of India.

## RESEARCH PROJECTS AND POSITIONS

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- **Reviewer**, *Sexual and Reproductive Health Matters*.
- (Jan – Aug 2018). Research Assistant. 'Gender Mainstreaming in Urban Planning, Agriculture and Governance in India'. **UNDP and Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai.**
- (Sept 2017 – Jan 2018). Research Assistant. 'Adolescent Mobile Phone Use in Urban Mumbai: Investigating Gender, Sexuality and Rights'. **UNICEF and Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai.**
- (June – Sept 2017). Research Assistant. 'Preparing a Detailed Project Report for revamping the Telangana State Police Academy.' **Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai.**
- (Sept 2015 - May 2016). Field Research Assistant (in Chennai). 'Treasure Hunt: Social Learning in the Field'. **University of Michigan.**
- (June - July 2015). Sponsored Researcher. "Designing a multi-method, participative study of the dimensions of poverty". **Department of Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford.**
- (June - July 2014). Research intern. "Girls' Barriers to Education in India". **Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai.**
- (June - July 2013). Content Developer. **National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning**, a Government of India sponsored collaborative educational programme offering nearly 1000 MOOCs.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- Spring 2018. Teaching Assistant: 'Fundamentals of Psychology', UC Irvine.
  - Winter 2018. Teaching Assistant: 'People and Society', UC Irvine.
  - Fall 2018. Teaching Assistant: 'Law and Society', UC Irvine.
  - 2016. Teaching Assistant: 'International Trade and Finance', IIT Madras
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