PRITI RAMAMURTHY

Summary
Priti Ramamurthy is a professor in the department of Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies. An ethnographer, she has returned to the same villages in the Telangana region of southern India for three decades, to understand the relationship between the social reproduction of families, lives and livelihoods and processes of agrarian transformation. Ramamurthy's articulation of feminist commodity chain analysis, as a way to track the creation of value and gendered identities, is a methodological contribution to studies of gender and globalization. Her interdisciplinary publications appear in the journals like World Development, Cultural Anthropology, Feminist Studies, SIGNS, and Environment and Planning A and in edited volumes including Routledge Handbook of Gender in South Asia (Routledge, 2014), Gendered Commodity Chains: Seeing Women's Work and Households in Global Production (Stanford, 2014) and Marrying in South Asia: Shifting concepts, Changing Practices in a Globalising World (Orient Blackswan, 2014). She is a co-editor and co-author of The Modern Girl Around the World: Modernity, Consumption, Globalization (Duke, 2008).

FIELDS OF INTEREST
- Anthropology
- Biotechnology
- Culture
- Ethnography
- Feminism
- Indian
- Political Economy
- Reproduction
- Transnational
- Women of Color
- Agrarian Transitions
- Consumption and Commodity Cultures

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS
- Modern Girl Around the World Research Project with Professors Tani Barlow, Madeline Dong Yue, Uta Poiger, Lynn Thomas and Alys Weinbaum; Sponsored by Simpson Center for the Humanities, Institute for Transnational Studies, the UW Graduate School, Comparative Law and Society Center, and the Allen Libraries Endowment

Affiliated Departments: American Ethnic Studies
REPRESENTATIVE RESEARCH


REPRESENTATIVE PROJECTS

- ACLS Collaborative Research Fellowships 2015

  Priti Ramamurthy, Professor (with Vinay Gidwani, University of Minnesota, Twin Cities)
  Department: Gender, Women and Sexuality Studies; South Asian Studies
  University of Washington The Country and the City: For a Poetics of Informal Economies in Contemporary India

- The Country and the City: For a Poetics of Informal Economies in Contemporary India, Vinay Gidwani and Priti Ramamurthy


CONFERENCES
Research Advised: Graduate Dissertations


Conversations

Priti Ramamurthy’s research is in conversation with:

Shirley Yee’s archival work on community economies in New York. We are both interested in how communities—cross cut by, in Yee’s case, class and race, and, in Ramamurthy’s, class and caste—come together in exchange relationships which are also the grounds for different expressions of gendered identities, desires, and indeed, what “economy” itself is.

Sasha Welland’s and Amanda Swarr’s research intersects with Ramamurthy’s in the ways they all trouble the “transnational” in transnational feminist research. Through their ethnographic research in India, China, and South Africa, based on epistemic and activist collaborations, they seek to expand the boundaries of feminist knowledge production and “area” studies.

The relationship of gendered identities, labor patterns and labor organizing, developmentalist states, and global political economy inform the research of Shuxuan Zhou, Jiwoon Yu-Lee, and Elizabeth Arreola Ramirez and Priti Ramamurthy.

South Asian Feminism, political economy, development, and gender formation in India are interests shared with Akanksha Misra and Chandan Reddy.

Transnational feminism in the US and global political economy is a shared interest of Lauren O’Laughlin and Priti Ramamurthy.

Courses Taught

**SPRING 2019**
- GWSS 490 A: Special Topics in Women Studies: Oral Histories Methodology
- GWSS 555 A: Feminist International Political Economy

**WINTER 2019**
- GWSS 490 C: Special Topics in Women Studies: Gender and Sexuality in India

**AUTUMN 2018**
- GWSS 345 A: Women and International Economic Development

**AUTUMN 2017**
- GWSS 345 A: Women And International Economic Development
- GWSS 490 C: Special Topics In Women Studies

**SPRING 2017**
- GWSS 555 A: Feminist International Political Economy

**WINTER 2017**
- GWSS 345 A: Women And International Economic Development - Course Website
GWSS 497 A: Fieldwork In Women Studies
GWSS 497 B: Fieldwork In Women Studies
GWSS 600 A: Independent Study Or Research

SPRING 2015
GWSS 555 A: Feminist International Political Economy

WINTER 2015
GWSS 345 A: Women And International Economic Development

RELATED NEWS
- National Women's Studies Association (NWSA) Annual Conference 2018 (November 9, 2018)
- Professor Priti Ramamurthy to speak at Spaces of Exception - Geographies of Injustice Working Group on October 5th & 6th 2018 (September 14, 2018)
- Professor Priti Ramamurthy organizes workshop in Hyderabad titled Rural Urban Entanglements in India (July 19, 2018)
- GWSS Major, Ananya Garg, presents "Oral Histories of Queer and Trans People of Color at the University of Washington." at the Undergrad Research Symposium with mentor GWSS Professor Priti Ramamurthy (May 18, 2018)
- GWSS Professor Priti Ramamurthy organizes Workshop on Rural Urban Entanglements in India (April 24, 2018)
- Professor Priti Ramamurthy presenting at Examining the 'New' in Kinship and Family in South Asia Conference (January 31, 2018)
- GWSS Faculty, Graduate Students, and Alumni show a strong presence at the 2017 NWSA (National Women's Studies Association) Conference. (November 17, 2017)
- Priti Ramamurthy receives Fulbright-Nehru Academic & Professional Excellence Award for Research (September 25, 2017)
- Research on India - Urban Workshop Series with Professor Priti Ramamurthy, et al. (July 19, 2016)