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).
REPRESENTATIVE RESEARCH

- Priti Ramamurthy, "Why is buying a 'madras' cotton shirt a political act?: A feminist commodity chain Analysis" Feminist Studies, 30, no. 3, Fall 2004.

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 StudiesUniversity 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
- "Animal, Mineral, Vegetable: Feminist Provocations" Feminist Preconference at the 43rd Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison Wisconsin, 16 October 2014, 9:30-5:30 pm, Madison Concourse Hotel. Co-organizers: Priti Ramamurthy, University of Washington and Naisargi Dave, University of Toronto

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

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)