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### **EDUCATION & RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Dr. Aruna Kumar research interests include Decentralisation, Tribal Studies, State and civil society, Rural development, Public policy and Natural Resource Management. He has obtained M.A, M.Phil and PhD degree from Department of Political Science, University of Hyderabad. His M.Phil thesis deals with land disputes between tribals and non- tribals in Andhra Pradesh whereas his doctoral thesis is on Local Governance in Scheduled Areas in Andhra Pradesh. Since then he has been working on tribal issues in India in general and Andhra Pradesh in particular especially on tribal land rights and tribal governance.

### **PAST EMPLOYMENT**

Dr.Aruna Kumar joined AUD in March 2010. He was a visiting fellow at Centre for Economic and Social Studies (CESS), Hyderabad from September 2009 – February 2010 and Programme Manager in Byrraju foundation, Andhra Pradesh. He was also Director- India for the project title '*Labor migration in India*' funded by City University of New York, New York, USA during 2005-2007.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### Books

1. **"The Politics of Governance: Negotiating the Space between the State and Civil Society"**  
Cambridge Scholars Publishing, Newcastle upon- Tyne, NE6 1 WR, United Kingdom. ISBN (13): 978-1-4438-2065-3

#### Journal Articles

2. **"Women Labour in Tribal Areas- A Study in Andhra Pradesh."** In **Indian journal of Millennium Developmental Studies: An International Journal** Volume 2 Number 2, September 2007; pp141-146.

#### Book Chapters

3. **"From landless to land ownership – Tribal Struggle for property rights"** in **Tribal Development in India- A Debate**. Edited by Govind Rath, Sage Publications, New Delhi, 2006.

4. *“Land ownership in Scheduled Areas- A study in Andhra Pradesh”* in **Empowering Rural India- Experiments and Experiences**. Edited by R.Venkat Ravi, Siva Ram and Sunder Raj, Kanishka Publishers, New Delhi, 2006.
5. *“Labour Struggle among Tribes- A Study from Andhra Pradesh”* in **Rethinking developmental discourses in 21<sup>st</sup> century, India**. Edited by Gupta, Atlantic Publishers, New Delhi. 2007
6. *‘Tribal Governance in Scheduled Areas- A Study from South India’* in **Human Development in India** / Edited by Dr. B. Suresh Lal. 1st ed. New Delhi, Serials Publications.2009.457-838, ISBN: 9788183872-447

### Working Papers

7. *Tribal Women in Local Governance- A Study in Andhra Pradesh, India*. University of Incarnate word, San Antonia, Texas, USA.
8. *“Decentralized Forest Governance- A Policy Perspective”* Research Unit for Livelihood and Natural Resources (RULNR), Centre For Economic and Social Science (CESS), working Paper No-15, 2009
9. *“Evolution of Forest policy in India”* - Research Unit for Livelihood and Natural Resources (RULNR), Centre For Economic and Social Science (CESS), Working Paper -16, 2010

### Online Articles

1. *Tribal Women in Local Governance*  
<http://wgc.womensglobalconnection.org/conf06proceedings/Kumar%20A.--Tribal%20Women.pdf>
2. *Andhra Kshatriya Customs*  
<http://kshatriyas.org/Kss/E-Books/ASRIT/Andhra Kshatriya Customs/1/Default.html>
3. *Customs and Rituals*  
<http://kshatriyas.org/Kss/E-Books/ASRIT/Customs and Rituals/1/Default.html>
4. *Andhra Pradesh - Forts*  
<http://kshatriyas.org/Kss/E-Books/ASRIT/Forts/1/Default.html>
5. *Genesis of Caste system*

<http://kshatriyas.org/Kss/E-Books/ASRIT/Genesis of Caste System/1/Default.html>

6. *History of Kshatriyas*

<http://kshatriyas.org/Kss/E-Books/ASRIT/History of Kshatriyas/1/Default.html>

7. *Kshatriya Migration Project*

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8. *Kshatriya Migration*

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9. *Marriage and Rituals*

<http://kshatriyas.org/Kss/E-Books/ASRIT/Marriage and Rituals/1/Default.html>

10. *Origin of Kshatriyas*

<http://kshatriyas.org/Kss/E-Books/ASRIT/Origin of Kshatriyas/1/Default.html>

11. *Entrepreneurship among Rajus*

<http://kshatriyas.org/Kss/E-Books/ASRIT/Propasal-Entrepreneurship among Rajus/1/Default.html>

12. *The story of Rajus - history*

<http://kshatriyas.org/Kss/E-Books/ASRIT/RAJU- history/1/Default.html>

*In press*

1. '*Globalization and Tribal Migration – A Study of Andhra Pradesh, India*' in ***Working USA: The Journal of Labour and Society***, Blackwell Publishing, INC., Boston, USA.
2. '*Land disputes between Tribals and Non-Tribals in Andhra Pradesh*' in ***Community Driven Development in Tribal Areas***, edited by Dr. R. Siva Prasad, to be Published by Himalaya Publication, India
3. '*Local Governance in Tribal Areas- a Study of Andhra Pradesh- India*' in ***Grass root Journal, India***
4. '*Status of Panchayats (Local Governance) in India*' in ***Implementation of Panchayats Acts in Tribal Areas- A View point From India***, edited by Govind Rath, Himalaya Publication, India.

## SELECTED RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

1. '*Panchayat Raj (local governance) and Tribal women*' in **National workshop 2000** organized by University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad, India.
2. '*Local Governance in Tribal Areas – A Study of India*' in **All India Social Science Conference**, held at Visakhapatnam, February 2003.
3. '*Local Governance in Scheduled Area – A study of Andhra Pradesh*' in **International Seminar** at G.B. Pant institute of Social science, Allahabad, January 2005.
4. '*Governance in era of Globalization*' in **International Seminar** on Globalization; conceptualizing social science Research in India- towards Diagnostic, Predictive & Intervention Modules, Organized by Academic staff College, University of Hyderabad, India, November 15-16, 2005.
5. '*Tribal women in India*' in **International conference Women's Global Connection international Conference 2006** in May 18-2006, san Antonia, Texas, USA.
6. '*Caste, Class and poverty in Tribal- View from South India*' **International sociological conference** held at Durban, South Africa, July 2006. (*In absentia*)

## CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

Dr. Aruna Kumar is currently handling two Independent projects. One is on Labour migration in India funded by City University of New York another is on Status of Forest Rights act in Andhra Pradesh which is funded by Jamshed Tata Trust, Mumbai.