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Faculty Profile

Dr. MARTIZ KURIAN

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Personal Details

Nationality

Indian

Marital Status

Married

Permanent Address

Kozhencherry, Pathanamthitta, Kerala, India.

Higher Education

2011 - 2015

Ph.D. History, Department of History, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

2009 - 2011

MPhil. History, Department of History, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

2007 - 2009

MA History, Department of History, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

2004 - 2007

BA History,St. Thomas College, Palai, Mahatma Gandhi, University, Kottayam.

Professional Position

2016 to present

Assistant Professor, Department of History, St Thomas College, Kozhencherry

Teaching Experience

2016 - 2023

■ Undergraduate students

Courses Taught

BA

- **Making of Contemporary India**
- Archaeology in India
- India: Nation in the Making
- Inheritance and Departures in Historiography
- Making of Modern Kerala
- Researching the Past
- **Cultural Transitions in Pre-Modern Kerala**

Other Important Responsibilities/Positions Held

Professional Membership and Activities

- Life Member, Association of Third World Studies-South Asia Chapter, Bangalore
- Life Member of South Indian History Congress, Madurai
- Life Member of History Forum, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram
- Life Member of South Indian Numismatic Society, Madras
- Life Member of Institute of Historical Studies, Calcutta
- Life Member of Indian Culture Society, New Delhi

Awards and Achievements

- UGC-Maulana Azad National Fellowship, MHRD, Government of India, 2011
- ASPIRE Scholarship, Ministry of Education & Culture, Government of Kerala,2009
- Prof. Dr. K.K. Kusuman Memorial Best Paper presentation award in the 14th Annual Conference of Association of Third World Studies-South Asia Chapter, held at Dr. SMCSI Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala on 22-24 May 2009.
- Marthanda Varma Scholarship, University of Kerala, 2008
- Proficiency Prize, St. Thomas College, Palai, 2005,2006 & 2007

Research Experience

- Worked as a Team Member in National Translation Mission Project on Identification and coining of translation equivalents in Malayalam for History for lexical resources, National Translation Mission, Central Institute of Indian Languages, MHRD, Department of Higher Education, Government of India, Manasagangotri, Mysore, 2021.
- Research Assistant: U.G.C. Major Research Project on Contesting for Space: Caste Hegemony and the Non-Brahmin Movement in South India A Study of Sources (1916-1931 A.D.), Department of History, Shivaji University, Kolhapur, Maharashtra

Areas of Specialization and Interest

- Religion and Society of Early Medieval Kerala
- Maritime History of Early & Early Medieval Kerala
- **Early Historic Tamilakam**
- **Epigraphic Studies**

Research Publications

- Maritime Trade Contacts Between Peninsular India and Southeast Asia, C. 400-1300, in Krishanan Mania ed., International Multi Disciplinary Conference on Arts, Social Science, Anuragam, Chennai, 2019, pp.193-205. ISBN: 978-81-943363-3-4.
- Early Mediterranean Contacts with Kerala: Literary and Archaeological Perspective, in V. Ranjan ed., Archaeology and its Values in History, B-Gigest Publications, Nagercoil, 2019, pp. 89-92. ISBN: 978-93-84734-72-5.
- Traders and Trade Guilds in the Temple Inscriptions of Medieval Kerala, in Gopi Krishnan G. ed., Temples in Medieval Kerala Heritage and Dynamics of Patronage, NSSHC Press, Changanacherry, pp. 50-59, 2017. ISBN: 978-81-933197-3-4.
- Lacuna of Indigenous Trading Groups in Medieval Malabar' in Arun S. ed. 'The Voice of History: Collected Essays of on Kerala, SSV College, Perumbavoor, ,pp.130-137,2017. ISBN 978-81-927911-4-2.
- Situating the Missionary Initiatives in the Establishment of School System in Travancore, Journal of Teacher Learner and Society, Vol. 3, No.1, 2017, pp.373-378. ISSN: 2348-8409.
- Seafaring Activities of Arab Muslim Merchant Groups in Medieval Malabar in History Today: Journal of History and Historical Archaeology, no.17, 2016, pp.165-168. ISSN:2249-748X.
- Maritime Trade Contacts Between South Western Coast of India and Imperial Rome, Proceedings of the Second International Seminar of Swami Vivekananda Association of Science and Humanities, Thiruvananthapuram, 2015, pp. 55-58. ISBN 978-93-5212-526-5.
- Historicizing: Human Rights Elements of Social Reform and Political Movements in Colonial India Proceedings of UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Human Rights in a Neo-Liberalized World, St. Dominics College Kanjirapally, 2015, pp.10-16.
- Religious Gifts and Long-Distance Trade in Early Medieval Keralam, Proceedings of the 33rd Annual Session of the South Indian History Congress, Thiruvananthapuram, 2013, pp.182-185. ISSN 2229-671.
- The Gowda Saraswat Brahmins: Creating Space in the Town of Cochin in Medieval Keralam, in History Today: Journal of History and Historical Archaeology, no.13, 2013, pp.73-77. ISSN:2249-748X.
- Early Trade Networks in Kerala: An Assessment of Numismatic Evidences, Studies in South Indian Coins, Vol. XXIII, 2013, pp.39-49.
- Manigramam Merchant Guild and their Activities in Early Medieval Kerala, Journal of Indian History, Vol. XCI, 2012, pp. 253-263. ISSN 022-1775
- Early Historic Transmarine Links of Malabar Coast in V Rajeev & M.S. Paul eds. The Cultural History of Kerala: Differing Perspectives, Department of Malayalam, Catholicate College, Pathanamthitta, 2012. ISBN 13979-81-922638-0-9.
- Social Deprivation and Social Mobilization of Oppressed Castes in Travancore, in V. Sathish, ed., Mahatma Ayyankali: Interface of an Era of Social Resurgence and Resistance, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, 2012, pp.189-207. ISBN 978-81-923425-0-4.
- Unveiling a Folk Art form Margamkali in Historical Context in Proceedings of the 31th Annual Session of the South Indian History Congress, Yogi Vemana University, Cudappa, 2011, pp. 728-732. ISSN 2229-671.
- Merchants, Prelates and West Asian Church in Early Medieval Kerala in Journal of Kerala Studies, Vol. XXXVII, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, 2010, pp.121-132. ISSN 0377-0443.
- Structural Analysis of pre-Portuguese of Church Architecture in Kerala in Proceedings of the 30th Annual Session of the South Indian History Congress, Kannur, 2010, pp. 450-453.ISSN 2229-671.
- Book-Review of 'Social Formations of Early South India' by Rajan Gurukkal, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2010 in Journal of the Institute for Research in Social Sciences and Humanities, Vol. V, no. 1, January-June, 2010, pp.133-134. ISSN 0973-3353.

Research Publications (continued)

Saint Thomas Tradition in South India, Proceedings of the First International Conference of Scott Research Forum, Part II, History, April 2008, pp. 9-14.

Web Articles





Paper Presentations

- Jewish Merchants of the Malabar Coast: As Gleaned from the Inscriptions of South India in the 41rd Annual Session of the South Indian History Congress, organized by the Department of History, G.T.N. Arts College (Autonomous), Dindigul, 26-28 August 2022.
- Early Landscapes and Ecosystems of Kerala as gleaned from the Sangam Anthologies in the One-day International Seminar on Envisioning a Pristine Environment and Gearing up for a Blissful Life, Organized by the Department of English & History in collaboration with IQAC, Sree Ayyappa College for Women, Nagercoil, Tamilnadu on 24th September 2019.
- Stone Sculptural Art of the Medieval South Indian Churches, 800-1498, in the National Seminar on Religion and Culture in Medieval South India Organised by PG Department of History, NSS Hindu College Changanacherry in collaboration with M.G. University, Kottayam, 5th and 6th July, 2018.
- Mercantile Activities of Saraswat Brahmin Merchants in the Late Medieval Malabar in the National Seminar on Trade in Kerala: New Themes and Perspectives organized by the P.G. Department of History, Maharaja's College, Ernakulum on 12th and 13th December 2017.
- Space of Christians Merchants in Early Medieval Malabar in the 77th session of Indian History Congress, organized by the Department of History, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, 28-30 December, 2016.
- Thiruvananthapuram Temple: The Sacred Centre and Commercial City in Medieval South India in the UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Monuments of Kerala and Tourism Industry, Organized by P.G. Department of History, Iqbal College Peringammala, 19 & 20 October, 2015.
- Historicizing: Human Rights Elements of Social Reform and Political Movements in Colonial India in the UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Human Rights in a Neo-Liberalized World, Organized by Department of History, St. Dominics College Kanjirapally, July 14-16, 2015.
- The contribution of Mortimer Wheeler towards Indological Studies in the national seminar on Critical Editions: Its impact in Indological Studies, organized by the Oriental Research Institute & Manuscript Library, University of Kerala, Kariavattom, 20-22 November 2013.
- Arab Merchants and Advent of Islam in Malabar during the Early Medieval Period in the National Seminar on Studies on Kerala Muslims: Challenges and Issues, organized by the Department of Islamic Studies, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, 26-27 June 2013.
- Religious Gifting and Long-Distance Trade in Early Medieval Keralam in the 33rd Annual Session of the South Indian History Congress, organized by the Department of History, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, 15-17 February 2013.
- Early Trade Networks in Kerala: An Assessment of Numismatic Evidences in the XXII Annual Conference of South Indian Numismatic Society hosted by the Archaeological Survey of India, Thrissur Circle held at Thiruvananthapuram on 21st and 22nd January 2012.

Paper Presentations (continued)

- Early Historic Transmarine Links of Malabar Coast in the UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Cultural History of Kerala-Differing Perspectives, Organised by PG and Research Department of Malayalam Catholicate College Pathanamthitta in association with ICKS, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala on 11-13 January 2012.
- Manigramam: A Corporate Maritime Trade Guild of Medieval Times in the UGC Sponsored National Seminar on Linkages of Indian Trade: The Medieval South, Organised by PG Department of History, NSS Hindu College Changanacherry19-20 December 2011
- Legislation for the Protection of Archaeological Remains and Monuments in India in the XIVth Annual Conference of Association of Third World Studies-South Asia Chapter, organized by the Department of History, Annamalai University, Annamalinagar, Tamil Nadu on 27-29 April 2011.
- Social Deprivation and Social Mobilization of Oppressed Castes Movements in Kerala in the National Seminar on Mahatma Ayyankali-Interface of an Era of Social Resurgence vis-à-vis Resistance and Prospects of Social Integration and Syncretism, organized by Department of History, University of Kerala Thiruvananthapuram on 28-30, March 2011.
- Unveiling a Folk Art form Margamkali in Historical Context in the 31st Annual Session of the South Indian History Congress held under the auspices of the Department of History and Archaeology, Yogi Vemana University, Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh, held from 28-30, January 2011.
- Historical Elements in the Saint Thomas Christian Folk Songs in the 38th All India Conference of Dravidian Linguistics, organized by International School of Dravidian Linguistics, Thiruvananthapuram on 17-19 June 2010.
- The Mosaic of the Performing Arts of Saint Thomas Christians of Kerala in the XVth Annual Conference of Association of Third World Studies-South Asia Chapter, organized by the Department of History, University of Kerala held at Students' Centre, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram on 24-26 May 2010.
- Structural Analysis of pre-Portuguese of Church Architecture in Kerala in the 30th Annual Session of the South Indian History Congress held under the auspices of the Department of History, Co-operative Arts and Science College Madayi, Kannur, Kerala on 6-8 February 2010.
- The Ecological Perils of Landslides in the Western Ghats of Kerala with Special Reference to Idukki District in the XIVth Annual Conference of Association of Third World Studies-South Asia Chapter held at Dr. SMCSI Medical College, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala on 22-24 May 2009.
- Rising Naxal Menace in India: Basic Problems & Solutions in the 13th Annual Conference of Association of Third World Studies-South Asia Chapter held at Scott Christian College (Autonomous) Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu on 15-17 May 2008.
- Saint Thomas Tradition in South India in the First International Conference of Scott Research Forum held at Scott Christian College (Autonomous) Nagercoil, Tamil Nadu, April 19 2008.

Minor Research Project



Project Guidance

- B.A. Ginu Philip (Reg. no. 190021097337), 'History of Hydroelectric Power Projects in the Pampa River Basin: A Study', awarded, 'A' Grade, 2022.
 - Akhil Raj C (Reg. no. 190021097325), 'The Relevance of C. Kesavan's Kozhencherry Speech in the History of Travancore: A Study', awarded', 'A' Grade, 2022.

Project Guidance (continued)

- Abhiram Ashok (Reg. no. 180021018306), 'Aranmula Brahmin Settlement: A Study Based on Literary Sources', awarded, 'A' Grade, 2021.
- Vrinda. V. (Reg. no.170021011539), Koyikkal Palace, Nedumangadu: A Study, awarded 'A' Grade, 2020.
- Akhil P. (Reg. no. 170021011503), 'Musical instruments of Kerala: A Study', awarded, 'A' Grade, 2020.
- Navaneeth S. Babu (Reg. 160021011376), 'Chattampi Swami and Kerala Renaissance', awarded 'A' Grade, 2019.
- Anusree R. (Reg 160021011362), 'Prathyaksha Reksha Daiva Sabha and Social Renaissance,' awarded 'A' Grade, 2019.
- Reshma Raju (Reg. no. 150021170649), 'Malai-Arayans: An Ethnic Group of Kerala', awarded, 'A' Grade, 2018.
- 'Rani Elezebeth John (Reg. no. 150021170628), 'Margamkali: Fresh Look on its History and Evolution', 'A' Grade, awarded, 2018.
- Lalu R. (Reg. no. 140021063429), 'Cherukolpuzha Hindu Convention: A Study', awarded, 'B' Grade, 2017.

Faculty Development Programmes Attended

- Two-Week Interdisciplinary Refresher Course on Social Structures and Cultural Boundaries in India: An Interdisciplinary Understanding, Organized by Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi, Under the aegis of Ministry of Education, Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching from 10 -24 November 2022.
- Three Day Professional Development Programme on Learning Through Gamification: Fun is the Future" organized by IQAC, Nirmala College, Muvattupuzha from September 22 to 24, 2021.
- UGC-Sponsored Online Refresher Course on History, Organized by UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, Guwahati University, Guwahati, Assam on 5 October 2020 -20 October 2020.
- Seven Days National Level Faulty Development Programme for Teaching Staff on Research Methodology in Temple-Studies, Organized by Department of History, Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu from 08 to 14 July 2020.
- One Week Faculty Development Programme on Open Source Tools from Research Organized by Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi, Sponsored by Ministry of Human Resource Development Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching on 08-14 June 2020.
- Two Weeks Faculty Development Programme on Managing Online classes and co-creating MOOCS;2:0, Organized by Teaching Learning Centre, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi, Sponsored by Ministry of Human Resource Development Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya National Mission on Teachers and Teaching on May 18 –03 June 2020.
- no3rd Orientation Programme, UGC-HRDC, Rani Durgawati Vishwavidyalaya, Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, 11 February-09 March 2019.

Recent Seminars/ Conferences/ Workshops Attended

Two Day Virtual Conference on Curriculum Designing and Transactions under the Proposed UGC Curriculum Framework Organized by organized by Internal Quality Assurance Cell in collaboration with State Level Quality Assurance Cell - Kerala, Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Kerala, Nirmala College, Muvattupuzhaon 28 and 29 July 2022.

Recent Seminars/ Conferences/ Workshops Attended (continued)

- "National Webinar on Archaeological Heritage along the River Saraswati" Organized by Department of Ancient Indian History, Culture & Archaeology, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, 11 October 2021
- An international Webinar on Connecting History, Heritage, Culture and Tourism: Way to an Inclusive Growth, jointly organized by the Department of Tourism & Travel, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, Belur Math, Howrah, West Bengal, India and the Department of History, Seva Bharati, Mahavidyalaya, Kapgari, Jhargram, West Bengal, India on 4th and 5th October, 2021.
- UGC-MHRD-STRIDE Two Day International Webinar on Unseen sides of Covid 19, Organized Under UGC-Scheme for Trans-Disciplinary Research for India's Developing Economy, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam in association with BAM College, Thuruthicad on 8th & 9th September 2021.
- Two Day National Webinar on Higher Education in India: NEP 2020 and After, organized by the Government College of Teacher Education, Kozhikode, Kerala on 30th and 31st July, 2021.
- One day Multi-Disciplinary National Virtual Seminar on "Environmental Justice Issues & Challenges" Organized by Government First Grade College, Bangarpet held on 10 February 2021.
- International Webinar on Contextual Relevance of Global Anthropological Issues organized by Department of Anthropology, Gauhati University under UGC-SAP-DRS-I in collaboration with UGC-HRDC, Gauhati University during January 5-7, 2021.
- Indian History Congress Webinar on "Indian Civilization: Historical Perspectives" 28-29 December 2020.
- National Webinar on Archaeological Importance of North-East India, Organized by the Department of History, Madhya Kamrup College, Barpeta, Assam on 10th December 2020.
- Webinar on "Cyber Crime against Women: Precautions and Strategies" held on 23rd November, 2020 organised by Department of Management, Mizoram University with the support of National Commission for Women (NCW), New Delhi.
- One Day National Level Webinar on Relevance of Public International Law in 21st Century in Reaching of Conflict Repopulations- An Appraisal organized by M. Krishna Law College, Hassan Karnataka on 21st November 2020.
- National Level Online Webinar on Environmental History: An Introduction, organized by Government First Grade College, Ranebennur, Karnataka, held on 12 November 2020.
- Seven day National seminar on the topic "Vattezhuthu" under U.G.C. B.Voc scheme in collaboration with Oriental Research Institute, University of Mysore organised by the Dept. of Malayalam, St. Josephs college Irinjalakuda held from 20-27 October 2020.
- National Webinar on Highlights and Implications for Higher Education, organized by the IQAC of Mar Athanasius College (Autonomous), Kothamangalam, Kerala in collaboration with Centre for Educational and Social Studies (CESS), Bengaluru, Karnataka on 26 September 2020.
- International Webinar on Social on Social Justice and Indian Modernity Organized by Department of History, St. Dominics College Kanjirapally, 16-18 September, 2020.
- National Webinar on Understanding Past through Material Culture: The Case of Pattanam, Organized by Department of History, Pavanatma College, Murickassery, Kerala on 25 August 2020.
- Three Days National Webinar on "Approach to NAAC Accreditation" supported by UGC under Paramarsh scheme and organized by the IQAC, Mar Athanasius College (Autonomous), Kothamangalam from o6 August 2020 to 08 August 2020.
- National Webinar on Iron Age in Kerala: An Archaeologist's Perspective, Organized by Department History & Archaeology, Mar Thoma College for Women, Perumbavoor, Kerala on 10 August 2020.

Recent Seminars/ Conferences/ Workshops Attended (continued)

- Seven Day Online National Workshop on Historiography from Hindu-Buddhist Sources organized by Bharatiya Itihas Sankalan Samiti, West Bengal, in collaboration with Centre for Buddhist Studies, Visva-Bharati and supported by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies from 20th July 2020 to 26th July 2020.
- National Webinar on Archaeological Excavations in Tamil Nadu: Keeladi, Konthagai and Other Sites organized by the Department of History, G.T.N. Arts College (Autonomous), Dindigul on 27th June 2020.
- Two- Day Online Training Programme On "Skill in Reading Inscriptions" Organised by PG & Research Department of History, Arulmigu Palaniandavar Arts College for Women, Palani, held on 24.06.2020 to 25.06.2020.
- Three National Webinar on History of Pandemics organized by History Wing DDE, Annamalai University, Annamalai Nagar, Tamil Nadu on 20 to 22 June 2020
- One Week Online National Workshop on Creative Adaptation-Reaching Out Through Digital Class Organized by St. Thomas College of Teacher Education, Pala in Collaboration with the UGC-HRDC, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram on 19-25, May 2020.
- International National webinar Rethinking Sustainability and Development in Time of Covid-19 organized by Sustainable Futures in Africa, Glasgrow and Department of Chemistry, Morning Star college, Angamaly on 18th May 2020.
- National Seminar on the topic 'Green Growth Initiatives in India: Polices and Impacts' organized by Department of Economics, Alphonsa College, on 24th January 2020.
- Two Day Workshop on Epigraphy: Theory and Practice on organized by the P.G. Department of History, Maharaja's College, Ernakulum on 26th & 27th December 2019.
- Regional Seminar on 'Last Sixty Years of Kerala: History & Culture' organized by PG Department of History, Henry Baker College, Melukavu on 20th November 2017.

Recent Seminar/Conferences/Workshops Organized

- Convenor, Four Day National Workshop on River Pamba: Environmental Dimensions and Cultural Legacy, Organized by Department of History, St. Thomas College, Kozhencherry on 17, 18, 19 & 21 March 2022.
- Co-ordinatior, Two-day International Webinar on Exploring Pandemics Through Multidisciplinary Lens organized by REYONO journal of interdisciplinary studies & Internal Quality Assurance Cell of St. Thomas College Kozhencherry, Kerala, India on 05 & 06 March 2021.
- Convenor, Three day Online Colloquium on Regional Identities in pre-modern South India, Organized by Department of History, St. Thomas College, Kozhencherry on 27, 28 & 29 January, 2021.
- Member organizing committee National Seminar on 'Futuristic Approach on Climate Change' organized by REYONO Journal of Interdisciplinary Studies and IQAC St. Thomas College, Kozhencherry on 31 January 2020.
- Co-ordinatior, Regional Workshop on Historical Ecology: A concise Study on Pamba River Basin, Organized by Department of History, St. Thomas College, Kozhencherry in association with Pamba Parirakshana Samithi, Thiruvalla on 26 July 2019.
- Member organizing committee, National Seminar on Natural Disasters in Kerala: Concerns and Challenges organized by REYONO: journal of Interdisciplinary studies, St. Thomas College, Kozhencherry, 7 March 2019.
- Co-ordinator, National Seminar on Experiencing Democracy organized by Department of History & Political Science, St. Thomas College, Kozhencherry on 16 March 2018.

Invited Talks

- 'Ayyankali and Kerala Society' in the seminar on Ayyankali: The Social Reformer Organized by Kerala Samskarika Vedi in the commemoration of 77th death anniversary of Ayyankali in Town Hall, Pathanamthitta, on 18th June 2018.
- Reading Inscription and Writing Ancient History', delivered lecture in BAM College, Thuruthicad, Pathanamthitta, on 5 August 2019

Media Discussions

Community Service

Skills

Languages known

English, Malayalam & German