



Centre for Research & Development

Research Supervisor (Guide) Profiles

Discipline of Supervision: **Sociology**



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Areas of Specialisation:

Political Ecology, Environmental Justice, Waste Governance,
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Dr. Sameena M. S. is a sociologist whose work examines the intersections of environment, power, and inequality. Her research is grounded in the political ecology of environmental injustice, with a focus on waste governance, neoliberal urban transformations, and community resistance in India. Her doctoral study, “Garbage Wars: The Political Ecology of Environmental Justice Movements in Kerala,” offers a comparative analysis of mobilisations against waste treatment plants in Vilappilsala, Brahmapuram, and Njeliyanparambu. Based on extensive fieldwork, it demonstrates how state policy, legal frameworks, and neoliberal governance contribute to uneven risk distribution, disproportionately affecting marginalized communities. Her work also engages with global development frameworks, critically examining instruments such as the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as embedded within broader power structures. In addition, she explores themes of urban public spaces, embodiment, and identity through emerging interdisciplinary approaches. With publications in Springer, Routledge, and Scopus-indexed journals, Her research combines theoretical rigour with grounded empirical analysis, contributing significantly to contemporary debates on sustainability, risk, and social justice.

Selected Publications:

1. **Siddique, S. M. M.** (2024). Millennium Development Goals as a Tool of Neocolonialism: Analysing the Impact of Privatisation of Waste Management Sector. In *Studies in Systems, Decision and Control* (pp. 851–861). Springer Nature Switzerland. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-71649-2_72
2. **Siddique, S. M. M.** (2024). The Political Ecology of Risk: Problematizing the Risk Distribution of Solid Waste Treatment Plants. In *Studies in Systems, Decision and Control* (pp. 25–37). Springer Nature Switzerland. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-63402-4_3
3. Das, S., & **Siddique, S. M. M.** (2025). Intersection of Identity and Public Space: Understanding Narratives of ‘Body’ from the Urban Spaces. In *Interstices of Space and Memory* (pp. 45–49). Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003606666-9>