

## **Bio**

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### **Education:**

- Ph.D. in the Social Sciences, Third World Studies Center, University of Nijmegen
- M.A. in Sociology, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

### **Teaching Areas:**

- Globalisation and Child Rights
- Development Studies
- Asian Studies
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Politics of Public Policy
- Adolescent Development and Participation
- Human Rights and Civil Society

### **Research Areas/Expertise:**

- Results-based Management (RBM)
- Public Finance Management (PFM)
- Participatory Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (PME)
- Social Policy and Social Development
- Child Labour
- Adolescent Development and Participation
- Violence against Children in Asia Pacific
- Training and Capacity Development
- Ethnic Minorities and Indigenous Peoples in Asia Pacific

### **Current Research Projects:**

- Historical Documentation of DISAC/RTRC Chiang Mai, Thailand – development work among ethnic minorities in Northern Thailand
- Review of ASEAN Regional Plan of Action on Violence against Children
- Study on Undocumented Peoples in Sabah, Malaysia

### **Publications:**

***“Case Study of a Participatory and Bottom-up Evaluation Model : DISAC***

Chiang Mai”, People’s Participation Program Learning Event, World Bank, Washington D.C., February 1994.

***“10 Case Studies of Participatory Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation of NGOs in Thailand, The Philippines and Indonesia”***, PME Dialogue Process, Aachen, Germany, 1994.

***“Regional Development Studies School” – Basic Readings, Curriculum and Training Modules***, published by Save the Children Fund (U.K.), Regional Office for Southeast, East Asia and the Pacific Region, Bangkok, Thailand, 1997 & 1999

***“Invisible Children – Child Work in Asia and the Pacific”*** – published by the International Save the Children Alliance & Child Workers in Asia, Bangkok, Thailand, 1997

***Children’s Forum and Regional Consultation – “Against the Most Intolerable Forms of Child Labour – Targeting the Invisible and Neglected Ones”***, Conference Report, Bangkok, Thailand, September 1997.

***“The Social Impact of the Economic Crisis on Children in Thailand”*** – SEAPRO Documentation Series, SCF(U.K.), Bangkok, 1998

***“Saving Asia’s Children : Save the Children U.K.’s Perspective on Thailand”*** – Article in book on “Economic Crisis – Social Cost, published by Consumers International, Penang, Malaysia, December 1998.

***“Children and Work in Southeast and East Asia – Issues, Trends and Challenges – The Need for a Paradigm Shift”*** – Presentation at the International Save the Children Alliance Regional Workshop on “Child-centred Policies and Programmes on Working Children in Southeast and East Asia”, Bangkok, Thailand, September 1999.

***“Children, Work and Education : Participatory Action Research on Children and Work in Southeast Asia – Conceptual and Methodological Issues and Challenges”*** – Paper presented at the IREWOC Workshop, University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, November 15-17, 1999.

***“Improving Action-oriented Research on the Worst Forms of Child Labour : Proceedings of Asian Regional Workshop”***, Bangkok, Thailand, December 1999.

***Report : “Child-centred Policies and Programmes on Working Children in Southeast, East Asia and the Pacific Region”***, Save the Children Alliance,

Bangkok, Thailand, January 2000.

***“Impact of Macro-Economic Policies and the Corporate Sector on Working Children in Asia – Towards a Child-Centred Approach and Strategy”*** –

Presentation to Regional Alliance Workshop on “Child-centred Policies and Programmes for Working Children in South and Central Asia”, Kathmandu, Nepal, May 2000.

***“Influencing Policy and Practice on Working Children – A Child-centred Approach to Advocacy”*** – Presentation at Regional Alliance Workshop on “Child-centered Policies and Programmes on Working Children in South and Central Asia”, Kathmandu, Nepal, May 2000

***“The Impact of Collective Organisation and Action on Resilience and Coping among Working Children in India – The Case of Bhima Sangha”*** –

Presentation to International Conference on “Children and Adversity”, Oxford University, U.K., September 2000.

***“Development Studies School – Handbook”*** – published by Save the Children (U.K.), Regional Office for Southeast, East Asia and the Pacific, Bangkok, Thailand, November 2000.

Contributor : ***“Big Business, Small Hands – Responsible Approaches to Child Labour”***, published by Save the Children (U.K.), London, U.K., 2000

***“The Child’s First Right – Report of the Third Asia Birth Registration Conference”***, Plan International and UNICEF-EAPRO, Bangkok, March 2003.

***“Working Children as Change-Makers – Perspectives from the South” & “Bringing Human Rights to Child Labour – Guiding Principles and Call to Action”*** – Two Chapters in a book on “Human Rights and Child Labour” (Ed) Prof. Burns Weston, University of Iowa Human Rights Programme, published by Lynee Reinner Publications Inc., Colorado, U.S.A., 2005.

Chapter: ***“Violence against Children in Asia Pacific”*** in book entitled ***“Violence against Children – Making Human Rights Real”*** (Ed) Dr. Gertrud Lenzer, Routledge Taylor and Francis Group, New York, 2017

***“Historical Documentation: DISAC-RTRC Chiang Mai: 1965 to the Present”*** - development work among hilltribe and lowland communities in Chiang Mai, Mae Hong Son, Chiang Rai, Phayao provinces in Northern Thailand, (forthcoming 2019).