

Academic Activities of G K Karanth, ICCR Chair Professor, during September 2011 to June 2012

September 14, 2011	Arrival in Lund, and the following week following, settling down in the Department and fulfilling formalities with Bank, University, SASNET, etc.
September 21, 2011	Participation in Development Research Day, listening to and making suggestions to the doctoral and masters students in Social Science faculty on their research work in progress.
October 6, 2011	Installation Seminar, inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor and H E, the Indian Ambassador Seminar title: "Changing Rural India: Caste and Social Mobility"
October 16, 2011	Faculty Seminar Given by me in the Department of Sociology: "Pigeonholing One self: Caste and Identity in Cotemporary India."
November 9, 2011	Welcoming and Addressing the Indian ERASMUS-MUNDUS students in Lund University: "Learning and Unlearning as a Student Abroad" (on behalf of SASNET)
November 25, 2011	Paper presented in the panel nr 12: "Dalits, women and other disadvantaged groups - inclusion through state provisions or market mechanisms. FAU Conference, Copenhagen. Paper titled " <i>Bull to the Uphill and the Buffalo to Water</i> ": Are there Two (Contradictory) Processes of Caste Related Change in India Today?" (Jointly authored with Professor Staffan Lindberg)
November 28, 2011	Class lecture for students of Masters programme in Development Studies Course: Topic – 'Amartya Sen and Rights Based Approach to Development.' (Room M 123, Sociology)
January 18, 2012	Organised a Kannada film show, <i>Dweepa</i> by Girish Kasaravalli followed by a discussion. Organised by SASNET.
January 19-20, 2012	Examination and commenting on the Papers written by students of Masters Programme in Development Studies, Lund University, at Helsingborg
January 23, 2012	Lecture in the Department of Political Studies, Stockholm University: Changing Caste in India: Discerning a new "System"
January 24, 2012	Seminar in the Department of History, University of Uppsala: Social Transformation in (South) India: Pitted Against Collective Action?
March 8, 2012	Lecture for Students of Development Studies, a course organised by Dr. Lisa Eklund et al. "Sustainability of Aided Programmes of Development: The South Indian Experience"
March 22, 2012	Invited lecture to the students body (LICID): Rural Social Change, Participatory Development and Collective Action – The Case of Irrigation Tanks and Watershed Management of Semi Arid Lands in Karnataka
April 3, 4 and 5 2012	Lecture to the students India and China (Minor) at Centre for Area Studies, Ecole Polytechnique at Federation of Lausanne, Switzerland. "Rapid Social Change... in Slow Motion!"
April 4, 2012	Joint lecture for Students on India, at the above course: Managing Water Resources for Irrigation: Bureaucracy and Civil Society Associations – For or against each other?
April 5, 2012	Development of Development Pursuits: Half Empty or Half Full?

April 12, 2012	Reflections from India – With a Sociological Perspective: A commentary on Behind Poverty, and Pills Against Poverty by Goran Djurfeldt and Staffan Lindberg. In a symposium to honour Professor Goran Djurfeldt. Department of Sociology, and Geography, Lund University
April 16, 2012	Caste, (Middle) Class and Religion in Contemporary India: Some Preliminary Thoughts. Department of History of Ideas, Culture and Religious Studies, University of Gothenberg
April 17, 2012	‘Overcoming Hurdles to Equity in Rural Water Supply’ First Georg Morgenstierne Series of lectures on South Asia, funded by the departments of Archaeology, Conservation and History (IAKH) and Culture Studies and Oriental Languages (IKOS) at the University of Oslo
May 11, 2012	Main commentator for Goran’s Seminar on Rural Social Change in India and Tamil Nadu: Longitudinal Study based on REDS data. Department of Economic History, Lund University.
May 16, 2012	Public (and Farewell): Caste ‘Pride’ and Caste ‘Prejudice’: Personal Reflections. Jointly organised by SASNET/Lund University and Arbetarnas Bildningsförbund (ABF) Lund, at ABF premises, Bangatan 10
June 3, 2012	Farewell and Lunch by the Dean, Arts Faculty
June 7, 2012	Farewell lunch by the Department of Sociology Faculty.
June 9, 2012	Departure from Lund

Publications and Preparation of Manuscripts

1. *Remarriages among the elderly: early signs of a ‘great change’?* Deccan Herald (Bangalore): December 13, 2011. Page 11, Panorama Section. Available as epaper at <http://deccanherald.com>. (Needs logging in).
2. Made Snana: Indignity in the Name of Tradition? Economic and Political Weekly Vol XLVII No.13 March 31, 2012
3. *‘New Technology and Traditional Rural Institutions: The Case of Jajmani Relations in Karnataka, South India.’* In Surinder S Jodhka (Ed.) ‘Village Society’. Mumbai: Sameeksha Trust. 2012
4. *‘Investigacion participativa sobre estrategias de vida rural: promovinds la propiedad local de los hallozgos de investigacion’* in Baumgartner, Ruedi, Ruedi Hogger and Stephan Rist (Eds.) ‘Hacia estrategias de vida sostenibles: culturas, recursos y cambios en India y bolivia’ (2011: Zurich, and La Paz (Bolivia): NCCR North-South / NADEL/ CDE and AGRUCO).
5. *Completed a manuscript and communicated to a peer reviewed journal: “From Vaaraanna to Paying Guest: Playing Host to the Needy Student in South India”* (Published in Food, Culture & Society, volume 17 issue 3 september 2014. Pp 417-32.
6. Manuscript nearing completion, co-authored with Staffan Lindberg: Equal but Different: Caste, Social Change and Social Sustainability of Development – Views from two field settings in South India.
7. Manuscript under preparation: Recognising the Silent Revolution: Girls Only Children Families in India and China: A comparative Analysis (with Lisa Eklund)
8. Continuation of preparation of a manuscript tentatively titled ‘Small Town Social Change As Seen from a Udipi Restaurant: An Auto Ethnography’

9. Finalisation of three manuscripts based on the Inaugural lectures given in Lund, the seminar in Uppsala and Oslo for professional journals.
10. Manuscript ready for communication: Change and Development- Good, Bad and the Ugly, Yet desirable as a 'package deal'? Sociologist Revisits an Indian village.
11. Prepared and collaborated to submit a proposal, and was awarded the grant to host the conference on behalf of SASNET: **Urbanisation and Migration in Transnational India. SASNET, Lund University and Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore. Sponsored by Swedish Council for Working Life and Social Research. March 7-9, 2013. Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bangalore.**

Consultations, Commentaries and Student Advisor

During the course of (my) tenure as ICCR Chair Professor, it was possible to hold a series of consultations, academic exchanges and student advisory meetings. There were also discussions with a few senior faculty members about the possibilities of collaborative research, joint teaching programmes between Lund University and ISEC, as well other South Indian Universities. At least two proposals to seek funding were also prepared and submitted conjointly with fellow colleagues in the Department of Sociology, and SASNET, and University of Gotenberg.

In addition to the above, attended several lectures and seminars both in the Classes of the Department of Sociology, and in other Departments / Centres, as well by visiting scholars or those organised by SASNET.