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### Profile Summary:

Kamala Lakshmi is the Head of Department at The University of Fiji. Her PhD thesis is on CHANGING NAMES, CHANGING PLACES: THE TRANSFORMATION OF FEMALE IDENTITY THROUGH TRANSLOCATION IN FOUR NOVELS BY BHARATI MUKHERJEE. She is a Lecturer in the Department of Language, Literature and Communication. She has attended various International, and National conferences. Her publications are in blind peer-reviewed local and international journals.

### Publications

#### A) Scholarly Journals

**Naiker, K.** and Muertigue, R. R. (2019) 'The Multiple Intelligences of iTaukei Students: Basis for Instructional Strategies', *Social Science Learning Education Journal*, 4 (7), July 2019.

**Naiker, K.** Gounder, S. and Muertigue, R. R. (2019) The Predicaments of Pacific Women: A Review on Their Writings, *Social Science and Humanities Journal*, 3(3) pp. 897-900.

**Naiker, K.** Gounder, S. and Muertigue, R. R. (2018) 'The Prevalence of Prostitution in Fiji': Its Socio-economic Impact', *Arts Social Science Journal* 9(1) pp. 1-4.

**Naiker, K.** Muertigue, R. R. (2018) 'The 'Perceived Factors of Student Suicide in Fiji', *Edelweiss Psychiatry Open Access* 1(1) pp. 40-43.

**K, Naiker,** W. Kumar, Muertigue, R. R. (2017) 'Enrichment of Gender Consciousness at The University of Fiji, *International Journal of Academic Research and Development*, 2(5) 502-506.

**Naiker, K.** Muertigue, R. R. (2017) 'The Roles and contributions of Indentured Women towards Country Wide Development in Fiji', *Fijian Studies A Journal of Contemporary Fiji*, 15(2).

**Naiker, K.** (2017) 'Progress amid the East Indians in V. S. Naipaul's Selected Fictions' *Journal of Research in Business and Management*, 5(2) pp93-98 [www.questjournals.org](http://www.questjournals.org).

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**Naiker, K.** (2016) "The transformation of female identity through acculturation and adjustment in Bharati Mukherjee's novel, *The Tiger's Daughter*' *Canadian International Journal of Social Science and Education*, vol. 5. pp 393 -467, [www.orcd.ntario.org](http://www.orcd.ntario.org).

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**Naiker, K.** 2016. 'Realization, Reconciliation and Pains of Adjustment in Bharati Mukherjee's Novel, *The Tiger's Daughter* *International Journal of Education and Social Science*, Volume 3, Issue 9, September 2016, Online: [www.ijessnet.com](http://www.ijessnet.com).

**Naiker, K.** (2016) 'Changing Names, Changing Places: the Transformation of Female Identity through Translocation' in Bharati Mukherjee's *Jasmine* *International Academic Research Journal of Social Science*, 1 (2) pp. 393-414.

**Naiker, K.** (2014) 'Cultural Transplantation' in Bharati Mukherjee's *Jasmine* *International Journal of Culture, Literature and Criticism* 9 (April) 38-41. **Naiker, K.** (2013) 'Cultural Disorientation of Immigrant Women' in Bharati Mukherjee's *Wife* *International Journal of Culture, Literature and Criticism* 8 (October) pp. 22-25

## **B) Book Chapter**

**Naiker, K.** (2019) 'Please Let me Speak', a poem included by Curriculum Framework for study by Year 9 students in Year 9 English Communications Text, p. 178.

**Naiker, K.** (2018) 'A Recollection of My First Publication' in Goundar, P. R., & Maharaj, V. K. (Ed.). (2018). *Writing and Publishing in Fiji – Narratives from Fijian Writers*. Suva, Fiji.

## **Book Publication**

**Naiker, K.** *A Fijian Reading of Bharati Mukherjee's Novels* (2020, Suva: Press Studies Press).

## **Forthcoming Book Chapter**

**Naiker, K. Kaur, M.** (2020). 'The New Normal amidst COVID-19' Suva: USP

## **Research**

*Changing Identities and Shifting Trends* for a virtual Conference In Trinidad, Tobago. **Conference Theme:** Celebration of the Formal Abolition of Indian Indentureship (1920).

Joint paper presentation with Ms Manpreet Kaur, titled: 'Changing Identities and Shifting Trends' for World Indian Diaspora Conference 2020: online (virtual) WIDC 2020, 21-23 August 2020. **Conference Theme:** Celebration of the Formal Abolition of Indian Indentureship (1920), Trinidad and Tobago.

Forced Labor and Migration Conference 2019, Fiji: 15<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> July, 2019 - paper presented titled, *Understanding Modern slavery in Asia and Pacific*

**Naiker, K.** Gounder, S. and Muertigue, R. R. (2018) 'The Prevalence of Prostitution in Fiji': Its Socio-economic Impact' *Arts Social Science Journal* 9(1) pp. 1-4.

## Conferences

**Resource Person**, 'Postcolonial Literature in an Age of Crisis' at a Two-day International e-Conference: Hislop College, Nagpur, J. M. Patel College of Arts, Science, and Commerce, Bhandara and Smt Binzani Mahila Mahavidyalaya, Nagpur for inviting me to be a Resource Person **at this conference on the theme "Emerging Trends in Literature and language" on 4-5 October, 2012**

**Resource Person**, 'Reading Indian Feminism in the Post-Colonial Context' a two day international e-conference on "Post Colonial Writings: New and Emerging Concerns" from 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> August 2021. The conference was jointly organized by Departments of English of Bar. Sheshrao Wankhede Mahavidyalaya (BSWM), Mohpa Raj kumar Kewalramani Kanya Mahavidyalaya (RKKM), Nagpur Vasantao Naik Government Institute of Arts and Social Sciences (VNGIASS) from Nagpur India. Link Two-day International e-Conference Postcolonial [youtu.be](https://youtu.be)

**Invited Guest Speaker**, 'Burden of History – Burden of Interpretation' - a two-day e-Conference on 'Girmitiyas 2021'*Changing identities, shifting trends and Roles* organized by The Foundation India, with the support of the Overseas Indian Affairs Division of the Ministry of External Affairs, and Government of India virtually over two days - 16 and 17 Sept. 2021

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'The Burden of History in Postcolonial Literature' by Dr. Kamala Lakshmi Naiker & Dip Deepak Maharaj 'How has postcolonial literature on historical labour migration shaped the collective memory of these events?' at two-day e-Conference on **The Old and the New Indenture: Labour Practices and Human Rights**, 9-11 October 2021 [fiji.conference2019@gmail.com](mailto:fiji.conference2019@gmail.com) mobile: +64 22 140 8879 ,Global Girmit Institute, Saweni Shopping Centre, Queens Road, Lautoka **Website:** <http://fias.org.fj> ; <http://globalgirmitinstitute.org>

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