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CURRICULUM VITAE

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Key Qualifications and Experience

- Ajit has a PhD in Social Work and Social Policy from the University of Manchester, Department of Politics and Government, UK. His PhD thesis is on Internet and Early Adolescent Sexuality. He also holds **two (2) Master degrees** from University of Manchester: First, he completed a Master (Econs) in Social Policy and Social Development in the year 2000, and second he did a Master in Research (MRes.) in the year 2003. Ajit's first degree is BSc (Hons) Social Work from the University of Mauritius.
- Ajit is working as a Senior Lecturer in Social Work and Social Policy at University of Mauritius. He joined the University of Mauritius as lecturer in 2001 for the first time (Currently on leave without pay + on leave from 2002 to 2004). At University of Mauritius, he has developed and is also responsible for teaching several modules in Social Work, Social Policy, Social Development, Social Research. He has also worked as a part-time lecturer for two years at University of Manchester and Manchester Metropolitan University in the UK.
- Ajit has also worked as a freelance consultant on the several prestigious projects funded by the World Bank, UN, FAO and EU.
- Ajit's previous work experience includes 10 years at the Ministry of Youth and Sports, Government of Mauritius where he has been involved as a youth officer.
- Ajit has a three (3) years working experience on UN project. He has worked on a UNFPA project for 3 years on Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health in Mauritius (MAR 93/POP/FLE), where he had been working on peer education and counselling service for youth in relation to sexual and reproductive health.

- Ajit has also worked for six months with Presidential Education Trust and Poverty Alleviation Committee based at the Office of the President of the Republic of Mauritius, at the State House, Réduit. He was a project co-ordinator on poverty alleviation. His duties and responsibilities included strategic planning, evaluation and monitoring of poverty related projects. He had also co-ordinated several community-based education programmes.
- Ajit has studied research methodologies (Qualitative and Quantitative) in combination with other subjects such as researching social issues related to HIV/AIDS, and evaluation of projects, programmes, and strategies. He holds several distinctions in research and evaluation modules. He can manage several data analysis software such as SPSS, SAS (Quantitative) and ATLAS-ti (Qualitative, that can be used for media analysis). His research areas include Internet & Sexuality and Environment & Poverty.
- Ajit is very much involved in Civil Society Organisations (CSOs). Ajit has been the President of University of Mauritius Academic Staff Union (UMASU), Vice-president of UK Chevening Scholar's Association and Treasurer of UK Commonwealth Association Alumni Chapter. Ajit is a member of Mauritius Family Planning Association (MFPA). He has also been the President and Vice-President of the Optimist Society, a recently set up NGO, where he has set up a committee on a project - Adolescent Sexual Health Activities (ASHA). He has also been a member of Rotaract Club of Grand Bay and President of Cercle de Petit Raffray Club (CBO). He has a good working collaboration with several NGOs and government bodies. He is also collaborating with SADC Experts on Social Protection, based in South Africa, on research and training programmes.

University Education

Name of Institution	Qualifications Awarded	Date
University of Manchester	PhD: Social Work and Social Policy	2003-2007
University of Manchester	Master in Research	2002-2003
University of Manchester	MA (Econ.) Social Policy and Social Development	1999-2000
University of Mauritius	BSc (Hons.) Social Work	1995-1999

Other Trainings:

Year	Training Title	Organising Body	Period	Venue
2005	Postgraduate Training in Reproductive Health/Sexual Health Research	Geneva Foundation for Medical Education and Research/ World Health Organisation	Six Weeks Full-time	World Health Organisation – Geneva, Switzerland
2002	Training on Teaching Assistant graduate programme (Training Curriculum Development)	University of Manchester	3 Months Full-time	University of Manchester, UK
2001	Post graduate level course on Teaching and Learning (Training Curriculum Development)	University of Mauritius	Several Weeks Crash Courses	University of Mauritius (and Several Other Foreign Universities)
1994	Interpersonal Communication and Counselling Skills for trainers of health workers	UNFPA (Kenya)	Five weeks full-time (Residential)	Nairobi and Mombassa Kenya
1993	Attendance Certificate in Training of Trainers Course	Mauritius Council of Social Services	Three days full-time (Residential)	Belle-mare Young Farmers Centre
1992	Attendance Certificate on Social Leadership	Mauritius Council of Social Services	Several Weeks (Part-time)	Mauritius Institute of Education
1991	Population, Information, Education and Communication	UNFPA (Mauritius)	One week full-time (Non-residential)	Mauritius

- Several local one-day conferences, seminars, and workshops on Health Issues (Mauritius)

Work Experience:

Period:	Job Title:	Employer
<p><u>Full-time:</u> From August 2001 to September 2002 + July 2004 to date</p> <p><u>Part-time:</u> January 2001 to August 2001</p>	<p><u>Lecturer (Promoted to Senior Lecturer as from 20th of February 2009)</u></p>	<p>University of Mauritius</p>
Job Description		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Organisation and Delivery of Lectures on Social Policy (Health Policy) ▪ Strategic Planning for Training Programmes ▪ Research and Evaluation ▪ Consultancies ▪ Community Service (Public Presentation) 		

Period:	Job Title:	Employer
<p>Part-time: October 2002--July 2004:</p>	<p><u>Lecturer:</u> Academic Methods + Social Research Methods</p> <p><u>Teaching Assistant:</u> Researching Social Issues + Social Policy and Social Problems</p>	<p>9 Hrs a Week: Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester, UK</p> <p>9 Hrs a Week: University of Manchester, Manchester, UK</p>
Job Description		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Organisation and Delivery of Lectures ▪ Strategic Planning for Training Programmes ▪ Research and Evaluation 		

Period:	Job Title:	Employer
<p>From May 2003 to August 2003</p>	<p><u>Consultant</u></p>	<p>Awaaz Learning Centre Manchester</p>
Job Description		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Evaluation of Existing Training Programmes ▪ Strategic Planning For Future Training Programmes on Basic Skills for Asylum Seekers • Designing and setting up of an Adult training programme with accreditation from Greater Manchester Open College Network • Reporting to the Board: Learn Direct, UK + Awaaz Learning Centre 		

Period:	Job Title:	Employer
December 2000 to May 2001	<u>Project Co-ordinator</u>	Office of the President of the Republic of Mauritius
Job Description		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Evaluation and Monitoring of Existing Poverty Alleviation Programmes ▪ Strategic Planning For Future Poverty Alleviation Programmes and Community-based education (Parents and Children) • Reporting to the Boards: Presidential Education Trust + Poverty Alleviation Committee 		

Period:	Job Title:	Employer
From July 1990 to July 1999 + September 2000 to December 2000	<u>Youth Officer</u>	Government of Mauritius: Ministry of Youth and Sports
Job Description		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisation and Delivery of Youth Activities: Including Information and Promotion of Healthy Life Styles • Evaluation and Monitoring of Youth Activities (Several health related) • Liaising with National and International NGOs for Youth Activities (AIDS unit, NATReSA, UN, WHO etc) • Networking and Co-ordinating with other Government Organisations on Youth Activities 		

Period:	Job Title:	Employer
March 1993 to March 1996	<u>Attached Project Officer</u>	UNFPA/Ministry of Youth and Sports
Job Description		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research on Youth and Reproductive Health in Mauritius • Strategic Planning for A New Programme on Youth and Reproductive Health Services • Setting up of a Life Skills Education Courses for Youth • Setting up of a peer education and peer counselling training programmes • Setting up of a peer counselling service for youth in Mauritius 		

Recent Consultancy Projects

<i>Consultancies</i>	<i>Details/Remarks</i>
<u>June 2007</u> : Socio-Economic Study of the Fishing Community in Mauritius and Rodrigues (with Prof S.K. Sobhee (PI), Assoc Prof Jankee, K)	Duration: 3 Months Funded by: FAO
<u>March 2008</u> : Regional Integrated Coastal Zone Management Short Course – Moderator for Module 3: Tools and Indicators in ICZM	Duration: 7 days Funded by: European Union
<u>April 2008</u> : Assessment of the Institutional Organization of the Response to AIDS in Mauritius	Duration: 45 days Funded by: World Bank
<u>June 2008</u> : Consultancy for assistance to the Mauritius CCM for drafting of country's proposal submission to the 8th call of the Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM)	Duration: 31 Days Funded by: UNDP/UNAIDS
<u>September 2008</u> : Stakeholders analysis for Integrated Coastal Zone Management	Duration: 15 days Sub-contracted by Landel Mills, UK
<u>October 2008</u> : Regional Integrated Coastal Zone Management Short Course as Team Leader in Mombasa, Kenya	Duration: 12 days Funded by: European Union
<u>March 2009</u> : Regional Integrated Coastal Zone Management Short Course as Team Leader/Moderator in Tanzania and Zanzibar	Duration: 22 days Funded by: European Union/Indian Ocean Commission
<u>May 2009</u> : ICZM Training Demand & Supply Assessment in Mauritius	Duration: 30 days Funded by: European Union/Indian Ocean Commission

Other Working Experience

- April 2000 to May 2000: **Data Entry Clerk** in England, Manchester for Norweb Energy
 - March 2000: **Youth Worker** in England, Tameside Council, Manchester
 - February 2000 **Charity Fund-raiser** for SCOPE in Manchester, England.
 - October 1999 to January 2000: **Sales Assistant**: Boots, Manchester
 - July 1999 to September 1999: **Packer** at Brian Salad in Hesketh Bank, Preston
 - October 1994 to November 1994: **Trainee** for UNFPA in Kenya on Adolescent Sexuality and Reproductive Health (Fieldwork and attachment).
 - May 1996 to July 1996: **Trainee** in placement with UNICEF Mauritius, as For Feeders Pre-primary School Survey Design Project
 - From January 1995 to January 1998: **National Volleyball Coach** for Under 16 Mauritian Ladies Team (Centre National de Formation Volleyball).
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Publications and Research

Monographs

PhD Thesis

- Rambaree, K. (2006) ‘The Ecology of Internet & Early Adolescent Sexuality in a Technology-driven Mauritian Society’. PhD Thesis submitted to The University of Manchester, UK.

Chapter in Book,

- Rambaree, K. (In Press) ‘‘Children and the Janus-faced Internet: Social Policy Implications for Mauritius as a Developing Country Case Study’ in I, Berson and M. Berson (Eds) High-Tech Tots: Childhood in a Digital World. Sponsored by the Research in Global Child Advocacy SIG of the American Educational Research Association. (Eds from University of South Florida, USA)

Peer-reviewed articles

- Rambaree, K. (2009) ‘Internet, Sexuality and Development: Putting Early Adolescents First’. *The International Journal of Environmental, Cultural, Economic and Social Sustainability*, Vol. 5 (2): 105-119
- Rambaree, K. and Auchoybur, N. (2009). ‘‘Sports Participation and Use of Alcohol and Cigarettes Among the Undergraduates from The University of Mauritius’’, *University of Mauritius Research Journal*, Vol. 15 (1): 1-16 (I was the Principal Investigator)
- Rambaree, K. (2009) ‘‘The Mauritian Employment Relation Act 2008 and Social Justice: A Critical Discourse Analysis’’ *South African Journal of Labour Relations*, Vol.33 (1) 1-22
- Rambaree, K. (2008) ‘Internet-Mediated Dating/Romance of Mauritian Early Adolescents: A Grounded Theory Analysis’, *International Journal of Emerging Technologies and Society*, 6 (1): 34-59

- Rambaree, K. (2007) 'Bringing Rigour in Qualitative Social Research: The Use of A CAQDAS', *University of Mauritius Research Journal*, (Special Issue) 13A, pp. 1-16
- Rambaree, K. and Backlund Rambaree, B. (2007) 'Higher Education (HE) for Voluntary Social Workers (VSWs) in Mauritius: Beneficiaries' Personal Motivation and their Perceived Contribution towards the National Millennium Development Goals (NMDGs)' Second Regional Research Seminar for Africa on The Contribution of Higher Education to National Education Systems: Current Challenges for Africa held from 22-24 March 2007 in Accra, Ghana. (This paper was reviewed by the Scientific Committee of the Association of African Universities (AAU) and financial support was provided by UNESCO (Open Competition))

Other scientific work

- Rambaree, K. (2004) 'Young Girls and Sexual Rights: A Reflection on the Current Mauritian Society'. Paper presented and published in the proceedings of The First Congress for the Advancement of Sexual Health and Rights in Africa held in Johannesburg, South Africa from 25th to 29th February
- Rambaree, K. (2004) 'The Ecology of Sexuality in a Mauritian Internet Chat Room (MICR): An Internet Mediated Research (IMR). IFRD Publication. Draft paper can also be accessed from http://www.irfd.org/events/wfsids/virtual/papers/sids_krambaree.pdf
- Rambaree, K., Auchoybur, N., Kistamah, A. and Rajcomar, R. (2006) 'Sports Participation and Perceived Health: A study of undergraduate users and non-users of the University of Mauritius Gymnasium', Paper presented at the 13th Commonwealth International Sport Conference (CISC2006): People, Participation and Performance, held in Melbourne, Australia from 9–12 March
- Rambaree, K and Rambaree, B.B. (2008) 'Professionalisation of Social Work in the Republic of Mauritius: The Case of Widening Participation', Paper presented at the 34th Biannual Congress of International Association of Schools of Social Work held in Durban, South Africa, July 20 – 24.
- Rambaree, K. (2009) 'Children and Sexual Rights: A Case Study of a Technology-driven Conservative Society'. Paper presented at the World Congress for Sexual Health held Göteborg , Sweden, from 21-25 June 2009.

External research grants received

- Rambaree, K., and Auchoybur, N (2006) 'Youth Participation in the Youth Centres: Perceived Barriers and Benefits', Submitted to Ministry of Youth and Sports, Mauritius. Research funding from the Ministry of Youth and Sports, Government of Mauritius
- Sobhee, S.K, Jankee, K. and Rambaree, K. (2008) 'Socio-Economic Study of the Fishing Community in Mauritius and Rodrigues'. Research funding from the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)

Under Review

- Rambaree, K. (under review) 'Mauritian Early adolescents & Internet-Mediated Sexual Interactions: A Socio-ecological Perspective' Submitted to *Sexualities*
- Rambaree, K. (under review) 'Internet and Qualitative Research on Child Sexuality in Mauritius: Key Challenges on Ethical Considerations'. Submitted to *Journal of Social Work Values & Ethics*

Completed research papers

- Rambaree, K. (2008) ‘Addressing Chronic Poverty through Environment Policy’. Paper presented at Research Week on Sustainable Development & Innovation, University of Mauritius, 1-5 September 2008.
- Ragobur, S., and Rambaree, K. (In Press) ‘Engendering Safety Nets: A Comparative Study Mauritius and Sweden’. To be published as Monograph (Financial Support from University of Mauritius)

Reviewer

- The Journal of Sex Research and
- The International Journal of Environmental, Cultural, Economic and Social Sustainability

Past Involvement in Research

- M.I.H/UNFPA: Attitude and Perception of Service Providers for Adolescent Reproductive Health (1997)
- UNICEF: Feeders Pre-primary Schools for ‘ZEP’ (1997)
- MYS/UNFPA: Youth Profile – Mauritius (1998)
- MYS: Needs and Aspirations of Young People in Mauritius (1999)

Supervisor for ‘A Study on the Economics, Social and Environmental impact of the SSR International Airport. University of Mauritius (2001)

Languages:

Language	Reading	Writing	Speaking
Creole	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
English	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
French	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Hindi/Bhojpuri	Basic	Basic	Excellent
Swedish	Very basic (learning)	Very basic (learning)	Very basic (learning)

Computer Skills:

- Word Processing, Power Point, Excel, Access, Outlook, and several others
- Internet: Web Page Design, and Publisher
- Quantitative Data Analysis: Computer software: SAS, and SPSS

- Qualitative Data Analysis: Computer Software: Atlas-ti (Including Analysis of Media - Wav, Mp3 files - Digital Voice recording formats)

Professional Membership

- Social Policy Association (UK)
- Geneva Foundation for Medical Education and Research
- In process for World Association for Sexual Health (USA)