

Curriculum Vitae
Tsewang Rigzin

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EDUCATION

PhD (Anticipated graduation: May 2023)
Concentration: Social Policy, Planning, and Policy Analysis
Columbia University School of Social Work, NY. USA.

Master's in Development Practice (2013-2015)
Emory University, Atlanta, GA. USA.

Master's in Social Work (2007-2009)
School of Social Work Roshni Nilaya, Mangalore University. India

Bachelor of Social Work (2004-2007)
St. Aloysius College, Mangalore University. India.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Doctoral Research Assistant (September 2018 – Present)
Assistant to Dr. Neeraj Kaushal. Columbia School of Social Work, New York, NY

Deputy Director (September 2015 - March 2017)
The Tibet Fund, Dharamshala India
Key Responsibilities Include: Assisting the Program Director on management and supervision for colleagues, strategic planning for different key result areas, conducting stakeholder meetings with high and mid-level stakeholder representatives, program formulation, designing project and monitoring the implementation.
Projects Undertaken:
"Strengthening the Self-reliance and Resilience of Tibetans in South Asia" funded by USAID. (2016-2021) – USD 23 Million. (This is the largest program for Tibetan refugees in South Asia to date)
"Tibetan Education Project" funded by USAID. (2014-2018) –USD 2.8 Million
"Tibetan Health System Capacity Strengthening" funded by USAID. (2014-2018) –USD 3 Million

Research Fellow (June 2015 - September 2015)
The Tibet Policy Institute, Dharamshala India
Independent research conducted: 'Problems and Prospects of Tibetan Refugees in India'. Research report published as a book by Library of Tibetan Works and Archive, the leading publishing house of Tibet-related books in India, in Tibetan and English language.

Social Development Thematic Expert
Pragya, Gurgaon, India November 2009 – February 2012
Projects Undertaken:
Education and Health for Migrant Road Workers in High Altitude Himalaya
Active Democracy and People Participation in High Altitude Himalaya
Empowering Tribal Communities - The High-Altitude Himalayas Advocacy Initiative

INDEPENDENT RESEARCH

Rigzin, Tsewang. 2014 "Survey Research on Tibetan Entrepreneur in India" Survey research in collaboration with Federation of Tibetan Cooperatives India Limited

Rigzin, Tsewang. 2009. "The study on unemployment in relation to youth at Rabgyal ling Tibetan refugee settlement" School of Social Work, Mangalore University - MSW Thesis

PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS, AND MEDIA APPEARANCES

Publications - Book

Rigzin, Tsewang. 2016. Exile Tibetan Community: Problems and Prospects. Library of Tibetan works and Archives, Dharamshala India.

Rigzin, Tsewang. 2014. "Kerala: An Anomalous Case of Development." International Journal on Peace, Education and Development: 2(2 and 3): 107-110 December 2014. New Delhi Publication. India.

Other Publications

Rigzin, Tsewang. 2014 "The impediments to Tibetan Entrepreneurial growth in India" Vol. XLIX. No. 09-10. Tibetan Review.

Rigzin, Tsewang. 2014 "Creating Cohesive and Self-reliant Exile Tibetan Community" (Possibilities for application of SHG based Micro-credit for generating Micro and Small Enterprises in Tibetan Refugee Settlements) Tibet Post International Vol. III, Issue 102, Print issue 26.

Rigzin, Tsewang. 2012, "The struggle in Melody: Songs of Loyalty" www.phayul.com

Rigzin, Tsewang. 2012 "A Burning flame: Tibetan's passion for freedom." www.phayul.com

Media Appearances (Selective)

Television interview on "Sixty years of Tibetan in exile" March 20, 2019 Voice of America, Washington DC.

Television interview on "Sustainability of Tibetan exile community" September 19, 2018, Voice of America, Washington DC.

Television interview on "The Status of Exile Tibetan Community and its Future" November 11, 2016 Voice of America, Washington DC.

Television interview on "The Tibetan Struggle and Roles of Youth" February 26, 2016. Tibet TV. Dharamshala, India

Panelist on panel discussion titled "Education of Tibetans in exile: Problems and Prospects." October 3, 2015. Voice of Tibet. Dharamshala, India

Television interview on "The Status of Entrepreneurship Among Diasporic Tibetan Communities." August 08, 2014 Voice of America, Washington DC.

Documentary interview on "Itinerant Business Among Tibetan Refugee Community in India" Voice of Tibet. August 24, 2014. Dharamshala, India.

Sunday Radio interview "Market-based Solution and Tibetan Refugee in India" Voice of Tibet. August 17, 2014. Dharamshala, India.

Press interview "Tibetan Entrepreneurs in India" Tibet Times. August 12. 2014. Dharamshala, India.

Presentation

“Social Entrepreneurship and Tibetan Entrepreneurs” The 3rd Tibetan Entrepreneurs Conference. August 30, 2017. Dharamshala India.

“Exile Tibetan Community: Problems and Prospects.” The First Young Tibetan Scholar Conference. October 21, 2015. Dharamshala, India.

“Empowering Tibetan Entrepreneurs in India: Impediments and Ways Forward” Tibet Policy Institute. August 13, 2014. Dharamshala, India.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES AND SOCIAL SERVICES (Selective)

President, Tibetan Fulbright Alumni Association, India. (2015-2017)

President, Regional Tibetan Youth Congress and Tibetan Students’ Association, Mangalore. 2006-2007.

Co-Founder and Chief Organizer, “All India Tibetan College Student Conference.” (*Since 2006, this conference is convened once every year*)

Co-Founder and Chairperson. Green Club, School of Social Work, Mangalore 2008-2009

Co-Founder and Chief coordinator. *Kirana* Anti-addiction cell at School of Social Work, Mangalore 2008-2009

AWARD, RECOGNITION AND SCHOLARSHIP (Selective)

Recipient of Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund, 2019

Recognized as ‘A person of the Week’ by Voice of America, Tibetan Section. November 6, 2018

Selected by Program Director and faculties to be featured on Emory Graduate school’s website April 2015

Second Prize for global health case competition, Emory Global Health Institutes February 2014

Recipient of the US Department of State funded Tibetan Fulbright Scholarship Program to study master’s program in the USA. May 2013 – July 2015

Annual Sport Prize in Soccer, St. Aloysius College, Mangalore March 2007

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) July 2015 – Present

Emory University MDP Student Alumni Advisory Council (SAAC) May 2014 – Present

United State International Exchange Alumni December 2013 - Present

LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

Language: Tibetan (mother tongue). Fluent in speaking, writing and reading of **English**, Fluent in spoken and basic reading in **Hindi**, Elementary speaking in Mandarin **Chinese**

Research methods: Qualitative, quantitative, participatory need assessment, monitoring and evaluation

Analysis Software: MAXqda, Excel, JMP, ArcGIS, QGIS, Qualtrics, STATA