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Experience Summary

Anita Gurumurthy is a founding member and executive director of [IT for Change](#) (ITfC). Through her work, Anita has attempted to promote conversations between theory and practice. At IT for Change, Anita leads research on emerging issues in network society studies with a focus on themes such as political economy, governance, citizenship and gender justice. She also directs ITfC's [field resource centre](#) that works with grassroots communities on 'technology for social change' models. The centre works with [rural girls](#) and [women's collectives](#). To take forward IT for Change's mandate on community driven alternatives, Anita coordinates an urban spatial data based partnership in Bengaluru city, with urban youth.

Anita is the principal investigator of IT for Change's multi-country [policy research project](#) on platform governance, exploring legal-institutional mechanisms to address digitalization and platformization of the economy, covering [multiple sites](#) from the South and North. Her recent work has also focussed on [gender-based violence online](#), an issue on which she continues to write and research.

Anita has given leadership to multi-country research projects [Voice or Chatter?](#), examining the conditions under which ICT-enabled citizen engagement can produce [transformatory outcomes for citizenship; E-government and Gender Equality](#), with United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), based on which an online [toolkit](#) has been developed for policy makers.

Through the [CITIGEN](#) research network in Asia that was set up by IT for Change, Anita catalysed field-building on gender and citizenship. She has also brought together practitioners, activists and scholars to discuss and deliberate upon [Inclusion in the Network Society](#).

Prior to IT for Change, Anita worked as Research Consultant with the Centre for Public Policy at Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB), where she was project leader on a national level research study on Public Private Partnerships in Health. She also coordinated a course at IIMB for NGOs on Globalisation and Development.

In the mid-90s, Anita was part of a team that set-up the 'Women's Policy Research and Advocacy' unit at the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bengaluru.

Anita currently serves on a number of advisory groups, national and global coalitions. She is:

- Senior Associate, Development Alternatives for Women in a New Era, a leading feminist network advocating economic and gender justice in global policy spaces
- Member, Committee for monitoring Goal 5 of the SDGs constituted by the Department of Planning, Government of Karnataka
- Editorial Advisory Board of *Community Communication: A South Asian Journal of Communication for Social Change*
- Member, International Steering Committee of [Global Alliance on Media and Gender](#), UNESCO

Anita has brought perspectives of the global South into several policy and academic forums globally and nationally, in her role as -

- Civil society speaker at the UN Internet Governance Forum on multiple occasions (Plenary Session on [Cybersecurity](#) at IGF 2017, [Opening session](#) and [main session](#) on human rights and the Internet at IGF 2016, [closing session](#) of IGF 2008)

- Contributor to national and sub-national level policy processes (contributed a [solicited input](#) on Gender and ICTs to the Second High Level Committee on the Status of Women, Government of India in April 2014; invited by the Karnataka Knowledge Commission to provide advisory inputs for the design of digitally-enabled community knowledge centres in 2011-12)
- Keynote speaker in international academic conferences (COHERE conference on e-learning, Yukon, Canada, in October 2016; [7th International Conference on Communities and Technologies](#), Limerick, Ireland, 27-30 June 2015)
- Plenary speaker at the [International Association for Media and Communications Research 2016 conference](#) (IAMCR) at Leicester, UK and at IAMCR's Hyderabad [2014 conference](#).
- Speaker at [Jawaharlal Nehru University](#), [Delhi University](#), [Azim Premji University](#), [Manipal Centre for Philosophy and Humanities](#), [Centre for Public Policy \(IIMB\)](#), and [Tata Institute of Social Sciences](#).

Anita writes regularly in leading journals and the media. Some of her recent works include:

- Gurumurthy, A. (forthcoming), Digital globality and economic margins – Unpacking myths, recovering materialities in Graham, M. (ed), *Digital economies at global margins*, MIT Press
- Gurumurthy, A. (forthcoming) New Cartographies of the Digital Commons – going by Feminist Wisdom. In A.Kumar and P.Jha (eds), *Labouring Women*, India: Orient Blackswan.
- Gurumurthy, A., Chami, N. and Thomas, S. (2016) Digital India: Whose India? Whose Agenda?, *Journal of Information Policy*, Vol 6 (2016), pp 371-402, <http://www.jstor.org/stable/10.5325/jinfopoli.6.2016.0371>
- Gurumurthy, A and Chami, N. (2016) Internet governance as 'ideology in practice': India's 'Free Basics' controversy, *Internet Policy Review*, DOI: 10.14763/2016.3.431
- [Facebook-Cambridge Analytica row: Whether on FB or Aadhaar, societal need for privacy trumps the individual](#), *First Post*, March 2018

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Detailed CV

Academic Qualifications

- Masters Degree in Social Work, from The Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Bombay, 1990.
- Bachelor of Commerce, Bombay University, 1988.
- Qualified the University Grants Commission Test for Junior Research Fellowship and eligibility for lectureship in December 1991.

Work Experience at IT for Change

Anita is currently Executive Director of IT for Change where she gives leadership to many projects, covering research, programme implementation, policy engagement, network building, evaluation and other consulting assignments.

Research – Current

- Principal Investigator of a multi-country research study on [Policy Frameworks for Digital Platforms: Moving from Openness to Inclusion](#), supported by International Development Research Centre (Canada)
- Principal Researcher of a research [study](#) on effective legal-institutional responses to technology-mediated violence against women, supported by WWW Foundation.

Research – Past

- Commissioned by Heinrich Böll Foundation, India, to undertake [a policy analysis](#) of the central government's Digital India programme and its implications for women's economic and social empowerment (2017)
- Lead researcher on '[Voice or Chatter?](#)', a multi-country research project supported by IDS, Sussex, examining the conditions under which ICT-enabled citizen engagement can produce transformative outcomes for democracy (2017)
- Lead Researcher on a 5-country [research project](#) on e-government and gender equality in the Asia-Pacific, in collaboration with United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (2016)
- Project Advisor to a 10-country [research and policy advocacy initiative](#) on 'ICTs for empowerment of women and girls', in collaboration with the World Wide Web Foundation (2014-15)
- Principal Investigator of a multi-country action research project [Women-gov](#), funded by IDRC, in India, Brazil and South Africa to examine how digital technologies can enhance women's participation in local governance processes (2012-14)
- Anchored, as lead researcher, the [CITIGEN research network](#) that brought together scholars from around the world, to explore through various methodologies a Southern framework on gender and citizenship in the

information society. (2010-12)

- Led an impact study of [Mahiti Manthana](#), a grassroots action research project on technology paradigms for women's empowerment and social change (2010-11)
- Coordinated a national level research programme '[Locating Gender in ICTD](#)', for the National Institute for Smart Government (2008)
- Provided overall leadership to the [Information Society for the South](#) (ISS) program at IT for Change, working on several concept papers and policy overview documents, including the ISS series of publications (2005-09)

Teaching – Current and Past

- Coordinator of an annual short-course on '[The Gendered Digital in the Network Society](#)' in partnership with Azim Premji University, and Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), India, since 2017
- [Faculty member](#) at the Asia Pacific School of Internet Governance since 2017
- Faculty member for the training programme on gender-responsive governance, organised by the National Gender Centre, Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, India (2017)
- Coordinated a short course on '[Re-wiring Women's Rights Debates in the Digital Age](#)' to orient research scholars and women's rights practitioners to emerging concepts and current debates at the intersection of gender, governance and digital technologies. (2014)
- Coordinated a short course on '[Social Justice in an Internet-mediated World](#)', with the Manipal Centre for Philosophy and Humanities, to introduce young research-scholars and practitioners to emerging concerns for social justice and transformative politics in the network society context. (2014)

Programme Implementation – Current

Anita directs the field unit of IT for Change, [Prakriye - Centre for Community Informatics and Development](#). The Centre implements pilot projects and builds community centric institutional models on ICTs and development with a strong focus on gender justice.

- Building a supportive community ecosystem for prevention and redress of gender-based violence against women and girls, supported by Edelgive Foundation (2018-ongoing)
- Knowledge centre based community interventions involving local government and women's groups in Mysore district (2005-ongoing)
- A project supported by the South Asia Women's Fund for [adolescent girls](#) to explore rights based perspectives on gender, using digital technology (2016-ongoing)
- Ongoing collaboration with Srishti School of Design, to engage faculty and students in *Prakriye's* field processes (since 2016)

Anita also coordinates IT for Change's [emerging work](#) with urban poor communities to promote civic participation, using geo-spatial technologies.

Programme Implementation – Past

- A UN Fund for Gender Equality [project](#) to network elected women leaders in local government across 3 sites in India, involving 3 NGO partners (2013-2015).
- A [project](#) of the National Mission on Empowerment of Women to promote women's participation in *panchayats* (local government agencies) through digital technologies (2014-2015).
- [Kishori Chitrapata](#), a UNICEF supported programme using ICTs to build constructivist learning approaches for out-of-school girls in some blocks in Mysore district. (2009-10)
- [Mahiti Manthang](#), a Government of India supported multi-pronged ICT based project to strengthen solidarity and communication networks of women's groups (2004-2008)

Policy engagement

Anita contributes to many policy related processes actively, promoting a rights based perspective on development and digital technologies, rooted in social and gender justice. She has engaged with the [UNHRC](#), [CEDAW](#), [CSW](#), [UNCTAD](#), [UNIGF](#), [UNWOMEN](#), [UNESCO](#) and other venues, also contributing to the work of [Special Rapporteurs of the UN](#). She represents networks such as the [Just Net Coalition](#) & [GAMAG](#) and partners with civil society networks such as [APRCM](#), Association for Progressive Communications, the [DIODE network](#), etc. for advocacy at global and national levels:

- Civil society speaker at the Plenary Session on [Cybersecurity](#) at IGF in December 2017
- Participant at the [National Consultation on SDGs through a Gender Lens](#), organised by Women 2030 coalition in India, June 2017
- Civil society [representative at the opening session of the Internet Governance Forum](#) in December 2016, where she also addressed the [main session on human rights](#) and the Internet.
- Participant at the [Stockholm Internet Forum](#), 2016 and 2013
- Member of the National Resource Group on [Decentralised Planning](#) constituted by the Ministry of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj in June 2015
- Invited by UNESCO to be a speaker at the international multistakeholder conference [CONNECTing the Dots: Options for Future Action](#), which aimed at identifying recommendations for responses to Internet-related issues in UNESCO's fields of competence, March 2015
- Provided [Inputs to the High Power Committee](#) examining amendments to the Karnataka Panchayat Raj Act 1993 on capitalising upon the transformatory potential of digital technologies for furthering the decentralised governance agenda, in June 2014.
- Discussant at the [UNPGA's High Level Event](#) on the "Contributions of the North-South, South-South,

Triangular Cooperation and ICT for Development to the implementation of the Post-2015 Development Agenda' held in New York in May 2014.

- Invited to contribute a [position paper](#) on gender and ICTs, analysing key policy and programmatic concerns in the area of 'Digital Technologies and Gender Justice in India' to the Second High Level Committee on the Status of Women, Government of India in April 2014.
- Participant at the [Asian and Pacific Conference on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment: Beijing+20 Review](#), November 2014
- Invited by the Swedish Government as civil society speaker at [a panel discussion](#) to follow up on the Human Rights Council (HRC) Resolution on Human Rights and the Internet, at UNHRC in March 2013.
- [Civil Society Representative at the Closing Ceremony](#) of the WSIS +10 Review, Paris, 25–27 February 2013
- Led the [Political Participation Work-Stream](#) at the International Working Forum on Women, ICTs and Development, organised by UN Women and the U.S. Secretary of State's Office of Global Women's Issues in Washington D.C, January 2013
- Invited by the UN Special Rapporteur on Cultural Rights, to [bring in perspectives](#) on the implications of digital copyright regimes on artistic freedoms into her recommendations, November 2012
- Invited by the UN Working Group on Discrimination against Women to [bring in perspectives](#) on the impact of digital technologies on women's public-political participation, September 2012
- ['What Information and Communications Technologies Can Do for Gender-responsive Service Delivery'](#) – Presentation at the UN Women workshop on ['Leading Innovations for Gender Responsible Service Delivery'](#), Dar-es Salam, Tanzania, 21–22 June 2011
- ['Cultural Rights and Globalisation of Exchanges and Information'](#) – Presentation at the seminar organised by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Geneva, February 2010
- Invited by the Karnataka Knowledge Commission to propose [an institutional design](#) for the establishment of Community Knowledge Centres in various locations across rural Karnataka (2011-12)
- Invited by the UNESCAP to provide [expert inputs](#) into the High-Level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Review of Implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action in 2009.
- Civil society representative at the UN [Internet Governance Forum's closing session](#) in December 2008

Network building

- Convened [a national network](#) of feminist scholars and practitioners for policy advocacy on gender-based online violence in February 2018
- Catalysed [a network on digitalization and datafication in governance](#) in 2016 for national advocacy on citizenship rights in India

- Founding member of [Just Net Coalition](#), a global civil society network initiated by IT for Change along with other like-minded NGOs in 2014.

Evaluations

- Part of the field evaluation team of the Proof of Concept pilot initiative 'Sanchar Shakti' of the Department of Telecommunications, Government of India.
- Leader of the Joint Review Mission of the Ministry of HRD, Department of Education, Government of India, and DFID to evaluate the *Mahila Samakhya* Programme in 2011.
- Member of the two member evaluation team (2010-11) of the IKME programme – a global research and communication programme on knowledge in the international development sector, supported by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Professional Designations and Positions

Anita currently serves on a number of advisory groups, and national and global coalitions:

- Member, Committee for monitoring Goal 5 of the SDGs constituted by the Department of Planning, Government of Karnataka, (2018-ongoing)
- Senior Associate, Development Alternatives for Women in a New Era, a feminist network active in global advocacy on economic and gender justice, (2018-ongoing)
- Member of the Editorial Advisory Board of *Community Communication: A South Asian Journal of Communication for Social Change*, (2018-ongoing)
- International Steering Committee of [Global Alliance on Media and Gender](#), UNESCO, (2016-ongoing)
- Multi-stakeholder Advisory Committee of the 'Oral History of the Internet Project' of CyberLabs, Beijing
- Delegate, International Dialogue of the [W20Argentina](#) network, (2017-ongoing)
- Member of the International Expert Advisory Group for the project, Evaluating Communication for Development, a project of RMIT University, (2016-ongoing)
- Member of the Executive Committee of the [Kerala Mahila Samakhya Society](#), India, (2015-ongoing)

She has also held advisory positions in the past, including as:

- Member of the Karnataka state committee to address violence against women, set up by the Department of Women and Child, 2017
- Member of the ITU-UNESCO Broadband Commission's Working Group on Gender, 2014-2017
- Advisor to [SciDev.net](#), 2015-16

- Member, Advocacy group of the [Post-2015 Women's Coalition](#) – a coalition of feminist, women's rights and grassroots and social justice organisations, 2014-16
- Invited by UN Women South Asia to participate in the design of their economic rights programming and developing an agenda for informing and strengthening women's economic rights and justice, 2016
- Part of the Advisory Group of Ending VAW: Research on Legal Remedies and Corporate Policies – [an APC global programme](#) supported by the Dutch Government's FLOW Fund, 2015
- Member of the Advisory Committee of BRIDGE, a resource group on gender mainstreaming at IDS Sussex, 2005-2016
- Member of the National Resource Group of *Mahila Samakhya* women's empowerment programme of the Ministry of HRD - Government of India, 2012-2015
- Member of the Technical Advisory Committee of the 'Networking for Communications Challenged Communities' Project of Lulea University, Sweden, 2007-09
- Member of the International Advisory Committee of 'Investigating the Social & Economic Impact of Public Access to Information & Communication Technologies', a policy research project of the Gates Foundation and IDRC, Canada, 2007-14
- Associate of [Gender at Work](#), a global network of professionals committed to gender equality, working for institutional change, 2010
- Advisory group member of the ICTD track of [Solutions Exchange](#), an India level partnership between UNDP and UNESCO, 2009-10
- Advisor to the IDRC-supported research project on 'ICTs and Urban Microenterprises – Identifying and Maximizing Opportunities for Economic Development' (2010)
- Member of the UN-GAID Expert Committee on Connectivity and Access in Least Developed Countries in 2008.
- Member of the jury of [Prix Ars Electronica](#) in 2006
- Member of the Steering Committee and the Asia Pacific Coordinator of the WSIS (World Summit on the Information Society) [Gender Caucus](#) from 2004-05
- Member of the Selection Committee of the 'ICTD Project' of UNDP and Government of India, coordinated by the [National Institute for Smart Government](#) 2004-05.
- Member, Board of Directors, ISIS International - Manila, 2006-10

Work experience prior to IT for Change

Research Consultant with the Centre for Public Policy, Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB), India from 1998-2008, in the following roles:

- Project leader of a national level research on Public-Private Partnerships in the area of health, supported by the Ford Foundation. The research project used qualitative methodologies involving detailed documentation and analysis of such partnerships. Over 100 NGO profiles and 6 detailed case studies were undertaken.
- Coordinator of a capacity building program, on globalization, for NGOs, and author of a Resource Guide on Globalization.

Research Associate with Women's Policy Research and Advocacy Unit, National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), India, from 1994-1997. Was part of the research team undertaking a large scale household survey (of over 1000 households) examining the status of rural women in Karnataka (in Southern India), from a rights perspective. The study has been published by NIAS.

Program coordinator with AIKYA, an NGO in south India, leading their intervention in tribal areas on literacy and livelihoods, 1992-1994.

Research Assistant at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences Mumbai from 1990-1992.

Other Assignments

- Part of the evaluation team to assess the Women Centred Health Project, a public private partnership in Mumbai city, 2004, supported by the Royal Tropical Institute, Amsterdam.
- Part of the evaluation team to assess capacity building initiatives in India supported by CORDAID in 2003.
- Editor of HealthWatch Update, a policy advocacy newsletter on Women's Reproductive Health and Rights in India from 1998-2000.
- Consultant to different organizations in India, including The Indo-Dutch Project Management Society, the Institute of Social Studies Trust, The Directorate of State Education Research and Training - Karnataka, and The National Alliance of Women.

Publications and Writings

Books

Gurumurthy, A., *et al.* (eds) (2006) [*Gender in the Information Society: Emerging Issues*](#), Asia-Pacific Development Information Programme, Bangkok: UNDP-APDIP and Elsevier Publications

Research Reports and Edited Volumes

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Gurumurthy, A. and Chami, N. (forthcoming), Authenticity at digital crossroads – an investigation of empowerment and political change in India, in McGee, R. and Petit, J. (eds.), *Power, Empowerment and Social Change*, Routledge.

Gurumurthy, A. (forthcoming), Digital globality and economic margins – Unpacking myths, recovering materialities in Graham, M. (ed) "Digital economies at global margins", MIT Press

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New Delhi: Zubaan Books

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Speaker at the public event scheduled as part of Digital Rights and Governance in Asia workshop being organised by the University of Sydney, April 12-13 2018

[Lecture](#) at the 'Women and Work' dialogue convened by Centre for Policy Studies, IIT Bombay, on the occasion of International Women's Day, March 8, 2018

[Lecture](#) at the Workshop on Information Economy organised by Centre for Policy Studies, IIT Bombay, February 2018

Invited speaker at the [Round Table](#) on Knowledge, Development and Politics in Post-Colonial India, University of Delhi, February 2018

Speaker at the [March 2017](#) edition of the Annual Conference of the Majlis Centre – Negotiating Spaces

Speaker at [Panel Discussion: A feminist lens on a Digital India](#) organised as part of the Azim Premji University Colloquium Series in February 2017

Speaker at [Workshop on Unpacking Participatory Democracy: From Theory to Practice and From Practice to Theory](#) organised by ISID, McGill University, IMG and TISS in January 2017

Keynote speaker at the COHERE conference on e-learning, Yukon, Canada, in October 2016

Plenary speaker at the [International Association for Media and Communications Research 2016 conference](#) (IAMCR) at Leicester, UK and at IAMCR's Hyderabad [2014 conference](#).

Keynote Speaker at the [7th International Conference on Communities and Technologies](#), Limerick, Ireland, 27-30 June 2015

In May 2015, plenary speaker at the International Forum on 'Gender, Media, ICTs and Journalism: 20 years after the Bpfa' in Mexico City, organised by the IAMCR, in collaboration with the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM).

[Panelist](#) at the two-day international conference organised by the Centre for Informal Sector and Labour Studies (CISLS), School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in collaboration with the UN WOMEN, July 2014

Lecture at the [Workshop on Social Justice in an Intermediated World](#), co-organised by IT for Change and Manipal Centre for Philosophy and Humanities (30 January – 2 February 2014).

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Participant of the [Second Harvard Forum on ICTs and Development](#), hosted by Prof. Amartya Sen, Berkman Centre for Internet and Society and IDRC, in September 2009.