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George Tharakan C. received his Ph.D from the University of Hyderabad in 1999, following an M.A. from Calicut University and an M.Phil from Hyderabad. After his Ph.D he started teaching Social anthropology at the University of Hyderabad and formally joined the Department as a Reader in 2007. He is currently working as Associate Professor in the Department of Anthropology, University of Hyderabad.

His doctoral field research was carried out on the topic Kinship and Marriage among the Mudugas of Attapady in Kerala between 1995 and 1997. This work laid the foundation of his ongoing research in kinship studies. Most recently he has also become interested in the ecology and social organization of South Indian hunter-gatherers particularly the Kurumbas of Kerala.

His teaching interests include Kinship, Theories of Culture, and Indian Society.
His major publications include:

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