

Curriculum Vitae

Rakesh Kapoor

Overview 1986—2015

- Managing Trustee Alternative Futures: development research and communication group, from 2000
- Consulting Editor of the journal Futures: Journal of Policy, Planning and Futures Studies, from 2003
- Director of the World Futures Studies Federation - a global federation of foresight scholars and practitioners, from 2008 (till June 2014)
- Visiting Faculty at the School of Planning and Architecture, New Delhi, from January 2013
- Director and co-founder: Alternative Futures Consultancy Pvt. Ltd., from 2014

Work profile: management and coordination of Indian and global organisations/ programmes, research coordination, policy research and field-based research, editing of books and journals, teaching, training and human resource management. **Skill-set** includes very strong research, analytical, writing, editing, speaking, communication and inter-personal skills; strong financial and project management skills.

Core themes of work (1991-2015):

- Policies and innovations for sustainable development, natural resources management and urbanisation
- Science, technology and society
- Development policies and innovations, especially role of civil society in development and social transformation
- Foresight, policies and plans for India, South Asia and the world

Current Positions held

- ➔ Since 2000, **Founder and Managing Trustee, Alternative Futures** - Development Research and Communication Group (www.alternativefutures.org.in and www.gencap.org.in). Activities: Policy Research; Documentation, monitoring and evaluation of development initiatives and innovations; Development and science communication; Training on environment and development issues. Manage the group as well as Lead Researcher/Consultant on various projects (2000 onwards).
- ➔ **Consulting Editor, Futures: journal of policy, planning and futures studies**, (www.elsevier.com/locate/futures). Published by Elsevier Ltd., Oxford, U.K. (2003 onwards). Guest Editor of various special issues, including **Indian Futures**, Vol. 36(6-7) Aug-Sep 2004, **Transformative Initiatives**, Vol. 39(5) 2007 and **Global Mindset Change** Vol. 42(10) 2010. Guest editor of special issue, **India @ 2050: the future of the Indian economy (Feb 2014)**. Prior to joining as Consulting Editor, was invited on the International Editorial Board of the journal in 2002.

- Visiting Faculty at the **School of Planning and Architecture**, New Delhi, from January 2013.
- Co-founder and Director of **Alternative Futures Consultancy Pvt. Ltd.**, from 2014

Work History, Commissioned Studies and Projects

Environment, Energy and Sustainable Development Issues

- **Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CAAFS) Program of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR).** Co-Principal Investigator of the project on ‘Climate-Smart Villages Supported by Government Programmes with a Strong Gender Focus’. July 2013 to Dec. 2014.
- Consultant to O. P. Jindal Global University, School of Government and Public Policy, research paper on natural resources management for the India Public Policy Report on the theme Poverty, Hunger and Malnutrition (2013-14).
- **Climate and Development Knowledge Network (CDKN).** Project Manager, CDKN project on “Gender and State Climate Change Action Plans in India: Research and policies to enable poor women and rural communities adapt to climate change” (2012-14).
- **Website www.iforchange.org** - database on alternatives, innovations, policies, resources and initiatives for change and sustainable development. Currently coordinating this as an initiative of Alternative Futures (ongoing since 2012).
- **Management of Land and other Resources for Inclusive Growth: India 2050.** Study done by Alternative Futures, G N Kathpalia and Rakesh Kapoor (2009-10).
- **Confederation of Indian Industry.** Preparation of position paper on climate change, “Building a Low-Carbon Indian Economy” (2007/8).
- **Water resources management.** Study, with G N Kathpalia, “Charting a New Course: A Strategy for Sustainable Management of India’s Water Resources in the 21st Century”, Alternative Futures (2006).
- **WAPCOS (Water and Power Consultancy Services (India) Ltd.).** Training on Information, Education and Communication (IEC) and Preparation of Strategy Paper and IEC materials (posters, leaflets and flash cards, etc.) on rural drinking water supply and sanitation. Sponsored by the **Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission, Ministry of Rural Development (2001/2002).**
- **Rockefeller Foundation (Global Energy Initiative).** Policy research on renewable energy and sustainable energy options in India. Prepared **Sustainable Energy Development in India: A Review of Policies, Efforts and Opportunities**, a book-length report (1997).
- **Rockefeller Foundation (Leadership for Environment and Development--India Programme).** Co-ordination of the Indian Programme, **1995-96.** LEAD is an ongoing international capacity building and research programme for mid-career professionals, in over a dozen developing and developed countries. Initiated by the Rockefeller Foundation, now run by LEAD International, London.
- **Research Associate, Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), New Delhi,** November 1991–June 1993. Designing, organising and conducting training programmes

for the public (NGO workers, students, teachers, professionals and government employees) on environmental issues, on the following themes. Also edited two books, on Environmental Economics and Participative natural resources management.

- Environmental Economics
- Politics of Global Environmental Change
- People's Participation in Natural Resource Management
- Environment, People and the Law
- Green College - Orientation Programme on Environmental Issues

Development Policies, Projects and Studies

- Consultant to **The Futures Lab**, Austin, USA for India Trends study for AKZO Nobel (2010).
- ‘**Commonwealth Games--Citizens for Workers, Women & Children**’ (CWG-CWC - an alliance of NGOs), Study on Safety and Social Security of Construction Workers Engaged in Major Projects in Delhi, Lead Researcher (2009).
- **Oxfam (India) Trust** [Oxfam GB-India office]. Review of Global Development Donors’ and Private Sector Strategies and Approaches for Poverty Reduction. Lead Author, study carried out by Alternative Futures (Jan-March 2007).
- **Hivos India Regional Office**, Bangalore. An Inventory of Prospective Donors for Collaborative Support to the NGO Sector in India. Lead Author, study carried out by Alternative Futures (June-August 2006).
- **Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation**, The Hague, The Netherlands. Study commissioned by the Policy and Evaluation Department (IOB) on “Feedback Systems for Result-Based Management in the Co-financing Programme”. Study of management and feedback systems of ten north Indian NGOs carried out by Rakesh Kapoor and Ashok Raj of Alternative Futures, New Delhi (January-June, 2004).
- **Arcadis BMB**, Arnhem, The Netherlands. Research and writing of three manuals on civil service reform, regulatory reform and private sector participation (2003) (see list of publications below for details).
- **The Other Media**, **Research Coordinator**, New Delhi. Conceptualised and coordinated work on Status Report on Adivasis/Indigenous people in India. Coordinated and brought to completion research studies carried out under the Fact Finding Mission on Bhopal (2003-05).
- **National Commission for Labour**, Prepared, with Ashok Raj, five sector papers on The Impact of Globalisation on Women’s Employment in India (2001).
- **Centre for the Study of Developing Societies**, **Deputy Indian Research Co-ordinator**, for the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs commissioned study on “The Contribution of Dutch Co-financing organisations to Civil Society Building in India”. Wrote the **India country paper** for this study (2000).
- **Centre for Science, Technology and Environmental Policy Studies (STEPS)** Consultant for two studies (“Home-based Women Workers” and “NGOs and Sustainable Development: A Resource Compendium”) (1999-2000).
- **Indian Centre for Philanthropy**, study on religious philanthropy and social development (1999).

- **Managing Editor, Lokayan Bulletin**, 1993–1996. Lokayan, an off-shoot of the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi, shared the Right Livelihood Award in 1985 for its efforts to support and strengthen non-party political processes and people's movements. The bimonthly, quasi-academic Bulletin focused on voluntary action, people's movements, development debates and issues of ecological and cultural survival.

Science, Technology and Society Studies

- **Science and Society Division, Department of Science and Technology (DST)**, Principal Investigator, Developing a Management Information System for completed projects, 2000-2005 and proposing a follow-up action plan for enhancing the long-term sustainability and replicability of the projects (2005-2007). Project done by Alternative Futures.
- **National Council for Science and Technology Communication (NCSTC), Dept. of Science and Technology**. Joint Project Coordinator, All-India monitoring study of the Year of Scientific Awareness (2004-05) done by Alternative Futures (Project Coordinator: Ashok Raj) (2004-06).
- **Millennium Project, American Council for the United Nations University**. S&T inputs from India for the State of the Future 2002 Report.

Other Work Experience

- **Assistant Manager (HR), Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL—**a Government of India undertaking), October 1986--November 1991. Worked at Bombay and Delhi regional offices and the corporate office at Delhi.

Educational Qualifications

- M.A. Sociology, Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University, 1986
- Held University Grants Commission National Fellowship, 1984-86
- B.A. (Honours) Sociology, Hindu College, Delhi University, 1984

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Publications (Books/Edited Journal Issues, Research Reports and Papers, Articles)

Books/Edited journals

- (Guest Editor) **India@2050**, Special issue, *Futures: The journal of policy, planning and futures studies*, Vol. 56, Feb. 2014.
- Rakesh Kapoor and Jennifer Gidley (Guest editors) **Global Mindset Change**, Special issue, *Futures: The journal of policy, planning and futures studies*, 42(10), December 2010.

- (Guest editor) **Transformative Initiatives**, Special issue, *Futures: The journal of policy, planning and futures studies*, 39(5), June 2007.
- G N Kathpalia and Rakesh Kapoor, **Charting a New Course: A Strategy for Sustainable Management of India's Water Resources in the 21st Century**, Alternative Futures and Daanish Books, New Delhi (ISBN 81-89654-16-0), 2006.
- (Guest editor) **Indian Futures**, Special double issue of the journal *Futures on India*, Vol. 36(6/7), August-September 2004.
- (Guest editors) Rakesh Kapoor and Jordi Serra, **Impaling the Future**, Special issue of *Futures*, Vol. 34(8), October 2002. (Based on the XVII World Conference of the World Futures Studies Federation, Brasov, Romania, September 2001 on the theme, **Many Cultures, One World: Local Development and Globalisation**).
- (Ed) **Green at the Grassroots**, a special issue of *Humanscape* on grassroots efforts for sustainable development, February 2000.
- (Ed) **Science and the War of the Worlds**, special issue, *Humanscape*, Aug 1999.
- (Ed) **Environmental Economics**, New Delhi: Centre for Science and Environment, 1993.
- (Ed) **People's Participation in Natural Resource Management**, New Delhi, CSE, 1992 (Mimeo).

Policy/Research Reports

- Rakesh Kapoor, G. N. Kathpalia and Aditi Kapoor, **Natural Resource Management and Related Challenges for Eradication of Malnutrition and Poverty**, Background paper for the **Indian Public Policy Report**, Jindal Global University, School of Government and Public Policy (2013-14).
- Co-authored with G. N. Kathpalia, **Management of Land and other Resources for Inclusive Growth: India 2050**, Alternative Futures (2010).
- **Safety and Social Security of Construction Workers Engaged in Major Projects in Delhi**, Commonwealth Games--Citizens for Workers, Women & Children' (CWG-CWC - an alliance of NGOs) (2009).
- Co-authored, with V. Raghuraman and Suman Kumar, **Building a Low-Carbon Indian Economy**, CII Position Paper on climate change (2008).
- Oxfam GB India Country Strategy 2007-2011: **Review of Global Development Donors' and Private Sector Strategies and Approaches for Poverty Reduction**, Oxfam (India) Trust, 2007.
- **An Inventory of Prospective Donors for Collaborative Support to the NGO Sector in India**, Hivos India Regional Office, 2006.
- (Ed) **The Bhopal Gas Disaster: Impacts, Responses, Current Status and Recommendations for the Future** - Executive Summaries of Studies, Fact Finding Mission on Bhopal, 2004.
- **Three Reference and Resource Manuals on Public Sector Reform:** (Authors: Tobias Novogrodsky, Rakesh Kapoor, Ashok Raj)
 1. Best Practices in Civil Service Reform
 2. Best Practices in Regulatory Reform
 3. Best Practices in Private Sector Participation (Arcadis BMB, August 2003)

- **Water Policy and Action Plan for India for the 21st Century: An Alternative** (G N Kathpalia and R Kapoor, Alternative Futures, 2002). Published under the Vision 2020 documents of the Planning Commission, co-published by Academic Foundation, 2003.
- **A Revisit to India's Voluntary Sector: A Study of Its Typology, Size, Funding and Role in the Post-Liberalization Period** by R K Srivastava, Ashok Raj, Rakesh Kapoor and Abhay Sinha (Hivos, 2001).
- **Strengthening Community Involvement in Rural Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation: The IEC Strategy and Delivery System** (Rakesh Kapoor, Ashok Raj and Aditi Kapoor, WAPCOS (India) Ltd. and Ministry of Rural Development, 2001).
- **Five sector papers on The Impact of Globalisation on Women's Employment in India** (Ashok Raj and Rakesh Kapoor of Alternative Futures for the National Commission for Labour, 2001).
 1. *Relocating Space for Women Workers in Construction Industry*
 2. *Harvesting Global Markets and the Condition of Women Workers in Indian Food Processing Industry*
 3. *Industrial Sub-contracting and Women Home-based Workers*
 4. *Globalisation and Women's Employment in the Textiles and Garments Industry in India*
 5. *Globalising Handicrafts Market and Marginalisation of Women Crafts-persons*
- **Civil Society Building and People's Empowerment in India: A Review** (Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi and Arcadis BMB, Arnhem, Netherlands, for the Steering Committee for the Evaluation of the Netherlands Co-financing Programme, 2000).
- **Religious Philanthropy and Organised Social Development Efforts in India** (Rakesh Kapoor and Amit Kumar Sharma, Indian Centre for Philanthropy, Occasional Paper No. 3, 2000).
- **Sustainable Energy Development in India: A Review of Policies, Efforts and Opportunities**, a book-length report to the Rockefeller Foundation, Global Environment Division, 1997.
- **Tarun Bharat Sangh's Training Programme for Rural Youth in Common Property Resource Management: An Evaluation**, October 1994.

Papers

- "Re-imagining India's Urban Future", (forthcoming, 2015) in a book on Indian Futures: Visions and Pathways
- 'Age of Optimism: Unravelling Indian Youth Images of the Future', published in Spanish, Journal Estudios de Juventud - INJUVE, special issue on Images of The Future in Young People, 2014.
<http://www.injuve.es/en/observatorio/infotecnologia/104-imagenes-de-futuro-en-la-juventud>
- "Signs of an emerging planetary transformation" Introduction to special issue on Global Mindset Change, 42(10), December 2010.
- "The Techno-brahmins and the Futures of Communication" in Sohail Inayatullah and Susan Leggett (eds) *Transforming Communication: Technology, Sustainability and Future Generations*, Praeger, 2002.

- “Future as fantasy: forgetting the flaws”, *Futures*, Vol. 33, 2001.
- “The Larger Politics of Environment in India: A Tentative Audit”, (Ashis Nandy, Rakesh Kapoor and Parshuram Ray) *Social Change*, March-June 2001, Vol. 31, Nos. 1&2.
- "Voluntary Action: Survival, Politics and Transformation," *Social Action*, Vol. 46, No.1, Jan-Mar 1996.
- "What You can do about the Environment," paper presented at "Green College", a training programme organised by CSE, 1992.
- (with A Kothari, R Bhartari, et al), "The Narmada Valley Project: Development or Destruction?", in E Goldsmith and N Hildyard (Eds.), **The Social and Environmental Effects of Large Dams**, Vol. 2, Cornwall, UK: Wadebridge Ecological Centre, 1986.

Selected Articles

- Global Trends 2030: Climate Control?, *World Future Review*, Vol. 5 (4), Winter 2013, Special Issue: The NIC's Global Trends 2030 Report: A Collective Critique, Guest Editor: Michael Marien.
- “Global Megacrisis and Response: A perspective from India” (contribution to symposium on the global megacrisis), *Journal of Futures Studies*, December 2011, 16(2): 139 - 142.
- Book review of “Long-Range Futures Research: An Application of Complexity Science”, Robert H Samet. 4 Scene Development Corporation. *Futures Bulletin*, Vol. 35 (3&4) 2010.
- Book review of “Energy autonomy: the economic, social and technological base for renewable energy”, H Scheer. Earthscan (2007), *Futures*, 41(9) November 2009.
- Book review of “How to Live a Low Carbon Life: The Individual's Guide to Stopping Climate Change”, Chris Goodall. Earthscan (2007), *Futures*, 41(3) April 2009.
- “Futures at forty: A time to democratise and rejuvenate the FS enterprise”, *Futures*, 40(10), December 2008.
- “Asian Century, Planetary Change?”, *Futures*, 40(3) April 2008
- “Fault-lines of the Future”, *Futures*, 38(1), 2006.
- Book review of “Futuring: the exploration of the future” by Edward Cornish, (2004, World Future Society, Bethesda), *Futures*, 37(8), 2005.
- “When humans outsmart themselves”, Paper for symposium on Artificial Intelligence, *Futures*, 35(7), September 2003.
- “Accelerated Evolution”, *Humanscape*, March 2000.
- “Ways and Ways to Sustainable Development”, *Humanscape*, Feb. 2000.
- “You cannot solve a problem with the same frame of mind that created it” - an interview with Bernard Declercq, *Humanscape*, February 2000.
- “2100: The Techno-brahmins Rule the World”, *Humanscape*, August 1999.
- “Internet for the Masses?”, *Humanscape*, June 1999.