Sunil Kumar | Bio

Hello, my name is Sunil Kumar, originally from Madras (now Chennai), capital of the Indian state of Tamil Nadu but domiciled in the UK since 1988. I have an undergraduate degree in Architecture (Madras, India), a master's degree in Housing (New Delhi, India), a PG Diploma in Housing (Rotterdam, Netherlands) and a PhD in Planning Studies (University College London). I am an urbanist with research interests that began in housing and tenure (landlords and tenants) but is now located at the intersections with poverty, livelihoods, labour markets, internal migration, gender, social movements, collective action and informal institutions. I have undertaken work for UN-Habitat, the Inter-American Development Bank and the UK Department for International Development (DFID) and am an associate of the LSE's India Observatory. My most recent research for DFID is entitled: the 'Urbanisation-Construction-Migration' Nexus in Five cities in South Asia' ([6-page briefing note](#) – [full report](#)). I have a keen interest in the pedagogy of learning and teaching and have made available some of my thinking in an online resource: SP403_SK [Researching and Writing Assessed Essays and Dissertations](#) (available on Moodle). I have many years of experience of teaching and now convene the [MSc International Social and Public Policy (Development)](#) and teach my own option, *[SP415 Urbanisation and Social Policy in the Global South](#)*. I believe that learning is a two-way street (I learn from my students as they learn from me). I strive to understand the complexity underpinning questions of equity and justice.

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These valedictions reflect my mixed Tamil-Punjabi Indian heritage and replace the English sign-offs: regards, sincerely, thanks or best wishes

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