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EXPERTISE

Energy and poverty, Energy modeling, Climate and Inequality, Empirical Economics

EDUCATION

- 2011 PhD, Stanford University, Environment and Resources
- 1996 M.Sc, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Technology and Policy
- 1996 M.Sc, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Electrical Engineering & Computer Science
- 1991 B.A, Dartmouth College, Engineering with Computer Science

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2021 – present Associate Professor of Energy Systems, Yale School of the Environment
- 2018 – present Senior Research Scholar, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)
- 2018 – 2020 Assistant Professor of Energy Systems, Yale School of the Environment
- 2016-2020 Adjunct Fellow, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology & Environment, Bangalore, India
- 2014 – 2018 Project Leader, IIASA, Energy Program, Laxenburg, Austria
- 2011 – 2014 Postdoc/Research Scholar, IIASA, Energy Program, Laxenburg, Austria
- 2002 – 2006 Visiting Faculty, Indian Institute of Management, Center for Public Policy, Bangalore, India
- 1996 – 2002 Energy Consulting, Tabors Caramanis & Associates, Navigant, Arthur D. Little, Cambridge, USA

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles (60)

- 2022 S. Pachauri, S. Pelz, C. Bertram, S. Kreibiehl, **ND Rao**, K. Riahi, Y. Sokona. Fairness considerations in contributions to near-term global mitigation investments needs. *Science Policy Forum*. [doi](#)
- 2022 Mastrucci, A., E. Byers, S. Pachauri, B.vanRuijven, **ND Rao**, Cooling access and energy requirements for adaptation to heat stress in megacities, *Mitigation and Adaptation Strategies for Global Change*. [doi](#)
- 2022 **Rao, ND**, Towards a Fair-efforts Metric for Climate Pledges, *PLOS Climate*. [doi](#)

- 2022 Virag, D., D. Wiedenhofer, A. Baumgart, S. Matej, F. Krausmann, J. Min, **ND Rao**, H. Haberl, How much infrastructure is required to support decent mobility for all? An exploratory assessment. *Ecological Economics* 200 (107511). [doi](#)
- 2022 Wang, T.*, P. Berrill, J. Zimmerman, **ND Rao**, J. Min, E. Hertwich, Improved Copper Circularity as A Result of Increased Material Efficiency in The US Housing Stock, *Env. Sci. & Tech.* [doi](#)
- 2022 Nutkiewicz, A., A. Mastrucci, **ND Rao**, R. Jain, Cool roofs can alleviate heat stress in 800+ million informal settlements in the Global South. *Ren. Energy. Sus. Reviews.* [doi](#)
- 2022 Bhar, S., S. Lele, **ND Rao**, Beyond income: correlates of conspicuous and luxury consumption in India, *Sustainability: Science, Practice and Policy* 18(1). [doi](#)
- 2022 **Rao, ND**, C. Wilson, Advancing energy and wellbeing research. *Nat. Sustainability.* [doi](#)
- 2021 Kikstra, J., A. Mastrucci, J. Min, **ND Rao**. Decent living gaps and energy needs around the world. *Env Res. Ltrs.* [doi](#)
- 2021 Pelz, S., S. Pachauri, **ND Rao**, Application of an alternative framework for measuring global progress towards SDG 7.1, *Env. Res. Ltrs.* [doi](#)
- 2021 **Rao, ND**, G. Kieswetter, J. Min, S. Pachauri, F. Wagner. Household contributions to and impacts from air pollution in India. *Nature Sustainability.* [doi](#)
- 2021 Vita, G., **ND Rao**, A. Usubiaga-Liano, J. Min. Durable goods and global households' final energy footprints. *Env. Sci. & Tech* [doi](#)
- 2020 J. Milward-Hopkins, J. Steinberger, **ND Rao**, Y. Oswald. Providing decent living with minimum energy: A global scenario. *Glob. Env. Change.* [doi](#)
- 2020 Gibson M., **ND Rao**, R. Slade, J. Portugal-Pereira, J. Rogelj. The role of energy in mitigating grain storage losses in India and the impact for nutrition. *Resources, Conservation and Recycling.* [doi](#)
- 2020 Pachauri S., **ND Rao**. An Alternative Multidimensional Energy Poverty Metric. *Progress in Energy.* 2 043001. [doi](#)
- 2020 Sauer, P. **ND Rao**, S Pachauri, Explaining income inequality trends: an integrated approach, WIDER Working Paper 2020/65. Helsinki: UNU-WIDER. [doi](#)
- 2020 Mastrucci, A., J. Min, A. Usubiaga, **ND Rao**, A Framework for Modelling Consumption-Based Energy Demand and Emission Pathways. *Env. Sci & Tech*, **54**(3) 1799-1807. [doi](#)
- 2019 Davis, K., A. Chhatre, **ND Rao**, D. Singh, S. Ghosh-Jerath, A. Mridul, M. Poblete-Cazenave, N. Pradhan, R. DeFries. Assessing the sustainability of post Green Revolution cereals in India. *Proc. of Nat. Acad. Sci.* [doi](#)
- 2019 **Rao, ND.**, J. Min, A. Mastrucci, Energy requirements for decent living in India, Brazil and South Africa, *Nature Energy.* [doi](#)
- 2019 Vinca, A., S. Parkinson, E. Byers, P. Burek, Z. Khan, V. Krey, F. A. Diuana, Y. Wang, A. Ilyas, A. C. Köberle, I. Staffell, S. Pfenninger, A. Muhammad, A. Rowe, R. Schaeffer, **N.D. Rao**, Y. Wada, N. Djilali, K. Riahi. "The Nexus Solutions Tool (NEST): An open platform for optimizing multi-scale energy-water-land system transformations." *Geosci. Model Dev. Discuss.* 2019: 1-33. [doi](#)
- 2019 Davis., K., A. Chhatre, **ND Rao**, D. Singh, R. DeFries, ,Sensitivity of grain yields to historical climate variability in India', *Environmental Research Letters* 14(6), [doi](#)

- 2019 Mastrucci, A., E. Byers, S. Pachauri, **ND Rao**, Improving the SDG energy poverty targets: residential cooling needs in the Global South. *Energy and Buildings*. [doi](#)
- 2019 **Rao, ND**, M. Poblete-Cazanave, R. Bhalerao, KF Davis, S. Parkinson, Spatial analysis of energy needs and GHG emissions of food grains in India. *Science for Total Environment* 654(1):841-849. [doi](#)
- 2019 Parkinson, S; Krey, V; Huppmann, D; Kahil, T; McCollum, DaDavid; Fricko, O; Byers, E; Gidden, M; Mayor, B; Khan, Z; Raptis, C; **Rao, ND**; Johnson, N; Wada, Y; Djilali, N; Riahi, K, Balancing clean water-climate change mitigation trade-offs. *Environmental Research Letters*. [doi](#)
- 2018 **Rao, ND**, P. Sauer, M. Gidden, K. Riahi, Income inequality projections for the Shared Socioeconomic Pathways, *Futures*. [doi](#)
- 2018 DeFries, R., K. Davis, **ND Rao**, et al. Assessment of opportunities to reduce iron-deficient anemia from coarse cereals in the Indian diet, *Food and Nutrition Bulletin*. [doi](#)
- 2018 Mastrucci, A., **ND Rao**, Bridging the Indian housing gap: Lowering costs and CO₂ emissions, *Building Research & Information*. [doi](#)
- 2018 McCollum, D, W Zhou, C Bertram, HS de Boer, V Bosetti, S Busch, J Despres, L Drouet, J Emmerling, M Fay, O Fricko, S Fujimori, M Gidden, M Harmsen, D Huppmann, G Iyer, V Krey, E Kriegler, C Nicolas8, S Pachauri, S Parkinson, M Poblete-Cazenave, P Rafaj, **ND Rao**, J Rozenberg, A Schmitz, W Schoepp, D van Vuuren, K Riahi. Energy investment needs for fulfilling the Paris Agreement and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. *Nature Energy*. [doi](#)
- 2018 Dubash, N; R. Khosla; **ND Rao**; A. Bhardwaj. India's energy and emissions future: An interpretive analysis of model scenarios, *Environment Research Letters* 13(7) 074018. [doi](#)
- 2018 Pachauri, S., **ND Rao**, C. Cameron, Outlook for modern cooking energy access in Central America, *PLOS One*. [doi](#)
- 2018 Grübler, A, C Wilson, N Bento, B Boza-Kiss, V Krey, D McCollum, **ND. Rao**, K Riahi, J Rogelj, S De Stercke, J Cullen, S Frank, O Fricko, F Guo, M Gidden, P Havlik, D Huppmann, G Kiesewetter, P Rafaj, W Schoepp, H Valin. A Low Energy Sustainable Development Scenario for 1.5°C target without Negative Emission Technologies. *Nature Energy*. [doi](#)
- 2018 Byers, E., M. Gidden, P. Burek, K. Ebi, P. Greve, P. Havlik, A. Hillers, N. Johnson, T. Kahil, V. Krey, S. Langan, D. Leclère, N. Nakicenovic, R. Novak, M. Obersteiner, S. Pachauri, A. Palazzo, S. Parkinson, **ND Rao**, J. Rogelj, Y. Satoh, Y. Wada, B. Willaarts, K. Riahi, Global exposure and vulnerability to multi-sector development and climate change hotspots. *Environmental Research Letters* 13 055012. [doi](#)
- 2018 Creutzig, F, J. Roy, WF Lamb, IML Azevedo, WB de Bruin, H Dalkmann, OY Edelenbosch, FW Geels, A Grübler, C Hepburn, E Hertwich, R Khosla, L Mattauch, JC Minx, A Ramakrishnan, **ND Rao**, J Steinberger, M Tavoni, D Ürges-Vorsatz, EU Weber. Towards demand-side solutions for mitigating climate change. *Nature Climate Change* 8(4):268-271. [doi](#)
- 2018 **Rao, ND.**, J. Min, R. DeFries, SH Ghosh, H. Valin, J. Fanzo. Healthy, affordable and climate-friendly diets in India. *Global Environmental Change*, 49: 154-165. [doi](#)
- 2018 **Rao, ND**, J. Min. Less global inequality can improve climate outcomes. *WTREs Climate Change*. 10.1002/wcc.513 [doi](#)

- 2018 **Rao, ND**, J. Min. Decent living standards: material requirements for basic human wellbeing. *Social Indicators Research*, 1-20. [doi](#)
- 2017 **Rao, ND**, B.V Ruijven, K. Riahi, V. Bosetti. Improving poverty and inequality modeling in climate research. *Nature Climate Change*. 7(12), 857-862. [doi](#)
- 2017 Min, J., **ND Rao**. Estimating uncertainty in household energy footprints, *J. of Industrial Ecology*. [doi](#)
- 2017 Mastrucci A & **Rao ND**. Decent housing in the developing world: Reducing life-cycle energy requirements. *Energy and Buildings* 152, 629-642. [doi](#)
- 2017 Longe, OM., **ND Rao**, F. Omowole, AS Oluwalami, OT Oni. A case study of off-grid microgrid for universal electricity access in the eastern Cape of South Africa *International Journal of Energy Engineering*. 7(2): 55-63. [doi](#)
- 2017 **Rao, ND**, K. Ummel. White goods for white people? Drivers of electric appliance growth in emerging economies. *Energy Research and Social Science* 27. [doi](#)
- 2017 Steckel J., **ND Rao**, M. Jakob, Infrastructure access: global trends and drivers, *Utilities Policy* 45,109-117. [doi](#)
- 2017 **Rao, ND**, S. Pachauri. Energy access and living standards: Some observations on recent trends. *Environmental Research Letters*, 12 (2), 025011. [doi](#).
- 2016 Parkinson S, Johnson N, **Rao ND**, Jones B, van Vliet M, Fricko O, Djilali N, Riahi K, et al. Climate and human development impacts on municipal water demand: A spatially-explicit global modeling framework. *Environmental Modelling & Software*, 85. pp. 266-278. [doi](#)
- 2016 Fuss S., C. Chen, M. Jakob, A. Marxen, **ND Rao**, O. Edenhofer, Could resource rents finance universal access to infrastructure? A first exploration of needs and rents. *Environment and Development Economics* (21)6, 691-712. [doi](#)
- 2016 Jakob, M., C. Chen, S. Fuss, A. Marxen, **ND Rao**, O. Edenhofer, Carbon Pricing Revenues Could Close Infrastructure Access Gaps, *World Development*. [doi](#)
- 2016 Cameron, C., S. Pachauri, **ND Rao**, D. Mccollum, J. Rogelj, K. Riahi, Policy trade-offs between climate mitigation and clean cook-stove access in South Asia. *Nature Energy*. Volume 1. [doi](#)
- 2016 Groh, S., S. Pachauri, **ND Rao**. What are we measuring? An empirical analysis of household electricity access metrics in rural Bangladesh. *Energy for Sustainable Development*, (30) 21:31. [doi](#)
- 2015 Lamb, W., **ND Rao**. Human development in a climate constrained world: what the past says about the future, *Global Environmental Change*, 33, 14-22. [doi](#)
- 2014 **Rao, ND**, K. Riahi, A. Grubler. Climate Impacts of Poverty Eradication, *Nature Climate Change* 4, 749–751 [doi](#)
- 2014 Mainali, B., S. Pachauri, **ND Rao**, S. Silveira. Assessing rural energy sustainability in developing countries. accepted to *Energy for Sustainable Development*, (19) 15:28. [doi](#)
- 2013 **Rao, ND**. Distributional impacts of climate change mitigation in Indian Electricity: the influence of governance. *Energy Policy*, (61) 1344:1356. [doi](#)
- 2013 **Rao, ND**. Does (better) electricity supply boost household enterprise income in India? *Energy Policy*, (57) 532:541. [doi](#)
- 2013 **Rao, ND**. International and intranational equity in burden-sharing agreements for climate change mitigation. *International Environmental Agreements: Politics, Law and Diplomacy*, 14(2) 129:146. [doi](#)

- 2013 Pachauri, S., **ND. Rao**. Gender impacts and determinants of energy poverty: are we asking the right questions? *Current Opinions on Environmental Sustainability*, 5(2):205-215. [doi](#)
- 2012 **Rao, ND**. Kerosene subsidies: when energy policy fails as social policy. *Energy for Sustainable Development*, 16 (1) 35-43. [doi](#)
- 2012 **Rao, ND.**, P. Baer, Decent living emissions: a conceptual framework. *Sustainability* 4 (4), 656-681. [doi](#)
- 2009 Khanna, M, **ND Rao**. Electricity supply and demand in developing countries. *Annual Review of Resource Economics* (1), 567-595. [doi](#)
- 2008 Dubash, NK, **ND Rao**. Regulatory practice and politics: Lessons from independent regulation in Indian electricity. *Utilities Policy* (16), 321-331. [doi](#)
- 2000 **Rao, ND**, R. Tabors, Transmission markets: stretching the rules for fun and profit. *Electricity Journal*, 13(5), 20-29. [doi](#)

Books

- 2007 Dubash, NK, **ND Rao**. The practice and politics of regulation: regulatory governance in Indian electricity, Macmillan, New Delhi, India.

GRANTS

- 2022-27 National Science Foundation, Growing Convergence Research: Relevant, Rich, and Realistic Representations of Housing, Well-Being, and Energy-Coupled Transitions, Yale PI, \$939,616 (Phase I \$360,277, Phase II \$579,339)
- 2021-22 Environmental Protection Agency, Yale PI, fusionACS – data infrastructure for spatial equity mapping of US households. \$91,500.
- 2021-22 PI, Environmental Defense Fund, Residential energy model for Environmental Justice and the Energy Transition in New York state, \$50,000.
- 2015-18 PI, European Research Council Starting Grant, Decent Living Energy: energy and emissions thresholds for providing decent living standards to all. €869,000.
- 2012-14 Co-Principal Investigator. Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs (ANDE), Spillover benefits of rural energy enterprises in India. \$120,000.
- 2007-10 Philip and Jennifer Arnold Satre Doctoral Fellowship, Stanford University.
- 2006 Co-Principal Investigator. UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office. An assessment of accountability and good governance in the electricity sector. UK 36,611.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2021 Student Mentoring/Advising Award, Yale School of the Environment
- 2019 Best Emerging Regions article, *Environmental Research Letters*
- 2014 European Research Council (ERC) Starting Grant Recipient, *DecentLivingEnergy*.
- 2011 Amulya KN Reddy Prize, Best Paper, *Energy for Sustainable Development*.
- 2010 Centennial Teaching Assistant Award, Stanford University.
- 1996 Alfred Keil Fellowship for the Wiser Uses of Science and Technology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

POLICY ENGAGEMENT

- 2022 Invited Panelist, ‘Policy Implications of Climate Economics Research’, Royal Institute of International Affairs, Chatham House, London, UK.
- 2022 Invited panelist, “Looking ahead: Acting today to secure a better future”, at the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) High Level Segment, United Nations Headquarters, New York, July 2022
- 2021 Testified at the [Hearing](#) on Climate and Energy Science Research at the Department of Energy, Subcommittee on Energy (US House of Representatives Committee on Science, Space and Technology) on integrated social science into climate modeling, May 4, 2021. Provided inputs to Staffers for Senators Markey (MA) and Bowman (NY) for drafting Bills.
- 2019 Panel speaker, Climate Change and Social Unrest, World Bank, at the Climate Negotiations (COP25), Madrid.
- 2019 Panel speaker, Lancet Countdown US Brief, Russell Senate Bldg, Washington DC
- 2018 Presenter and participant, Roundtable on Reimagining PDS: from food to nutrition security, Indian School of Business, Hyderabad, India, February 2018
- 2017 Presenter, policy forum on Decent Living Energy in India: at Center for Policy Research, New Delhi, India, January 2017
- 2015 Co-organizer, policy forum on Indian climate policy with Center for Policy Research, New Delhi, April.
- 2013 Participant in the panel discussions at the High-Level Meeting on Energy and the post-2015 Development Agenda. Oslo, Norway. April 9.
- 2012 Panel member, Session on future directions. Equity and Climate Change Workshop, Belgium-Sweden Governments, Brussels, November.
- 2009 Briefed US Senate Staff and stakeholders on Indian energy and climate policy.
- 2005 Provided written testimony on behalf of the Government of India in an International Arbitration involving a Power Purchase Agreement.
- 2004-6 Organized and facilitated workshops between government agencies, civil society and academics on the Electricity Act 2003, and the Greater Bangalore Water and Sanitation Project (GBWASP) in India

Policy Reports

- 2019 Nakicenovic, N., C. Wilson, O. Gaffney, D. Messner, **ND Rao**, B. Colglazier, Ch 5: Transformations towards zero-carbon development pathways. The Emissions Gap Report, United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP)
- 2016 **ND Rao**, A. Agarwal, D. Wood. The effects of small-scale electricity systems on rural communities in South Asia. World Resources Institute, Washington D.C.
- 2015 **ND Rao**, D. McCollum, NK Dubash, R.Khosla. Development and climate policy synergies: insights from global modeling studies, Policy brief, Center for Policy Research, Climate Initiative, New Delhi.
- 2015 Dubash, NK, R.Khosla, **ND Rao**, R.Sharma. Informing India’s energy and climate debate: policy lessons from modelling studies. Center for Policy Research, Climate Initiative, New Delhi.

- 2012 Pachauri, S., **ND Rao**, Y. Nagai and K. Riahi. Access to modern energy: assessment and outlook for developing and emerging regions. IIASA, Laxenburg, Austria
- 2009 **Rao ND.**, G. Sant, S.C. Rajan. An overview of Indian energy trends: low carbon growth and development challenges. Prayas Energy Group
- 2005 **Rao, ND.** Capacity planning in Maharashtra using integrated resource planning (IRP) principles. Greenpeace India
- 2004 **Rao, ND**, S. Gupta. Regulatory framework for infrastructure. India Resident Mission Policy Brief No. 8, Asian Development Bank

Media/Features

- 2022 Business Insider (interviewed), Electric vehicles are way, way dirtier than you think, and won't solve the climate crisis, July 7, 2022, [link](#).
- 2022 VICE News [Episode](#), The race to zero Emissions, and why the world depends on it
- 2021 BBC Radio 5 Live daily interviews on COP26 developments (Nov 2-4)
- 2021 Carbon Brief, 'Energy needed to eradicate poverty compatible with climate goals', Sept 2nd, [link](#)
- 2021 Economic Times, India, 'Need a new paradigm on equity', July 19, 2021, [link](#)
- 2021 Energy Flux News, Net zero effort: We need to talk about the urgent need for behavioral change. [link](#)
- 2021 Video blog (in production) on Sustainable Consumption, Amasia Venture Capital
- 2020 Silicon Valley Technology, Art, Green and Sustainability (SVTAGs), TV Show, Climate and UN/75 Years, Nov 9, Nov 16, 2020.
- 2020 Public webinar on 'Decent Living and Climate Change', Bangalore International Center, <https://youtu.be/K7LO9dVYErE>
- 2020 Moonshot Catalog, Green Revolution 2.0, [link](#)
- 2019 Horizon, the EU Research & Innovation Magazine, Why providing the necessary energy to end poverty need not cost the earth, [link](#)
- 2019 SciDevNet, Developing countries need access to cool living spaces, [link](#)
- 2019 Climate Change Visionary feature, *New York Times*, Nov 7, 2019, [link](#)

SELECT SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCES/TALKS

- 2022 Invited Expert, Demand-side of Energy Transitions, Austrian Academy of Science, June 7
- 2022 Public lecture, Well-being centered approach to energy transitions, Oxford Energy Seminar, Oxford Institute for International Development, Oxford, May 16
- 2022 Paper presentation, Session on Ethics and Inequality, Paris School of Economics, Paris, May 11-13
- 2021 Speaker, Princeton University C-PREE Seminar series, October 11, 2021
- 2021 Speaker, Harvard-IIT Delhi Workshop on Energy Access and Just Transitions, July 28, 2021
- 2021 Invited speaker, Decent living gaps and energy needs around the world, World Bank, Decarbonization, equity and increased well-being Workshop
- 2021 Panel on Sustainable Energy Access, Our Energy Future, Dartmouth College, May 4

- 2021 Panel on Global Green New Deal, U. of Pennsylvania, May 3
- 2021 Panel on Food, Energy and Sustainability, New Horizons Conference, Yale, Apr 29
- 2021 Panel on Environmental Justice, Impact 2 Conference, Yale Alumni Association
- 2020 Presenter, Recasting Energy Demand in terms of Wellbeing. IIASA-RITE Expert Dialogue on Energy Demand changes Induced by Technological and Social Innovations (EDITS), December 8
- 2020 Presenter, Climate policy in the context of Equity and Justice, Climate Change in a world of Tradeoffs and Synergies, Stanford Energy Modeling Forum, Snowmass, Nov 11
- 2020 Presenter, A Demand-side Energy Transformation, Climate Ambition and Justice. UC Davis, Energy Graduate Seminar Series, October 16
- 2020 Presenter, 'Climate challenges and equitable development' Energy and Environment Sustainability Network (EESN), Massachusetts Institute of Technology Alumni Association, June 23, Webinar
- 2020 Panelist, 'Super pollutants: the Pathway Matters' at ClimateWorks conference on 2050 Today, June 11 (online)
- 2019 Presenter, Towards Improved Understanding, Concepts, Policies and Models of Energy Demand, IIASA-RITE international workshop, November
- 2019 Presented a paper on 'Incorporating poverty thresholds in Integrated Assessment Models (IAMs)', Workshop on Integrating Impacts, Mitigation and Inequality, Potsdam, Germany.
- 2019 Lecture on 'Inequality and climate change', Summer school, CIRED, Paris, France
- 2019 Seminar on 'Energy inequality', 'École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne' (EPFL), Lausanne, Switzerland, June
- 2019 Presented a paper on 'Energy for ending poverty', International Energy Workshop, Paris, June
- 2019 Speaker, 'Basic minimum and growth inequality', Workshop on Climate Policy and Sustainable Growth, Princeton Univ, May
- 2019 Chair, Inequality session, Scenario Sessions Forum, Denver, CO, March
- 2018 Keynote Speaker, Decent Living emissions pathways: Using Input-Output to quantify human well-being', International Input-Output Association (IIOA), June 26, Juis de Fora, Brazil
- 2018 Panelist, Can interdisciplinarity push disruptive junctures beyond business-as-usual reassembly, Political Ecology Network (POLLEN), June 22, Oslo, Norway.
- 2018 Speaker, Decent Living Standards for All: Energy needs and climate impacts, Gordon Society Conference (GRC) On Industrial Ecology, May 20, Les Diablerets, Switzerland
- 2017 Speaker, Decent housing energy requirements using lifecycle analysis, Sino-Europa Resources Forum, Exploring linkages of Sustainability Challenges, U. of Denmark
- 2017 Co-author, Applying LCA to estimate development energy needs: The cases of India and Brazil, Lifecycle Management (LCM) Conference, Luxembourg.
- 2017 Co-author, Explaining income inequality: an integrated approach, Society for the study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ) conference, New York City.
- 2017 Panel presenter, Climate mitigation and development, ATREE@20, Ashoka Trust for Ecology and Environment 20th year anniversary, Bangalore, India.

- 2017 Panel speaker, How much energy do we need? Girish Santh Memorial, Pune, India.
- 2016 Panel speaker, The Great Debate, 'Is global economic growth compatible with a habitable climate', European Geophysics Union, Vienna, Austria.
- 2015 Panel speaker, Inequality and climate change, European Alpbach Forum, Austria.
- 2015 Keynote speaker, Visions of development, Our Common Future under Climate Change, Paris, France.
- 2015 Paper presentation, Energy-centered view of climate justice, Our Common Future under Climate Change, Paris, France.
- 2015 Paper presentation, Interaction of climate and development policy, Our Common Future under Climate Change, Paris, France.
- 2015 Co-authored paper presentation, Human development in a climate-constrained world, European Ecological Economics Conference, Leeds, UK.
- 2015 Panelist, Climate and development, Global Climate Policy Conference, New Delhi.
- 2015 Poverty and Climate Change Conference, World Bank, Washington DC, USA.
- 2013 Paper presenter, Development beyond Basic Needs: Decarbonization and the Material Basis for Decent Living. *Transformation in a Changing Climate*. Oslo University, Oslo, Norway.
- 2012 Paper presenter, Decent living emissions: an application to BASIC countries. *International Conference on Inequality and Sustainability*. Stockholm Environmental Institute, Medford, USA.
- 2012 Paper presenter, Does (better) electricity supply boost household enterprise income? *International Association for Energy Economists (IAEE)*. Perth, Australia.
- 2009 Paper presenter, Per capita emissions entitlements – justice in implementation. *International Scientific Congress on Climate Change*. Copenhagen, Denmark.

REVIEWER ACTIVITIES

Journals: *Cities and Health*, *Climate Policy*, *Climatic Change*, *Climate and Development*, *Ecological Economics*, *Energy Economics*, *Energy Policy*, *Energy for Sustainable Development*, *Energy Research and Social Sciences*, *Environmental Values*, *Current Opinions on Environmental Sustainability*, *Environment and Development Economics*, *Environmental Research Letters*, *Global Environmental Change*, *International Environmental Agreements*, *J. of Industrial Ecology*, *Nature*, *Nature Climate Change*, *Nature Communications*, *Nature Energy*, *Nature Food*, *Nature Sustainability*, *One Earth*, *Proceedings National Academy of Sciences*, *Policy Sciences*, *Regional Environmental Change*, *Renewable Energy*, *Scientific Data*, *Sustainability*, *World Development*.

Book Chapters

- 2011 **Rao, ND**. Climate change and equity: different metrics and views. In *A Handbook on Climate Change and India*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, India.
- 2011 **Rao, ND**. Carbon tax vs. cap and trade; Developing countries: India. In *Encyclopedia of Climate and Weather*, Oxford University Press, New York, USA
- 2006 **Rao, ND**. Power sector development. In *Karnataka Development Report 2007*, Planning Commission of India, New Delhi, India

Book Reviews

- 2014 Electrifying India: Political economy of regional development, by Sunila S. Kale, *Journal of Development Studies*, 50(10), 1464-1465
- 2006 Privatization in India, by TT Ram Mohan, *The Book Review*, 30(4), 23-24
- 2004 Governing Power, by SL Rao, *Journal of Social and Economic Development*, 6 (1), 137-139.

Op-Eds

- 2013 **Rao, ND**, N. Sreekumar. Not fully empowered, yet. *Hindu Business Line*, Jul 31. [link](#)
- 2010 **Rao, ND**. India and climate change: if actions could speak louder than words. Center for the Advanced Study of India. University of Pennsylvania. [link](#)
- 2009 **Rao ND**, G. Sant, S.C. Rajan. Climate change: an equity question. *Frontline*, 26 (25) Dec 05-18. [link](#)
- 2007 Dubash, NK., **ND. Rao**. From technocracy to democracy? *The Hindu*. Aug 3. [link](#)
- 2004 **Rao, ND**. Consumer involvement a must. *The Hindu*. Apr 26. [link](#)
- 2003 **Rao, ND**. Balancing economic efficiency and equity. *The Hindu*. Jul 21. [link](#)

COMMISSIONS OF SERVICE

- 2022 Contributing author, Ch. 5, Demand, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Sixth Assessment Report
- 2019-20 Co-editor, Special Issue, Climate mitigation and the SDGs, *Environmental Research Letters*
- 2019 Member, Expert Panel, Prosperity Index, Legatum Institute, London UK
- 2015,18 Elected member, Internal Research Committee (IRC), IIASA