

SHORT BIOGRAPHY



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- **Dr. Deepak Kumar Behera** is presently the Vice-Chancellor of Berhampur University, India. He obtained both his Master's degree (Gold Medalist) and Ph.D. from Sambalpur University, India. He has been in the teaching profession for more than 30 years. He is a full time Professor since 2002. Professor Behera was a Fulbright Visiting Scholar at California State University at Long Beach during the Fall semester 2007-08. As a Fulbright Professor, he independently taught a course on "Childhood in a Changing Context (With Special Reference to South Asia)" to the graduate students of Department of Human Development of the University. Professor Behera went as DAAD Guest Professor to Tübingen University, Germany for the period April-July 2013. He was also a Visiting Professor in the Dept. of History and Area Studies, Aarhus University, Denmark (2011), Dept. of Anthropology, University of Free State, Bloemfontein, South Africa (2001, 2003), Dept. of Anthropology, University of Durban-Westville, Durban, South Africa (2001), Institute of Psychology, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (2004) and Maison des Sciences de L'Homme, Paris and CNRS-EHESS, Toulouse (2006). He has to his credit more than 100 research publications in reputed journals and edited volumes. Most of his publications are in the fields of tribal studies, social exclusion, gender studies and children and childhood. Professor Behera has in total authored/edited twenty-two volumes. Of those, eight published volumes of *Contemporary Society: Tribal Studies* (Concept Publishing Company, New Delhi) are jointly with Professor Georg Pfeffer of Institute of Ethnology of Free University of Berlin, Germany. Some of the books published by Professor Behera in the field of children and childhood are: *Contemporary Society: Childhood and Complex Order* (Manak Publication, New Delhi, 1996), *Children and Childhood in Contemporary Societies* (Kamla-Raj Enterprise, New Delhi, 1998), *Public Images of Children* (Guest Editor, Special Issue of *Journal of Social Sciences*, New Delhi, 1999) and *Children and Youth in the Metropolitan Cultures* (Guest Editor, Special Issue of the *International Journal of Anthropology*, Florence, June 2001, jointly with Professor Margaret Trawick of Massey University of New Zealand), *Childhoods in South Asia* (Pearson Education, New Delhi, 2007), *Extending Ethnographic Research with Children in the*

Asia Pacific Region (Guest Editor, Special Issue of *The Asia Pacific Journal of Anthropology*, 12 (5), November 2011, jointly with Professor Roxana Waterson of the Dept. of Sociology, National University of Singapore). He has collaborated with more than 30 overseas scholars in various publication and research projects. He has successfully completed more than a dozen research projects funded by UGC, ICSSR, Ministry of Welfare, National Literacy Mission Authorities, Winrock International, Shastri Foundation, WHO, German Research Council, etc. Professor Behera has participated more than 25 different international conferences held in Mexico, Germany, Belgium, Sweden, Israel, Denmark, USA, South Africa, China, Japan, Italy, Norway, France, UK, Bangladesh, Brazil, France, Egypt, Singapore, Australia, Ireland, Scotland, South Korea, etc. He has delivered several invited lectures in different overseas universities and research institutes (like Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, Tel Aviv University, Israel, University of Orange Free State, South Africa University of Durban West-Ville, South Africa, University of California at Santa Cruz, University of Illinois at Chicago, University of Utah, Logan, etc.) He was the Editor of the *Journal of Social Sciences* during 1997-2002. Professor Behera was elected as a member of the Executive Board of International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES), the apex anthropological body at the international level, in the year 1998 and served in that position for two consecutive terms, i.e. for the period 1998-2009. He is the founding Chairman of the IUAES Commission on Children, Youth and Childhood. Professor Behera is a member of Permanent Council of IUAES and in this capacity he represents India. As the Chairperson of the international commission, he has organized more than a dozen panels and sessions relating to children and youth in different international conferences and symposia. Professor Behera was the Coordinator of the Symposium titled "Everyday Experiences of Children in Asia-Pacific" of the international conference *Asia-Pacific Childhoods* held at National University of Singapore during July 17-20, 2006. He was also the Officer-at-Large of the International Sociological Association Research Committee-53 - Sociology of Childhood for the session 1998-2006. He is a member of the International Advisory Board of the Journal - *Sociological Analysis* (USA), *Boyhood Studies* (New York, USA), and *Practicing Anthropology* (USA), *Acta Academica* (South Africa), *Wheellock International Journal of Children, Families, and Social Change* (USA). Professor Behera is also a member of Advisory Board of the Greenwood Encyclopedia of Children's Issues Worldwide (Greenwood Publishing House, USA) and Global Gutter Press (Cambridge, UK). He is also a member of the Editorial Board of the Indian Journals *Oriental Anthropology* and *Journal of Social Sciences*. Professor Behera is in the Executive Board of the Centre for India Study at Aarhus University, Denmark. Berhampur University has signed six MoUs (five with overseas Universities and two with Indian Institutes) under his initiative. He was the Director of the UGC Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy of Sambalpur University. He is also presently a member of the Advisory Committee of the ICSSR-ERC, Kolkata. He is the Vice-President of the Institute for Social Research and Applied Anthropology, India. Professor Behera was the Chief Organiser of the IUAES Inter-congress (international conference) on "Children and Youth in a Changing World" held in Bhubaneswar in 2012 which was attended by 300 participants from 48 countries. Sixteen scholars have already received their Ph.D. degree working under the supervision of Professor Behera.