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4. Academic positions, current appointments and affiliations:

1995 – 1998: visiting philosophy lecturer at Suvidya College (Bangalore / India).

2001 – 2004: permanent philosophy lecturer at Salvatorian institute of philosophy & theology (Morogoro / Tanzania), presently known as Jordan university college.

2010 – to the present: permanent philosophy lecturer at Lumen Christi institute (Arusha / Tanzania).

2014 – to the present: visiting philosophy lecturer at Spiritan Missionary Seminary Njiro (Arusha / Tanzania).

5. Specialisation or field of excellence:

History of Philosophy, Epistemology and African Philosophy

6. Publications:

1. BOOK

Kochalumchuvattil, Thomas., *Empowering the Individual: A Path Toward Eliminating Ethnic Conflicts*. Saarbrücken: Lap Lambert Academic Publishing, 2019.

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2. EDITED BOOKS

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Kochalumchuvattil, Thomas, "The Understanding of the Self and Narrative Identity in Paul Ricoeur," in *Africa Tomorrow*. Vol. 8, N° 1, Morogoro, 2006, 25-39.

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