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Research Interests: My research area is the dental education sector in India. Ever since the establishment of modern dental education sector based on western system of dentistry in the country, in the first half of the twentieth century, it has undergone drastic changes. Dental education sector was no exception to the extreme commercialization that occurred in the health professional education sector that occurred in many LMIC including India and its implications the dental profession are myriad. My doctoral research is an attempt to unravel, the context and processes involved in the commercialization of dental education, to develop a better understanding of the functioning of the private dental educational institutions and to assess the implications the aforementioned changes on the “professional preparedness” of fresh dental graduates of Kerala, India.