



GLOBAL SOUTH- CONNECT TEAM

Roles & Responsibilities Overview

Dr. Xuan Thuy Nguyen

Associate Professor, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada (Principal Investigator)

- Oversees all phases (Stages 1–4) of the research process.
- Co-develops the research approach, methodologies, and theoretical frameworks (Stage 1).
- Leads research in Vietnam and participates in fieldwork in India and South Africa.
- Supervises one PhD and two MA students at Carleton; co-supervises one PhD student from the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata.
- Leads consultative meetings with disabled youth leaders, community members, and project collaborators.
- Co-organizes knowledge-mobilization (KMb) activities in Vietnam and Canada throughout the project.

Pratima Gurung

Collaborator, National Indigenous Disabled Women Association, Nepal

- Provides important consultative advice on decolonial research with Indigenous peoples with disabilities in the Global South.
- Engages in knowledge-mobilization activities, including the DDSC webinar and related forums.

Dr. Dominique Marshall

Co-Applicant, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada

- Leads historical analyses of colonialism's impacts on gender and disability across the three contexts (Stage 1).
- Supports oral-history methods in Stages 3–4.
- Facilitates development of knowledge-mobilization products, including creation of a digital archive.

Dr. Nandini Ghosh

Institute of Development Studies Kolkata, Kolkata, India

- Co-organizes India site activities & community engagement
- Facilitates links with the Women with Disabilities India Network
- Co-supervises PhD student (India) with Dr. Nguyen

Ms. Tulika Das Sanchar

Sanchar Organization, India

- Coordinates workshop logistics & participant recruitment
- Maintains ongoing relationships with participants
- Leads stakeholder engagement and local KMB

Dr. Claudia Mitchell

Co-Applicant, McGill University, Montreal, Canada

- Responsible for participatory arts-based methodologies.
- Co-leads research in South Africa and co-supervises a PhD student from that site.
- Participates in fieldwork (Stages 1–2), contributes to collaborative analyses (Stages 3–4), and fosters relationships through youth networks.

Huynh Ngoc Hong Nhung

Collaborator, Can Tho Association for People with Disabilities (CAPD), Vietnam

- Implements the project at the Vietnam site.
- Secures local-authority approvals and manages workshop planning and logistics.
- Assists with participant recruitment, data collection, and data transfer.
- Collaborates on knowledge-mobilization and community-engagement events.
- Maintains relationships with participants within CAPD.

Nguyen Thuy To Tram

Collaborator, FPT University, Vietnam

- Provides expertise in disability and gender within the Mekong Delta context.
- Offers resources and socio-historical guidance for local fieldwork.
- Assists (as available) with workshops, data collection, interpretation, and participant engagement.

Dang Ngoc Lan

Collaborator, Vietnamese-German University, Vietnam

- Provides consultation on fieldwork planning and implementation.
- Assists CAPD with administrative logistics, including project approval procedures.
- May participate in fieldwork, data collection, and interpretation, depending on time availability.

Dr. Patricia Douglas

Co-Applicant, Queen's University, Kingston, Canada

- Leads the digital-storytelling component.
- Co-leads research in India with Drs. Ghosh and Nguyen.
- Conducts collaborative cross-site analyses (Stages 3–4).
- Co-hosts a Digital Storytelling Festival at Queen's University (Stage 3).

Dr. Alexis Padilla

Collaborator, Toronto Metropolitan University, Toronto, Canada

- Provides consultative expertise on decolonial disability research and praxis.
- Participates in knowledge-mobilization events and dissemination strategies.
- Mobilizes this work through Latin American and international disability-justice networks.

Dr. Jaqueline de Matos Ala

Collaborator, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

- Brings expertise in decolonial research involving women and girls with disabilities.
- Ensures that local expertise and context guide the project.
- Co-supervises a PhD student from South Africa with Dr. Mitchell.

Sharlene Cassel

Collaborator, South African Disability Alliance, Cape Town, South Africa

- Facilitates access to SADA's networks and partner organizations.
- Mobilizes research outcomes within SADA and other activist initiatives.

