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**Introduce yourself in a brief paragraph:**

After twenty years of teaching in The University of Burdwan, Kuntala took up a position as a Research Fellow in the then Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies in The Australian National University (ANU) in 2002. Currently she holds a permanent (tenured) position as a Fellow in Resource Management in Asia Pacific Program, in the re-organised College of Asia and the Pacific in ANU. Her primary tasks involve research on various aspects of resource management on water and mining, which she does with a 'gender lens'. Kuntala is an elected member of the Steering Committee of the international body, Gender Water Alliance (see [www.genderandwater.org](http://www.genderandwater.org)). At the ANU, she has established the Gender Water Network for the Asia and the Pacific region (see at <http://rspas.anu.edu.au/gwn>). She also advises development agencies on gender and water projects, supervises Doctoral research and runs research projects, and leads the Environment and Resource Management research area in ANU. At the ANU she teaches two full courses on *Gender and Development* at the Masters level and convenes the Gender Specialisation in Applied Anthropology and Participatory Development Program (see <http://rspas.anu.edu.au/maapd/gender>). She also holds an Adjunct position in the University of New England, Armidale. During her long career, Kuntala has obtained several prestigious research grants in my career: from the Ministries of the Government of India and the University Grants Commission (UGC) in India, and the World Bank and the Australian Research Commission (see <http://empoweringcommunities.anu.edu.au>). She had received fellowship awards from international bodies: a Post-Doctoral fellowship from NASA (in 1987), Rajiv Gandhi Fellowship (in 2005), and a Career Research Award from the UGC for 1999-2002 amongst others. Kuntala has written and edited several books, monographs and articles. Her early book was on the Anglo-Indians' search for a homeland in McCluskiegunge (Minerva, Kolkata, 1990). Her more recent books include the edited books *Fluid Bonds: Views on Gender and Water* (Stree, Kolkata, 2006), *Women Miners in Developing Countries: Pit Women and Others* (jointly with Martha Macintyre, Ashgate, 2006), and *Water First: Issues and Challenges for Nations and Communities in South Asia* (jointly with Robert Wasson, Sage, New Delhi, 2008).