

**The ILR International Programs Office  
and The ILR Global Affairs Club**

are pleased to invite you to the book  
launch of

“I, the Citizen”

by Dr. R Balasubramaniam (Dr. Balu)

On Wed, Sept 9, at 4:30 pm

Reception to follow

Events will take place in the Doherty  
Lounge, Ives Hall 281, Faculty Wing

RSVP by Tues, Sept 8, at noon:

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**i** the citizen  
*unraveling the power of citizen engagement*  
DR. R BALASUBRAMANIAM



Foreword by  
Justice M N Venkatachalliah  
Former Chief Justice of India

## About the book, “I, the Citizen” ...

The book, **I, the Citizen** is a milestone in a journey of reflection that began about seven years ago when the author, Dr. R Balasubramaniam (Balu) started writing about his experiences in the development sector. It is an experience where the author has donned the hat of a development activist, leadership trainer, policy advocate, civil society campaigner, anti-corruption investigator, academician and a researcher at various points in time. This volume strings together the author’s experiences and perspectives over a period of three decades and has at its core, his first-hand engagement with people at the grassroots, especially forest-based indigenous people from South India’s rural hinterland, among many others. (See attachment for additional details.)

## **About Dr. Balu:**

Dr. Balu is a development activist, leadership trainer and a public policy advocate. A physician by training, he is the founder of the Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement ([www.svym.org](http://www.svym.org)), one of India's leading development organizations and the recipient of "The Resource Alliance" 2015 Best NGO in India Award. SVYM has partnerships with Cornell University's ILR's global service learning program and Human Ecology's Global Health Program. Dr. Balu is also the Founder & Chairman of Grassroots Research And Advocacy Movement ([www.graam.org.in](http://www.graam.org.in)). He was the Frank Rhodes Professor at Cornell University and teaches leadership courses and runs leadership workshops both in India and the USA. He is a TATA Scholar, a Mason Fellow of the Harvard Kennedy School and a fellow at the Hauser Centre for Non-profits, Harvard University.

We hope to see you at the event.

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