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ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- 2019-23** **M.Phil./Ph.D. in International Relations**
London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
Thesis Topic: ‘Paradoxes of Worldmaking: Examining Indian women’s historical international thought’
Supervisors: Dr. Katharine Millar
 Prof. Tarak Barkawi
- 2022** **Associate Fellow of the UK Higher Education Academy (AFHEA)**
- 2018** **Dual Master’s in International Affairs (Sciences Po Paris - LSE)**
2017-18 **MSc. in International Relations (Distinction)**
London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
Distinction in dissertation on ‘The Persistence of Eurocentrism in International Relations: A Contemporary Reassessment of Postcolonial Responses’
- 2016-17** **MA in International Security (High Honours)**
Institute d’Etudes Politiques (IEP) (Sciences Po, Paris)
- 2016** **Post Graduate Diploma in Conflict and Peacebuilding (First Division, 74%)**
University of Delhi
- 2016** **Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Political Science (First Division, 76%)**
Lady Shri Ram College (LSR), University of Delhi
- 2014** **Summer School Programme, Course: International Organisations**
London School of Economics and Political Science

ACADEMIC FUNDING, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Internal Funding

LSE, PhD Academy Postgraduate Travel Fund | 2023 | £900
LSE, Department of International Relations Research Fund | 2022 | Fieldwork Grant | £2000
LSE, Department of International Relations | 2020-21 | Methods School Funding for Gregynog Ideas Lab | £600
LSE, Department of Government and International Relations | 2019-20 | Sir Patrick Gillam Scholarship Fund for fieldwork | £1910
LSE Studentship for M.Phil./Ph.D. research | 2019-23 | £18000 per year

Grants

American Political Science Association Travel Grant | 2022 | £400

Awards

LSE Class Teacher Awards | 2021 | High Commendation, Department of International Relations

'Randhir Singh Prize for Excellence in Political Analysis' | 2016 | Department of Political Science, Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

Published manuscripts

Balaji, Shruti "From colonial subjecthood to shared humanity: social work and the politics of 'doing' in Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay's international thought", *Global Studies Quarterly*, 3(1), January 2023. DOI: [10.1093/isagsq/ksad019](https://doi.org/10.1093/isagsq/ksad019)

Balaji, Shruti, Brito, Tarsis, Nantermoz, Olivia, eds. (2022) Special Issue: (Re)writing the International: Interrogating Histories, Imagining Futurities" *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* 51(1) 3-7. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/03058298231176664>

Manuscripts under review

"The Africa problem is a human problem": (Dis)locating race in historical elite Indian intellectual thought (*Journal of the History of Ideas*) (revise and resubmit)

Manuscripts in preparation

"Why is there no Third World women's international thought?" (aimed at *European Journal of International Relations*).

INVITED TALKS

"Beyond gender: An intersectional analysis of feminism," Global Impact Virtual Summit: Exploring Solutions for a Sustainable Future, India-UK Youth Forum, 23rd April 2023 (online)

Structuring inclusion roundtable "Inclusive Disciplines: the role of journal editing," International Studies Association, March 29th 2022, Nashville

"Things you should know about politics in/of India," at the "Budding Interpreter's Toolbox" Mini-Lecture Series, Heidelberg University, June 25th 2021 (online)

"Towards historical Indian women's international thought", Centre for the History of Global Development, Shanghai University, June 10th 2021 (online)

"Anti-imperial Indian women's international thought", LSE Public Lecture on "Women in international thought", London School of Economics, March 10th 2021. Recording at: <https://www.lse.ac.uk/Events/2021/03/202103101230/women>

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS

Organiser

Co-organiser, Early Career Researchers Symposium on International Studies (jointly organised by the Lagos Studies Association and Millennium: Journal of International Studies) June 23, 2021

Co-convenor, Doing International Political Sociology PhD Seminar Series, LISS-DPT London 2021-22

Paper presenter

International Political Thought from the Margins, Queen Mary University of London, London, July 25, 2023

Third Annual Pierre Du Bois Conference, 'Mobile Actors in Global history,' The Graduate Institute, Geneva, April 3-4, 2023

Theory/Area/History Research Cluster, Department of International Relations, LSE, March 7, 2023

Leverhulme Trust Interdisciplinary Workshop on Women and the History of Political Thought Conference, LSE, May 5 and 6, 2022

Decolonising Archives, Rethinking Canons: Writing Intellectual Histories of Global Entanglements Conference, Cambridge University, April 4 2021

International Theory Cluster, Department of International Relations 2021

Participant

Gregynog Ideas Lab, University of Wales, 2020, 2021

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Panel Organiser

"Feminist international thought and practice"

International Studies Association, March 29th-April 2nd 2022

"International thought, otherwise"

International Studies Association, March 29th- April 2nd 2022

"Entanglement as Praxis: Solidarity across/against/through difference"

Millennium Journal of International Studies, October 21-23 2020

Paper Presenter

"Rameshwari Nehru's Pacifist International Thought"

American Political Science Association 2023, Los Angeles 31 Aug - 3rd Sept 2023 (upcoming)

"(Dis)locating Race in Historical Indian Intellectual Thought"

International Studies Association, Montreal 15-19 March 2023

"Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay's Anti-imperial Internationalist Praxis from Below"

American Political Science Association, Montreal 2022

British International Studies Association, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, June 2022

International Studies Association, Nashville, March 2022

International Feminist Journal of Politics, Seoul, July 2022.

"Towards Historical Indian Women's International Thought"

British International Studies Association (online), June 2021.

"Can Feminist International Relations be reconciled with quantitative methods?"

International Feminist Journal of Politics, (online), March 6-7 2020

“Persistence of Eurocentrism in International Relations: A Contemporary Reassessment of Postcolonial Responses”

Millennium: Journal of International Studies, London, October 21-23, 2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2023 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of International Relations, LSE Summer School Programme

Course: Great Thinkers and Pivotal Leaders: Shaping the Global Order [Designed and delivered seminars]

2020-21 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of International Relations, LSE

Undergraduate course: International Political Theory [designed and delivered a combination of in-person, hybrid, and online class teaching for a full-unit course]

RELEVANT RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Department of International Relations, LSE

Research Assistant to Dr Yuna Han, June-Jul 2020

Background research on epistemic communities, conceptual analysis of ‘agency’ in IR, and lawyers as international actors.

CARE International UK, London

Research Assistant, Oct 2018- Jan 2019

Worked with the Lendwithcare micro-finance team, writing and editing loan profiles of entrepreneurs in the 11 partner developing countries, writing news items and blog posts for the Lendwithcare website, and managing social media marketing campaigns on platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

UNICEF, Mumbai

Research Volunteer, June-Aug 2017

Agenda setting, budget allocation, and background research for conference, ‘Interstate Consultation on Migration and Children: Practice to Policy’

Women in Security, Conflict Management and Peace, New Delhi

Research Intern, Dec-Jan 2016-17

Monitoring and Evaluation of WISCOMP’s pilot project on ‘Partners in Well-Being: Youth Countering Violence Against Women’, conducted qualitative telephonic interviews and assessed quantitative surveys of stakeholders and submitted a critical evaluative report.

JOURNAL EDITING AND REVIEWING EXPERIENCE

2022 Peer-reviewer for Springer-Nature Palgrave edited volume book proposal

2020-21 Editor and Board of Trustee Member, Millennium: Journal of International Studies, Vol. 50.

2019-20 Deputy Editor, Millennium: Journal of International Studies, Vol. 49

UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE AND SERVICE EXPERIENCE

2023 Ph.D. Representative at the Academic Planning and Resources Committee (APRC) Departmental review
2019-21 Ph.D. Representative of the Staff-Research Student Liaison Committee (SRSLC), Department of IR, LSE

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

British International Studies Association: Colonial/Postcolonial/Decolonial (CPD) Working Group; Gendering International Relations Working Group (GIRWG)

International Studies Association: Historical International Relations (HIST) Section; Feminist Theory and Gender Studies (FTGS) Section; International Political Sociology (IPS) Section; Global Development Section (GDS)

American Political Science Association: Political Thought and Philosophy Division; Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Section; Women, Gender and Politics Section

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

IT Skills: Proficient in MS Office Suite, Power Point, Publisher, basic knowledge of STATA

Languages:

English (Full professional fluency)

Hindi (Full professional fluency)

Tamil (Native)

French (Writing, Listening, Reading - intermediate, speaking - basic)