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# EDUCATION

**University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland 2023**

**M.A. Gender, Politics and International Relations 4.02 GPA (First Class Hons)**

Thesis: ‘Beyond a Binary Framework: Gender Relations under BJP’s Hindutva Project Relevant Coursework: Gender and Political System, Qualitative Research, Research Design

**Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India 2022**

**M. A. International Relations and Area Studies 7.87 FGPA (First Division)**

Area Studies Specialization: South Asia, West Asia and North Africa

Relevant Coursework: Introduction to Area Studies, Women’s Movements and Gender Studies, Nation and State Building in South Asia, Recognition, Redistribution and Representation

**Hindu College, University of Delhi, New Delhi, India 2020**

**B. A. Hons. Political Science 7.90 CGPA (First Division)** Relevant Coursework: Constitutional Government and Democracy in India, Political Theory, Political Processes in India, Gender and Violence, Colonialism and Nationalism in India, Dilemmas in Politics

# PUBLICATIONS

* **Singh, Pooja. (2023).** Male Homosociality in Bollywood's Dil Chahta Hai' and 'Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara'. *SEXTANT: Masculinities, Sexualities and Decolonialities, Vol 1, No. 1, pp. 1-9.*
* **Singh, Pooja. (2022).** Laxman Uterkar’s film ‘Mimi’ fails to fully depict the realities of commercial surrogacy in India. *The JFA Human Rights Journal*
* **Singh, Pooja. (2021).** What is Iron Man but US military propaganda? *The JFA Human RightsJournal*
* **Singh, Pooja.** (**2019**). Terrorism in Sri Lanka: An Indicator of Perils that Haunt South Asia. *Defence and Diplomacy Journal, CAPS, Vol. 8 No. 4 (July-September 2019),* pp. 79-86

# SELECTED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

**Conference Presentations**

* “India in 21st Century: Need for Cooperative Security”, Centre for Air Power Studies, New Delhi, June 2019.

**Invited Talks and Panels**

* “The Evolution of Lesbian Politics in India”, Hindu College Queer Collective, Hindu College, Oct 2023
* "Gender Studies and Feminist Resistance: An Introductory Lens", School of Politics and International Relations, University College Dublin, Feb 2023
* “Applying to HEIs as a Dalit, Bahujan and Adivasi student”, Operation Project EduAccess, Nov 2022

**AWARDS and RECOGNITION**

* Awarded the **‘2024 Dean’s Fellowship’** for pursuing a Ph.D. degree program in Political Science within the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Boston University.
* Awarded the **‘2022 UCD Global Excellence Scholarship’ (€10,250),** for outstanding academic merit by *University College Dublin* to pursue a Master’s in Gender, Politics and International Relations at School of Politics and International Relations, UCD.

# RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Research Assistantship:**

* **Talk4Peace Project, Dr. Heidi Riley SEP 2023 – NOV 2023 School of Politics and International Relations, University College Dublin**
* **Humanitarian Response for Conflict-Related Trauma, Dr. Heidi Riley FEB 2023 – AUG 2023 School of Politics and International Relations, University College Dublin**
* **UCD Inclusive Digital Map Project, Dr. Ernesto Vasquez Del Aguila FEB 2023 – AUG 2023 School of Social Policy, Social Work and Social Justice, University College Dublin**

**Independent Research Work**

* **Research Intern MAY 2019 – JUN 2019**

**Centre for Air Power Studies**

# PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

* ***Associate, Girls and Women’s Program***

**Pratham Education Foundation JAN 2024 – PRESENT**

* + Co-leading the ENABLE project that aims to create gender responsive and inclusive training and teaching curriculum for children with disabilities between ages 3 – 9 years.
  + Reviewing Pratham Education Foundation’s content from a gender lens and building capacities of central and field teams through trainings on gender sensitization, inclusivity and responsiveness
  + Working across multiple teams to collate, review and strengthen content and curriculum as well as pedagogical approach through a gender lens
  + Designing training modules for different teams after conducting needs assessment to gauge initial understanding of gender and related concepts.
* ***Translations Consultant***

**Azim Premji University MAY 2023 – OCT 2023**

* + Conducting Hindi-English translations for research work to increase accessibility and understanding of data.
* ***Contributing Writer***

**JFA Human Rights Journal DEC 2021 – JUN 2022**

* + Researched and published articles that critically analyze the socio-political underpinnings of Bollywood and Hollywood cinema according to set standards of style, terminology, and clarity.

# VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

* ***Student Mentor***

**Operation Project EduAccess MAY 2022 – PRESENT**

* + Held 1-to-1 and group mentoring sessions with up to 75 students of historically marginalized communities to help them successfully secure admissions for graduate programs in globally top- ranked HEIs such as LSE, University of Warwick, Oxford University, IHEID etc.
* ***Vice President***

**Hindu Chapter, Global Youth India APR 2018 – APR 2019**

* + Identified opportunities of empowering young students by organizing informative seminars and conference on politically, socially and culturally relevant issues.
  + Collaborated with other members of the organization to establish successful networking platform between students and professionals working in the field of Foreign Policy, Diplomacy and International Relations.

# UNIVERSITY SERVICE

* ***Student Representative, UCD EDI Anti-Racism and Cultural Awareness Group***

**University College Dublin EDI MAR 2023 – AUG 2023**

* + Worked with UCD Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion team to implement the guidelines of Athena Swan Charter by participating in drafting and editing of the UCD Race Equality Action Plan
* ***Editorial Board Member - SEXTANT: Masculinities, Sexualities and Decolonialities***

**University College Dublin MAR 2023 – AUG 2023**

* + Collaborated with writers to maintain individual voice while eliminating issues with factual accuracy, grammar and spelling.
  + Monitored and enforced deadlines, managing multiple workflows to support publications timelines.
* ***Conference and Event Coordinator, Annual Hindu-ORF Policy Conclave***

**Hindu College, Observer Research Foundation MAR 2018 – MAR 2020**

* + Conceptualized and managed the Annual Hindu-ORF Conclave with an aim to facilitate dialogue between students, scholarly experts and policymakers on matters of Indian democracy and foreign policy
  + Costed events within bespoke budgets upto 500K+INR, providing clear pricing breakdowns.
* ***Art Collection Curator, Rangsrijan***

**Abstractions, The Fine Arts Society of Hindu College OCT 2017 – JAN 2020**

* + Acquired student-created art from participating colleges and undertook classification and cataloging of art collections in a strategic system to organize a first-of-its-kind art exhibition 'Rangsrijan' partaken by 25+ colleges across the University of Delhi
  + Created promotions for social media and newsletters to highlight facility offerings and special events for 1000+ attendees.

# LANGUAGES

**Mother Tongue(s) Hindi, Magahi**

**Other Languages English**

*CAE Council of Europe Level C2- Overall Score 204 IELTS Overall - Band Score 8.5*

**Sanskrit**

*Intermediate*

**Punjabi**

*Beginner*