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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 Rights Journal*
- **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** **JAN 2024 – PRESENT**
Pratham Education Foundation
 - 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** **MAY 2023 – OCT 2023**
Azim Premji University
 - Conducting Hindi-English translations for research work to increase accessibility and understanding of data.
- **Contributing Writer** **DEC 2021 – JUN 2022**
JFA Human Rights Journal
 - 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** **MAY 2022 – PRESENT**
Operation Project EduAccess
 - 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, Rangsrjan**
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 'Rangsrjan' 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