

# SHRUTI BALAJI

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Department of International Relations  
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## EDUCATION

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**2019- London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)**

M.Phil./Ph.D. in International Relations  
Thesis Topic: 'Third World Women of the International: Spatial Identities and Transnational Networks'  
Supervisors: Dr Katharine Millar  
Prof. Tarak Barkawi

**2018 Dual Master's in International Affairs (Sciences Po Paris - LSE)**

**2017-18 London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)**

MSc. in International Relations with Distinction  
Distinction in dissertation on 'The Persistence of Eurocentrism in International Relations: A Contemporary Reassessment of Postcolonial Responses'

**2016-17 Institute d'Etudes Politiques (IEP) (Sciences Po, Paris)**

MA in International Security  
Overall Grade: **14/20** 'Bien' / 'High Honours'

**2016 University of Delhi**

Post Graduate Diploma in Conflict and Peacebuilding (First Division, 74%)

**2014 London School of Economics and Political Science**

Summer School Programme, Department of International Relations  
Course IR 200 International Organisations

**2016 Lady Shri Ram College (LSR), University of Delhi**

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Political Science (First Division, 76%)

## ACADEMIC FUNDING AND GRANTS

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- 2020-21**      Methods School Funding for Gregynog Ideas Lab (£600)  
Department of International Relations, LSE
- 2020-21**      Sir Patrick Gillam Scholarship Fund for fieldwork (£2000)  
Departments of Government and International Relations, LSE
- 2019-23**      LSE Studentship for M.Phil./Ph.D. studies (£18000 per year)  
Department of International Relations, LSE
- 2016**      ‘Randhir Singh Prize for Excellence in Political Analysis’  
Department of Political Science, Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi
- 2013**      Certification of Merit of Distinction (Top one percentile of India)  
All India Certificate of Secondary Education (AICBSE)

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### **Department of International Relations, LSE**

Research Assistant to Dr Yuna Han, June-Jul 2020

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

### **CARE International UK, London**

Marketing 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

## **National Human Rights Commission, Govt. of India, Dehradun**

Summer Research Intern, June-Jul 2015

Translated and summarised grievance letters for a tribunal of civil servants and high court judges, conducted independent research on human rights laws and their socio-political impact (reviewed Sexual Harassment at the Workplace Act, India, 2013)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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

Course: IR 200 International Political Theory

## UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

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**2020-21** Editor, *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, Vol. 50

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

**2019-20** Student Representative, PhD. cohort year two, Department of IR, LSE

**2017-18** Events Officer and Digital Marketing head, Sustainable Futures Society, LSE Students' Union

**2017-18** Regional Editor, Asia, London Globalist, LSE

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Entanglement as Praxis: Solidarity across/against/through difference', *Millennium Journal of International Studies*, October 2020 (Organiser and Chair)

Can Feminist International Relations be reconciled with quantitative methods? *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, March 6-7 2020

'Persistence of Eurocentrism in International Relations: A Contemporary Reassessment of Postcolonial Responses' *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*, October 2019

## LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

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### **Non Peer-Reviewed Blogs:**

**April 2019** "Feminist Journaling as Pedagogical Praxis" in *Women in Security, Conflict Management and Peace* (URL: <http://logingender.wiscomp.org/feminist-journaling-as-pedagogical-praxis/>)

**Nov 2018** "Celebrating 70 years of Friendship: Diversity and Dynamism in India-Switzerland's cultural ties" *Diplomacy & Beyond Plus Magazine* (URL: <http://diplomacybeyond.com/articles/celebrating-indo-swiss-cultural-diversity-and-dynamism/>)

## ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

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British International Studies Association: Colonial/Postcolonial/Decolonial Working Group

International Studies Association: Feminist Theory and Gender Studies Section

#### ADDITIONAL SKILLS

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IT Skills: Proficient in MS Word, Excel, Power Point, Publisher, basic knowledge of STATA

Languages Spoken: English (fluent), Hindi (fluent), Tamil (Native), French (Conversational, B1)