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Fellow in International Relations

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Education

- 10/2017 – 02/2021 DPhil International Relations
Department of Politics and International Relations/Oxford University
- DPhil thesis supervised by Andrew Hurrell and Kate Sullivan de Estrada, passed without corrections by Rosalind O’Hanlon and Iver Neumann
- 10/2015 – 06/2017 MPhil International Relations
Department of Politics and International Relations/Oxford University
- Distinction
- 09/11 – 07/2015 BA European Social and Political Studies
Department of European Social and Political Studies/University College London (UCL)
- First Class Honours, with an Erasmus Exchange at Freie Universität Berlin

Employment

- 09/2022 – ongoing Fellow in International Relations
Department of International Relations, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)
- 09/2021 – 09/2022 Departmental Lecturer in International Relations
Department of Politics and International Relations/Oxford University
- 04/2021 – 09/2021 Departmental Lecturer in the International Relations of South Asia
Department of Politics and International Relations and the Oxford School of Global and Area Studies/Oxford University
- 01/2019 – 06/2019 Visiting Pre-doctoral Fellow
School of International Studies/Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi
- 06/2017 – 10/2017 Research Assistant
Kalypso Nicolaidis, European Studies Centre/Oxford University
- 07/2016 – 09/2016 Research Assistant
Director C. Raja Mohan, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, New Delhi
- 07/2014 – 09/2014 Research Assistant
Head of Unit Michael Zürn, Research Unit on Global Governance/Wissenschaftliches Zentrum für Sozialwissenschaft Berlin (WZB)

Publications

Books

- “Cosmopolitan Elites: Indian Diplomats and the Social Hierarchies of Global Order”, *Oxford University Press* (21 September 2023)

Journal articles

- “The Cosmopolitan Standard of Civilization: A Reflexive Sociology of Elite Belonging among Indian Diplomats”, *European Journal of International Relations* (Volume 29, Issue 3, August 2023, pp. 693-722)
- “Saffronizing Diplomacy: the Indian Foreign Service under Hindu Nationalist Rule”, *International Affairs* (Volume 98, Issue 2, March 2022, pp. 423-441)

- Altmetric score 123: over 17,000 views/top 1% research output among comparable articles

Book reviews

- “International Relations Theory: Imagining Global Futures, ed. Adom Getachew”, *International Affairs* (Volume 99, Issue 5, September 2023)
- “Shobana Shankar’s *An Uneven Embrace: India, Africa, and the Spectre of Race*”
 - *The Wire*, 24.01.2022. (<https://thewire.in/books/book-review-afro-indian-collaboiration-shobana-shankar>)

Select magazine articles and blog posts

- “Centrist Trigger Warnings”. LSE Contemporary Issues in Teaching and Learning, 24.04.2023
- “Orthodox Criticality: What Herbert Marcuse Cannot Tell Us About Teaching Outside Mainstream IR”. LSE Contemporary Issues in Teaching and Learning, 27.02.2023
- “How Modi is changing Indian diplomacy”, *International Affairs*, 08.05.2022
- “Maailman Voimakkain Kehitysmää”, *Ulkopolitiikka*, Finnish Institute of International Affairs (04/2018)
- “NAVIC: India’s Eye in the Sky”. *LiveMint*, 17.08.2016.

Edited collections and special features

- Huju, Kira, Blanchette, Nicolas and Byrne, Heather. ‘The Politics of Uncertainty: Security, Risk, and the State in the Twenty-First Century – Editorial Introduction’. *St Antony’s International Review*, Volume 13, Number 1, May 2017, pp. 3-13.
- Huju, Kira, Blanchette, Nicolas and Byrne, Heather. ‘The Politics of Uncertainty: Security, Risk, and the State in the Twenty-First Century’, *Special Theme Section of St Antony’s International Review*, Volume 13, Number 1, May 2017.

Work in preparation

- “Postcolonial populists and subaltern elites: Can theoretical decolonisation be rescued from appropriation by the authoritarian right?”
Journal article, planned submission to the *American Journal of Political Science*
- “Honorary whites: What India’s move from solidaristic resistance to singular striving tells us about racialised status contestation”
Journal article, planned submission to *International Studies Review*
- “Populism and career diplomats”
Invited co-authored chapter with Christian Lequesne, *Routledge Handbook of Populism and Foreign Policy*, eds. David Cadier, Angelos Chrysosgelos, and Sandra Destradi (Routledge, 2025)
- “Reading Caste into IR”
Invited single-author chapter, *Confronting Caste: An Agenda for Critical Caste Studies in the 21st Century*, ed. Srilata Sircar (Cambridge University Press, 2025)

Teaching

LSE

- “Critical Perspectives in International Relations” (seminar convenor), MSc International Relations/2022-2023, 2023-2024
- “Key Debates in International Relations” (class teacher), BSc International Relations/2022-2023, 2023-2024
- Dissertation, academic, and pastoral supervision, BSc International Relations and MSc International Relations/2022-2023, 2023-2024

Oxford University

- “Decentering IR in Research Design and Methods” (lecturer), MPhil International Relations/2021-2022

- “Politics in South Asia” (course convenor and lecturer), BSc in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics (PPE)/2021-2022
- “The International Relations of South Asia” (course convenor, lecturer, and tutor), MSc Modern South Asian Studies/2020-2021, 2021-2022
- “Historical IR” (seminar convenor), MPhil International Relations/2021-2022
- Dissertation seminars (seminar convenor), DPhil International Relations/ 2021-2022
- Research Design workshops (convenor), MPhil International Relations/2021-2022
- “The European Union in Crisis” (seminar convenor), MPhil International Relations/ 2017-2018
- “The Politics of the European Union” (tutorial convenor), BSc PPE/2017-2018
- Dissertation, academic, and pastoral supervision, MPhil International Relations and MSc Modern South Asian Studies/2020-2021, 2021-2022

Lady Margaret Hall PPE Summer School, Oxford University

- “Postcolonial, Poststructuralist, and Marxist Theory” (lecturer), 2022
- “Globalization, Populism, and Identity” (seminar and tutorial convenor), 2022, 2023

Professional competencies and skills

Coordinator Oxford and Colonialism Working Group (2017-2019), Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Brexit, Oxford University (2021-2018)

Peer-reviewer India Review (2023), Diplomacy & Statecraft (2022)

Co-editor *St Antony’s International Review* (2016-2017)

Invited speaker “Global Order from the Margins”, Dahrendorf Programme/Oxford University, 2023
 “Political Challenges to the Theories of Decentering”, Symposium in honour of Kalypso Nicolaidis/Oxford University, 2023
 “Breaking a Disciplinary Silence: Caste in International Relations”, King’s College London, 2023
 “Europe in a post-European World”, Dahrendorf Programme/Oxford University, 2022
 “The Cosmopolitan Standard of Civilisation”, St Antony’s College/Oxford University, 2022
 “Indian Diplomats and Actually Existing Cosmopolitanism”, Modern South Asian Studies Group/Oxford University, 2022
 “The Cosmopolitan Standard of Civilisation”, Leiden University, 2022
 “What is “Liberal” about Liberal International Order?”, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 2019

Awards, scholarships, and funding

- EuropeIndia40 next-generation leader, Europe-India Centre for Business and Industry (EICBI), 2023
- LSE Class Teacher Award, 2023 (£250)
- LSE Staff Development Fund, 2023 (£2,000)
- International Affairs Early Career Prize (shortlisted)
- DPhil scholarship, Economic and Social Research Council, 2017-2019 (£45,000)
- Fieldwork funding, Economic and Social Research Council, 2019 (£3,000)
- MPhil scholarship, Economic and Social Research Council, 2015-2017 (£45,000)
- Jowett Scholarship, Balliol College/Oxford University, 2015-2019 (£30,000)
- Dean’s List for Arts and Humanities, UCL, 2015
- Dissertation Prize, Department of European Social and Political Studies/UCL, 2015
- Departmental Prize for Best Performance, UCL, 2012, 2013, 2015

Languages

Fluent: English, German, Finnish

Intermediate: Hindi, French, Swedish