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## EDUCATION

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- 2024— **University of Queensland, Australia**  
Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) – International Relations  
**Dissertation:** *Feeling Nation-States: Emotions and Belonging in the Making of Postcolonial Nation-States*  
**Advisors:** Prof. Roland Bleiker (primary), A/Prof. Heloise Weber (associate), A/Prof. Emma Hutchison (deceased, 2024)
- 2022-2023 **Jawaharlal Nehru University, India**  
PhD Coursework – International Politics
- 2018-2020 **University of Delhi, India**  
Master of Arts (MA) – Political Science  
*Graduated with an Award for “Academic Excellence” for securing Rank I in Kirori Mal College, University of Delhi*
- 2015-2018 **Christ University, India**  
Bachelor of Arts (BA) – Political Science, History, Economics

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Emotions & Politics; Belonging; Nationalism & Nation-Making; Environment; Postcolonial Studies; IR Theory; Historical IR; Critical and Constructivist IR; Global South; South Asia; Indian Society and Politics; Qualitative Research; Discourse Analysis; Archival Research

## ACADEMIC WRITING

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### Peer-Reviewed Articles

- 2025 “Cultural Machines: How MetaCLIP Codifies Culture”. *New Media & Society* (with Luke Munn) [online first].
- 2025 “The United States is a Messianic State: Rhetorical Roots in US Foreign Policy Since 1991”. *Australian Journal of International Affairs*. 79(1): 150-168.  
— Related commentary in *EPW Engage* and *Australian Outlook* [invited]
- 2024 “Feeling for the Anthropocene: Affective Relations and Ecological Activism in the Global South”. *International Affairs*. 100(2): 731-749.  
— Altmetric score 50: over 6,000 views/top 5 per cent research output among comparable articles  
— Related commentary in *E-International Relations*
- 2022 “Quad and the Indo-Pacific: Examining the Balance of Interest Theory in Quad Coalition.” *Strategic Analysis*. 46(6): 601-613.

### Working Papers

“Emotional Practices of Belonging in Nation-Making” [in preparation]

### Book Reviews

- 2024 *Sovereign Attachments* by Shenila Khoja-Moolji in *Adelaide Journal of Social Sciences*. 3(1): 1-5.
- 2024 *International Theory at the Margins: Neglected Essays, Recurring Themes* by Nicholas Onuf, in *International Affairs*. 100(1): 407-8.
- 2023 *Collective Memory in International Relations* by Kathrin Bachleitner in *International Studies Review*. 25(4): 1-2.
- 2022 *Constructive Resistance: Repetitions, Emotions, and Time* by Mona Lilja in *International Affairs*. 98(5): 1804-5.

### Selected Commentaries

- 2025 "Reflections on Messianic Rhetoric in US Foreign Policy." *Australian Outlook*.
- 2024 "Chipko's Lessons for Today's Global Environmentalism." *E-International Relations*.
- 2024 "Between the two worlds of an Indian diplomat." *The Interpreter*, Lowy Institute.
- 2023 "To help end the war in Ukraine, the Quad should back India to engage Russia." *The Interpreter*, Lowy Institute.
- 2022 "The Paradox of Messiah States." *Economic & Political Weekly* [engage]. 57(14): 1-7 (with Anurag Tripathi).
- 2020 "The Rise and Rise of Hindutva: Narratives, Visualised Communities, and the Hindu Nation." *Social Science Research Network*.
- 2019 "Pandemics, Politics, and Populace: Assessing Motives of the State." *NIICE*, Nepal.

## **PUBLIC AND DIGITAL SCHOLARSHIP**

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- 2023— **Fuzzy Notes** (newsletter)  
Maintains a monthly Substack newsletter on the PhD journey, reading and writing routine, life, and things in between
- 2022— **Adarsh Badri** (blog)  
Curates essays and book reviews on politics, philosophy, culture, society, and world affairs, which attract more than **10,000 monthly readers** globally  
Includes essays on *risk society*, *bullshit jobs*, *future of work*, *universal basic income among others*, and book reviews of *Emily Herring*, *Carlo Ginzburg*, *Joya Chatterji* and others  
Sample essays: 1. 'We Have Always Been in Polycrisis—And Now We Know It'  
2. 'How Emily Herring brought Henry Bergson to People'

## **CONFERENCES & INVITED WORKSHOPS**

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- 2024 *From Dreary to Theory: A Workshop on Creative Theorising*, Centre for Digital Cultures and Societies, University of Queensland
- 2023 *Young Scholars' Conference*, Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament, Jawaharlal Nehru University
- 2023 *Young Scholars' Conference*, Centre for European Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University
- 2023 *Political Studies Association Conference 2023*. Liverpool. [online]
- 2023 *JNU IR Society*. New Delhi. [invited talk]

## **AWARDS, GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS**

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- 2025 POLSIS Fieldwork & Travel Grant, University of Queensland (AUD 4,500)
- 2024-2028 Research Training Stipend & Tuition Offset Scholarship, University of Queensland
- 2019 National Eligibility Test for Assistant Professorship, University Grants Commission, India
- 2008-2015 Full Academic Scholarship, Sainik School Bijapur

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- 2024— **School of Political Science & International Studies, University of Queensland**  
Research Assistant – Visual Politics  
*Working with Prof. Roland Bleiker towards organising a workshop under the ARC-Linkage project on Visualising Humanitarian Crisis*
- 2023-2024 **The Centre for Applied Social Sciences, New Delhi**  
Research Assistant – International Relations  
*Conducted archival research at the Prime Minister's Memorial Museum Library and the National Archives of India in New Delhi*
- 2023-2024 **E-International Relations**  
Commissioning Editor – Critical IR Theory, Emotions, Memory, Foreign Policy, and South Asia  
*Collaborated with IR scholars and PhD students from across the globe to write essays for the student-led E-International Relations*
- 2021-2022 **ZIGRAM**  
Senior Research Analyst – Digital Assets

## MEMBERSHIP

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- 2025— International Studies Association (ISA)
- 2025— American Political Science Association (APSA)
- 2025— British International Studies Association (BISA)
- 2024 Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA)

## RESEARCH SKILLS

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- Fieldwork:** Archival Research [Prime Ministers' Library and Museum (PMML), New Delhi; National Archives of India (NAI), New Delhi]
- Language:** Kannada [native], English [proficient], Hindi [fluent]
- Software:** MS Office [Excel, Word, PowerPoint], Adobe [InDesign, Premiere Pro], and WordPress

## REFERENCES

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