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E D U C A T I O N

D.Phil Politics (Political Theory), University of Oxford	2021–
Reclaiming Resistance: Perspectives on the History of Dalit and Bahujan Women's Political Thought	
Supervised by Prof. Amia Srinivasan and Prof. Sophie Smith	
M.Phil Politics (Political Theory), University of Oxford	2020
Comprehending a Political Theory of Loneliness With Distinction	
Supervised by Prof. Elizabeth Frazer	
M.A. International Relations, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	2017
With Distinction	
B.A. (Hons.) Political Science, Kamala Nehru College, University of Delhi	2015
With Distinction	
Certificate Course, Global Energy Politics, King's College London	2014
Certificate Course, International Political Economy, King's College London	2014

E M P L O Y M E N T

Sub-Dean, Magdalen College	MT 2022–
Tutor in Feminist Theory, University College	TT 2022
Tutor in Theory of Politics, Oriel College	HT 2022
Online Learning Facilitator, Blavatnik School of Government	HT & TT 2022
Editor, Culture and Ideas Section, Oxford Political Review	2019–2023
Co-founder, Collaborative Action for Research and Education	2020–
Research Assistant, Dept. of Politics and International Relations	Feb 2020–May 2021
College Lodge Receptionist, St. Hilda's College	Feb 2019–Oct 2020
Research Consultant, Center for Equity Studies	Oct 2017–Mar 2018
Project Fellow, Sahapedia UNESCO Fellowship	Oct 2017–Mar 2018

S E L E C T E D A W A R D S A N D H O N O R S

Chestor Mellon Grant Award for field work, D.Phil Political Theory	2022
Departmental Scholarship Award, D.Phil Political Theory	2021
Barbinder Watson Trust Fund Award and MCR Grant for field work	2019
Lady Meherbai Tata Trusts Scholarship for Women, M.Phil	2018
Golden Jubilee Best Student Award, Kamala Nehru College	2015
Full Tuition Scholarship, King's College London Summer School	2015

A C A D E M I C P R E S E N T A T I O N S A N D T A L K S

Archival Dearth?. Center for Women's, Gender and Queer Histories, January 29, 2026, University of Oxford.

Respondent to Iman Iftikhar, 'Wages Against Violence: Gender, Surplus Life, and the Feminist Strike'. Oxford Work in Progress in Political Theory, February 2026, University of Oxford.

'From Geneva to the Philippines: Caste, Race, Sexuality and Transnational Solidarity'. Small Voices of History Conference, October 30 – November 1, 2025, Princeton University.

'From Geneva to the Philippines: Caste, Race, Sexuality and Transnational Solidarity'. Rutgers Anti-Caste Collective, November 3, 2025, Rutgers University.

'From Geneva to the Philippines: Caste, Race, Sexuality and Transnational Solidarity'. South Asian Studies Colloquium, November 4, 2025, Harvard University.

'From Geneva to the Philippines: Caste, Race, Sexuality and Transnational Solidarity'. Indigo Collective and LGBTQ Studies, November 7, 2025, University of Texas at Austin.

'History of Dalit-Bahujan Women's Activism in India (1924–56): A Historic Women's Conference, Dr. Ambedkar and a Text'. Association for Asian Studies Conference, 2024, Seattle.

'Intellectual and Political Thought of Dalit-Bahujan Women in the Ambedkarite Movement (1924–1956)'. Edinburgh–St Andrews Joint Graduate Conference in Political Theory, 2024.

'History of Dalit-Bahujan Women's Activism (1924–1956): A Historic Women's Conference, Dr. Ambedkar and Two Texts'. South Asia in Transformative Times Conference, 2023, Dublin University.

'Caste and Its Implications for Sociologies of Inequality'. International Inequalities Institute and British Sociological Association Event, 2023, London School of Economics and Political Science.

Respondent to Jeannie Morefield, 'Unsettling the World: Edward Said and Political Theory'. Oxford Political Theory Workshop, March 6, 2023, University of Oxford.

Respondent to Mario Aguiriano, 'A Critique of Political Ontology'. Oxford Work in Progress in Political Theory, 2022, University of Oxford.

'Epistemic Loneliness'. Oxford Political Theory Graduate Conference, 2021, University of Oxford.

Guest Speaker, 'The Philosophical Contributions of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar'. High Commission of India, 2021, London.

'Epistemic Loneliness, Decolonization and the Demise of Critical Theory'. British Association of South Asian Studies Annual Conference, 2020.

'Love in the University Space: Politics of Perception, Performance and Location'. European Feminist Research Conference, 2018, University of Göttingen.

Guest Speaker, 'Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Feminist Contributions'. British Parliament, 2018, London.

'Love and the Politics of Performance, Perception and Location'. Gender and Sexuality in Student Politics (GOSSIP), 2017.

'Raising Feminist Consciousness: Pandita Ramabai as a Gendered Subject of Colonialism'. Annual Festival, Department of History, 2016, Kamala Nehru College.

'Ha-Joon Chang's "Kicking Away the Ladder": A Critique as a Development Strategy in Historical Perspective'. King's College London Delhi Summer School, 2014, King's College London.

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

"How the All-India Depressed Classes Women's Conference Shaped Ambedkar's Views on Women." Received a 'Revise and Resubmit' at *The Historical Journal*, 2026.

"From Geneva to Philippines: Caste, Race, Sexuality and Transnational Solidarity." Received a 'Revise and Resubmit' at *Journal of Women's History*, 2026.

"The Subversive Potential of Inconsistency." Review of *Unsettling the World: Edward Said and Political Theory* by Jeannie Morefield. *Oxford New Books* 1, no. 1 (2024): 56–60.

"Developing a Framework of Epistemic Loneliness." *OxPol Blog*, 2021.

"On Plato's Criticism of Democracy: Does the Prescriptive Solution Establish Justice?" *Akados*, 2018.

PUBLIC WRITING

“What Is This.” In *The World That Belongs to Us: An Anthology of Queer Poetry from South Asia*. HarperCollins.

“Against the De-politicization of Mental Health: Harassment Is Not a Myth.” *Kafila*.

“Dear Left Comrades, Thank You for Being Allies. Now, Leave Bahujans Alone.” *Velivada; The Companion*.

“Gully Bai’s Casual Casteism: A Comedy Video That Laughed at the Marginalized and Reaffirmed Prejudice.” *Firstpost*.

“Article 35A: Why Women Have No Share in J&K Conflict or Resolution?” *The Quint*.

“The Wrath of Upper Caste Professors: How the Education System Normalized Abusive, Discriminatory Teaching Methods.” *Firstpost*.

RESEARCH ENGAGEMENTS AND ACADEMIC SERVICE

2021–2024

Co-Organizer, Oxford Work in Progress in Political Theory

President, Oxford South Asian Society

Co-founder, Oxford South Asian Alternative Forum

Co-Organizer, Counting Caste: Breaking the Caste Deadlock Conference

Co-Organizer, Caste Beyond South Asia: Diaspora and the Internet in 2023 Conference

Co-founder, Collaborative Action for Research and Education

2018–2020

Research Assistant on Prof. Amia Srinivasan’s book *The Right to Sex*

Equalities Representative, St. Hugh's College MCR

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Languages: English, Hindi, Urdu, Marathi, Dogri, Punjabi