
SANCHI RAI

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EDUCATION

PhD

Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament
School of International Studies (2012- 2017, PhD Awarded in 2019)
Jawaharlal Nehru University-New Delhi
Thesis supervisor- Prof. Rajesh Rajagopalan
Thesis Title: Empire, Nationalism and Independence in foreign Policy: Testing Neorealism in the Indian Case, 1919 - 1964.

M.Phil. (International Politics)

Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament
School of International Studies (2010- 2012)
Jawaharlal Nehru University-New Delhi
M.Phil Title: Enduring Rivalries and Possibilities of Peace: A Comparative Study of the Egypt-Israel Peace Process of 1977-78 and the Kashmir Negotiations of 1962- 64.
FGPA- 7.62/9, Division- I

M.A. (Politics and International Relations)

School of International Studies (2008-2010)
Jawaharlal Nehru University-New Delhi
FGPA- 7.37/9, Division - I

B.A. Programme (Philosophy and Psychology)

Jesus and Mary College (2005-2008)
Delhi University
Percentage: 70.91, Division- I (College Rank III and University Rank X)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Faculty of International Studies, South Asian University, New Delhi, (1st August 2025-Present)

Assistant Professor, Politics and International Relations, School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, RV University, Bangalore, (July 2022-July 2024)

Courses Taught: Introduction to International Relations, Western Political Thought, International Relations and World History, Theories of International Relations, India's Foreign Policy, International Relations Issues and Challenges, Politics of South Asia, International Organisations and Global Governance.

Administrative Responsibilities: Member of Research Vision Committee, Graduation Committee and Student Disciplinary Committee

Guest Faculty at FLAME University, Pune

Taught a Course titled 'Introduction to International Relations' to undergraduate students of the Faculty of Liberal Education, (7th March 2022- 16th May 2022)

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Adjunct Faculty at Ambedkar University, Delhi

Taught courses titled 'Decolonisation in History' and 'Understanding our Past: Myths, Epics, Chronicles and Histories' to undergraduate students of School of Global Affairs, (November 2021- March 2022)

Guest Faculty at FLAME University, Pune

Taught the Course titled 'Indian Polity and Governance' to 5th Semester undergraduate students of the Faculty of Communications, (September 2020-November 2020)

'Ideas of India', New York University, Abu Dhabi

Principal Research Assistant on '[Ideas of India](#)' a research project headed by Dr. Rahul Sagar, Associate Professor of Political Science, New York University, Abu Dhabi, (December 2017- August 2020)

Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC), Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India.

Project Associate in 'Technology Vision 2035 Programme - Educational Technologies', TIFAC, (March 2014 - June 2014)

Jawaharlal Nehru University (School of International Studies)

- Student Tutor for Post Graduate Students (Monsoon Semester 2013) for the course titled 'Theories of International Relations'
- Student Tutor for Post Graduate Students (Winter Semester 2014) for the course titled 'Problems of International Relations'

PUBLICATIONS

Rai, Sanchi (2024), 'Resolving the Theseus paradox at the Cusp of Independence: The Battle to Become the Legal Successor of British India' in *Millennium: Journal of International Studies* (Q1, SCOPUS Indexed), online first, <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/03058298231215308>, Volume 52 and Issue Number 1.

Rai, Sanchi (2021), 'Cold War: Different Phases' in *Perspectives on International Relations and World History, textbook for the course* offered by School of Social Science at Indira Gandhi National Open University, March 2021, <https://egyankosh.ac.in/handle/123456789/71861>.

Rai, Sanchi (2021), 'Anti Colonial Movements and Decolonisation' in *Perspectives on International Relations and World History, textbook for the course* offered by School of Social Science at Indira Gandhi National Open University, March 2021, <https://egyankosh.ac.in/handle/123456789/71864>.

Rai, Sanchi (2016), 'Alternative Conceptualizations in International Relations: Exploring the Concept of Non-Cruelty' in *International Studies*, Volume 50, Number 3, pp 209-225, (Online ISSN: 0973-0702; <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0020881716654409>).

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Rai, Sanchi (2015), 'Amidst Turmoil, Indian Foreign Policy Walks a Tightrope' in *Global Dialogue Review*, April/May/June, Volume 3, Number 2, pp 98-105

Rai, Sanchi (2014), 'India's Nuclear Doctrine may be Revised, Raising Concerns' in *Global Dialogue Review*, May-June, Volume 2, Number 3, pp 47 -55

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- 'Resolving the Theseus Paradox at the Cusp of Independence: The Battle to become the Legal Successor of British India', at the Symposium of Millennium: Journal of International Studies, London School of Economics, 'From Empires to Nation States?: Enduring Legacies and Historical Disjunctures' October 31st- November 1, 2022, London, United Kingdom.
- 'Depiction of Partition in the Archives: Exploring some Themes', at an ICSSR conference, 'The Other Side of the Independence; Depiction of Silence Trauma and Triumph of Refugees in Indian Cinema and Literature, September 23-25, 2022, Bangalore, India.
- 'Revisiting the Sino-Indian Border Dispute: Exploring Tibet's Role During the Transfer of Power as a Missing Piece of the Jigsaw', at the 62nd Annual Convention of International Studies Association: Globalization, Regionalism and Nationalism: Contending Forces in World Politics, April 6-9, 2021, Virtual Platform.
- 'Is Past Always Prologue? Exploring the Limits of Influence of History on the Current Course of Foreign Policy of a State- a Case Study of India', at the 60th Annual Convention of International Studies Association: Re-visioning International Studies: Innovation and Progress, March 27-30, 2019, Toronto, Canada.
- 'Tracing Pre-Independence Origins of Indian Foreign Policy', at the 5th Annual AAS-in-Asia Conference: Asia in Motion: Geographies and Genealogies, July 5th - 8th, 2018, New Delhi, India
- 'Whose Rule is it Anyway? Colonial Government, Freedom Struggle and the Curious Case of an Enduring Foreign Policy in India', at the 59th Annual Convention of International Studies Association: Power of Rules and Rule of Power, April 4-7, 2018, San Francisco, USA
- 'The Indian National Congress and Indian Foreign Policy' at the ISA Asia Pacific Conference, 25th June 2016 to 27th June 2016 at the City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong.
- 'Influence of British Indian Foreign Policy on Indian Foreign Policy: Mapping Continuities and Changes post Indian Independence.' at the 27th Annual Conference of the British International History Group, 10-12 September 2015, at the University of Kent, United Kingdom
- 'Indian Foreign Policies: Tracing Pre-independence Origins and Influences' at the ISA Global South International Conference: Voices

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from Outside: Reshaping International Relations Theory and Practice, January 8th - 10th 2015, at Singapore Management University, Singapore

- ‘The role of place and culture in the evolution of core concepts of International Relations across regions: A comparative study of Western and Indian Political thought on International Relations’, at the 55th Annual Convention of International Studies Association: Spaces and Places: Geopolitics in an Era of Globalization, March 25th - 29th, 2014, Toronto, Canada
- ‘Non cruelty : A Golden Mean between Violence and Non-Violence’, at the Annual International Studies Convention 2013, 10-12 December 2013, New Delhi, India

RESEARCH GRANTS

- Awarded the Charles Wallace India Trust (CWIT), Short Term Research Grant, 2024.
- Awarded the Charles Wallace India Trust (CWIT), Short Term Research Grant, 2015
- Awarded financial assistance from Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) to visit London, UK, to consult archival material under the scheme of ‘Data Collection Abroad’, 2015

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

- Selected for the second cohort of the [Sir Jadunath Sarkar Fellowship](#) for Indian History, awarded by the Foundation for Indian Historical and Cultural Research (FIHCR), 2025.
- Recipient of UGC, Senior Research Fellowship in International and Area Studies (2012- July 2015)
- Awarded the UGC, Junior Research Fellowship in International and Area Studies (2010- 2012)

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Invited as a visiting scholar at the SOAS South Asia Institute (SSAI), University of London from 14th September 2015 to 14 October 2015
- Received an ‘[Honorary Mention for a Student Paper](#)’ for the paper titled ‘Non cruelty : A Golden Mean between Violence and Non-Violence, at the Annual International Studies Convention 2013, 10-12 December 2013, New Delhi

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- **Qualified the NET (National Eligibility Test) in International and Area Studies 2010**
- Secured Third position (shared) B.A. (Programme) Jesus and Mary College, Delhi University, New Delhi, 2005-2008
- Secured Tenth position (shared) B.A Programme, Delhi University, South Campus, New Delhi, 2005-2008

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Awarded the Geeta Chopra Memorial Award- Jesus and Mary College, Delhi University, for being an Outstanding Student (2008)

Vice President of National Service Scheme (NSS) Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi 2007-2008. Planned and organised- social work contribution of 500+ NSS members, also talk shows and other college activities