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**Profile**

Dr. Sabah Hussain is an Assistant Professor at the Department of International Relations, Faculty of International Studies, South Asian University, New Delhi. She holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from Jamia Millia Islamia, and undertook research training at Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium, in 2023, under Professor Molly Andrews of University College London. She previously served as Faculty in the Department of Political Science, Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi, and at the Centre for the Study of Social Inclusion, Jamia Millia Islamia. At these institutions, she taught postgraduate and undergraduate courses on the Indian Constitution; Debates on Citizenship; Inclusion, Social Justice and Legislation; and Research Methodology, Ethnography and Theories of International Relations, and supervised Master's dissertations

Grounded in feminist, post-colonial, and critical research theorisations, her research and teaching interests bring together political theory, political economy, identity, political behaviour and the politics of cinema and visual culture within the broader field of South Asian politics. Her work examines the discursive construction of citizenship and constitutionalism in contemporary India, alongside questions of legal subjectivity, embodied and spatial politics, and civic engagement with governance, community, and the everyday state. She draws on intersectionality, standpoint theory, discursive institutionalism, and governmentality to analyse gendered agency and mobility, and the politics of the private sphere, within socio-political and economic structures.

Her research has appeared in *Feminist Legal Studies* (Springer, Scopus-indexed) and *The Journal of International Relations, Peace Studies and Development* (Arcadia University and the American Graduate School in Paris, France), alongside review essays and critical reviews in the *Journal of International Women's Studies* (Bridgewater State University, Massachusetts, USA), *Asian Women* (Research Institute of Asian Women, Seoul, Republic of Korea), *Social Action* (Indian Social Institute, New Delhi, India), and *The Book Review* (The Book Review Literary Trust, New Delhi, India), among others.

She has presented her research at several international academic institutions, including King's College London (London, UK); Carleton University (Ottawa, Canada); and the American Graduate School in Paris, in partnership with Arcadia University (Paris, France), among others. She has also had her research papers selected for presentation at international conferences hosted by institutions including Leuphana University of Lüneburg (Germany); Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (Greece); Jagiellonian University (Poland); the India Ireland Studies Centre (Ireland); Istanbul University (Türkiye); and Universidad de la Ciudad de México (Mexico), as well as at the World Congress of the International Political Science Association (IPSA), Seoul, South Korea.

She has participated in international workshops organised by institutions and organisations including the ECPR Methods School (Belgium); the University of Calicut; the UGC Human Resource Development Centre; the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung; Aligarh Muslim University; Pondicherry University; and the French Institute of Pondicherry.

She is an active member of multiple European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) Standing Groups and Research Networks, spanning Citizenship, Comparative Political Institutions, Policy Analysis, Critical Peace and Conflict Studies, Affective Polarisation, (Anti-)Corruption and Integrity, Digital Authoritarianism, Autocracies and Global Governance, the Political Theory of Elections, and the Sciences of the Democracies.

### **Qualifications**

#### **Ph.D. Political Science (Senior Research Fellow, UGC)**

Jamia Millia Islamia Central University, New Delhi.

#### **M.A. Political Science and International Relations**

Jamia Millia Islamia Central University, New Delhi — Gold Medal.

#### **B.A. Political Science, Economics, and Geography**

Sophia College, M.D.S. University, Ajmer — Gold Medal.

### **Research Interests**

- Critical Political Theory and the State
- Constitutionalism, Citizenship, and Democratic Practice in India
- Power, Legitimacy, and Political Authority
- Religion, Secularism, and Political Identity
- Intersectional Feminist Theory
- Political Behaviour and Political Economy
- Social Movements and Political Transformation in South Asia

### **Recent Publications**

- Hussain, Sabah (Forthcoming) "The Making of Minority Women: Performative Politics, Citizenship, and Legal Subjectivity in Contemporary India," *Feminist Legal Studies*, ISSN 0891-4486, Springer, Scopus-indexed.
- Hussain, Sabah (2026) "Place: Intimate Encounters with Cities," by Ananya Vajpeyi (Women Unlimited Ink, New Delhi, 2026), *The Book Review*, ISSN 0970-4175, Vol. 50, No. 3 (March 2026).
- Hussain, Sabah (2026) "Essays and Poems on the Enigma of Leaving," ed. Ritu Menon, *The Book Review*, ISSN 0970-4175, Vol. 50, No. 1 (January 2026).
- Hussain, Sabah (2025) "Gender Prescriptions and Proscriptions: Tracking Shifts in Doctrinal Thought and Practice" — review of *Religion & Women in India: Gender, Faith, and Politics 1780s–1980s*, by Tanika Sarkar (Permanent Black, 2024), *The Book Review*, ISSN 0970-4175, Vol. 49, No. 2 (February 2025).
- Hussain, Sabah (2024) "Of Captivity and Resistance: Women Political Prisoners in Postcolonial India," *The Book Review*, ISSN 0970-4175, Vol. 48, No. 8 (August 2024).
- Hussain, Sabah (2024) "Exploring Sexual Violence Across Time and Place — Disgrace: Global Reflections on Sexual Violence," *The Book Review*, ISSN 0970-4175, Vol. 48, No. 3 (February 2024).
- Hussain, Sabah (2023) Book Review: "The Wingless Flight and Others," ed. Geeta Menon, *The Book Review*, ISSN 0970-4175, Vol. 47, No. 11 (November 2023).
- Hussain, Sabah (2022) "Intersectionality and Impact of COVID-19: Politics of the Private Sphere and Gender-Based Violence," *The Journal of International Relations, Peace Studies and Development*, ISSN 2429-2133, Vol. 7, Issue 1, Arcadia University and American Graduate School in Paris, France.
- Hussain, Sabah (2021) Book Review Article: "Violent Politics in India," *The Book Review*, ISSN 0970-4175, Vol. XLV, No. 6 (June 2021), Context Publications, New Delhi.

- Hussain, Sabah (2021) Book Review Article: "Identity Politics in India," *The Book Review*, ISSN 0970-4175, Vol. XLV, No. 4 (April 2021), Westland Publications, New Delhi.
- Hussain, Sabah (2020) Critical Review of "Gendering Caste: Through a Feminist Lens," *Journal of International Women's Studies*, ISSN 1539-8706, Vol. 21, Issue 6 (August 2020), Bridgewater State University, Massachusetts, USA.
- Hussain, Sabah (2020) Book Review: "The Final Adventures of Professor Shonku," by Satyajit Ray, *The Book Review*, ISSN 0970-4175, Vol. XLIV, No. 11 (November 2020).
- Hussain, Sabah (2020) "Siyasi Muslims," *Social Action*, ISSN 0037-7627, Vol. 70, No. 2 (April–June 2020), Indian Social Institute, New Delhi.
- Hussain, Sabah (2020) Book Review: "Muslim Women Speak: Of Dreams and Shackles," *Asian Women*, ISSN 1225-925X (print), 2586-5714 (online), Vol. 6 (June 2020), Research Institute of Asian Women, Seoul, Republic of Korea.
- Hussain, Sabah (2020) "Daily Demons the Other Half Faces: Narratives of Violence Against Women in India," *The Book Review*, ISSN 0970-4175, Vol. XLIV, No. 2–3 (February 2020), Aleph Book Company, New Delhi.
- Hussain, Sabah (2019) Book Review: "Things Lost and Found in History," *The Book Review*, ISSN 0970-4175, Vol. XLIII, No. 11 (November 2019).
- Hussain, Sabah (2019) "Celebrating a Syncretic Culture," *The Book Review*, ISSN 0970-4175, Vol. XLIII, No. 8 (August 2019).
- Hussain, Sabah (2015) Fieldwork Report: "Jhalawar: Land of Peaceful Coexistence," in *Irshaad: A Sustainability Handbook*, Incredible India Project, Swaraj and Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.
- Hussain, Sabah (2013–2014) "Geographical Information System: Unearthing the Hidden," *Khoj: An International Peer-Reviewed Journal of Geography*, ISSN 2350-1359, Vol. 1.

#### **Awards & Honours**

- ECPR Grant (European Consortium for Political Research), 50th Anniversary Award, Belgium
- UGC-NET JRF Doctoral Award, University Grants Commission, New Delhi
- Maulana Azad National Doctoral Fellowship Award, Ministry of Minority Affairs, Government of India
- University Medal — Bachelor of Arts, Sophia College, M.D.S. University, Ajmer
- University Gold Medal — M.A. Political Science, Jamia Millia Islamia Central University, New Delhi