

Dr Neha Tetali

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Policy Researcher and Analyst (2025 – present)

I am an independent Policy Researcher and Analyst, developing and translating my research into analysis for academic, policy and public audiences. I write about International Relations, Political Science, Indian Foreign Policy, Multilateralism and the Global South, Gender and Feminism in global politics, among others.

EDUCATION

2025 **PhD in Peace Studies** | *Trinity College Dublin*, Ireland

Supervisor: Dr. Gillian Wylie

Viva Examiners: Prof Toni Hastrup (University of Manchester) and Prof Linda Hogan (Trinity College Dublin)

Thesis Title: 'Progressive' Foreign Policies: A Critical Analysis of the Feminist Global North & Postcolonial India. <https://www.tara.tcd.ie/handle/2262/111472>.

- Critically analysed to what extent Feminist Foreign Policies of the Global North and India's postcolonial foreign policy at the UNSC consider postcolonial feminist concerns
- Qualitative Methodology: Feminist Critical Discourse Analysis of 400+ speeches, using Sketch Engine software for thematic analysis and coding

2021 **Master of Arts in Political Science** | *Indira Gandhi National Open University*, India

Teaching-based; Completed modules on Political Philosophy, Theory & International Relations

2018 **Master of Arts in Society and Culture** | *Indian Institute of Technology Gandhinagar*, India

Supervisor: Dr Mona Mehta

Thesis Title: Contemporary Legal Pluralism and Gender Equality in India

- Evaluated how gender equality is impacted in the contestation between constitutional equality and freedom of religion in India

2016 **Bachelor's in Mass Media (Journalism)** | *St. Xavier's College Mumbai*, India

- Modules focussed on social science and journalism skills
- Reported for *The Times of India*, India's most widely read newspaper

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Critical International Relations (IR): Postcolonialism, Feminism | Gender, War and Peace | Foreign Policy Analysis | Challenges in IR: Rise of Far-Right Nationalism, Femonationalism, Antigenderism, Decline of World Order | Indian Foreign Policy: Race, Nationalism, Gender, Inequalities, Borders, Coloniality |

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

(2026) Tetali, Neha. "Strategic scepticism and spatialisation of power in feminist foreign policy scholarship: A critical cartography." *Millennium: Journal of International Studies*.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/03058298261461096>.

(2026) Tetali, Neha. "Feminist Foreign Policy: Legacy of the WPS Agenda?" In "What's Next for the WPS Agenda?" edited by Swarna Rajagopalan. Special Issue, *Peace Prints: South Asian Journal of Peacebuilding* 12 (1).

<https://wiscomp.org/peaceprints/PPJ-Vol12-1-2026/PPJ-Vol12-1-2026-Article4-Feminist-Foreign-Policy-Legacy.pdf>

Minor Revisions

(2026) Tetali, Neha. "Postcolonial values and national assertiveness in India's identity and foreign policy at the UNSC." *Third World Quarterly*.

(2026) Tetali, Neha. "A feminist analysis of the 'progressive' elements of India's Foreign Policy." In "Re-scripting 'Progressive' Gender Sensitive Foreign Policy: Indian and South Asian Perspectives," edited by Rita Manchanda. Special Issue, *Peace Prints: South Asian Journal of Peacebuilding*.

Manuscripts under preparation

(2027) Tetali, Neha. "Nationalistic pride and historical identity in contemporary Indian foreign policy." [Target Journal: *International Studies Quarterly*]

Research Monograph

(2027) [Proposal Stage with Routledge]. Tetali, Neha. *Indian Foreign Policy at the UNSC in the Twenty-first Century: A Postcolonial Feminist Analysis*.

Public Engagement

Policy Analysis

(2026) Tetali, Neha. "Leading the Global South: Why and How Postcolonialism Manifests in Indian Foreign Policy." *India's World*. <https://indiasworld.in/leading-the-global-south-why-and-how-postcolonialism-manifests-in-indian-foreign-policy/>.

(2023) Tetali, Neha. "What Can Feminist Foreign Policy Learn From Postcolonial Feminism?" *IPI Global Observatory*. <https://theglobalobservatory.org/2023/10/what-can-feminist-foreign-policy-learn-from-postcolonial-feminism/>.

Policy Analysis under preparation

(2026) Tetali, Neha. "Margins to Mainstream: Coming of Age of Climate Policy." *India's World*.

(2026) Tetali, Neha. "Femonationalism and how it manifests in IR." *E-International Relations*.

TEACHING

Trinity College Dublin

2026 [MPhil] EM7553 International Organisations and Conflict Resolution: The EU and UN

2024 [Elective BA, MPhil] TEU00412 The Politics of Peace and Conflict in a Globalised World

2023 [Elective BA, MPhil] TEU00412 The Politics of Peace and Conflict in a Globalised World

2022 [MPhil] EM7436 Gender, War and Peace

Dublin City University

2025 [BA] POL1042 Gender, Race, Class, and Politics

Salesian College, Siliguri

2023 [BA- Invited Lecture] Can feminist perspectives reimagine foreign policy?

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION AND ACADEMIC CITIZENSHIP

2026 **Peer Reviewer:** Politics and Gender; Feminist Review; International Peace Institute New York

2025 **Postgraduate Consultant and Student Partner**, Trinity-Inclusive Curriculum Project: Contributed to the development of inclusive teaching, collaborated to design Equality, Diversity, Inclusion (EDI) initiatives, consulted on inclusive curriculum development, supported co-creation of resources.

2024 **Standard Invigilator**, Trinity College Dublin

2023 **Research Impact:** My research informed the Feminist Foreign Policy Retreat of the International Peace Institute, New York

2023 **Co-Founder**, Alternative Epistemologies—A Critical Reading Group

2022 **Global Ambassador**, Trinity College Dublin

- 2022 **Conference Organiser**, Being Brave: How do you make sense of your research? A Postgraduate Conference, Trinity College Dublin: Selected submissions, coordinated with international speakers, organised events and led administrative and logistical work

AWARDS, GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2024 Postgraduate Student Assistance Fund (€1700)
2024 Trinity Research in Social Sciences (TRiSS) Travel Bursary (€300)
2023 British International Studies Association (BISA) Conference Bursary (€368.58)
2023 Early Career Research Residency, Trinity Long Room Hub, Trinity College Dublin
2023 Postgraduate Student Assistance Fund (€1400)
2022 Laura Bassi Scholarship for Editorial Assistance (Partial fee waiver)
2022 Trinity Research in Social Sciences Postgraduate Research Fellowship (€658)
2018 MA Society and Culture Scholarship (₹5000 a month)
2016 Bachelor's in Mass Media Honours

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 Feminist Foreign Policy & Postcolonial Knowledge-Production
BISA Annual Conference | Birmingham, UK
2024 What's in a name—the politics of labelling Feminist Foreign Policies
BISA Annual Conference | Birmingham, UK
2024 Divine, Strong & Compassionate—Portrayals of Women and 'Epistemic Violence'
AfterWords: School of English Postgraduate Conference | Trinity College Dublin, Ireland
2023 How feminist are foreign policies? A Research Poster
Trinity Long Room Hub | Trinity College Dublin, Ireland
2023 The Postcolonial Feminist Take on Feminist Foreign Policy Analysis
BISA Annual Conference | Glasgow, UK
2023 How an Indian postcolonial feminist critique rooted in lived experience can reimagine and reconstruct Feminist Foreign Policy.
Annual South Asia Conference of the Ireland India Institute | Dublin City University, Ireland
2022 Feminist, Fierce but (un)Funded: What really matters in Research? A Video Essay
Being Brave: How do you make sense of your research: A postgraduate research conference | Trinity College Dublin, Ireland
2022 Ireland, India & the UN Women, Peace & Security Agenda: A postcolonial feminist critique.
Political Studies Association of Ireland Annual Conference | Waterford, Ireland
2022 How an Indian postcolonial feminist critique rooted in lived experience can reimagine and reconstruct Feminist Foreign Policy
Conflict Research Society (CRS) Annual Conference | Belfast, UK

EXTERNAL FUNDING/RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION EXPERIENCE

- 2026 **Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Postdoctoral Fellowships** – *Not Funded*
SOAS University of London | Mentors: Dr Avinash Paliwal, Prof Shirin Rai
- Score 83.60% (Threshold 70%)
 - Project title: 'IndIGO' [India at the United Nations: Imperial Gendered Ontologies in foreign policy]
 - Research outcomes planned: Peer-reviewed articles, monograph, workshop, policy paper, infographics
- 2025 **British Academy International Fellowships** – *Not Funded*
London South Bank University | Mentor: Dr Clara Eroukhanoff
- Project title: 'FemAGENDA' [Feminist Foreign Policy, Anti-Genderism and the Future of Indian (Feminist) Foreign Policy]

- Research outcomes planned: Co-production research methodology leading to peer-reviewed articles, monograph alongside creation of knowledge-exchange network

2023 Independent Social Research Foundation - Flexible Grants for Small groups – *Shortlisted*

- International Collaboration: Dr Clara Eroukmanoff (London South Bank University), Dr Toni Haastrup (University of Manchester), Dr Shweta Singh (South Asian University New Delhi), and others
- Project title: ‘Mapping and amplifying postcolonial voices of Feminist Foreign Policy’

RESEARCH WORK EXPERIENCE

2023 Research Assistant | *CaRE Erasmus+ Project*, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland

Supervisor: Dr Aibhín Bray

Conducted qualitative analysis: built and administered the endline survey on Qualtrics, developed and conducted semi-structured interviews, organised collected data, executed preliminary thematic analysis, helped draft research impact report, developed project website

2020 Research Associate | *VES Institute of Management*, Mumbai, India

Supervisor: Dr Nisha Pandey

Conducted and wrote the project’s literature review, organised a roundtable event with experts for collaboration, published a book review for the institute’s journal

2017 Research Intern | *Indian Institute of Technology*, Mumbai, India

Supervisor: Prof D Parthasarathy

Conducted discourse analysis of theories of legal pluralism, and drafted a literature review report

SKILLS & TRAINING

Qualitative Social Science Research, Discourse Analysis (Sketch Engine), Thematic Analysis, Impact Analysis (Baseline and Endline Studies), Semi-Structured Interviews, Field Research Experience (Journalism and Reportage), Surveys (Qualtrics), Poster Design (VistaCreate, Figma)

2022 Let’s talk about race in the higher education sector - Trinity-Inclusive Curriculum Project

2022 Gender, War and Peace

2022 Research Integrity and Impact in an Open Scholarship Era

2021 Research Methods [Qualitative]

LANGUAGES

English (Fully Proficient); Hindi (Fully Proficient); Telugu (Native); Tamil (Basic)

REFERENCES

Dr Gillian Wylie | wylieg@tcd.ie

Associate Professor of International Peace Studies, School of Religion, Theology and Peace Studies
Trinity College Dublin, Ireland

Prof Toni Haastrup | toni.haastrup@manchester.ac.uk

Professor & Chair in Global Politics, Department of Politics, School of Social Sciences
University of Manchester, UK

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Senior Lecturer in International Relations and Politics, School of Arts and Social Sciences
London South Bank University, UK
