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sonali.singh2@utdallas.edu • sonalisingh.ds23@gmail.com[LinkedIn](#) • [Website](#)**EDUCATION****The University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX, US** 2023 onwards

Ph.D in Public Policy and Political Economy, Fully Funded

Areas of Interest: Sustainability, Energy Policy and Gender**Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, IN**

Master of Arts in Development Studies

2021-2023

Thesis: Can Patriotism be Taught?: A Critical Analysis of the Delhi Government's Deshbhakti (Patriotic) Curriculum Using a Mixed Method Approach**GPA: 3.5/4.0**

Supervisor: Prof. Disha Nawani (TISS); Outside Reader: Prof. Richard Balme (Sciences Po)

• Winner of Best Student Award 2022 for Academic Excellence in First Year

Paris School of International Affairs, Sciences Po, Paris, FRStudy Abroad- Fall Semester, Recipient of the **Charpak Scholarship of Excellence** Grant

2022-Present

Areas of Concentration- International Development and Global Economy

GPA: 3.67/4.0

• Top Graded Presentation titled "Ecofeminism and Well-being Transition" at Poster Forum for 'Building Well-Being Policies' Course

Lady Shri Ram College for Women, University of Delhi, IN

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Honours [Minor in Journalism]

2015-2018

• Conducted over 24+ independent researches as part of course curriculum

• Awarded Certificate of Meritorious Contributions by the Department of Psychology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**Research Associate, TACT India Pvt Ltd, Gurugram, IN** 2018-

• Collected, organized, and rectified research data in order to construct representative graphs and charts on 2020

tableau and powerBi, showcasing outcomes for presentations while analyzing statistical data using inferential and descriptive statistical approaches on excel and SPSS

• Analyzed demographic data to identify appropriate targets, competitive offerings, and persuasion strategies

• Researched and analyzed multiple Risk Management functions and processes, including interpreting policies and processes, evaluating required actions, and offering recommendations based on business policies or directives.

RESEARCH AND INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE**Project Intern, Dean's Office, School of Development Studies, TISS, Mumbai, IN** 2021-

• Coordinated 3 proposals and memorandums of understanding with IPE Global, NITI Aayog (DMEO), and the Election Commission of India under the supervision of Prof. Ashwani Kumar, Dean 2022

• Assisted in the organization of 14+ academic events under the auspices of the Rajni Kothari Lecture Series and the MS Gore Policy Colloquium series

• Created 2 academic brochures, placement brochure, 20+ posters, and 4 proposal decks

• Oversaw the establishment and maintenance of project tracking tools for ECI-TISS MA course development, ensuring that intrinsic requirements were well communicated

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| Research and Knowledge Intern, Samhita Social Ventures, Mumbai, IN | 2022 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designed 8+ proposals and decks for leading corporates as a part of CSR review, such as AIM- NITI Aayog, BCG, PepsiCo, and UN Women • Constructed 2 Multidimensional Community Empowerment Index (MCEI) and an M&E framework | |
| Research and Policy Analyst, Aga Khan Rural Support Program (AKRSP), Gujarat, IN | 2022 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared original policy deliverable titled “<i>Analysis of Policies on Water Management in Tribal Areas of Central Indian Tribal Belt in the light of National Water Policy of India, 2012</i>” • Worked collaboratively in analysis of dataset and policies, literature reviews and country case studies with relevant experts within and outside the Organisation to support the delivery of the water work programme by AKRSP in Gujarat | |
| Research Assistant, Jindal School for Government and Public Policy, OP Jindal University, IN | 2021-2022 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed and delivered a paper on <i>Complexity Theory in Public Administration and Policy</i> under the supervision of Dr. Naresh Singh, Director, and Dr. Sudip Patra, Professor at the Centre for Complexity Economics, Applied Spirituality, and Public Policy (CEASP) • Independently conducted literature research, maintained website blog, and developed for the school's forthcoming periodical journal • Regularly participated in policy dialogues and “Reading & Discussion Circles” by CEASP | |
| Winter Intern, Ashoka Innovation for All, Bangalore, IN | 2021-2022 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spearheaded over 3 Livelihoods for All sub-projects while delivering research and information management • Coordinated the team in engagement strategies for 100+ fellows and, assisted the venture team in “search and select” operations. Facilitated communication and drafted proposals with institutional partners, organizations, and fellows | |
| Policy Research Intern, Politics for Impact, Andhra Pradesh, IN | 2021 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consolidated questions for Winter 2021 parliamentary session for Srikakulam & Guntur constituency of TDP Party's 2 Members of Parliament (MP), namely, Jayadeva Galla and Rammohan Naidu • Presented a policy brief on '<i>The National Institute of Pharmaceutical Education and Research (Amendment) Bill, 2021</i>' & delivered 3 project reports - 'Women in Parliament', 'Impact of COVID-19 on Indian Politics' and 'Youth in Parliament.' | |

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Singh, Sonali. “Justice and Fairness: Evolution Through the Politics of 1950 to Early 1980s.” *International Journal of All Research Education and Scientific Methods (IJARESM)*, ISSN: 2455-6211 Volume 9, Issue 11, Impact Factor: 7.429, pp. 1144–48. 2021

Book Reviews and other publications

- Singh, Sonali. “To Be Cared For: The Power of Conversion and Foreignness of Belonging in an Indian Slum by Nathaniel Roberts.” *International Journal of All Research Education and Scientific Methods (IJARESM)*, ISSN: 2455-6211 Volume 10, Issue 1, Impact Factor: 7.429, 2022, pp. 161–63. 2022
- Singh, Sonali. “The Fate of Afghanistan: Rise of Taliban Regime.” *The Armchair Journal*, <https://armchairjournal.com/the-fate-of-afghanistan/>. 2021
- Singh, Sonali, and Singh, Ishujeet. “Media in Conflict Zones.” *Edumound*, <https://edumound.com/article/media-in-conflict-zones-journalism/>. 2021

- Singh, Sonali. "Women in Pandemic." *Public Policy Network*, <https://publicpolicy.network/f/women-after-pandemic>. 2021

Manscripts In Progress

- Singh, Sonali. "Chapter 12- Innovations in the Green Circular Economy." *Green Circular Economy: A New Paradigm for Emerging Markets Economies*, Springer Nature, Netherlands. (under review) 2022

Research Paper- *Secondary schooling: A pathway to reduce teenage pregnancies in India*

Working Paper- *Improving girl capital in India: Experiences from Rajasthan*

Policy Brief- *Reducing economic barriers to improving girls' secondary school enrolment in India: Experience from Rajasthan*

Additional Research Responsibilities

- Founder,** [The Viewspot](#), an independent media initiative 2021- Present
- Reviewer,** International Journal Of Policy Sciences and Law (IJPSL), Delhi, IN 2021-2022
- Writer,** Foreign Policy Research Centre (FPRC), Delhi, IN 2021-2022

CONFERENCES ATTENDED/ PRESENTED AT

- Participated and presented in **CIVICA Research Collaborative Hackathon** at London School of Economics (LSE) 2022
- Volunteered (as Policy Coalition Greeter and Notetaker) at the 5th **Paris Peace Forum** 2022
- Attended 'An evening with Timothée Parrique' at Sciences Po, Paris, discussing the **political economy of "degrowth"** reflecting on how it could be implemented in urban planning policies
- **Moderator** under the guidance of Prof Ashwani Kumar at "**The Anti-Politics of Humanity**" by Prof Faisal Devji, University of Oxford 2022
- **Presented research poster** on *Geographies of Tribes in India and Their Determining Factors* at Prof. **M.S. Gore Centenary Conference** on "Exploring Grassroots Governance in India" 2021
- **Oral Presentation** at Case Competition titled '*Monsoon Harvest: Solution to Capturing Rainwater in Mumbai's Dhobi Ghats*' at Wetskills International: Mumbai Water Challenge organised by Netherlands Embassy and TISS 2021
- Delegate at the Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations (HPAIR) Asia Conference – 'Reinventing with Resilience' 2021
Created and presented a scalable entrepreneurship approach that addresses "**Soil Toxicity & Food Security in Nepal**"
- Creative and organising head at Mental Health Foundation India- AIIMS, New Delhi, IN 2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Student Mentor, Eklavya India Foundation, IN** 2022
 - Provided mentorship and coaching to undergraduates from lower economic strata and tribal tribes, enabling them to obtain master's degrees at India's preeminent graduate universities.
 - Delivered a hundred percent success rate for all pupils under my guidance
- Private Tutor, Delhi, IN** 2018-2021
 - Raised students' performance by at least one letter grade by providing in-home academic tutoring for social studies subjects, homework assistance, and instructional and linguistic support
- Educator, Udayan Care, IN** 2017-2018
 - Completed over 60 hours of community service at Udayan Care as part of the National Service Scheme, LSR
 - Provided primary and secondary grade girls at a Delhi shelter home with tutoring and counselling sessions

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS, AWARDS AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Awarded Charpak Scholarship of Excellence by French Government 2022

- Bridge, TISS, Mumbai- Outreach 2021-22
- Class Representation and Placement Committee member 2021-22
- Won 6+ Article Writing Competitions – IIM Rohtak, WICCI, LSR, Raisina House 2020-22
- Awarded a Meritorious Certificate for contributions to the department, LSR 2018
- Delegate at MUN (Ramjas College, St Stephens, LSR College) 2015-17
- Merit Holder in Class 12 and Student Council member, Birla Vidya Niketan school 2015

Certifications

- **Econometrics:** Methods and Applications- Erasmus University Rotterdam 2022
- Certified **CSR** Professional- *Institute of Company Secretary India (ICSI)* 2022
- Micromasters in **Data, Economics and Development Policy**- *Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)* 2022
- **Sustainable Global Food Systems: Food Policy for Developing Countries** conducted by Tata-Cornell Institute (TCi) 2021
- **GIS, Mapping, and Spatial Analysis Capstone** by University of Toronto 2021
- Results-Based **Project Management** Professional Certificate- *Inter-American Development Bank* 2021
- **U.S. Public Policy:** Social, Economic, and Foreign Policies- *Harvard University* 2021
- **Public Policy Research:** Methodology, Analysis & Evaluation- *Centre for Public Policy Research (CPPR)* 2021
- Public Policy and Governance Short Diploma Course: *St. Stephen's College, Delhi University* 2020
- Green (R)evolution Climate Change Program, *UNFCCC* 2017

RELEVANT SKILLS

- **Technical:** R Programming, IBM SPSS, STATA, Microsoft Excel, SQL, SNA, Tableau, QGIS, Photoshop & InDesign
- **Laboratory:** NVivo, Quirkos, Atlas Ti, survey, interview, index design, academic writing, monitoring & evaluation
- **Languages:** **English** (Fluent, Bilingual), **Hindi** (Native) & **French** (A1)
- **Test Scores:**
 - IELTS** 7.5 Band Score
 - GRE** 303 (Quantitative- 163/170; Verbal- 140/ 170; AWA- 4.0)
 - TOEFL** Total- 96 (Writing- 30, Speaking- 23, Listening- 22, Reading- 21)

REFERENCES

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