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### **Education**

#### **American University, School of International Service**

*PhD in International Relations (Year four)*

- PhD Concentration: Development Studies
- Doctoral advisor: Prof. Adam Auerbach

#### **University of Oxford, Department of International Development**

*Master of Science, Global Governance and Diplomacy*

- Dissertation: The Role Civil Society in Shaping India's Development Partnerships
- Coursework in Global Governance, Diplomacy and International Law, Peacebuilding and Statebuilding, and Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods
- Member of Joint Consultative Committee (JCC) for the 2014-2015 course cohort

#### **Hindu College, University of Delhi**

*Bachelor of Arts (Honors), Political Science*

- Additional coursework in introductory Microeconomics and Macroeconomics
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### **Research Experience**

#### **June 2022 – Present**

- Research assistant for Dr. Susanna Campbell, mapping data sources and coding UN cluster relationships in countries with peace operations for project titled "Networks of Influence and Support in Peace Operations" under the Research on International Policy Implementation Lab (RIPIL).

#### **August 2019 – May 2021**

- Research assistant for Dr. Adam Auerbach, worked on public goods provision in India, specifically building datasets on small town budgets using local administrative from Rajasthan and national census data. Translated interview questionnaires (English-Hindi), conducted remote interviews with community leaders in India, transcribed and translated interview data.

#### **May 2020 – August 2020**

- Research assistant for Dr. Erin Collins, drafted literature reviews for a book project focused on urban land claims in post-genocide Cambodia.

#### **June 2020 – August 2020**

- Research assistant for Dr. Susanna Campbell, built a dataset of organizations and UN cluster coordination relationships in the DRC for a project under the Research on International Policy Implementation Lab (RIPIL) funded by the Knowledge Management Fund (KMF).
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### Teaching Experience

#### June 2022 – August 2022

- Adjunct Instructor teaching four sections of a college-credit summer course on Global Public Health to students enrolled in the AU High School Summer Scholars (AU-HSSS) Program and National Student Leadership Conference (NLSC) Program at American University.

#### August 2021 – April 2022

- Teaching Assistant for Dr. Michael Schroeder, leading weekly discussion sections for an undergraduate course titled *Introduction to International Studies*.

#### July 2021 – August 2021

- Adjunct Instructor teaching two sections of a college-credit summer course on Global Public Health to students enrolled National Student Leadership Conference (NLSC) Program at American University.
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### Professional Work Experience

#### Independent Consultant

Dec 2020 – Present

Engaged in concept note/proposal development and research for various organizations in Myanmar including HelpAge International, CARE International, and ACF. Specific expertise on gender and conflict sensitivity and experience writing grants for large donors including LIFT, European Union, ECHO, USAID and START Fund among others.

#### Senior Programme Coordinator

Sep 2017 – July 2019

*HelpAge International Myanmar Country Office*

Managing the development and maintenance of an effective M&E and accountability framework that supports evidence gathering for food security and public health projects implemented by HelpAge International Myanmar.

- Developing and coordinating evidence gathering at village level, particularly older people led community level monitoring activities and public health awareness workshops conducted through rural health centres.
- Writing grant-funding proposals and strengthening high-value donor relationships to support strategic partnerships in country and across Asia Pacific.
- Preparation of inputs for reporting, supervise collation, consolidation and review of quarterly, annual and other reports including donor reporting.

**Programme Officer****Nov 2016 – Aug 2017***HelpAge International Myanmar Country Office*

Supported Monitoring and Evaluation and Communications teams to publish case studies and high quality internal and external reports on five different development projects focusing on community development, social protection, public health, and self-help groups for older people in Myanmar.

- Supported project teams in developing robust gender analyses and gender sensitive M&E frameworks.
- Assisted with project partnerships and development, including proposal writing and strategic support to country team in project planning with stakeholders.
- Research and writing project briefs for an EU-funded intervention targeting public health capacity and NCDs (non-communicable diseases) in Myanmar.
- Supported disaster risk management (DRR) project activities, including coordinating with partners in organising meetings and workshops that engage the government.

**Field Fellow****Jul 2016 – Oct 2016***Karen Human Rights Group (based in Tak Province, Thailand)*

Responsible for leading the re-design of training curriculum for KHRG village agency workshops conducted among Karen villages in Myanmar. The training focused on building the capacity of local communities to document and monitor human rights abuses committed against them by armed actors.

- Assisted with improving monitoring and evaluation, and communication systems for the effective management of KHRG field operations.
- Support in updating and developing new materials for specific field activities.
- Capacity building of field team members and KHRG field researchers.

**Programme Analyst****Dec 2015 – Jun 2016***United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), Myanmar*

Overall programme support for the Rakhine programme under the Livelihoods and Food Security Trust (LIFT) Fund, managed by UNOPS. In addition, communications support, especially social media engagement, for LIFT outreach to partners and donors.

- Drafting and designing LIFT policy one-pager on recommendations for Myanmar's nutrition action plan.
- Providing research and editing support to Programme team on lessons learned report on LIFT Delta Programme in Myanmar's Ayeyarwaddy Delta (<http://www.liftfund.org/learning-together-ayeyarwady-delta>)
- Conducted research and interviews for two working papers on the socio-economic status of Rakhine State in western Myanmar, and on labour migration trends and outlook in Myanmar.

## Awards/Grants

- SIS Doctoral Assistantship Award (2019 – 2023)
  - SIS Summer Research Award, American University (2022)
  - ICPSR Summer Program, University of Michigan (2022)
  - Travel Grant, American Political Science Association (2021)
  - Conference Grant, American University (2021)
  - SIS Summer Research Award, American University (2021)
  - The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), Syracuse University (2021)
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## Conference Participation

- American University Tri-School Conference, March 5, 2021, Washington D.C.
    - Presented paper titled *Public Goods and Public Trust in Government: Subnational Evidence from India*.
  - International Public Policy Association (IPPA), 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP5), July 5-9, 2021, Barcelona, Spain.
    - Presented paper titled *Public Goods and Public Trust in Government: Subnational Evidence from India*.
  - American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, September 30 – October 3, 2021, Seattle, Washington.
    - Presented paper titled *Public Goods and Public Trust in Government: Subnational Evidence from India*.
  - Politics and Computational Social Science (PaCSS) Conference 2022, June 16-18, 2022, Boston, Massachusetts.
    - Presenting paper titled *Analysis of News Media Coverage Before and After the March 2020 Nationwide Lockdown in India*.
  - American Political Science Association (APSA) Annual Meeting, September 15-18, 2022, Montreal, Canada.
    - Presenting paper titled *Trust and Legitimacy in the National Capital Region of India* (Lightening Rounds: Research Design)
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## Works in Progress

- Public Goods and Public Trust in Government: Subnational Evidence from India.
  - Analysis of News Media Coverage Before and After the March 2020 Nationwide Lockdown in India.
    - *Selected for presentation at the Politics and Computational Social Science (PaCSS) Conference 2022, to be held at the Institute for Quantitative Social Science at Harvard University from June 16-18, 2022.*
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## Other Publications

- Gupta, Shagun. “The Coup in Myanmar: Strategic and Political Implications for South Asia.” *South Asian Voices*, February 17, 2021. Web.
- Gupta, Shagun. “The Coup in Myanmar: A Grim Future for Aid Groups?” *The Diplomat*, February 8, 2021. Web.
- Gupta, Shagun, and Thomas Opdyke. “Myanmar: An Overview of Financial Security of Older Women.” *Financial Security for Older Women: Perspectives from Southeast Asia*. Singapore: Tsao Foundation, 2018. Print.
- Gupta, Shagun. “Leveraging Labour Migration for Development.” *Migration in Myanmar: Perspectives from current research*, edited by Mike Griffiths and Michiko Ito. Yangon: Social Policy and Poverty Research Group, 2016. Print.
- Gupta, Shagun. “How to approach development as a non-native speaker.” *tools4dev*, August 25, 2016. Web.
- Gupta, Shagun. “Development in Times of Transition: The Socio-Economic Status of Rakhine State, Myanmar.” *Working Paper*. Livelihoods and Food Security Trust Fund, UNOPS Myanmar, April 2016. Web.
- Kyu, U Htet, Libera Antelmi-Dazio and Shagun Gupta. “Learning Together in the Ayeyarwady Delta.” *Livelihoods and Food Security Trust Fund, UNOPS Myanmar*, February 2016. Web.
- Gupta, Shagun. “The Role of Civil Society in Shaping India’s Development Partnerships.” *E-International Relations*, January 2016. Web.
- Gupta, Shagun. “The Chagos Archipelago: A Theatre of Opportunity and Challenge in the Indian Ocean.” *Observer Research Foundation, Delhi*, December 2015. Web.

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## Professional Memberships

- American Political Science Association (APSA)
- International Studies Association (ISA)
- International Political Science Association (IPSA)
- International Public Policy Association (IPPA)
- Women’s Caucus for International Studies (WCIS)
- Burma Studies Group (BSG) (as part of the Association for Asian Studies)

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## Research Skills and Fieldwork

**Research Skills:** Microsoft Office Suite, NVivo (for qualitative coding), R, STATA (for statistical analysis)

**Languages:** Hindi (Native), English (Fluent), French (Intermediate), Burmese (Basic)

**Field Research Locations:** Myanmar (2015-2016; 2016-2019), Thailand (2016), India (2021, 2022)