

SABA JOSHI

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Female, 30 years, Indian

Education

GRADUATE INSTITUTE of INTERNATIONAL and DEVELOPMENT STUDIES Geneva, Switzerland
PhD in International Relations/Political Science **2014-2018 (expected)**
Provisional Dissertation title: *Rural Political Contention in Cambodia*: (supervised by Elisabeth Prügl)

GRADUATE INSTITUTE of INTERNATIONAL and DEVELOPMENT STUDIES Geneva, Switzerland
Masters in International Relations/Political Science **2010 -2012**
Thesis title: *Situating Feminist Knowledge in Organizations: A Study on Gender Expertise in Global Food Security Governance* (supervised by Elisabeth Prügl)

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY, School of International Studies New Delhi, India
Masters in Politics and International Relations **2007 -2009**

UNIVERSITY of DELHI, St. Stephen's College New Delhi, India
Bachelors (Honours) History **2004 -2007**

Additional Training

- **European Consortium for Political Science Research (ECPR), University of Ljubljana** 2013
Methods Summer School Course: *Issues in Organizational and Political Ethnography*

Professional Experience

[Paññāsāstra University, Phnom Penh](#) 2016-present
Visiting Lecturer, Faculty of Law and Public Affairs
Private university in Phnom Penh, Cambodia

- Delivering lectures on qualitative and quantitative research methods, including research writing for students in Masters of Human Rights Law
- Correction of weekly assignments on research writing

[Gender Centre, Graduate Institute, Geneva](#) 2015-present
Research Assistant for DEMETER project
Research centre at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

- Research for Swiss National Science Foundation funded [DEMETER](#) project on land commercialisation, gender equality and food security in Cambodia and Ghana
- Authoring and co-authoring papers for the policy and politics dimension of land commercialisation and gender equality.
- Qualitative data collection and fieldwork in Cambodia.

[Self-Employed Women's Association, Ahmedabad](#) 2014
Project Coordinator, Rural Development Division
Trade Union for self-employed women

- Project Coordinator for SAARC-funded project on rural women's access to water, sanitation and hygiene facilities (WASH) in Dungarpur, Rajasthan

- Formulated research design (including development and testing of survey questionnaire, and other data collection tools) and coordinated Baseline Study in 12 villages in Dungarpur, Rajasthan
- Conducted participatory rural appraisals and analysed results from 12 villages in Dungarpur (above 5000 population), with a team of 8 persons.
- Coordinated a team of external consultants producing study on women's status vis-à-vis WASH facilities
- Reported and documented progress of targets and activities to project donors.

International Labour Office (ILO), Geneva

2013

Junior Technical Officer, Sectoral Activities Department

Specialized agency of the United Nations

- Research assistant for Rural Economy and Decent Work task team
- Authored policy advice outline on rural economic diversification, decent work and food security and extractive industries.

United Nations University, WIDER, Helsinki

2013 (part-time)

Consultant, Research and Communication on Foreign Aid Programme

World Institute for Development Economics Research

- Research assistant for paper titled "Women's economic empowerment through productive employment and social protection" (authored by Naoko Otake), reviewing the evolution of the International Labour Organization's (ILO) strategy to ensure gender equality and women's empowerment based on an analysis of 15 ILO technical cooperation projects on gender, employment and social protection.

International Labour Office (ILO), Geneva

2012-2013

Intern and Junior Technical Officer, Rural Employment and Decent Work Programme

Specialized agency of the United Nations

- Researcher for "Catalysts of Rural Transformation" research project on organizations based in 8 countries that have made an important change to their rural contexts based on ILO's decent work principles. Key responsibilities included: case selection, research design, comparative policy analysis of 8 countries, and editing
- Authored 3 comprehensive case-studies on Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA), India; Federation of Family Farmers (FETRAF), Brazil; and Stung Treng Women's Development Centre (SWDC), Cambodia.

CARE International Secretariat, Geneva

2011

Intern, Global Advocacy

International Humanitarian NGO

- Provided research and editorial assistance on advocacy related to women, peace and security, food security, and maternal health for advocacy strategies and tools
- Principal author of the first Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) report on advocacy activities in Care International. This task included literature review of M&E of advocacy practices in other organizations; developing a needs assessment survey, and indicators for measurement of policy impact of global advocacy; developing survey questions for internal circulation; in-depth interviews; data compilation and analysis. The Report based on findings was presented at Care International's Global Advocacy Conference, Geneva (May 2011)
- Collected and compiled documents on global advocacy in CARE's advocacy online data-base

Women's International League for Peace & Freedom, Geneva

2010

Research Intern, Reaching Critical Will (RCW)

International NGO focussed on gender, human rights and nuclear disarmament

- Research assistant to Geneva coordinator of RCW on project related to history of feminist activism against nuclear weapons
- Prepared factsheets for 'Dirty Dozen' project, a review of the corporate/industrial-military nexus in nuclear weapons production and pro-armament lobbying, particularly in the USA

[Institute for Defence Studies & Analyses New Delhi](#)

2009- 2010

Junior Researcher, Nuclear Cluster

Think-tank for Indian Ministry of Defence focussed on security and defence issues

- Researcher in IDSA task force on 'Nuclear Disarmament' and author in [Task Force Report 'Road to Nuclear Disarmament'](#)
- Organizer IDSA monthly Nuclear Issues Roundtables/ Workshop Series. This included, conducting background research and concept formulation of seminar topic; invitation and coordination of event; preparing reports and transcripts of seminar discussion
- Coordinator of Task Force on 'Development of Civilian Nuclear Energy Sector in India'

[JAGORI, New Delhi](#)

2009

Volunteer, Safe Delhi Campaign

Women's training, documentation, communication and resource centre (NGO)

- Collected and compiled survey data on women's' perceptions of safety and security in Delhi University
- Interviewed 20 women students and prepared 5 case-studies on incidents of sexual harassment of women on campus.

Conferences and Invited Talks

[24th IPSA World Congress of Political Science, Poznan](#)

2017

Organized by International Political Science Association. Paper title: 'Large-scale land acquisitions and gendered outcomes in Cambodia'

[UN International Women's Day panel "Ending violence against women: youth as agents of change"](#)

2013

Organized by OHCHR, UNFPA, WHO, YWCA, the Graduate Institute, Geneva, and Permanent Missions of Mexico and the United States to the UN in Geneva, invited talk on "Engaging youth in activism: lessons from Delhi violence against women protests"

[8th European Feminist Research Conference, Budapest](#)

2012

Organized by **Central European University**, paper title: 'Warring Women: Comparing Female Participation in State and Non-State Militaries in India'

[National Seminar on The Future of Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, New Delhi](#)

2010

Organized by the **Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA)**, paper title: 'Structural Weaknesses of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty'

Publications

- [Learning from catalysts of rural transformation: 2013](#) (with Loretta de Luca, Hélène Sahy, and Mayra Cortés) International Labour Office, Rural Employment and Decent Work Programme. Geneva: ILO

Research Interests and Skills

- **Gender Studies:** feminist theory, gender division of labour, gender mainstreaming

- **Development:** agriculture, food security, anthropology of development
- **Labour:** informal and rural economies, collective action and bargaining, industrial relations
- **Research Skills:** qualitative policy analysis , qualitative interviews, discourse analysis , survey design
- **IT Skills:** Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Word, Lyx

Language Skills

- **English:** Native
- **Hindi:** Native
- **French:** Advanced spoken and good reading/written proficiency
- **Bengali:** Advanced spoken, basic reading and written skills
- **Spanish:** Beginner
- **Khmer:** Beginner