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- Independent scholar (politics, security and gender), writer, peace educator and consultant.
- Founder and Director, Chaitanya-The Policy Consultancy, <https://chaitanyaconsult.in> (from 2005).
- Visiting Professor of Politics, Krea University (from 2021).
- Chair, Research Committee 07 on “Women and Politics in the Global South,” International Political Science Association (from July 2023).
- Founder and Managing Trustee, The Prajnya Trust, Chennai, www.prajnya.in (2006-2025).
- Founding member, Women’s Regional Network, www.womensregionalnetwork.org (2011-2025).

Education

- University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois

Ph.D. in Political Science, October 1998

Dissertation Title: “National Integration: The State in Search of Community”

- Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York

M.A. in International Relations, 1985

- University of Bombay, Elphinstone College, Bombay, India

B.A. in Political Science, 1984

Professional experience

Prajnya

Founder and Managing Trustee of *The Prajnya Trust*, 2006-2025.

Honorary position involved providing vision; leadership and mentoring; research and writing; communications and public relations, including fundraising; conceptualization and execution of projects and programmes; training and public speaking; and administration. Prajnya (prajnya.in) worked in three areas: women’s history and women in politics; gender violence awareness and peace education. I engaged with all three, in addition to leading the organization. Prajnya closed in March 2025 with select programmes being transferred to my consultancy firm, Chaitanya.

Academic Assignments and Positions

Teaching

- Visiting Professor of Politics, Krea University, March 2021 till date.

Global Politics in the 21st Century, Introduction to Comparative Politics, Indian Foreign Policy, South Asian Politics and International Relations

- Practitioner-in-Residence, James Madison College, Michigan State University, September 2018 and 2019.

2018: Taught a practice-oriented class, 'How to change the world.'

2019: Taught a class on women, peace and security, "When the horizon leans forward.'

- Visiting Professor, National Management School, Mumbai, December 2015; September 2017.

Introduction to International Relations.

- Faculty Co-Director, Michigan State University-Chaitanya Summer Program on Culture, Politics and Globalization, Chennai, 2007 and 2008.

Introduction to South Asian history, politics and culture.

- Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois, 2002-03.

Comparative Politics, International Security and South Asia.

- Singh Lecturer in South Asian Studies, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, 2001-02.

(This position is now called the Dr. Malathy Singh Visiting Fellowship.) Taught South Asian politics: Governance Issues in South Asia, Identity, Security and Governance in South Asia and Security and Inter-State Relations in South Asia.

- Post-doctoral Fellow, James Madison College, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, Fall 1998-01.

Post-doctoral fellowship with teaching and research commitments. Courses include Third World Politics, Economics and Society, Fall 1998; Introduction to Public Affairs, Spring 1998, 2001; Introduction to International Relations and World Security, Fall 1999; Comparative Foreign Policy Analysis, Spring, Fall 2000. (See also under 'Research'.)

- Independent Instructor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Political Science, Urbana, Illinois, 1994-95, 1997-98.

Introduction to International Relations, Fall 1994, Spring 1995; Emerging Nations, Fall 1995, Spring 1998; Introduction to International Security, Fall 1997; Introduction to Political Science, Summer 1998.

- Teaching Assistant, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Political Science, Urbana, Illinois, 1993-94

Introduction to Comparative Politics, Fall 1993; Introduction to American Politics, Spring 1994.

- Lecturer, Sophia College, Bombay, 1988

Introduction to Political Science; Western Political Thought; Indian Political System.

Research

Since 2003, research assignments have either been consultancies, commissioned research papers or independent projects.

Current Research Engagements

- Feminism, Nationalism and Foreign Policy, personal research project.

Recent Research Consultancy Project

- Tamil Nadu Team Lead Researcher, [Surviving Violence: Everyday resilience and gender justice in rural-urban India](#), a research collaboration initiated by Queen Mary University London's Resilient Futures India Initiative, supported by the British Academy, 2019-22. Primary author of Tamil Nadu reports.
- Project Coordinator, [Impact of Religious Extremism on Sexual and Gender-based Violence in Southasia](#), a research project commissioned by IMADR Asia Committee and supported by the European Union under the project titled "Upholding Rights of Minorities, Beyond Borders – South Asia" from 2019 to June, 2022. Authored [regional overview](#) and co-authored the [India report](#) with Natasha Singh Raghuvanshi.

Institution-based Research Positions

- Post-doctoral Fellow, James Madison College, Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, Fall 1998-01.

Post-doctoral fellowship with teaching and research commitments. Research on South Asian international relations. Worked with Dr. Mohammed Ayoob. (See also under 'Teaching'.)

- Research Assistant, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Political Science, Urbana, Illinois, 1996-97.

Library research, transcription and data entry for a project on urban housing networks in Detroit, Michigan.

- Research Associate, Regional Centre for Strategic Studies, Colombo, Sri Lanka, Spring and Summer 1996

Contributed to planning a Residential Workshop for regional scholars on the non-military sources of regional conflict (see above) and the compilation of a directory of scholars, activists, organisations and institutions engaged in South Asian security affairs.

- Research Assistant, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Program in Arms Control, Disarmament and International Security, Urbana, Illinois, Summer 1994.

Edited the manuscript of a collection of essays on Indian foreign policy and South Asian international relations by a veteran Indian diplomat, Jagat S. Mehta.

- Research Fellow, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, 1989-90

Worked on a project on governance problems in South Asia, where my work involved library, archival and field research (interviews) on the internal structure and functioning of Indian political parties. The project resulted in a book: Bhabani Sen Gupta, *India: Problems of Governance*, Konark, Delhi, 1996.

- Intern, United Nations, Department for Disarmament Affairs, Research and Information Division, New York, Summer 1985

Reviewed books for *Disarmament* quarterly, and wrote a paper on the responses of South Asian states to the Pakistani proposal for a nuclear weapon-free zone.

Writing

Writer on gender, human security, international relations and politics for (select listing):

- InfochangeIndia.org (2008-2014):
 - Guest Editor, Special issue of Agenda magazine on "[The Role of Civil Society](#);"
 - "[Civil society and the production of \(in\)security](#)"
 - Special series '[Security for All](#)' exploring non-traditional security themes;
 - Column "[Small World](#)";
 - [Peace Refractions](#) in Special Agenda Issue on "Peace-building."
 - Backgrounders:
 - [Who will bell the cat?](#) (On the Lokpal Bill)
 - [Contextualising reservations for women](#)
- [Daily News and Analysis \(web edition\)](#) (2013-2017);
- [The Citizen.in](#) (2018 onwards)
- The New Indian Express (2008 onwards): Archive links [from 2016](#)
- [LiveMint.com](#);
- [The Hindu](#);

- Himal Southasian: [RCSS at 25](#).

Expert contributor to MacArthur Foundation Asian Security Initiative Blog, posts now archived at <https://asiarchivedswarraj.wordpress.com/about-these-blogposts/>, 2009-11

Consultation

- Consultant, Mapping the Mediation Process in India and Pakistan: Perspectives from Peace Practitioners Project by Sumona DasGupta for Women Mediators across the Commonwealth (WMC), October 2020-February 2021.
- Evaluation research, Management Systems International, February-May 2017.
- Gender consultant, Study on women's access to vocational education opportunities in North and East Sri Lanka, GTZ Sri Lanka, September-October 2016.
- Review of classroom materials, EZ Vidya, Chennai, July-September 2016, March 2017.
- Gender and peace-building consultant, National Peace Council, Colombo, February-March 2016.
- Editorial and research consultancy for the Swayam Shikshan Prayog, July-September 2015.
- Asia segment of UN Women e-learning course on women, peace and security, November 2012-February 2013.
- Report on the state of security studies in South Asia, Macarthur Foundation, July-August 2006.
- Brainstorming Workshop on How to Re-construct South Asia, Ford Foundation, April 11-12, 2006.
- Consulting series co-editor, Gender and Non-Traditional Security Project, WISCOMP, January 2005 – May 2006.
- Post-conflict grant application referee, World Bank, May and July 2005.
- Potential interventions related to women and conflict in Asia and their presentation at United States Agency for International Development regional workshop in Bangkok, USAID/ Juarez and Associates Inc., Los Angeles, July-August 2004.
- Review of Sri Lanka poverty reduction report, World Bank, July 2004.
- Preparation of program reports, Centre for Security Analysis, Chennai, January 2004.
- Evaluation and review of Refugees/IDP grants, World Bank, Summer 2003.

Commissioned Research

- Desk-based study on violent extremism and women's interventions to counter it for Women & Peace Studies Organization (formerly Women, Peace and Security Research Institute), Kabul, Afghanistan, July-August 2016.
- Desk review on women's human rights tribunals and a global overview of regimes and policies relating to displacement, for Women's Regional Network, March 2015.
- "Peacemakers' Tales from Afghanistan," a booklet based on oral history interviews with women peacemakers for the Women, Peace and Security Research Institute, Kabul, Afghanistan, February 2015. The booklet is available at http://www.riwps-afghanistan.org/site_files/14295232651.pdf.
- Regional overview and executive summary for Women's Regional Network Community Conversations project, November 2013-February 2014.

- Reconciliation ideas in the Indian political tradition, International IDEA-WISCOMP (International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance-Women in Security, Conflict Management and Peace) consultation on reconciliation, New Delhi, November 2004.
- *Peace Accords in Northeast India*, Northeast India Study Group, Internal Conflicts in Asia Project, East-West Center, Washington DC, 2006-07.

Conferences and Special Programs Organized

- Summer Program on Culture, Politics and Globalization, a Study Abroad course organized in partnership with Michigan State University's Office of Study Abroad, July 2007, July 2008.
- WISCOMP Forum Series: Gender, HIV/AIDS and Security, Chennai, February 22-23, 2008 and Disasters and Security, Chennai, September 15-16, 2006.

Relevant experience

- Member, *Sri Lanka Election Monitoring Team* of the US NGO Forum on Sri Lanka and the Asia Pacific Center for Justice and Peace, October 2000.
- Participant, *Residential Workshop on Sources of Conflict in South Asia: Ethnicity, Refugees and Environment*, Regional Centre for Strategic Studies, Colombo, Sri Lanka, March 1997.
- Participant, *First Security, Technology and Arms Control Workshop*, Bhurban, Pakistan, May 1993.

Professional and community activities

Selected List of Invited Presentations

Presidential Keynote Plenary Panelist, IPSA World Congress, Buenos Aires, 2023. [Remarks here](#).

Panel Discussion on "[A Gender Sensitive Indian Foreign Policy – Why and How?](#)" at Indian Council for World Affairs, March 11, 2021.

"[Complications and Questions: Feminism, Gender and Security](#)," at Women and Power: Gender within International Relations and Diplomacy, Indian Council for World Affairs-South Asian University Webinar, October 16, 2020.

[Women in Peace & Security Roundtable](#) at King's College, London, September 23, 2020.

"[If Citizenship was Earned and Not Given](#)," TEDxChennai, March 10, 2019.

"The Researcher in the Real World," 20th year celebration of the Dr. Malathy Singh Visiting Fellowship for South Asian Studies, Yale University, March 2, 2019.

"Women, Peace and Security," Regional seminar on contemporary challenges to International Humanitarian Law due to changing nature of conflict in peacekeeping operations, Centre for UN

Peacekeeping (CUNPK), International Committee of the Red Cross and UN Women, New Delhi, December 1, 2017.

Keynote address, "Women and Media in India," National Conference on Women and Media, Sri Padmavati Women's University, Tirupati, March 9, 2017.

Keynote address, "Gender and conflict," Symposium on Power Structures, Conflict Resolution and Social Justice, EU-India Platform for the Social Sciences and Humanities (EqUIP) and the Research Council of Norway, October 13, 2016.

"Women in the Maldivian Democratic Transition," WISCOMP, April 2010.

"Women and Security," Observer Research Foundation Chennai Chapter, December 8, 2007.

"Gender and disasters," M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, February 27, 2007.

"Post-Tsunami International Relations: A Sea Change?" at the International Conference on Tsunami, Disaster Management and Coastal Development, Chennai, July 31, 2005.

"The Role of Women in Conflict Resolution & Peace Building: The South Asian Experience," Stella Maris College, Chennai, March 5, 2004.

"Women, Security, South Asia," Central Illinois Masjid and Islamic Center Weekly Seminar Series, Urbana, Illinois, April 25, 2003.

"Terrorism in Kashmir and Sri Lanka," ACDIS Millennium Series, seminar series of the Program in Arms Control, Disarmament and International Security, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, April 9, 2003.

"Understanding Global Security," Keynote speaker, Connecticut Council for the Social Studies conference, New Haven, May 16, 2002.

"Ethnic Conflict and Inter-state Relations in South Asia," University of Connecticut, Storrs, March 4, 2002.

"War, Peace and Other Security Concerns in South Asia," lecture, *Perspectives on South Asia* workshop for K-12 teachers organized by the Program in International Educational Resources for International Affairs and the Council on South Asian Studies, Yale University, February 28, 2002.

"Understanding Security," lecture, *Capitol Forum*, teachers' workshop organized by the Yale Center for International & Area Studies, the League of Women Voters of Connecticut and the Office of the Secretary of State of Connecticut, Hartford, Connecticut, February 7, 2002.

"War, Peace and Other Security Concerns in South Asia," presentation at *Schell Center Human Rights Workshop Series*, Yale Law School, February 1, 2002.

"An Insider's View of India," lecture at St. Joseph's College, Rensselaer, Indiana, August 1998.

“Political Climate in Sri Lanka,” presentation at a conference on the *Future of South Asia* organized by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Office of Continuing Education, Urbana, Illinois, June 1997.

“National Integration: A Comparative Perspective,” informal presentation at the *Centre for Policy Research and Analysis*, University of Colombo, July 1996.

Manuscript reviews

Taylor and Francis (India), Women in International Security, Conflict Management and Peace (WISCOMP), Security Studies, Nationalism and Ethnic Politics, The India Review, Asian Survey, Sustainable Development Policy Institute (Pakistan) working papers series, H-Diplo.

Informal Consultation

- Review of commissioned study, Centre for Security Analysis, Chennai, 2003.
- Pre-election consultation on Sri Lanka by European Union representative, March 2004.
- A.C.S. Hameed Peace Foundation, Colombo, Sri Lanka, on post-conflict reconstruction questionnaire, September-October 2002.
- American Forum on Global Education, New York, USA, on South Asia curriculum, May 2002.

Publications

Books

Openings for Peace: UNSCR 1325, Women and Security in India, co-edited with Asha Hans, SAGE, 2016.

Women and Disasters in South Asia: Survival, Security and Development, co-edited with Linda Racioppi, Routledge India, 2016.

Security and South Asia: Ideas, Institutions and Initiatives, edited, Routledge India (2006).

Women, Security, South Asia: A Clearing in the Thicket, co-edited with Farah Faizal, Sage, (2005).

State and Nation in South Asia, Lynne Rienner Publishers, Boulder, 2001. (Indian reprint, Viva Books, January 2006).

Re-Distribution of Authority: A Cross-Regional Perspective, co-edited with Jeanie J. Bukowski, Praeger, Westport, 2000.

Articles, Published Papers and Book Chapters

"Human Security in South Asia," in the *Routledge Handbook of the International Relations of South Asia*, edited by Sumit Ganguly and Frank O'Donnell, 2022.

"Feminism, Security, and International Relations: Reflections," in *Women and Power: Gender within International Relations and Diplomacy*," edited by Nutan Kapoor Mahawar and Ankita Dutta, Indian Council for World Affairs, Macmillan, 2022.

"Fenceless Fields," for "Women in the Field: Transdisciplinary Ethnography in India," edited by Lisa Fruzzetti and Rosa Perez, Routledge, 2022.

"Unintended Consequences: Northeastern Peace Accords and Manipur's Women," *Peace Prints: South Asian Journal of Peacebuilding*, Vol. 7, No. 1, Summer 2021.

"Safe, Equal Workplaces: A Journey towards Rights and Justice," for *Her Right to Equality*, edited by Nisha Agrawal, Penguin (March 2021).

"The Letters: An Exchange on Patriarchy, Militarization and Feminist Peace Activism," (with Asha Hans) in *Exploring Betty A. Reardon's Perspective on Peace Education: Looking Back, Looking Forward*, edited by Dale Snauwaert, *Pioneers in Arts, Humanities, Science, Engineering, Practice book series (PAHSEP, volume 20)*, Springer (June 2019).

"Scrapbooks: A Set of Seven War Stories," in *Women and the War System*, edited by Nadja Furlan Stante, Anja Zalta, Maja Lamberger Khatib (Lit Verlag 2018).

"Human Security in India," in *The Routledge Handbook of Asian Security Studies*, edited by Sumit Ganguly, Andrew Scobell and Joseph Chinyong Liow (Routledge 2018).

"Peace, with women: Women's political participation in post-conflict contexts," in *Women and Politics of Peace: South Asia Narratives on Militarization, Power, and Justice*, edited by Rita Manchanda (SAGE, 2017).

"Grand Strategic Thought in the Ramayana and Mahabharata," in *India's Grand Strategy: History, Theory, Cases*, edited by Kanti Bajpai, Saira Basit and V. Krishnappa, Routledge, 2014, pages 31-62.

"[Reflections on Feminism and Foreign Policy](#)," IIC Quarterly, Summer 2012.

"Whose Security, Whose Development? Lessons from Campaigns against Female Infanticide in Tamil Nadu," in *Political Transition and Development Imperatives in India*, Edited by Ranabir Samaddar and Suhit K. Sen, Routledge India, 2012.

"[Peace Refractions](#)," Peacebuilding issue, *Agenda*, October 2011.

"Militarization and post-war Sri Lankan democracy," *South Asian Journal*, July-September 2011.

"[Building a Feminist Peace](#)," *Seminar* 619, March 2011.

"[Gender Violence, Conflict, Internal Displacement And Peacebuilding](#)," *Peace Prints*, Volume 3, Number 1 (2010).

[“Reconciliation in the Indian Epics,”](#) *Peace Prints*, Volume I, Number 1 (2008).

[“Peace Accords in Northeast India: Journey over Milestone,”](#) East-West Center Washington Policy Studies Series 46 (2008).

“Silver Linings: Natural Disasters, International Relations and Political Change in South Asia, 2004-5,” *Defense & Security Analysis*, Vol 22 ed 4, December 2006.

“Securing Rama’s World,” in Swarna Rajagopalan, ed., *Security and South Asia: Ideas, Institutions and Initiatives*, edited, Routledge India, 2006.

“The Dravida Nadu Experience: Security, State-building and Secession from a Peninsular Perspective,” in Gopalji Malviya, ed., *Security Dimensions of Peninsular India*, Centre for Security Analysis, Chennai, 2005.

“Women and Security: In search of a new paradigm,” in Farah Faizal and Swarna Rajagopalan, eds., *Women, Security, South Asia: A Clearing in the Thicket*, Sage, September 2005.

“Small States in South Asian International Affairs” for Devin Hagerty, ed., *South Asia in World Politics*, Rowman and Littlefield, 2005.

“Research, policy, reality: Women, security, South Asia,” in *Sustainable Development: Bridging the Research/ Policy Gaps in Southern Contexts. Volume 2: Social Policy*. Sustainable Development Policy Institute. Oxford: Oxford University Press. Pages 80-97, 2005.

“Of Militants, Martyrs, Nations and States: Kashmir and Sri Lanka,” special issue on “Rethinking Terrorism,” *Swords and Ploughshares*, bulletin of the Program in Arms Control, Disarmament and International Security, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Winter 2003.

“Secularism in India: Accepted Principle, Contentious Interpretation,” in William Safran, ed., *The Secular and the Sacred: Nation, Religion and Politics*, Frank Cass, London, 2003.

“Re-building Afghanistan: Lessons from South Asia” (Comment), *Seminar*, February 2002.

“Demarcating Units, Re-distributing Authority: Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka,” in Jeanie J. Bukowski and Swarna Rajagopalan, eds., *Re-distribution of Authority: A Cross-Regional Perspective*, Praeger, Westport, CT, May 2000.

“Internal Unit Demarcation and National Identity,” *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*, Volume 5:3-4, Fall and Winter 1999, pp.191-211. (Special journal issue reprinted as William Safran and Ramon Maiz, eds., *Identity and Territorial Autonomy in Plural Societies*, Frank Cass, London and Portland, Oregon, 2000.

“National Integration in India, Sri Lanka and Pakistan: Constitutional and Elite Visions,” *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics*, Volume 3:4, Winter 1997, pp.1-38.

“A Traveler’s Collection of Tales,” *Nethra*, International Centre for Ethnic Studies, Colombo, Volume 1:4, July-September 1997, pp. 12-34.

“Identifying an Agenda: How and Why Ethnic Groups and Nations Choose Their Goal,” *Occasional Paper*, Program in Arms Control, Disarmament and International Security, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, November 1994.

“Management of Diversity Through Integrative Strategies,” *Swords and Ploughshares*, bulletin of the Program in Arms Control, Disarmament and International Security, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Fall 1994.

Media publications, briefings and online learning resources

Listed with links at <https://chaitanyaconsult.in/chaitanya/media>

Videos

Available at Chaitanya—The Policy Consultancy’s [channel](#).

Podcast Interviews

[Domestic Violence amid the Pandemic](#), In Focus (The Hindu), February 1, 2022.

[Women, Peace and Security: The Global South](#), War Studies, King’s College, December 16, 2020.

[The Last Bastion](#), States of Anarchy, August 6, 2019.

Reports

[Within and Beyond Borders: An Independent Review of Post-Conflict Fund Support to Refugees and the Internally Displaced](#), Social Development Papers, Conflict Prevention and Reconstruction, World Bank, October 2004.

Briefings and online learning resources other than Prainya

For Chaitanya—the Policy Consultancy, resource guides were created between 2004 and 2006 on a range of issues from democratization in the Maldives, to gender equity, to children and security. These were placed at <http://www.chaitanyaconsult.in/chaitanya/policy.html> but some links are now unavailable.

- Chaitanya Brief Volume 1, No. 3: Keeping South Asia’s Children Safe: The Child Rights-Security Interface, November 14, 2005.
- Chaitanya Brief Volume 1, No. 2: Post-Tsunami International Relations: A Sea Change? June 26, 2005.
- Chaitanya Brief Volume 1, No. 1: Maldives: Democratic Transition in the offing? June 4, 2005.
- The LTTE Proposals and Sri Lanka’s Peace Prospects, November 2, 2003.

“The Iraq Question,” <http://www.staff.uiuc.edu/~swarnar/iraqpage.htm>. February-March 2003. Now available at <http://www.swarnar.com/iraqpage.htm>.

“On events in Gujarat.” <http://pantheon.yale.edu/~sr323/gujevents.htm>. Resource page created to provide contextual information and resource links after communal riots broke out in India, March 2002. Now available at <http://www.swarnar.com/gujevents.htm>.

Alliance for Lifelong Learning, Learning Guide on India-Pakistan conflict (<http://www.allianceforlifelonglearning.org/er/IndiaPakistanK.html>), January-February 2002. Now available at <http://www.alllearn.org/er/lg/IndiaPakistanK.shtml>.

“Contextualizing the events of September 11 and thereafter.” (<http://pantheon.yale.edu/~sr323/sept11.htm>). This is an online resource page maintained October-November 2001, containing links to background information and analyses of the events of September 11, 2001 and thereafter. Now available at <http://www.swarnar.com/sept11.htm>.

Blogs and other writing

- The Standpoint, <http://swarnarajagopalan.wordpress.com>
- It's Just Me, <http://justswarna.blogspot.com>
- Swarna Rajagopalan's ASI posts archived, <https://asiarchivedswarraj.wordpress.com/>
- Swarna Rajagopalan's writing, <http://www.swarnar.com/writing.htm>

Grants and honors

- FICCI FLO Woman of the Year for 'Outstanding NGO,' 2015.
- Blogger Award, MacArthur Foundation, 2009-11.
- Ford Foundation grant for book project with Farahnaz Faizal, *Women, Security, South Asia: A Clearing in the Thicket*, February 2003.
- APSA Foreign Student Travel Grant, 1997.
- Ford Foundation/ACDIS Fellowship, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1992-93.
- College Open Merit Scholarship, Elphinstone College, Bombay, 1981-82.

Media Profiles

- Avilasha Sarmah, "[Fighting Gender Inequality through Dialogue](#)," Feministaa.com, July 9, 2019.
- Sukanyash, "[She Crusades for Gender Equality](#)," ShethePeopleTV, October 22, 2016.
- "[Phoenix Penngal](#)," a programme on women achievers, News7 Tamil, June 24, 2015.
- Geeta Padmanabhan, [Triggering Thought](#), The Hindu, January 1, 2014.

Languages English, Tamil, Hindi, French.

Affiliations

- Member, International Political Science Association
- Life Member, Indian Association of Women's Studies; Asiatic Society of Bombay and Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH)