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## Teaching

Core Courses on Introduction to International Relations and Theories of International Relations (MA and Integrated MA programmes)

Elective Course at MA level (design and teaching) “Gender, Law and Politics”

Academic Writing (curating a workshop series and select module teaching for doctoral students)

Course coordination “Introduction to Social Research” (Integrated MA programme)

## Research

Research Interests: Gender and law, regulation, public policy; Politics of Reproduction; critical and feminist approaches to International Relations.

Research supervision of MA Dissertations on non-traditional security studies, gender and international relations in the global south, politics of migration, body & technology, disability rights.

Ongoing supervision of two doctoral research projects – Human Rights and Refugees (Case of Rohingya refugee camps in Hyderabad, India) & Women-led Organisations and Peacebuilding (Case of All Bodo Women’s Welfare Federation, Assam, India)

Member of Research Advisory Committees of doctoral students in Departments of Political Science and Sociology as well as Centre for Comparative Literature at the University of Hyderabad.

## Prior Positions

Postdoctoral Research Associate based at the Centre for Women’s Development Studies (CWDS), New Delhi working on the European Research Council funded project “Laws of Social Reproduction” hosted at King’s College London; 15 October 2019 - 24 February 2020

Post-Doctoral Scholar, Centre de Sciences Humaines (CSH; Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities), New Delhi, India; 01 September 2018 - 14 October 2019

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Social Anthropology and Cultural Studies (ISEK), University of Zürich, Switzerland, Swiss Government Excellence Scholarship, 1 September 2017 - 31 August 2018

Assistant Professor (Ad-hoc), Departments of Political Science at Zakir Husain Delhi College (July-December 2012), and Gargi College (January-April 2013), University of Delhi, India.

## Education

PhD (2016), Centre for Comparative Politics and Political Theory (CCP&PT), School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.

Thesis Title: *Making Feminist Sense of the Commercial Surrogacy 'Industry' in India*

M.Phil. (2011), Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament (CIPOD), School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

Dissertation Title: *Globalisation and Women's Remunerative Work: The Case of Commercial Surrogacy in India*

M.A. (2009), Politics with specialization in International Relations, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

B.A. (2007), Political Science (Hons.), Miranda House, University of Delhi, India

## Publications

Banerjee, S. (2024), "[Gender and Sexuality](#)", In Jodhka, Surinder and Boike Rehbein, (eds) *Global Handbook of Inequality*, Springer: Cham, p. 345–362

Banerjee, Sneha and Prabha Kotiswaran (2021), "[Divine labours, devalued work: the continuing saga of India's surrogacy regulation](#)", *Indian Law Review*, 5(1): 85-105

Banerjee, Sneha and Prabha Kotiswaran (2021), "[Counterproductive Regulation of Assisted Reproductive Technologies: A Review of The Assisted Reproductive Technologies Bill, 2020](#)", *National Law School of India Review*, 33(2): 370-383

Banerjee, Sneha and Prabha Kotiswaran (2021), "[Regulating reproductive technologies: A blow to inclusive family forms](#)", *Economic and Political Weekly*, 56(25): 21-24

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Banerjee, Sneha (2018), "[Understanding Gestation Work in India Through Surrogacy Contracts](#)", *Interdisziplinäre Zeitschrift für Südasienforschung* (The Interdisciplinary Journal for Research on South Asia), Heidelberg, Vol. 3: 1-29

Banerjee, Sneha (2018), "Engendering International Relations: A Feminist Understanding", in Siddharth Tripathi (ed.) *International Relations Today: Theories and Issues*, New Delhi: Worldview, p. 162-183

Banerjee, Sneha (2018), "[The Law Commission and Surrogacy: A Critical Look at the 228th Report](#)", *Journal of Indian Law and Society*, "Indian Feminisms, Law Reform and the Law Commission of India: Special Issue in Honour of Lotika Sarkar" Vol. 6(Monsoon; dated 2015): 44-64

Banerjee, Sneha and Amrita Nandy (2017), "[When State Policy Refracts the Mother](#)", in Janelle Reinelt and Bishnupriya Dutt et. al. (eds.) *Gendered Citizenship: Manifestations and Performances*, Cham, Switzerland: Palgrave Macmillan and New Delhi: Orient Black Swan, p. 63-77

Banerjee, Sneha, Sarojini Nadimpally, Deepa Venkatachalam and Divya Bhagianadh (2016), “[An idea whose time has come: Compensation for vaccine-related injuries and death in India](#)”, *Indian Journal of Medical Ethics*, Vol. 11(2): 93-98

Banerjee, Sneha, Sarojini Nadimpally and Deepa Venkatachalam (2016), [Commercial Surrogacy: A Contested Terrain in the Realm of Rights and Justice](#). ARROW Thematic Paper. Kuala Lumpur: Asian-Pacific Resource and Research Centre for Women (ARROW); ISBN: 978-967-0339-29-0

Banerjee, Sneha (2012), “[Emergence of the ‘Surrogacy Industry’](#)”, *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 47(11): 27-29, 17 March.

## Other Writing

“Why Supreme Court must look into compensation for surrogates”, *The Indian Express*, 17 September 2024, <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/why-supreme-court-must-look-into-compensation-for-surrogates-9571347/>

“On menstrual leaves, the question is not ‘if, it is ‘how’”, *The Indian Express*, 19 July 2024, <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/best-of-both-sides-on-menstrual-leaves-the-question-is-not-if-it-is-how-9462317/>

“Behind Supreme Court’s remarks on sanctity of marriage, a growing social anxiety”, *The Indian Express*, 16 May 2024, <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/supreme-courts-sanctity-of-marriage-9333496/>

“The Family We Choose”, *The Indian Express*, 29 February 2024, <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/on-surrogacy-indian-law-goes-a-step-further-but-not-far-enough-9187014/>

“State is in the Room”, *The Indian Express*, 8 February 2024, <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/state-is-in-the-room-uttarakhand-ucc-live-in-relationships-9150029/>

“Whose Body, Whose Rights”, *The Indian Express*, 19 October 2023, <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/columns/denied-abortion-of-27-week-foetus-in-india-reproductive-autonomy-remains-a-pipedream-8989640/>

“Acceptability of Surrogacy”, *The India Forum*, 7 September 2023 <https://www.theindiaforum.in/health/acceptability-surrogacy>

## Scholarships & Grants

University Grants Commission (UGC) Junior Research Fellowship, 2010 - 2015 (upgraded to Senior Research Fellowship in January 2013)

Schweizerische Akademie der Geistes und Sozialwissenschaften (SAGW) Reisekosten - Early Career Researchers’ Travel Grant to attend the 25th European Conference on South Asian Studies (ECSAS), Paris, France 2018

Young South Asia Scholars’ Meet (YSASM) Travel Grants - 2016 and 2011 to attend YSASM at Centre for Modern Indian Studies (CeMIS), Georg-August University, Goettingen and Humboldt University, Berlin respectively in Germany

Travel Grant to attend the Critical Voices in Swiss IR conference at The Graduate Institute, Geneva, Switzerland, 2012.

Fee Waiver Grant and Travel Grant from the Central European University-Summer University (CEU-SUN), Budapest Hungary for Certificate Course on “Gender, State and Welfare in a Global Economy”, 2011

Travel Grant to attend Inter-Asian Connections II conference organised by Social Science Research Council (SSRC), New York held at National University of Singapore, 2010

ICSSR Conference Travel Grant to attend Inter-Asian Connections II conference at National University of Singapore, 2010 (Did not avail)