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Education

Ph.D. Political Science, University of Jammu

M. Phil. Political Science, University of Jammu

M.A. Political Science, University of Jammu

B.A. Political Science and Psychology, Government College Gandhi Nagar

Areas of Expertise for Research, Teaching, and Media Consulting

- Interdisciplinary approaches to the relationships between gender, violence, and peace
- Violence against women (VAW)
- Migration and displacement in conflict zones
- State borders and border crossings
- Female combatants
- India-Pakistan relations, particularly the Kashmir crisis
- African politics

Academic Positions Held

- 2020- Fellow, India Center, School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs and Office of Global Perspectives, University of Central Florida
- 2018-2019 Academic Consultant, International Mediating and Negotiation Operational Agency, Rome
- 2012-2018 Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, Kathmandu
- 2008-2012 Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, University of Mumbai
- 2004-2007 Research Assistant, University of Jammu
- 2003-2004 Fellow, Special Assistance Program on Kashmir, University of Jammu
- 2001-2002 Research Officer, University of Jammu

Supplemental Academic Training

- 2014 Oxfam Care Learning Event, London, UK
- 2006 Peace Builders' Forum Workshop, Cagayan de Oro, Philippines
- 2003 Conflict Transformation Workshop, New Delhi, India
- 2002 Month-long Certificate Course in Human Rights, Strasbourg, France

Publications

Authored Books

Seema Shekhawat. 2014. *Gender, Conflict and Peace in Kashmir*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Debidatta Aurobinda Mahapatra and Seema Shekhawat. 2008. *Kashmir Across LOC*. New Delhi: Gyan Publications (coauthor).

Seema Shekhawat. 2006. *Conflict and Displacement in Jammu and Kashmir: The Gender Dimension*. Jammu: Saksham Books International.

Edited Books

- Seema Shekhawat, ed. 2018. *Gender, Conflict, Peace, and United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325*. New York: Lexington Books.
- Seema Shekhawat and Emanuela C. Del Re, eds. 2017. *Women and Borders: Refugees, Migrants, Communities*. London: I.B.Tauris.
- Seema Shekhawat, ed. 2016. *Female Combatants in Conflict and Peace*. London: Palgrave Macmillan.
- Debidatta Aurobinda Mahapatra and Seema Shekhawat, eds. 2008. *Afro-Asian Conflicts: Changing Contours, Costs and Consequences*. New Delhi: New Century.

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- Seema Shekhawat. 2015. "Conflict, Peace and Patriarchy in Africa and Elsewhere." *Conflict Trends* (2015/4): 3-10.
- Seema Shekhawat. 2012. "Resettlement of Displaced." *Journal of Internal Displacement* 2(1): 49-65.
- Debidatta Aurobinda Mahapatra and Seema Shekhawat. 2008. "The Peace Process and Prospects for Economic Reconstruction in Kashmir." *Peace & Conflict Review* 3(1): 1-17.
- Seema Shekhawat. 2009. "Conflict Induced Displacement: The Pandits of Kashmir." *Conflict Trends* (2009/4): 31-37.
- Seema Shekhawat. 2009. "Fragile Kashmir, Costs and Hopes for Peace." *Journal of Alternative Perspectives in Social Sciences* 1(3): 976-981.
- Seema Shekhawat and Renu Modi. 2008. "Aftermath of the Kenyan Crisis." *Economic and Political Weekly* 43(18): 25-27.
- Seema Shekhawat. 2008. "Somalian Conflict and Food Crisis." *Horn of Africa Bulletin* (August): 5-7.
- Seema Shekhawat. 2008. "Governance Crisis in Kenya." *ICFAI University Journal of International Relations* 3(2): 1-16.
- Seema Shekhawat. 2007. "Women in Kashmir Conflict: Victims, Survivors, Peace Builders or Perpetrators?" *ICFAI Journal of Governance and Public Policy* 2(4): 43-55.

Chapters in Edited Volumes

- Seema Shekhawat. 2018. "It's All About Patriarchy": UNSCR 1325, Cultural Constraints, and Women in Kashmir. In Seema Shekhawat, ed. *Gender, Conflict, Peace and UNSCR 1325*, New York: Lexington Books, 251-268.
- Seema Shekhawat. 2018. "India-Nepal Open Border: Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation." Seema Shekhawat and Emanuela C. Del Re, eds. *Women and Borders: Refugees, Migrants, Communities*, London: IB Tauris, 131-150.
- Seema Shekhawat and Bishnu Pathak. 2015. "Female Combatants, Peace Process, and the Exclusion," in Seema Shekhawat, ed., *Female Combatants in Conflict and Peace*, (London: Palgrave Macmillan), 53-68.
- Seema Shekhawat. 2015. "Visible in Conflict, Invisible in Peace: Women in Kashmir." In Seema Shekhawat, ed. *Female Combatants in Conflict and Peace* (London: Palgrave Macmillan), 100-116.

- Seema Shekhawat and Chayanika Saxena. 2015. "Naxal Women, Violence and the Re-invention of Patriarchy." In Seema Shekhawat, ed. *Female Combatants in Conflict and Peace* (London: Palgrave Macmillan), 117-131.
- Seema Shekhawat. 2013. "Linking Peace and Development." In D. A. Mahapatra, ed. *Conflict and Peace in Eurasia* (London: Routledge), 194-209.
- Seema Shekhawat. 2011. "India, Africa and the IOR-ARC: Potential for Collaboration." In R. Modi, *South-South Cooperation* (London: Palgrave Macmillan), 220-233.
- Seema Shekhawat. 2011. "Engendering Armed Militancy in Kashmir." In Y. Guichaoua, ed. *Understanding Collective Political Violence*, (London: Palgrave Macmillan), 124-42.
- Seema Shekhawat. 2009. "The Paradox of Harnessing Water Resources and Lost Livelihoods." In R. Modi, *Beyond Relocation* (New Delhi: Sage Publications), 355-371.
- Seema Shekhawat. 2007. "Intricacy of Kashmir Problem." In A. Parashar and P. Vivek, eds. *Conflict and Politics of Jammu & Kashmir*, (Jammu: Saksham Books International), 11-24.
- Seema Shekhawat. 2007. "Conflict and Women in Kashmir." In A. Parashar and P. Vivek, eds., *Conflict and Politics of Jammu & Kashmir* (Jammu: Saksham Books International), 179-190.
- Seema Shekhawat. 2007. "Gender-sensitive Peace in Kashmir." In H. Dhungana and M. Logan, eds. *Sustainable Development in Conflict Environments*, (Nepal: CISC), 156-166.

Monographs, Working Papers, and Policy Publications

- Seema Shekhawat and Debidatta Aurobinda Mahapatra. 2010. *Contested Border and Division of Families in Kashmir* (New Delhi: WISCOMP). (First author)
- Seema Shekhawat. 2009. Gender, Conflict, and Peace Building in Kashmir. In: *Exploring Asian Approaches to Peace Building*, Ed. Action Asia (Cambodia: Action Asia).
- Seema Shekhawat. 2008. They Who Wait. In: *Closer to Ourselves: Stories from the Journey towards Peace in South Asia*, Ed. Anupama Shekher (New Delhi: WISCOMP), 75-76.
- Seema Shekhawat. 2008. 2007 Elections in Kenya and Aftermath. Working Paper. Centre for African Studies, University of Mumbai.
- Seema Shekhawat. 2008. Containing Congo Crisis: Promoting Good Governance and Sustainable Development. Working Paper. Centre for African Studies, University of Mumbai.
- Seema Shekhawat. 2008. 2007 Elections in Kenya and Aftermath. Centre for African Studies, University of Mumbai. (co-author)
- Seema Shekhawat. 2007. "Indian Women and the Nehruvian Era." Nehru Center, University of Jammu.
- Seema Shekhawat. 2007. Conflict in Kashmir: The Gender Dimension. In: Epilogue, January.
- Seema Shekhawat. 2007. Conform or Perish: Women in Pakistan. In: *Kashmir Times*, 5 April.
- Seema Shekhawat. 2007. Addressing the Alienation. In: *Kashmir Times*, 28 April.
- Seema Shekhawat. 2006. Gender in Kashmir Conflict. In: *Kashmir Images*, 10 May.
- Seema Shekhawat. 2006. Kargil Displaced: The Ordeal. In: *Kashmir Images*, 9 April.
- Seema Shekhawat. 2006. Displacement in Kashmir. In: *Kashmir Images*, 3 March.
- Seema Shekhawat. 2006. Gender Dimension of Kashmir Conflict. In: *Kashmir Images*, 8 February.
- Seema Shekhawat. 2004. Status of Women in Jammu and Kashmir. Department of Political Science, University of Jammu.

Interviews/Comments

Seema Shekhawat. 2012. Comments on Women in Kashmir. In: Epoch Times, New York, 9 April.

Seema Shekhawat. 2015. Interview regarding the issue of rape in India: By: International Mediating and Negotiating Operational Agency, Rome.

Work In Progress

- Book Project: *What is Delhi Afraid of?: Gendered Sexual Violence in “Peace,”* looks at the relationship between patriarchy, state, society, and rape with focus on India.
- Book Project: *Constellations of Violence for Female Combatants: Empowered or Abused?* examines the cases of gendered violence towards female soldiers, female insurgents, and female participants in conflict situations.
- Paper/Journal Article: “Gendered Lines” leverages my previous fieldwork in India and Nepal to explore the relationship between family separation and vulnerability to violence against women.

Consultancies, Awards and Fellowships

Consultancies, Projects, and Awards

- 2015 Women and Peace in Kashmir, International Peace Research Foundation, USA, \$5000
2011 Conflict, Violence and Women in Kashmir, Berghof Foundation, Germany, €13,000
2010 Displaced Pandits, Norwegian Refugee Council, Geneva, \$3000
2007 Scholar of Peace Award, WISCOMP, India, (Co-Investigator), \$2000
2006 Kargil Displaced in Kashmir, Norwegian Refugee Council, Geneva (Co-Investigator), \$1500
2006 Border and Development, Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development, Chandigarh (Co-Investigator), ₹10000

Graduate Fellowships/Awards

- 2001-2004 University of Jammu, Jammu, Fellowship for Doctoral Research
2003-2004 Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi, Fellowship for Doctoral Research
2001-2002 Centre for Study of Developing Societies, New Delhi, Doctoral Fellowship
1999-2000 University of Jammu, Merit Fellowship to Pursue Master of Philosophy Degree
1999 University of Jammu, Gold Medal, 1st position in Master of Arts in Political Science
1997-1998 University of Jammu, Fellowship to Pursue Master of Arts Degree
1996 University of Jammu, Jammu, Certificate for Merit Position in Bachelor of Arts Degree

Lectures and Conference Presentations

Invited Lectures

- 2019 “Female Combatants in Conflict and Peace,” University of Central Florida, Orlando
2018 “Trafficking and Women in South Asia,” Amnesty International Orlando Chapter

- 2017 “Gender, Conflict and Peace in South Asia,” Rollins College, Orlando
- 2009 “Women and Violence,” Department of Philosophy, University of Mumbai
- 2007 “Women, Violence and State in South Asia,” University of Jammu
- 2006 “Women in Kashmir Conflict,” University of Jammu
- 2006 “Status of women in India,” University of Jammu
- 2004 “Women and Domestic Violence,” University of Jammu
- 2004 “Women and Family in Kashmir,” University of Jammu

Conference Presentations

- 2020 “Gender and Security in India,” University of Central Florida, Orlando, October.
- 2018 “UNSCR 1325 and Women,” International Peace Research Association, Ahmedabad, November.
- 2018 “Peace and Women in Kashmir,” International Peace Research Association, Ahmedabad, November.
- 2017 “Masculinity and Female Combatants in South Asia,” Ben Gurion University, Israel, May.
- 2014 “Masculine Narratives on Women Making War and Peace,” MenEngage, Delhi, November.
- 2014 “Women and Peace in Kashmir,” Calcutta Research Group & Peace Research Institute Oslo, Kolkatta, India, November.
- 2009 “Mangla Dam,” University of Iowa and Vivekananda Institute, Mysore, November.
- 2009 “Violence in Kenya: Experiences of Displaced Women,” Humboldt, Berlin, September.
- 2009 “Conflict, Displacement and Peace in Kashmir,” University of California, July.
- 2009 “Women as Violence Perpetrators,” University of Oxford, Oxford, March.
- 2009 “Peace and India-Africa Relations,” University of Mumbai, Mumbai, February.
- 2008 “Kashmir a Zone of Peace?” Asian Political and International Studies Association, Jakarta, Indonesia, October.
- 2007 “Gender, Violence and Development” Centre for International Studies and Cooperation, Kathmandu, Nepal, January.
- 2006 “Conflict, women, Development in Kashmir,” Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development, Chandigarh, India, November.
- 2006 “Women in South Asia: A Deprived Lot,” University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, March.
- 2006 “Sectarian Turbulence in the Northern Areas” University of Jammu, Jammu, February.
- 2005 “Promoting Peace in Kashmir,” Government College, Jammu, India, September.
- 2005 “Women, Violence and Law in India,” University of Jammu, India, April.
- 2005 “Kashmiri Pandits and Peace Process in Kashmir,” University of Jammu, India, April.
- 2004 “Displacement on Women and Domestic Violence” Jammu, India, October.
- 2004 “Gendered Exclusion in Kashmir” University of Jammu, Jammu, July.
- 2004 “Economic Impact of Displacement on Women” University of Jammu, India, June.
- 2003 “Empowerment of Displaced Women” Women in Security, Conflict Management Peace, New Delhi, February.
- 2002 “Globalization and Indian Women,” Government College Nahan, Himachal Pradesh, India, April.
- 2002 “Impact of Displacement on Women” University of Jammu, Jammu, India, February.
- 2001 “Problems of Indian Women” United Nations Children's Fund and Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development, Chandigarh, November.

Skills

Field Research

Kashmir, Punjab, Manipur, Assam, Orissa, Delhi, Rajasthan, Kathmandu, Colombo.

Languages

English, Hindi, Punjabi, Dogri

Courses Taught

Comparative Politics:

Comparative Politics
Society and Politics in India
State Formation and Nation Building in Africa
Global Relations in Africa
Issues in Independent Africa

International Relations:

Peace and Conflict Studies

Political Theory:

Western Political Thought

Gender and Politics:

Gender and Politics
Women and Violence

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Guest Editing

2014 *Journal of Internal Displacement*, Special Issue on Displaced Women, January.
2011 *Research Papers*, Human Rights Conflict Prevention Center, University of Bihac,
Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Editorial Boards

Journal of Internal Displacement (2012-Present); *Reflections on Kashmir* (2004-2007); *Across LoC* (2004-2007).

Review Work

Stanford University Press, *Journal for Internal Displacement*; *Contexto Internacional*; *Politics, Groups, and Identities*

Commission Convener

2020 International Peace Research Association 2021 Conference, Gender and Peace Commission, Co-convener

Consulting and Advising

2016- Member and Representative of India, Women in War Think Tank, France.
2011- Member, Advisory Board, Research Papers, University in Bihac, Bosnia-Herzegovina.
2008- Member, Human Dignity and Humiliation Studies Network, USA.
2006- Member, Action Asia, Cambodia.

Chairing and Facilitating

2011 Co-convener, International Conference on India, Africa and Food Security, University of Mumbai
2010 Facilitator, Workshop on Introduction to Methods in Social Science Research, University of Mumbai
2009 Section Chair, Peace and Reconciliation Conference, University of California Los Angeles
2009 Co-convener, International Conference on South-South Cooperation, University of Mumbai
2009 Facilitator, Student Workshop on Thesis Writing, University of Mumbai
2009 Facilitator, Workshop on Research Methodology, University of Mumbai

REFERENCES

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