

## KUSUMIKA GHOSH

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### Research areas

Political sociology; social movements; citizenship and belonging; gender and feminist politics; global development; solidarity and affect; migration (Ireland–India; South–South comparisons); qualitative methods.

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### Academic appointments

**Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, Ireland India Institute (III), Dublin City University, Ireland |  
**Sep 2025–Present**

- Funded fellowship to expand, develop and publish cross-cutting research on movements, gender and urban development in Ireland, India, and Mexico.
- Institute administration (including website and social media communications); organising team member of the III Annual South Asia Conferences (since 2021).

### Education

**PhD, Dublin City University (DCU), Ireland | Awarded Oct 2025**

Fully funded by the Ireland India Institute and Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences, DCU  
Thesis: *Gendered Citizenship in India: Participation and Protest as Acts of Care in the Anti-CAA/NRC Movement*

**MA, Peace and Conflict Studies**, Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), India | **2016–2018**

Institute Gold Medallist

Thesis: *Gender, Migration, and Postcolonial Memory: The Impact of the 1947 Indian Partition on Women* (in-depth interviews)

**BA (Hons), Political Science**, St. Xavier's College, India | **2013–2016**

Cum laude; thesis on women's participation in militant organisations (LTTE, Maoists, ISIS)

**Diploma, Human Rights Education**, St. Xavier's College, Kolkata | Grade A

### Publications

#### Peer-reviewed journal articles

Ghosh, K., Gergorić, M., & Kuteleva, A. (2025). Strategic adaptations across borders: Mapping transnational anti-gender movements in political, institutional, and digital domains. *Politikon: The IAPSS Journal of Political Science*, 59(2), 2–6. <https://doi.org/10.22151/politikon.42025.0>

Gergorić, M., Ghosh, K., & Kuteleva, A. (2025). The global rise of anti-gender movements and feminist resistance strategies: A critical analysis. *Politikon: The IAPSS Journal of Political Science*, 59(1). <https://doi.org/10.22151/politikon.12025.0>

Ghosh, K. (2020, December). How protected are the refugees: A comparative study of the contemporary states of Germany and India in light of the Geneva Convention 1951. *Refugee Watch*, (56).

#### Edited volume

Tula, M., & Ghosh, K. (Eds.). (2021). *Women and Peacebuilding: Perspectives from the Field* (NESRC Peace Studies Series, Vol. 15). Guwahati: North Eastern Social Research Centre.

- Convened the originating seminar; edited selected contributions from feminist activists and scholars.

### **Book (research monograph / multi-author volume)**

Fernandes, W., Ghosh, K., et al. (2019). *Landscape of Conflicts and Peace in the Northeast: The Role of Religion* (NESRC Peace Studies Series, Vol. 14).

- **Authored 5 of 7 chapters**; co-authored remaining chapters with research assistants; conceptualised project, led fieldwork, and conducted SPSS-based analysis with a research team.

### **Under Review:**

Ghosh, K.; *The Affective Republic: A Prefiguration of Southern Citizenship* (at a Q1 journal of theory)

### **In the pipeline:**

[Working paper] Ghosh, K. & Torres Lopez, Y.; *Art and resistance: Space-making as an Act of Care in Contentious Politics* (selected to present at the prestigious International Sociological Association's RC21 Vienna 2026 – Inequalities & the City)

### **Works in progress & planned research**

**Monograph (in development):** *Feminising the Movement: Women, Citizenship, and Protest in Contemporary India* (based on PhD; under active development for submission to a university press).

**Project development:** *The Politics of Care in Crisis Governance* (care as political infrastructure in postcolonial states; proposed fieldwork in India and Ireland; prospective ERC Starting Grant pathway).

### **Editorial roles**

- **Co-editor (one of three editors)**, two-part special issue on anti-gender backlash, *Politikon* (2025).
- **Co-editor:** *Women and Peacebuilding*, 2021, NESRC India.

### **Teaching experience**

**External Module Lecturer (Module Convenor)**, Department of Anthropology, Maynooth University, Ireland | **Sep 2025–Jan 2026**

- Designed and delivered **KD361: “The New Silk Route: Development, Democracy and Governance in Contemporary Asia”** (3rd-year UG elective; class size ~25).
- Designed curriculum, assessments, and module AI-use policy.

**External Module Lecturer**, Department of International Development, Maynooth University, Ireland | **Jan 2025–May 2025**

- Taught **Planning for Development** (UG), Spring term 2024–25.

**Occasional Lecturer**, School of Law & Government, Dublin City University, Ireland | **Sep 2023–Jan 2024**

- Designed and delivered **Politics of South Asia** (3rd-year UG; cohort ~92); developed assessments and delivered lectures.

**External Module Lecturer**, Department of International Development, Maynooth University, Ireland | **Sep 2023–Jan 2024**

- Taught **Gender and International Development** (2nd-year UG); supervised student projects and assessments.

**Teaching Assistant**, Dublin City University, Ireland | **2021–2023**

- Tutorials and grading for Intro International Relations and advanced Peace Studies; individual thesis-writing support for final-year UG students.

### **Research and professional experience (non-faculty)**

**Research Assistant**, Calcutta Research Group (CRG), Kolkata, India & Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen (IWM), Vienna, Austria | **Mar 2020–Jan 2021**

- Supported Europe–Asia Research Platform on Forced Migration; convened international workshop on global protection of migrants/refugees.
- Co-authored reports on COVID-19 impacts on migrant workers; supported Distinguished Chair on Migration and Forced Migration Studies.

**Research Associate**, North Eastern Social Research Centre (NESRC), India | **2018–2019**

- Led fieldwork in conflict zones across Northeast India on religion and conflict; organised national seminar on women in conflict zones.
- Co-edited *Women and Peacebuilding* (2021); research contributed to *Landscape of Conflicts and Peace...* (2019).

**Research Intern**, Partition Museum, Delhi, India | **2019**

- Conducted oral-history interviews with Partition survivors on a less-studied frontier; contributed to archive and multimedia collection; trained in oral history methods/videography.

**Intern (DECCMA project)**, Centre for Environment & Development (CED-ENDEV) & University of Southampton | **2017–2018**

- Field research in the Sundarbans Delta on trafficking of women/girls after natural disasters; analysis of environmental and structural drivers in forced migration contexts.

### **Public scholarship & training leadership**

**Director of Social Policy & Inequity**, Niti Vichaar, India | **2018–Present**

- Developed and led a certificate training programme in social science research (currently in its 4th cohort).
- Organised workshops on gender, consent, and conflict resolution; delivered consent workshops (including Loreto College Kolkata; ~85 attendees) and an online public lecture (YouTube).

### **Conference presentations (selected)**

[Upcoming] **International Sociological Association (RC21)** | 2026 | Vienna

**[Upcoming] Movements at Manchester: Alternative Futures & Popular Protest** | 2026 | Manchester

**British Association for South Asian Studies (BASAS) Annual Conference** | 2024 | London

- “Spaces of Solidarity: Citizenship, Collective Action and Women in Contemporary India”

**International Political Science Association (IPSA) World Congress** | 2023 | Buenos Aires

- “Researching Anti-Politics: Methodologies for Studying Women’s Leadership in India’s Anti-CAA/NRC Movement”

**European International Studies Association (EISA) Pan-European Conference** | 2022 | Athens

- “Contesting ‘Illiberal’ Politics: Citizenship, Gender and Protests in Contemporary India”

### **Workshops & invited seminars (selected)**

**Law and Resistance Research Group**, University of Sussex, UK | 2024

- Autumn Seminar Series on Resistance and Anti-Colonial Struggle (work-in-progress on feminism, nationalism, and indigeneity in Assam)

**Calcutta Research Group**, India | 2020

- Annual Research and Orientation Workshop on Global Protection of Refugees and Migrants (work later published in *Refugee Watch*)

### **Methods & Tools**

Qualitative: in-depth interviews; ethnography; oral history; archival and movement materials; Reflexive Thematic Analysis; NVivo.

Quantitative: SPSS, STATA (team-based analysis and reporting, NESRC project).

### **References**

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