

**Bidisha Biswas**

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Western Washington University  
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**EMPLOYMENT**

**Western Washington University** (2016-Present)  
Professor, Department of Political Science

**Western Washington University** (2010-2016)  
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science

**Western Washington University** (2006-2010)  
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

**OTHER APPOINTMENTS**

**Non-Resident/Visiting Research Fellow** (2021)  
Calcutta Research Group, India

**Fulbright US Scholar** (2019)  
University of Lisbon, Portugal

**University of Washington, Seattle** (2015)  
Visiting Associate Professor, Jackson School of International Studies

**United States Department of State** (2012-2013)  
Franklin Fellow, Office of South and Central Asia, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor

**EDUCATION**

**University of Maryland, College Park** (2006)  
Doctor of Philosophy, Department of Government and Politics

**Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi** (1996)  
Postgraduate Diploma in International Business

**Hindu College, University of Delhi** (1994)  
Bachelor of Arts with Honors (Political Science)

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Introduction to International Relations, International Terrorism, Democratization, American Foreign Policy, Conflict Processes & Conflict Resolution, Applied Methods, South Asia Politics

**REFEREED PUBLICATIONS**

“Radicalizing Female Empowerment: Gender, Agency, and Affective Appeals in Islamic State Propaganda” (with Shirin Deylami). 2019. *Small Wars & Insurgencies* 30(6-7): 1193-1213. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/09592318.2019.1649831>.

- “Who Protests? An Exploration of the Class Dimensions of Anti-Corruption Mobilization” (with Ramya M. Vijaya). 2019. *Governance*. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/gove.12395>.
- “What Can I Do with This Class? Building Employment-Related Skills in International Relations Courses” (with Virginia Haufler). 2018. *Journal of Political Science Education*. DOI: 10.1080/15512169.2018.1515634 .
- “From Aruna Shanbaug to Jyoti Singh: A Tale of Policy Change as Told Through Landmark Rape Cases in India.” 2017. In *New Feminisms in South Asia: Disrupting the Discourse Through Social Media, Film and Literature*, edited by Sonora Jha and Alka Kurian. New York: Routledge: pp.42-59.
- “Just Say No: Explaining the Lack of International Mediation in Kashmir.” 2017. *International Negotiation* 22(3): 499-520.
- “Finding Agency in the Margins: Lessons from Teaching as Immigrant Women of Color” (with Shirin Deylami). 2017. *PS: Political Science and Politics* 50(4): 1011-1014.
- Indian Immigrant Women and Work* (with Ramya Vijaya). 2016. NY: Routledge.
- “Teaching Theory, Writing Policy: Integrating Lessons from Foggy Bottom into the Classroom” (with Agnieszka Paczynska). 2015. *PS: Political Science and Politics* 48(1): 157-161.
- Managing Conflicts in India: Policies of Coercion and Accommodation*. 2014. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.
- “Tracking the War of Ideas: A Poll of Ottawa Muslims” (with Clark McCauley, Christian Leuprecht, Todd Hataley, Conrad Winn). 2011. *Terrorism and Political Violence* 23(5): 804-819.
- “Negotiating the Nation: Diaspora Contestations about Hindu Nationalism in India.” 2010. *Nations and Nationalism* 16(4): 696-714.
- “Just Between Friends: Bilateral Cooperation and Bounded Sovereignty in the ‘Global War on Terror’.” 2009. *Politics and Policy* 37(5): 929-950.
- “Can’t We Just Talk? Reputational Concerns and International Intervention in Sri Lanka and Indonesia (Aceh).” 2009. *International Negotiation* 14(1): 121-147.
- “The Challenges of Conflict Management: A Case Study of Sri Lanka.” 2006. *Civil Wars* 8(1): 46-65.
- “Mediation Style and Crisis Outcomes: A Cross-National Analysis, 1918-2001” (with Kyle Beardsley, David Quinn, and Jonathan Wilkenfeld). 2006. *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 50(1): 58-86.
- “Nationalism by Proxy: A Comparison of Sikh and Hindu Diaspora Nationalism.” 2004. *Nationalism and Ethnic Politics* 10(2): 269-295.

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

“Narendra Modi’s Soft-Power Diplomatic Efforts Abroad Are Being Undone by Hardline Politics at Home” (with Anish Goel). 2020. *The Scroll*, May 11. <https://scroll.in/article/961333/narendra-modis-soft-power-diplomatic-efforts-abroad-are-being-undone-by-hardline-politics-at-home>

“India’s Citizenship Policies Find Parallels in Neighboring Myanmar.” 2020. *Political Violence at a Glance*, March 19. <http://politicalviolenceataglance.org/2020/03/19/indias-citizenship-policies-find-parallels-in-neighboring-myanmar/>.

“As Seattle City Council Condemns CAA, US and India's Shared Moral History Continues.” 2020. *The Wire*, February 4. *The Wire*, February 4. <https://thewire.in/world/seattle-city-council-caa-india-us-moral-history>.

“Indian Americans Disillusioned with Hindutva Can Still Give Moral Oxygen to CAA Protesters.” 2020. *The Print*, January 6. <https://theprint.in/opinion/indian-americans-disillusioned-with-hindutva-can-give-moral-oxygen-to-caa-protesters/345142/>.

“Challenging Hegemony, Building Bridges: Pedagogical Tools to Mediate Campus Polarization”. 2019. *ASIANetwork Exchange* 26(1): 26–32. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.16995/ane.292>

“What Comes after US Hegemony?” (with Anish Goel). 2018. *The Diplomat*, December 19. <https://thediplomat.com/2018/12/what-comes-after-us-hegemony/>

“This is Why Indian Immigrants Won’t Benefit from Trump’s Immigration Plan” (with Ramya Vijaya). 2018. Monkey Cage: *The Washington Post*, March 1. [https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2018/03/01/this-is-why-indian-immigrants-wont-benefit-from-trumps-immigration-plan/?utm\\_term=.78212b40ad29](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2018/03/01/this-is-why-indian-immigrants-wont-benefit-from-trumps-immigration-plan/?utm_term=.78212b40ad29).

“Immigrants, Diversity, and Responding to Hate Crime” (with Ramya Vijaya). 2017. *The Aerogram*, March 7. <http://theaerogram.com/immigrants-diversity-hate-crime/>

“In Kashmir, They Disappear: Civilians, Militants, and Democracy” (with Anish Goel). 2014. *Foreign Policy: The South Asia Channel*, November 7. [http://southasia.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2014/11/07/in\\_kashmir\\_they\\_disappear\\_civilians\\_militants\\_and\\_democracy](http://southasia.foreignpolicy.com/posts/2014/11/07/in_kashmir_they_disappear_civilians_militants_and_democracy)

“New Directions in India’s Foreign Policy.” 2012. *India Review* 11(2): 132-138.

“The Separatist Conflict in Sri Lanka: Terrorism, Ethnicity, Political Economy,” by Asoka Bandarage. 2010. *Civil Wars* 12(1): 176. [Book review]

"The Global War on Terror: What is it We're Fighting?" July 23, 2008. *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*.

“Canada-US Information Sharing and the Case of Maher Arar.” 2007. Border Policy Research Institute, Western Washington University.

“Scarcity and Surfeit: The Ecology of Africa’s Conflicts,” by Jeremy Lind and Kathryn Sturman (Eds). 2005. *Environmental Change and Security Program* 11: 104-106. Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. [Book review]

“The Marketing of Rebellion,” by Clifford Bob. 2005. *International Studies Review* 7(4): 657-658. [Book review]

“Continuing Crisis in Nepal.” December 2003. *South Asia Monitor*, Center for Strategic and International Studies.

“Sri Lanka: Continuing Negotiations by Other Means.” November 2003. *South Asia Monitor*, Center for Strategic and International Studies.

### **INVITED LECTURES & PANELS**

“Beyond Borders: South Asian Immigrants and the Northwest”. Museum of History and Industry (MOHAI), Seattle, USA. February 2020.

“Does Deprivation Explain Political Rage? The Links Between Inequality and Violent Extremism.” National Defense Institute, Lisbon, Portugal. November 2019.

“Jihadi Bride..,Or Jihadi? Gender, Emotion and Empowerment in ISIS Propaganda”, University of Porto, Portugal. October 2019.

“Global, Regional, and National Norms in Refugee Policies”. Exiles Memorial Center, Estoril, Portugal. November 2019.

“Radicalizing Female Empowerment: Examining Gender and Agency in ISIS Propoaganda.” University of Coimbra, Portugal. September 2019.

“‘We Have to Be There’...or Do We? US Foreign Policy and Human Rights Promotion.” University of Coimbra, Portugal. September 2019.

“Challenging Hegemony, Building Bridges: Pedagogical Tools to Mediate Campus Polarization.” Keynote Address to the Annual Conference of the ASIANetwork, Philadelphia, PA, June 2018.

“Micropolitics of Workplace Diversity,” South Asian Women’s Professional Network, Seattle, WA, November 2015.

“India's Security Situation: A Brake on U.S.-India Relations?” Council on Foreign Relations, Seattle, WA, March 2015.

“Managing Conflicts in India,” Book Talk, START, College Park, MD, June 2014.

“Managing Conflicts in India,” Book Talk, United States Department of State, Washington, DC, June 2014.

“Managing Conflicts in India,” Book Talk, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, DC, June 2014.

“Political Islam and Militancy in India,” Defense Intelligence Agency, Washington, DC, November 2013.

“Democracy Unbound? Human Rights in the Year of Elections in South Asia,” Department of State, Washington, DC, July 2013.

“Conflict and Terrorism in South Asia,” World Affairs Council Summer Institute, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, June 2010-June 2012.

“Social Media and Political Stability,” Intelligence Community Colloquium, Institute for National Security Education and Research, University of Washington, Seattle, February 2011.

“Security, Diversity, and Human Rights,” Global Conference on Human Rights and Diverse Societies, Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, October 2010.

“Counter-terrorism, Bounded Sovereignty and the Human Rights Dilemma,” South Asian Lecture Series, University of Fraser Valley, Abbotsford, Canada, October 20, 2010.

“Human Rights, Diversity and Security,” The Global Conference on Human Rights in Diverse Societies, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, October 2010.

“Terrorism in South Asia,” Center for Talented Youth/START Odyssey Workshop, College Park, MD, November 2009.

“Terrorism and International Negotiation in India,” Center for Talented Youth/START Odyssey Workshop, College Park, MD, November 2009.

“Northern Border Security Challenges and Cross-Border Cooperation,” Consulate General of Canada (New York) and Yale University, New York City, NY, October 2008.

“Understanding Al-Qaeda,” World Affairs Council Summer Institute, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, June 2008.

“The Motivations of Terrorist Groups,” Consortium Meeting of the National Visualization and Analytics Center, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Richland, WA, November 2007.

“(Why) Do They Hate Us? Understanding Salafi Jihadi Terrorism,” League of Women Voters, Bellingham, WA, April 2007.

“The Personal *or* the Political? Images of Women at War,” Keynote Address, International Women’s Day, Bellingham, WA, March 2007.

### **CONFERENCE PAPERS**

“Winning Hearts or Demanding Obedience? Policies of Coercion and Accommodation in Democracies,” ISSS-ISAC Annual Conference Washington, D.C., October 2017.

“What Can I Do with This Class? Building Employment-Related Skills in International Relations Courses,” Annual Political Science Association (APSA) Teaching and Learning Conference, Long Beach, CA, February 2017.

“Alternative Politics and the Urban Middle Class: A Study of Recent Protest Movements in India,” Annual Conference of the International Studies Association (ISA), Baltimore, MD, February 2017.

“Crisis Mediation and Conflict Resolution: An Examination of the Outcomes of Third-Party Intervention in the Kashmir Dispute,” ISA Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA, March 2016.

“What Happens After I Graduate? Careers in International Relations,” ISA Annual Convention, Atlanta, GA, March 2016.

“In Kashmir, They Disappear: Revisiting AFSPA through the Lens of *Haider*,” Symposium on the Politics of Filmmaking in South Asia," University of Washington, Bothell, WA, October 2015.

“Understanding and Explaining a Complex World: Developing Effective Assignments for Students Seeking Careers in International Relations,” Annual Convention of the International Studies Association- West, Pasadena, CA, September 2015.

“Choosing Between Coercion and Accommodation,” Annual Convention of the International Studies Association (ISA), San Diego, CA, April 2012.

“Teaching Theory, Teaching Policy: Integrating Lessons from Foggy Bottom into the Classroom,” APSA Teaching and Learning Conference, Philadelphia, PA, February 2014.

“Good Cop or Bad Cop? Explaining State Choices in Counterinsurgency Operations,” ISA Annual Convention, Montreal, Canada, March 2011.

“Using Simulations to Teach about Conflict,” APSA Annual Convention, Washington, DC, September 2010.

“Moving Beyond the Obstacle of Prior Knowledge in International Relations,” APSA Teaching and Learning Conference, Baltimore, MD, February 2009.

“Can We Talk to Terrorists? Reputational Concerns and International Intervention in Sri Lanka and Indonesia (Aceh),” ISA Annual Convention, New York, NY, February 2009.

“Just Between Friends? Understanding Bilateral and Multilateral Cooperation in the ‘Global War on Terror’,” Border Regions in Transition IX Conference, Victoria, Canada, January 2008.

“Counterterrorism in the United States and Canada: A Comparative Study of the Post-9/11 Environment,” Annual Convention of the Association for Canadian Studies in the United States, Toronto, Canada, November 2007.

“We Are Good Citizens: A Comparative Study of Post-9/11 Diaspora Mobilization in the USA and Canada,” ISA Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, March 2007.

“The Challenges of Conflict Management: A Case Study of Sri Lanka,” ISA Annual Convention, San Diego, California, March 2006.

“Double-Edged Diplomacy: A Case Study of Sri Lanka,” Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Denver, CO, September 2005.

“Mediation Style and Crisis Outcomes: A Cross-National Analysis, 1918-2001,” (Co-author), ISA Annual Convention, Montreal, Canada, March 2004.

“Managing Discontent: Institutions, Intervention and Ethnic Conflict,” ISA Annual Convention, Montreal, Canada, March 2004.

“Resolving Low Intensity Conflicts in Democratic Developing Countries,” Women in International Security Summer Symposium, Washington D.C., June 2003.

“From Riots to Wars: An Examination of the Relation between Low Intensity Conflict and Civil War,” Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, April 2003.

“Are We at War Yet? An Inquiry into the Relation between Low Intensity Conflict, Ethnic Diversity, and Civil War, 1970-1999,” ISA Annual Convention, Portland, OR, February 2003.

### **CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

Invited Participant, “International Policy Summer Institute,” Bridging the Gap, American University, June 2018.

Faculty Mentor, “The Politics of the Forgotten and the Aggrieved: Remaking the World Order?,” Annual Student Conference on U.S. Affairs, West Point Military Academy, West Point, NY, November 2017.

Chair, Panel on “Creative Approaches to Conflict Resolution,” Annual Convention of the International Studies Association (ISA), Atlanta, GA, March 2016.

Discussant, Panel on “Global Issues: Theory and Policy,” Annual Convention of ISA-West, Pasadena, CA, September 2015.

Chair and Discussant, Panel on “Civil War Causes and Dynamics,” Annual Convention of ISA, San Diego, CA, April 2012.

Invited Participant, Panel on “Developing Curriculum to Address National Security Challenges in the Information Age: Cyber Security, Counterterrorism, and Regional Studies,” Summer Seminar of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) Community Centers of Academic Excellence, National Harbor, MD, August 2010.

Chair, Round Table on Developing National Security Curriculum and Programs, Summer Seminar of the ODNI Community Centers of Academic Excellence, Seattle, WA, August 2009.

Invited Participant, Safety and Security Education and Research 2008, University of Washington, Seattle, WA, October 2008.

Invited Participant, Annual Meeting of the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START), College Park, MD, September 2008.

Discussant, Panel on “Strategy in Civil War,” Annual Meeting of APSA, Boston, MA, August 2008.

Chair and Discussant, Panel on “Diasporas in International Relations,” Annual Meeting of APSA, Boston, MA, August 2008.

Chair and Discussant, “Geopolitics and Border Regions,” Border Regions in Transition IX Conference, Victoria, Canada, January 2008.

Invited participant, CONNECT Seminar, Ottawa, Canada, July 2007.

Invited Participant, Annual Meeting of START, College Park, MD, June 2007.

Invited Participant, Panel on “Environmental and Cultural Threats to Security? Citizenship, Identity and Migration,” Workshop on Terrorism, Trade and the Threat to Prosperity: Adapting North American Security and Border Relations to Terrorist Threats, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, Canada, March 2007.

“Diaspora Politics,” Panel Chair, ISA Annual Convention, Chicago, IL, March 2007.

Invited participant, Summer Workshop on Teaching about Terrorism, University of Georgia, Athens, GA, July 2006.

Invited participant, Conference on The Role of Diasporas in Developing the Homeland, The George Washington University, Washington D.C., June 2006.

Invited participant, Consultation on Transnational Diasporic Communities and Canadian Intelligence Activity, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto, Canada, March 2006.

Invited discussant, “Material and Social Remittances to Afghanistan,” Workshop on Enhancing Knowledge Exchange through Professional Diasporas, Asian Development Bank and The George Washington University, Washington D.C., March 2006.

Invited participant, Conference on “Rebuilding Governance in Post-Conflict Societies: What’s New, What’s Not,” The George Washington University, Washington, DC., May 2005.



Invited participant, Conference on “Non-State Actors, Terrorism, and Weapons of Mass Destruction,” University of Maryland, College Park, October 2004.

Invited discussant, “Material and Social Remittances to Afghanistan,” by Shah Mahmoud Hanifi, Workshop on Enhancing Knowledge Exchange through Professional Diasporas, Asian Development Bank and The George Washington University, Washington D.C., March 2006.

Invited discussant, “What if They Gave a Demonstration and Nobody Came?” by Agnieszka Paczynska, DC Area Workshop on Contentious Politics, University of Maryland, College Park, March 2006.

Invited participant, Conference on “Rebuilding Governance in Post-Conflict Societies: What’s New, What’s Not,” The George Washington University, Washington, DC., May 2005.

Invited participant, Conference on “Non-State Actors, Terrorism, and Weapons of Mass Destruction,” University of Maryland, College Park, October 2004.

### **GRANTS & AWARDS**

**Summer Research Award** (2014, 2017)  
Western Washington University

**Online Teaching Workshops Developing Online Teaching Tools** (2010)  
Western Washington University

**Best Paper Award (Conflict Resolution in Sri Lanka)** (2012)  
United States Institute of Peace and Georgia State University

**Research Award** (2011-2012)  
Embassy of Canada, Washington, DC

**Curriculum Development Award** (2009-2010)  
National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism, University of Maryland

**Research Consultant** (2009)  
National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism, University of Maryland

**Faculty Development Grant** (2007-2009)  
Western Washington University

**Border Policy Research Institute Award** (2006-2009)  
Western Washington University

**Post-Doctoral Fellowship** (2006-2008)  
National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism, University of Maryland

**Graduate Fellow** (2003-2004)  
Harrison Program on the Future Global Agenda, University of Maryland

**Best Paper Award: Runner-Up** (2003)

Women in International Security Summer Symposium

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Reviewer, *Journal of Peace Research*

Reviewer, *Journal of Comparative Politics*

Reviewer, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*

Reviewer, *Conflict Management and Peace Science*

Reviewer, *Political Science Quarterly*

Reviewer, *International Studies Quarterly*

Reviewer, *Journal of South Asian Diaspora*

Reviewer, *Civil Wars*

Reviewer, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada

Reviewer, *Routledge*

Head, Seattle Chapter, Women in International Security (2011-2012)

**DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Assessment Committee

Honors Thesis Advisor

Tenure and Promotion Committee

Post-Tenure Review Committee

Curriculum Committee

Advisor to International Affairs Student Organization