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EDUCATION

**Josef Korbel School of Global and Public Affairs,
University of Denver**

Expected May 2026

International Studies, Ph.D. Candidate

- **Dissertation:** Beyond the state: social movements and alternative democratic orders
- **Committee:** Dr. Marie Berry (Chair); Dr. Deborah Avant; Dr. Rebecca Galemba; Dr. Milli Lake, London School of Economics and Political Science (external)

London School of Economics and Political Science

October 2023

Visiting Scholar

- Attached to the Gender, Justice, and Security Hub at the Centre for Women, Peace, and Security

**Josef Korbel School of Global and Public Affairs,
University of Denver**

2020

International Studies, M.A.

- Specialization in Gender and Conflict
- One of ten awardees of the Sie Fellowship and full-tuition scholarship for outstanding master's degree students

Indian Institute of Technology Madras

2018

Development Studies, M.A/B.A.

- **M.A. Thesis:** 'Between peacekeeping and humanitarian intervention': A study of the Indian Peacekeeping Force in Sri Lanka.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social Movements, Gender, Comparative Politics, Conflict, Violence, State-Society relations,

PUBLICATIONS

- Lake, Milli, Marie E. Berry, **Sinduja Raja** and Soraya Zarook (2025) 'Hierarchies of Violence, Victimhood, and Remedy in the Pursuit of Women's Rights After War'. *Global Studies Quarterly* 5 (2).<https://doi.org/10.1093/isagsq/ksaf051>.

- Anumol, Dipali, **Sinduja Raja**, and Q Manivannan. July 2025. 'The Politics of Care: Mapping emancipatory futures in/beyond institutions'. In the *A Contemporary Reader of Feminist International Relations.*, edited by Catherine Goetze and Khushi Singh Rathore. Routledge International Handbooks. New York: Routledge.
- **Raja, Sinduja** (2024) Review of 'Twelve Feminist Lessons of War'. By Cynthia Enloe. Oakland: University of California Press, 2023. 224 Pages. *Peace and Change* 49 (3): 293–95. DOI: 10.1111/pech.12668.
- **Raja, Sinduja** (2023) Women's Rights After War on Paper: An Analysis of Legal Discourse, *Journal of Genocide Research*, DOI: 10.1080/14623528.2023.2212511
- Q Manivannan, Dipali Anumol, **Sinduja Raja**, Dipti Tamang, Khushi Singh Rathore, Emma Louise Backe, and Laura J. Shepherd (2023) Care conversations, *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, 25:2, 336-352, DOI: 10.1080/14616742.2023.2190341
- **Raja, Sinduja**, Marie E. Berry, and Milli Lake. Research Brief: Women's Rights After War. Folke Bernadotte Academy. December 2020.

Datasets

- Berry, Marie E., Milli Lake, **Sinduja Raja** and Soraya Zarook. *Post-war Gender Reforms Dataset*. Published August 2022. Distributed by Women's Rights After War, The Gender, Justice, and Security Hub

WORKING PAPERS

- **Raja, Sinduja**. 2025. Beyond the State: Social Movements, Welfare Ecosystems, and New Political Subjectivities in Mexico and India (*Under review*)
- **Raja, Sinduja**. 2025. Securitizing Resistance: community self-protection in high-risk movements
- **Raja, Sinduja**. Milli Lake 2025. Women's Rights After War: reading harm on paper

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

- **Raja, Sinduja**, Soraya Zarook, Marie Berry, and Milli Lake. 'Fragments: A Zine of the WRAW Project'. *Cuarto Estudio*. May 2025.
- **Raja, Sinduja**. "Protests as Ecosystems of Care: Reimagining the Future through Protests in India" *Conflict(ed): Official Blog of the Peace, War, and Social Conflict Section of the American Sociological Association*. September 21, 2021
- **Raja, Sinduja** 'India's MeToo Movement: A Challenge to Intersectional Feminism" *School of Blogal Studies: University of Gothenburg*. February 25, 2019

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

‘Social movements as democratic ecosystems: a comparative study of movements in India and Mexico’

October 2024

European Workshops in International Studies, European International Studies Association

‘Protests and patriarchy: social movements as home-states’

August 2024

International Feminist Journal of Politics Annual Conference

“Protests as ecosystems of care: reimagining the future through protests in India”

July 2022

In and About: A Feminist Ethic of Care and Academia (Roundtable)

July 2022

International Studies Association Annual Meeting

‘Beyond the State: Social Movements, Welfare Ecosystems, and New Political Subjectivities in Mexico and India’ March 2025

‘Protests and patriarchy: social movements, alternative ecosystems, and gender’

April 2024

‘Protests as ecosystems of care’: reimagining the future through protests in India

March 2023

Internalising feminist practice: Spirals that bring us together (Roundtable), March 2023

“Militarization and Administration in Kashmir”: Negotiating violence, resistance and participation in the Sovereign State

April 2021; Accepted, 2020 (*cancelled due to COVID-19*)

Four Corners Conflict Network

‘The dual face of the state’: Militarization and administration in Kashmir

March 2021

Sovereignty and Power: Graduate Student Conference, UC Riverside

‘Militarization and Administration in Kashmir’: Negotiating violence, resistance and participation in the Sovereign State, May 2019.

INVITED TALKS AND LECTURES

- **Speaker** "Women's Rights After War", Advancing Women and Gender Equality in Peace Negotiations Speaker Series, Women and Public Policy Program, Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University, November 2023
- **Panelist** "Women and Gender in Hub Research" UKRI and GCRF Gender, Justice, and Security Hub: The Story of the Hub. Bogota, Colombia, July 2023
- **Guest Lecturer** "Post-conflict Gender Empowerment: the mismatch between top-down and bottom-up approaches", *Politics of Deeply Divided Societies*, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, Fall 2022
- **Participant** UKRI and GCRF Gender, Justice, Security Hub Convention, Belfast and London, May 2022
- **Seminar Presentation** Women's Rights After War, Gender, Peace, and Security Seminar Series, Monash University (w/Marie Berry), May 2021
- **Panelist** "Doing Feminist Fieldwork" UKRI and GCRF Gender, Justice, and Security Hub: Methods, Creativity, Innovation. Convention, January 2021

RESEARCH AND TEACHING POSITIONS

- **Lead Researcher** FAST project: Studying the Firearm Assault Shoot Team Denver Police Department, project funded by Arnold Ventures, 2025-ongoing
- **Project Manager** Women's Rights After War, project funded by the National Science Foundation and the UK Government's Research and Innovation Fund, 2019-2025
- **Graduate Research Assistant** Inclusive Global Leadership Initiative: summer program for women-identified activists from around the world, Sie Cheou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy, 2019 and 2022
- **Graduate Teaching Assistant** Gender, Security, and Human Rights, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver, Spring 2021; **Instructor: Dr. Marie Berry**
- **Graduate Teaching Assistant** Gender, Security, and Human Rights, Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver, Spring 2020; **Instructor: Dr. Marie Berry**
- **Graduate Research Assistant** Rebel Organizations, ideologies, and civil war, Sie Cheou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy, 2018-2019; **Supervisor: Dr. Kai Thaler**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Researcher**, Gender 101 project and Gender Justice Journey, Gender and Research Teams, Oxfam America, 2024
- **Research Intern** Gender Justice Journey, Gender and Research Teams, Oxfam America, June-September 2019
- **Research Intern** United Nations Economic and Social Council Division, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, June-August 2017
 - **Research Output:** "Financing the Sustainable Development Goals": An Indian Perspective
- **Lead Researcher and Survey Manager** Kabadiwalla Connect, social enterprise funded by the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data, April-August 2015

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

External

- Investigator, National Science Foundation (*300,000 dollars plus 60,000 supplement*) and United Kingdom Research and Innovation Global Challenges Research Fund, Women's Rights After War, 2019-2024

Internal

- Doctoral Support Fund, Josef Korbel School of Global and Public Affairs, University of Denver 2024
- Doctoral Support Fund, Josef Korbel School of Global and Public Affairs, University of Denver 2023
- DULCCES Research and Creative Work Grant for dissertation, Latinx Center, University of Denver 2022-2023
- Doctoral Fellowship, Josef Korbel School of Global and Public Affairs, University of Denver 2020-2022
- Sie Fellowship, Sié Chéou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy, University of Denver 2018-2020'

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND RESEARCH SKILLS

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, 2022

Mediation Certification, Phoenix Strategies, 2018

Software: Stata, Dedoose

Languages : English (native), Tamil (native), Hindi (proficient), Spanish(beginner)

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE

Research Assistant:, International Studies Association-International Security Studies Section
Coordinator and organizer of international security studies section panels and roundtables

Discussant: Korbel Research Seminar Series, May 2022

Meg. K. Guilford. Book Project titled "Money, Power, and Respect: Explaining the Effects of Intervention on Violence Against Civilians."

Discussant:, Korbel Research Seminar Series, February 2022

Elizabeth L. Brannon. Working Paper titled "The Election of Former Female Rebels"

Discussant: Korbel Research Seminar Series, October 2020

Rachel Schmidt. Working Paper titled "'We are not victims of the FARC, we are victims of the State': Contestations of Victimhood Among Ex-Combatants in Colombia"

Volunteer: Annual Conference, International Security Studies Section of the International Studies Association, 2019