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EDUCATION

2019 – 2020 MA Governance, Development and Public Policy, University of Sussex

Thesis:’ *Why did the Right to Healthcare Movement in India not lead to a Right to Health Act?’.*

2013 – 2017 B.A (Liberal Arts) Political Science and Public Policy, Symbiosis International University

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2020-2021 Research Assistant, Institute of Development Studies, UK

Assisted Colin Anderson on the project ‘Navigating Civic Space in a Time of Covid-19’ by doing monthly summaries of global literature, creating a Zotero library of relevant literature and helping write the final report.

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2018-2019  **Program Associate,** National Centre for Advocacy Studies, India

Managed a project on health budget transparency in Maharashtra, India; facilitated community score cards to increase social accountability on nutrition programs in tribal-dominated villages; conducted a national study of inequality in implementation of Right to Education policy; held advocacy training programs in colleges.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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