

# RISHITA NANDAGIRI

## RESEARCH FOCUS & SKILLS

**Abortion, Sexual and Reproductive Rights and Justice, Population Studies, Gender and Development.**

**Mixed-Methods Research, Qualitative Research, Policy Analysis, & Feminist Methodologies and Praxis.**

## EXPERIENCE

**Research Assistant | Children's Online Privacy & Commercial Use of Data | Department of Media and Communications | 2018-2019**

RA for year-long ICO-funded project centring children's perspectives of their online privacy, and their negotiations and contestations online. Conducting literature reviews, writing, facilitating focus group discussions, and other research-related tasks.

**Graduate Teaching Assistant | Department of Social Policy | 2017-2018**

GTA class teacher for SA101 Sociology and Social Policy (Michaelmas and Lent Terms), and SA201 Research Methods for Social Policy (Michaelmas Term). Planned and delivered classes, marked formative and summative assignments, and provided feedback.

**Research Assistant | Professor Lucinda Platt | 2016**

Literature review and annotated bibliography of longitudinal studies on gender and adolescence in the UK, identifying gaps in education and health.

**Administrative Assistant | Personal Social Services Research Unit | 2016**

Supported PSSRU with literature reviews, editing, bibliographies, and other research and administrative tasks as required by the unit.

## BACKGROUND

Rishita Nandagiri is a PhD Candidate at the Dept. of Social Policy, LSE. Her PhD research explores women's abortion experiences in India.

She has over eight years of professional experience in SRHR campaigning, drawing on strong research and advocacy skills.



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## EDUCATION

**PhD Candidate | 2015-2019 | LSE**

Awarded an LSE PhD Studentship.

**Master of Arts | 2008 | The European Peace University**

**Bachelor of Arts | 2007 | Bangalore University**

**Report Writer and Editor | Youth LEAD | 2015**

Systematic literature review to substantiate research report on the rights of young 'key affected populations' in Asia and the Pacific. Edited and substantially re-wrote text for publication.

**Research Consultant | FRIDA Fund | 2015**

Conceptualised and conducted a mixed-methods study on global young feminist organising. Produced an analysis document, several 'blurbs', and a follow-up research plan.

**Facilitator & Mentor | Women Deliver | 2015**

Mentored 'Cohort 4' of Women Deliver's Young Leaders Programme, facilitating the course and supporting the development of the young leaders' advocacy and programme plans.

**Researcher | American Jewish World Service | 2015**

Co-authored five papers on social movements in India. First-authored two papers (Sexual Rights, and Youth Movements), and contributed as second author on three papers (Women's, Public Health, and Child Rights movements),

**Consultant Writer | UNFPA | 2015**

Co-authored a supplementary report for UNFPA's ICPD Beyond 2014 Global Report, aimed at youth movements and activists.

**Consultant Writer | Asia-Pacific Alliance for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights | 2014**

Authored factsheets and an advocacy booklet based on the 'Sustaining Progress on Population and Development in Asia and the Pacific: 20 years after ICPD' report.

**Researcher | Youth Coalition | 2014**

Authored an internal document on organisational transitions and sustainability.

**Programme Officer | Asian-Pacific Research and Resource Centre for Women | 2013**

Managed research publications and events, represented the organisation at regional and international events, and produced in-house reports on thematic priorities.

**Programme Officer | Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights | 2009-2013**

Managed global youth, and advocacy programmes, authored reports, & policy position papers.

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

2017 | Engenderings | **Why feminism: some notes from 'the field' on doing feminist research.**

2016 | **Post-what? global advocacy and its disconnects: the Cairo legacy and the post-2015 agenda.** In: Harcourt, Wendy, (ed.) Bodies in Resistance: Gender and Sexual Politics in the Age of Neoliberalism. Gender, Development and Social Change. pp. 235-249.

2016 | Youth LEAD | **Our Rights Matter Too: Sexual and Reproductive Rights of Young Key Populations in Asia and the Pacific**

2016 | LSE Review of Books | **The Country of Lost Boys by Amartya Sen**

2015 | OpEd; Daily Maverick | **Abortion: it happens all the time**

2015 | Postcolonialism And/OR Feminism, Postcolonial Studies Association | **Outraging Whom?**

2015 | Africa is a Country | **Confessions of three humanitarians**

2015 | In Plainspeak, TARSHI | **The Body in Development Speak**

2015 | Africa is a Country | **Let's Talk About Charlayne Hunter-Gault's e-book on "corrective rape" in South Africa**

2015 | In Plainspeak, TARSHI | **From Knowing to Doing**