

# KALYANI YEOLA

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I have submitted my thesis titled "Negotiating Nation and Citizenship: An Ethnographic Study of Tibetan Youth-in-Exile in India" at BITS, Pilani, in December 2024. I have been granted the prestigious Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) for the doctoral program by the University Grants Commission, Government of India. Currently, I am working in the areas of political science and international studies with a particular focus on the Tibetan community in exile and the question of the nation, citizenship, belonging, and identity; diaspora and migration studies; refugee and exile communities; and the question of small states in IR.

### CONTACT

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**Skills:**

#### Core Analytical Skills

1. Policy Analysis
2. Geopolitical Analysis
3. Research Design

#### Language Skills

1. Multilingual Proficiency- Know Marathi, English, Hindi, Sanskrit
2. Translation and Interpretation

#### Teaching Skills

1. Lecture Delivery
2. Assessment Design
3. Student Mentorship

### EDUCATION

#### Ph.D.:

Doctoral candidate at Birla Institute of Technology and Sciences, Pilani, KK Birla Goa Campus, Goa since January 2020

#### Lectureship Entrance:

NET (JRF)

#### Scholarship:

JRF: 2020-2022  
SRF: 2022-2024

#### Post-Graduation:

Master of Arts,  
Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune, Maharashtra, India.

Trained in Political theory, India's Foreign Policy and issues in World Politics, Human Rights, Theory of International Relations, Politics of Non-democratic Regimes and cooperation in the Indo Pacific Region

#### Graduation:

Bachelor of Arts,  
Fergusson College, Pune, Maharashtra, India.

Trained in Political theory, Comparative politics, and Theory of International Relations

## Communication Skills

1. Academic Writing
2. Public Speaking

## WORK EXPERTISE

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Research Methodology

### Expertise in Ethnographic Research:

I have conducted ethnographic field visits to the Majnu-ka-Tila Tibetan settlement, Delhi, and the Dharamshala Tibetan settlement, Himachal Pradesh, India, from 2021 to 2023.

### Expertise in Archival Research:

I have visited the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, Delhi, and the Library of Tibetan Works and Archives, Dharamshala, to collect historical records regarding the Tibetan diaspora in exile.

### Teaching Assistant:

I have been a teaching assistant at BITS, Pilani, for Modern Political Concepts, International Relations, Public Policy, Developmental Economics, and Blue Economy courses since January 2020.

## PUBLICATIONS

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Yeola, K., & Bandyopadhyay, S. (2025, January 13). Breaking the Silence: India's Need for Assertive Foreign Policy in a Polarized World. *Modern Diplomacy*.

<https://moderndiplomacy.eu/2025/01/13/breaking-the-silence-indias-need-for-assertive-foreign-policy-in-a-polarized-world/>

Yeola, K. (2024). Bhagavad Gita's Impact on India's Conception of New World Order and Human Rights: An Analytical Study. In S. K. Singh, *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam and the Quest for Human Rights: The Indian Perspective* (pp. 21-34). Manak Publications: India

Yeola, K., & Manhas, N. (2024, June 29). US delegation's meeting with the Dalai Lama and its geostrategic implications. *Financial Express*. [\*US Delegation's Meeting with the Dalai Lama and its Geostrategic Implications - Defence News | The Financial Express\*](#)

Yeola, K., & Dhamdul, T. (2024, June 7). Tibetan Participation in India's Elections: Past, Present and Future. *The Diplomat*.

<https://thediplomat.com/2024/06/tibetan-participation-in-indias-elections-past-present-and-future/>

Yeola, K., & Sharma, K. (2024, May 16). Dragon on Prowl: Shaksgam Valley Road and its Strategic Implications. *The South Asian Times*. <https://thesouthasiatimes.info/dragon-on-prowl-shaksgam-valley-road-and-its-strategic-implications/?swcfpc=1>

Pradhan, R. P., & Yeola, K. (2024, April 16). How India's Beaches Can Unlock a Nuclear-powered Future. *Down to Earth*. <https://www.downtoearth.org.in/blog/energy/how-india-s-beaches-can-unlock-a-nuclear-powered-future-95590>

Pradhan, R. P., & Yeola, K. (2024, April 11). How India's Beaches Can Unlock a Nuclear-powered Future. *The Diplomat*.

<https://thediplomat.com/2024/04/how-indias-beaches-can-unlock-a-nuclear-powered-future/>

Yeola, K., & Pradhan, R. P. (2023). Motion of Masses and Reimagining of Belongingness: The Case of Western Migrated Tibetan Youth-in-Exile. *Tibet Policy Journal*. 10(2). [2023-TPI-English-Journal-Final.pdf \(tibetpolicy.net\)](#)

<https://www.theepochtimes.com/china/in-depth-chinas-new-patriotic-education-law-meant-to-snuff-out-social-unrest-anti-ccp-sentiment-experts-5481444>

### **PAPER PRESENTATIONS: NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

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October 2024 "From Refuge to Resilience: The Emergence of Dharamshala into Global Tibetan Buddhist Hub" presented at the Sixth Young Indian Research Scholars conference organized by CENTRAL TIBETAN ADMINISTRATION, Dharamshala, India.

April 2024 "Secularizing the Myth of Shangri-La: Tibetans in Exile and Youth Activism" presented at a One-day seminar organized by Jadavpur University, Kolkata

March 2024 "Bhagavad Gita's impact on India's conception of New World Order and Human Rights" presented at the international conference, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, India, sponsored by ICSSR, NHRC and ICWA

February 2024 "Who Can Not Sing the Nation-State: A Case Study of Liminality of Tibetan Youth-in-Exile in India" presented at the first international conference, sponsored by ICSSR, organized by GITAM School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Bangalore

October 2023 "Colonial Identity and Neo-Liberal Aspirations: Negotiating Tibetan Identity in Little Lhasa and Beyond" presented at the Third Young Graduate Meet, sponsored by ICSSR, organized by IIT MANDI.

October 2023 "Motion of Masses and Reimagining of Belongingness: A Case of Western Migrated Tibetan Youth-in-Exile" presented at the Fifth Young Indian Research Scholars conference organized by CENTRAL TIBETAN ADMINISTRATION, Dharamshala, India.

### **PAPER PRESENTATIONS: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

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August 2024 "Looking Beyond the Threat-Victim Binary: An Ethnographic Study of Tibetan Youth Activism in India" presented at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Ethnography Symposium, organized by Cardiff Business School, Cardiff, Wales, United Kingdom.

### **Workshops & Training**

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**Participant, 1st Winter Foreign Policy School**  
*Raisina House, Think Tank Delhi [December 2024-January 2025]*

- Engaged in discussions on diplomacy, geopolitics, International Relations
- Interacted with policymakers, scholars, and experts in the field.

- Established connections with funding agencies such as AFD (Agence Francaise de Developpement), GIZ (Deutsche Gessellschaft fur Internationale Zusammenarbeit) and HBS (Heinrich Boll Stiftung)