

# KALYANI YEOLA

## Research Scholar, Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Goa, India



I am a doctoral Candidate at Birla Institute of Technology and Science, BITS Pilani, Goa Campus, India. I have been granted the prestigious Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) for the doctoral program by the University Grants Commission, Government of India. My dissertation focuses on “Negotiating Nation and Citizenship: An Ethnographic Study of Tibetan Youth-in-Exile in 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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### EDUCATION

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#### Graduation:

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

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

#### 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 Asia Pacific Region

#### Lectureship Entrance:

NET (JRF)

#### Scholarship:

Prestigious Junior Research Fellowship (JRF), awarded by the Universities Grant Commission, Government of India to support PhD candidates

**Ph.D.:**

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

**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.

**PUBLICATIONS**

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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/?swcfcpc=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](#)

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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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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.