

Dr Rani Singh

Education

- Doctorate (Sociology and Anthropology), University of Western Australia, 2024.
 - M. Phil (Chinese Studies), Jawaharlal Nehru University, 2016.
 - M.A. (Chinese Language and Literature), Jawaharlal Nehru University, 2014.
 - Advanced Diploma (Chinese Language), Beijing Language and Culture University, 2013.
 - BA (Hons.) (Chinese Language and Literature), Jawaharlal Nehru University, 2011.
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Professional Experience

MAY–DECEMBER 2021

Research Assistant, University of Western Australia

- Research Assistant as employed by the Department of Sociology & Anthropology at the School of Social Sciences, The University of Western Australia. Assisted in translation and building up of research website.

MARCH–APRIL 2017

Guest Faculty, Indian Naval Academy, Kerala

- Intensive language training for young naval cadets. The assignment involved the preparation of the course module, and course structure. The intensive training prepared cadets for their foreign language examination.

JANUARY 2017–MAY 2017

Guest Faculty, Department of East Asian Studies, Delhi University

- Teaching Mandarin to students pursuing a Bachelor's degree and Advanced Diploma in Mandarin. Responsibilities included teaching courses in translation, linguistics, and interpretation.

JANUARY–JULY 2016

Guest Faculty, Centre for Chinese and South East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

- Chinese language and literature teaching as part of the Research Scholar training assistance program.
- Language instructor as a remedial course program for students seeking B.A.(Hons.).

MAY 2015–NOVEMBER 2016

Chinese Interpreter, Cabinet Secretariat, Prime Minister's Office, New Delhi

- Translation, Interpretation, research, and analysis of China's foreign policy.

APRIL–MAY 2011

Language Consultant, India Infrastructure Publishing Pvt. Ltd, New Delhi

- Chinese to English translation, web surfing and writing reports.
- Freelance interpretation at business and diplomatic conferences.

JUNE 2011–JULY 2012

Research Assistant, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi

- Worked on "South China Sea and Maritime Issues and Shanghai Cooperation Organization" with Colonel Virendra Sahai. Responsibilities involved web surfing in the Chinese language and following Chinese media to assist research fellows, translating Chinese research papers and documents into English from primary sources and other research-related works.

Cultural Infrastructure

- Cultural politics of China's Belt and Road Initiative
 - (Re) turn of civilisational affairs in world politics.
 - India-China competition of 'rewriting history' through transnational cultural infrastructure
 - Cultural (re) making of Asia.
 - "Infrastructuring" of culture through religious infrastructure
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Short Biography

Rani Singh received her PhD in Sociology and Anthropology from the University of Western Australia in 2024. Her research conceptualises transnational cultural infrastructure in South Asia in the background of regional architectures of connectivity like China's Belt and Road Initiative and India's Project Mausam. During her fellowship at ARI, she will work on Silk Road Urbanisms, the cultural politics of BRI, and the cultural infrastructure of "Hindu" India. She holds an M.Phil. in Chinese Studies from Jawaharlal Nehru University and is the recipient of an India-China bilateral exchange scholarship. She has previously worked at Delhi University, JNU, Indian Naval Academy and as a Chinese Interpreter for the Prime Minister's Office, New Delhi.

Publications

Refereed Article

- Singh, R. and Winter, T. "From Hinduism to Hindutva: Civilizational internationalism and UNESCO", *International Affairs*, 99: 1, March 2023.

Peer Reviewer

Reviewed a manuscript for *Global Studies Quarterly*, Oxford University Press.

Op-Eds

- 'Sports on the Silk Road', *The Diplomat*, 24 December 2019.
- 'Xi-Modi: Building geocultural connectivities', *Foreign Policy News*, 16 October 2019.
- 'Xi-Modi: Building geocultural connectivities', Asian Studies Association of Australia, 28 October 2019

Awards/Grants and Distinctions

- Full scholarship by the Australian Research Council for PhD "Cultural Infrastructure of China's Belt and Road Initiative", University of Western Australia, 2019-2024.
- Visiting Program for Young Sinologists, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, 2018.
- Junior Research Fellowship Award for the period of 2014-2019 by the University Grants Commission, Government of India.
- Full Chinese Government and Ministry of Human Resources & Development, India scholarship for advanced diploma study 2012-2013.