

Nachiket Midha

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EDUCATION

University of Oxford

2024 – 2025

MSc in Politics

- Key modules: Advanced Statistics, Causal Inference, Formal Analysis, and Comparative Governance
- Activities: News Writer for St. Antony's International Review; Consultant at Oxford Strategy Group

Ashoka University, India

2020 – 2024

PGDip in Advanced Studies & Research; BA (Hons.) in Political Science & IR

Departmental Valedictorian; Summa Cum Laude; Magna Cum Laude; Dean's List × 5

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

AI Safety Research Fellow

Feb 2026 – May 2026

Arcadia Impact, Impact First Fellowship

- Led a small research team in the AI Safety stream, producing a policy memo on the governance of persuasive AI
- Identified a regulatory gap in the EU AI Act's Article 51, arguing that compute thresholds are an incomplete proxy for persuasion risks posed by AI systems
- Presented findings to fellows and mentors, outlining a revised framework for defining and measuring persuasion risks

AI Safety Core Fellow

Jan 2026 – Apr 2026

Oxford AI Safety Initiative

- Selected for OAISI's Core Fellowship, completing a structured programme on the AI safety landscape
- Participated in reading groups and discussion sessions evaluating AI safety research agendas and threat models
- Refined an early research agenda through peer and mentor feedback, building fluency across AI governance and field strategy

Co-Founder & Non-Exec Director

Dec 2024 – Present

Oxford Computational Political Science Group, University of Oxford

- Built and scaled a research organisation from scratch, managing hiring pipelines, nine concurrent research streams, and cross-institutional partnerships including with the EU Parliament and British Academy
- Curated research streams on LLM benchmarking and computational methods-relevant social science questions
- Organised events & training workshops, contributed to policy-facing engagements including with the EU Parliament and the British Academy

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ESG & Impact Analyst

Aug 2025 – Jul 2026

Prime Advocates, London

- Conduct ESG and impact analysis for clients across UK and EU regulatory contexts
- Analyse sustainability, governance, and regulatory compliance metrics for corporate clients
- Researched AI regulation within ESG frameworks, including client obligations under emerging regimes such as the EU AI Act

Founder's Associate

Mar 2025 – Jul 2025

MayaCode Global, UK/Germany

- Worked directly with founding team across fundraising, partnerships, government relations, and operations in a B2G civic tech startup
- Supported investor outreach and partnerships with NGOs and government-facing stakeholders

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Researcher in Economics

Jan 2026 – Present

(Incoming Predoctoral Fellow, Nov 2026) National University of Singapore

- Applying regression, DiD, RDD, and other causal inference methods to analyse administrative data across Asia
- Working to build a RAG pipeline to systematically classify and analyse institutional/governance variables from archival texts from British rule in Asia

Research & Lab Assistant

2026 – Present

Centre for Experimental Social Sciences, University of Oxford

- Supported the design and implementation of behavioural and experimental studies in political economy
- Assisted with experimental protocols, participant sessions, and research operations for lab-based studies

Research Assistant

May 2025 – Sep 2025

European Studies Centre, University of Oxford

- Analysed parliamentary speeches and survey data across multiple countries to study public attitudes and policy narratives
- Produced structured reports on EU external relations using large-scale survey analysis

SELECTED RECOGNITION

- **King Edward VII Prize**, Franco-British Entente Cordiale Challenge 2025, held under the patronage of King Charles III
- **Oxford-Cambridge India Scholar's Award**, Oxford Cambridge Society of India, awarded approx. **£2,000** towards Oxford MSc
- **Swami Vivekananda Scholarship**, Government of India, awarded approx. **£42,000** towards Oxford MSc
- **Harvard Kennedy School India Conference Finalist** — Top 10 of 401 teams and 1,600+ participants

PUBLICATIONS, WORKING PAPER, & EVIDENCE

- *Preprint arXiv*, “Multi-dimensional Bias in Modelling Multi-dimensional Preferences: Can Synthetic Agents Replace Human Participants in Conjoint Experiments.” With Bosco Hung, V. Wu, and Y. Zhang. [arXiv Preprint](#)
- *European Parliament's Committee Report*, “EUDS Mission to London, United Kingdom, 5–6 June 2025.” Fact-finding verbal evidence submitted with Bosco Hung and Will Kingston Cox, 2025. <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/euds-mission-to-london-united-kingdom-5-/product-details/20250710MIS03134>
- *Columbia Journal of Asia*, “From Attock to Cuttack and from Kashmir to Kanyakumari: Understanding Akhand Bharat in Terms of Ontological Security.” doi.org/10.52214/cja.v2i1.11113
- *ISAS Brief*, National University of Singapore, “Democratic Deficits and the Counter-Majoritarian Difficulty: Ideologies, Institutions, and the Same-Sex Marriage Debate in India.” <https://www.isas.nus.edu.sg/papers/democratic-deficits-and-the-counter-majoritarian-difficulty-ideologies-institutions-and-the-same-sex-marriage-debate-in-india/>
- *South China Morning Post*, “China's 10-year industrial plan for tech greatness: An Evaluation of MIC 2025.” With Bosco Hung. <https://www.scmp.com/opinion/china-opinion/article/3324068/chinas-10-year-industrial-plan-paving-way-tech-greatness>
- *St. Antony's International Review*, “BRICS, China, and the Next White House.” <https://www.stairjournal.com/oped/2025/1/29/brics-china-and-the-next-white-house>
- *The Print*, “Egalitarian Uniform Civil Code.” <https://theprint.in/campus-voice/egalitarian-uniform-civil-code-formulation-by-bjp-is-the-concern-not-ucc-itself/988124/>
- *Trivedi Centre for Political Data*, “ENOP: A Measure of Political Competition.” <https://tcpd.ashoka.edu.in/how-competitive-are-punjab-assembly-elections-heres-what-enop-tells-us/>

SKILLS

Technical: R (advanced), Python (intermediate), Git & GitHub, L^AT_EX, web scraping, NLP, econometrics, causal inference, MS Office Suite

Research: AI governance, AI safety policy, survey analysis, text analysis, experimental design, policy memo writing

Languages: English & Hindi (native), Punjabi (fluent), Mandarin (basic)