

NEETI NAIR

Employment

University of Virginia, Corcoran Department of History
Associate Professor, fall 2012 to present; Assistant Professor, fall 2006 - summer 2012
Tulane University, Department of History, Assistant Professor, spring 2006
Brown University, Department of History, Visiting Instructor, spring 2004, spring 2005

Education

Ph.D. in History, Tufts University, November 2005
B.A. in History (Honours). St. Stephen's College, University of Delhi. 1998. First Class

Select Awards

Mellon Humanities Fellow, Institute of the Humanities and Global Cultures, UVA, 2020 - 2021
Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Research Grant, fall 2020
Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington D.C., Global Fellow, 2018 - 2020
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ACLS, Frederick Burkhardt Residential Fellowship, John W. Kluge Center, Lib of Congress, 2016 - 2017
National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Stipend, 2016
American Institute of Indian Studies Senior Short-term Research Fellowship, 2014 - 2015
Mellon-MIT Inter-University Program on International Migrations, 2002 - 2003
Columbia University, Taraknath Das Foundation, Southern Asian Institute, 2002
Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Derek Bok Center for Teaching, 2002
Tufts University Graduate School Student Award for Outstanding Academic Performance, 2001

Books

Hurt Sentiments: Secularism and Belonging in South Asia, Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2023
Changing Homelands: Hindu Politics and the Partition of India, Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press and
Ranikhet: Permanent Black, 2011, Paperback 2016. Extracts of reviews are available [here](#)
Ed. Special Issue, 'Citizenship, Belonging, and the Partition of India,' *Asian Affairs*, 53:2, 2022
Ed., *Ghosts from the Past? Assessing Recent Developments in Religious Freedom in South Asia*, Routledge, 2021
Capitals in the Margins: South Asia since Partition, book in research and planning stages
India's Partition: Politics, Culture, Memory, under contract with Cambridge University Press

Select Articles

'Toward mass education or an "aristocracy of talent": non-alignment and the making of a strong India'
in Gyan Prakash et al ed., *The Postcolonial Moment in South and Southeast Asia*, Bloomsbury, 2018
'Beyond the "communal" 1920s: the problem of intention, legislative pragmatism, and the making of
Section 295A of the Indian Penal Code', *IESHR*, July 2013, Vol. 50, No. 3, 317-340
'Partition and Minority Rights in Punjabi Hindu Debates, 1920-1947', Special Articles, *Economic and
Political Weekly*, December 24, 2011, Vol. 46, No. 52, 61-69
'Bhagat Singh as "satyagrahi": The Limits to Non-violence in Late Colonial India', *Modern Asian Studies*,
May 2009, Vol. 43, No. 3, 649-681

Select Opinion Pieces

'[1971 and the case for secularism in Bangladesh and India](#), *The Daily Star*, September 12, 2022
'[What might Gandhi have done today?](#)' *The Hindu*, May 2, 2022
Published in the *Indian Express* available at <https://indianexpress.com/profile/columnist/neeti-nair/>
Published in *The Print* available at https://theprint.in/author/neeti_nair/
'[Rising Religious Intolerance in South Asia](#)' *Current History*, April 2018
'[Heroes of Hindu Nationalism](#)' Up Front, *India Today*, January 12, 2015

Select Presentations and Interviews

Interview with Lauren Frayer, [India's Supreme Court Steps in after Hindu leaders call for violence
against Muslims](#), NPR, January 21, 2022
Interview with Matthew Berkman, ["Hurt Sentiments" and Forbidden Speech in India](#), The Andrea
Mitchell Center for the Study of Democracy, University of Pennsylvania, January 21, 2021
Starr Forum, ["Democracies on the Rocks?"](#) MIT Center for International Studies, October 24, 2020
Interviews with G. S. Mudur, ["CAA-NRC a road to Hindu Rashtra"](#) *The Telegraph*, December 17, 2019;
["Ayodhya case verdict: Secularism not easy to crush"](#) *The Telegraph*, November 9, 2019