

## Faculty Information

### CHADHA Astha

■ **Division:** International Relations (IR)

■ **Research Area:** Religion and international relations, Indo-Pacific security, Indian foreign policy, South Asian conflicts, India-Japan relations

■ **Research Methods:** Qualitative research, Discourse analysis, Interpretivism, and Case study methodology.

■ **Seminar Topic and Keywords:** Identity, Security, and Strategic Narratives in the Indo-Pacific

*Keywords:* Women Peace and Security (WPS), Indo-Pacific geopolitics, Japan-India strategic partnership, religious nationalism, South Asian regional security architectures

■ **Seminar Teaching Method:** The seminar employs a student-centered, interactive approach emphasizing critical thinking and collaborative learning, through student-led presentations, peer-to-peer feedback, and the analysis of real-world policy documents and competing narratives to understand complex political identities.

■ **Possible Research Topics for Students:**

1. Implementation of the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) agenda in South Asian defense policies.

2. The role of imagined communities, religious identities, and nationalism in contemporary Indo-Pacific relations.

3. Evolution of Japan-India strategic cooperation and its impact on regional stability.

4. The intersection of religion and foreign policy in South Asia.

■ **Comments:** The seminar aims to explore the identity-driven dimensions of international relations. Students are encouraged to explore diverse perspectives and attempt a critical examination of the regional security issues, as well as theoretical frameworks seeking to explain those.