

AISHWARYA RAI

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Education

Yale University New Haven, CT, United States
Master of Arts, International & Development Economics 08/2021 - 05/2022

- **Thesis:** The Impact of Sanctions on Political Rights and Civil Liberties
- **Coursework:** Intermediate Microeconomics, Econometrics, Advanced Development Econometrics, Global Crises Responses, International Law
- Yale Law School Schell Center for International Human Rights: Volunteer on Water Rights and Access in Palestine

Seton Hall University South Orange, NJ, United States
Bachelor of Science, Economics (B.S.B.A) 08/2016 - 05/2020

- **Minor:** Mathematics
- **Thesis:** Eyes, Ears, and Minds to the West: The Dismissal of Arab Scholars in Economics
- **Honors:** Magna Cum Laude, University Honors Program, International Economics Honor Society
- **Extracurricular Activities:** Editor-in-Chief of The Stillman Exchange, Resident Assistant

Experience

Dubai Cares Dubai, UAE
Program Officer 01/2024 - Present

- Developing and implementing a programming and advocacy climate strategy for education in developing countries
- Representing the organization at global forums and working groups with audiences of over 1400 stakeholders, pertaining to climate action
- Engaging with external stakeholders in public and private sectors to create robust partnerships for climate resilient education
- Creating press releases, reports, informational videos, and engaging in public speaking to advocate for climate resilient education

International Rescue Committee Nairobi, Kenya
Grants & Communications Fellow 08/2022 - 08/2023

- Pioneered strategic advocacy efforts in the IRC Kenya Country Program by drafting annual reports, human-interest stories, press releases, and garnering international media attention to ongoing crises
- Composed policy briefs and interorganizational policy letters regarding Kenya's refugee policies
- Designed inclusive and accessible literacy-agnostic communication channels to convey beneficiaries' healthcare rights
- Developed and coordinated multi-million-dollar grant proposals for government and private donors in terms of technical/budget narratives and partnership development

Education Cannot Wait New York, United States
Risk and Child Safeguarding Intern 11/2021 - 05/2022

- Liaised with 20+ grantee organizations to update and manage risk data regarding their program's gross and residual risk
- Incorporated inputs and assisted the Risk and Child Safeguarding Manager with writing a bi-annual External Committee portfolio risk report for an audience of 35 country and civil society education directors
- Established and stewarded ECW's first centralized safeguarding database to track areas for governance strengthening

EY New York, United States
Transfer Pricing Analyst 01/2021 - 08/2021

- Engaged with clients' international affiliates to draft and file up to 50 annual transfer pricing reports before statutory deadlines
- Proposed effective operating models for a spin-off company worth USD 16 billion by conducting company interviews and industry and economic analyses with an international tax lens
- Managed documentation and timelines for up to five projects at a time

United Nations New York, United States
Economic Affairs Intern 08/2020 - 01/2021

- Investigated and compiled reports on the mainstreaming of the Vienna Programme of Action in LLDCs, the Impact of COVID-19 and Responses in Landlocked Developing Countries, based on high level meetings
- Represented UN-OHRLLS during the 75th United Nations General Assembly by covering member states' interventions
- Supported the LLDC team in empowering member states during the COVID-19 pandemic through advocacy

Skills

AI Prompting • Indesign • Stata • R • Photoshop • Microsoft Office Suite • Economic Analysis • Econometrics • Policy Analysis • Strategic Planning • Climate Policy • Climate and Education Policy and Programming • Advocacy • Storytelling • Digital Media • Field Research • Strategic Communication • Public Speaking • Stakeholder Engagement • Cross Cultural Communication • Diplomacy • Project Management • English • Hindi • Portuguese

Training / Courses

Advocacy and Effective Influencing — Clingendael Institute, The Hague, Netherlands | December 2024

Analyzing and Visualizing Data with Microsoft Power BI — Etech Global Solution, Dubai, UAE | August 2024

Publications

SAIS Review of International Affairs - *March 2023*

The Gendered Impact of Displacement in East African Refugee Camps

Asa Cooper, Aishwarya Rai, Kyilah Terry

Migration Policy Institute - *January 2023*

Amid Record Drought and Food Insecurity, East Africa's Protracted Humanitarian Crisis Worsens

Aishwarya Rai, Kyilah Terry