

## Profile: Dr. Shanthie Mariet D'Souza

Dr. Shanthie Mariet D'Souza is a scholar, researcher, analyst, writer, editor, consultant, adviser and subject matter expert with specialisation in International Relations (IR) and decade long field experience in Afghanistan and South Asia. She is Associate editor for the Journal of Asian Security and International Affairs, Expert and Contributor to the Middle East-Asia Project (MAP) at the Middle East Institute, Washington D.C., Senior analyst for the South Asia desk with the Wikistrat Analytic Community, and Adviser for Independent Conflict Research and Analysis in London. As Adviser at the Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG), Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, she has worked on issues of subnational governance and downward accountability. As Senior Transition Consultant, United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS) and External Reviewer & Consultant for the country program of Action Aid International, Afghanistan, she has carried out strategy review, planning and field research in various provinces of Afghanistan. She has been an International Election Observer for the audit and recount of Afghanistan's Presidential Runoff elections, August-September 2014. She has also conducted field studies in Pakistan, China, Africa, Canada, United States, Jammu and Kashmir and India's North East.

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Among her most recent published work is an edited book titled *Afghanistan in Transition: Beyond 2014?*, co-edited books, *Perspectives on South Asian Security* (2012) and *Saving Afghanistan* (2009). She has guest edited a special issue on "Countering insurgencies and violent extremism in South Asia" in *Small Wars & Insurgencies* (UK: Routledge), vol.28, no. 1, February 2017. My paper on "Transition in Afghanistan: War of perceptions", *Small Wars Journal*, (Small Wars Foundation, Bethesda, USA, January 2013) has been republished by the NATO Special Operations School (NSOS) for the ISAF SOF Pre-deployment Training course.

Dr. D'Souza has presented papers at various academic and policy forums and has numerous publications in international peer reviewed journals - *Small Wars & Insurgencies* (Routledge), *Journal of Asian Security and International Affairs* (Sage), *Combating Terrorism Exchange* (CTX) *Journal*, *The Journal of South Asian Development*, *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*, *South Asian Survey* (Sage), *Contemporary South Asia* (Routledge), *Strategic Analysis* (Routledge), *Journal of Defence Studies*, *Small wars Journal* and others, chapters in edited books, encyclopedias, yearbooks and regional surveys (Europa and Britannica), op-eds in the media and web platforms including *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Straits Times*, *The Business Times*, *Indian Express*, *The Hindu*, *Business Standard*, *The Tribune*, *Hindustan Times*, *Asian Age*, *Deccan Chronicle*, *Daily News & Analysis*, *The Bangladesh Today*, *New Age*, *The Pioneer*, *Deccan Herald*, *The Af-Pak Channel*, *The South Asia Channel*, *Foreign Policy*, *Atlantic Review*, *The Diplomat*, *Al Arabiya*, *The Malaysian Insider*, *Huffington Post*, *Eurasia Review*, *Albany Tribune*, *Open Democracy*, *Open Security*, *Live Encounters*, *International Relations and Security Network (ISN)*, *ON LINE opinion*, *Asia Times Online*, *South Asian Outlook*, *Asian Century Institute*, *South Asia Monitor*, *Rediff & India Abroad*. She has been interviewed by TV and Radio Channels- News Asia (Media Corp Singapore), Doordarshan (India), Lok Sabha TV (India), Rajya Sabha TV, DD Wide angle, Defence Watch (India), News X, Press TV, ANI, BBC world service station, Radio Free Liberty Europe (RFERL), Voice of America (Pushtu and Dari service), All India Radio, Media Corp 93.8 Live (Singapore), Radio France Internationale (Paris), China Radio International.

Her work has been cited in various academic and media articles not only in English but also in Dari, Pushtu, French, Russian, Portuguese, Japanese, Urdu, and Hindi including *The Yomiuri Shimbun* (Japanese), *"O Estado de Sao Paulo"*, (Sao Paulo, Brazil), *La Tercera Newspaper* (Chile),



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