

# Devika Panicker

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## EDUCATION

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### University of Toronto

Toronto, ON

*BA Specialist Political Science*

### United World College Costa Rica (UWCCR)

Santa Ana, CR

*International Baccalaureate*

Higher Level courses: English Literature, History and Economics

## SUMMARY

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Recent Political Science Graduate with working experience as policy analyst in government relations and public policy industry while interning at Centre for Public Policy Research. Skilled in Analytical Skills, Communication, Strategy, Research, and Organization Skills. Driven to learn and explore the public policy space internationally and broaden understanding of policy issues and solutions particularly regarding international law and trade, international relations and climate change.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Centre for Public Policy Research

Kerala, IN

*Research Intern*

*May 2022-Aug. 2022*

- Contributed to projects sponsored by the US Consulate General (Chennai) and universities in Cochin to produce informative social media deliverables and newsletters on a range of pressing policy matters specific to Indo-Pacific region
- Organised TechCamp conference in Cochin that brought together over 50 participants and 9 international and local experts to discuss and explore solutions for sustainability primarily focused on ocean health
- Organised workshops to engage local workers unions, media personnel and government officials to discuss issues of electrification of vehicles and last mile connectivity in public transportation in Ernakulam district
- Presented papers regarding the anti competitiveness in the affordable housing market as well as slum rehabilitation efforts in India as part of study that looked at the affordable housing market in South Asia (Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan and Bangladesh) to promote transparency and higher investments

### UofT Policython

Toronto, ON

*Human Rights Policy Analyst*

*Aug. 2021-April 2022*

- Produced and published impact reports on current events regarding violations of human rights globally
- Collaborated with a team of 56 members to organise a competitive event that was attended by over 100 students across universities in the Greater Toronto Area
- Coordinated and networked with policy experts, government professionals and experienced professors in order to recruit them as panellists for workshops attended by prospective participants
- Collaborated with authors to review and publish 36 policy briefs on policy matters specific to human rights

### La Sala (NGO)

San Jose, CR

*Volunteer*

*Jan. 2017-Dec. 2017*

- Collaborated with a team of 20 student volunteers, teachers and social workers in order to advocate for the protection of sex workers in Costa Rica
- Organised food and clothes drives that provided basic amenities for 15 sex workers and their families that were seeking shelter at the centre
- Surveyed local residents in the surrounding area in order to aggregate responses in regards to perceptions of prejudices they held against sex work which then allowed organisers to de-stigmatise the subject
- Engaged with former sex workers and recorded their experiences with existing legal structures in order to spread awareness and encourage greater public interest

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

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### Model United Nations

Costa Rica

*Moderator*

*Dec. 2016-Nov. 2017*

- Moderated discussions for a group of 12 student representative in a simulation of a hearing at International Criminal Court

- Assessed proposals presented by representatives in order to determine effectiveness and viability of the proposal along with suggesting relevant edits for improvement
- Provided judgement and analysis on the performance of student representatives in order to determine the distribution of awards

### **SKILLS & INTERESTS**

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**Skills:** Proficient in Microsoft Office, R Studio, public speaking, content writing, organisation, communication

**Languages:** English, Malayalam, Hindi, Spanish (beginner)

**Interests:** Public policy, international relation, international law and trade; badminton, Bharatanatyam, fitness

**Publication:**

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/ht-insight/international-affairs/drone-autonomy-and-international-law-101662224007877.html>