

Andrea Paras

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Professor Andrea Paras specialises in the ethics of international humanitarianism, with a special interest in religion and politics.

Biography

Andrea Paras joined the Department of Political Science in the University of Guelph in 2012, after spending a year working at the Asian University for Women in Chittagong, Bangladesh. Her research investigates the political and ethical consequences of international humanitarian action. She also has research interests in religion and global politics, specifically on how the faith identities of NGOs influence their development practices. Another area of expertise is in the design of short-term international study abroad programs, with a focus on cultivating and assessing intercultural competence skills amongst students. Her work cuts across multiple disciplines, and makes contributions to the fields of international relations, development studies, international ethics, history, and critical pedagogy. She is the recipient of several teaching and research awards, including the 2016 Award for Teaching from the College of Social and Applied Human Sciences at the University of Guelph, and the 2016 Panorama Award for Outstanding International Education Program from the Canadian Bureau of International Education.

Areas of Expertise

Humanitarian Assistance, Human Rights, International Development, International Affairs, Religion Politics & Culture, Study Abroad, Intercultural Competence, Pregnancy Loss

Affiliations

Qualified Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) Administrator

Education

University of Toronto

PhD International Relations

University of Toronto

MA History and International Relations

University of British Columbia

BA History

Accomplishments

2016 Faculty Teaching Award

This award recognises excellence in teaching within the College of Social and Applied Human Sciences at the University of Guelph.

2016 Panorama Award for Outstanding International Education Program

The Canadian Bureau for International Education provides this annual award to international education programs that demonstrate innovation and excellence. This award was given in recognition of the innovative design of the 2015 India Field School organised through the Centre for International Programs at the University of Guelph.

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