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Anmol Arora works at the intersection of art, climate change and development. He is a PhD student at the University of Delaware (UD) studying Disaster Science & Management. At UD, he strives to understand government decision-making processes, criteria, and outcomes related to disasters in the United States. Previously, he supported the United Nations unpack resilience building in Africa and the World Bank develop policy solutions to climate-induced migration in East and West Africa. As an author, he published his first novel *The Last Dance* with Speaking Tiger Publisher in 2019. His creative writing illuminates complex social issues of identity, belongingness, conflict, and displacement.

EDUCATION

- 2023-Ongoing **PhD Disaster Science and Management**, University of Delaware
- 2018-19 **MSc Climate Change and International Development**, University of East Anglia
- 2010-11 **Post-Graduate Programme Journalism**, Express Institute of Media Studies
- 2007-10 **Bachelors of Arts, History Honors**, Delhi University

CAREER

June 2022-August 2023 **Research Associate** at the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (Germany)

- Conduct literature review and unpack resilience building in Africa
- Assess indicators and metrics for resilience monitoring and evaluation
- Undertake expert interviews and stakeholder consultations

October 2020- May 2022 **Research Consultant** at the World Bank (India)

- Conduct research on drivers and impacts of climate induced mobility in East and West Africa
- Develop a regional response framework and country-level adaptation strategies to address climate induced mobility displacement
- Conceptualise multi-stakeholder workshops to build constituency, shared understanding and climate resilient development pathways

July 2019-December **Gender Consultant** at UNESCO (India)

- Lead research and development of a stakeholder analysis and mapping report on masculinities and gender equality ecosystem in India
- Organized a knowledge sharing and learning dialogue on SDG 5 on Gender Equality

2016-2018 **Knowledge Management Officer** at Oxford Policy Management Limited (India)

- Lead consultant for knowledge, communication and learning components of DFID-funded climate resilience programme, Action on Climate Today
- Completed empirical and desk-based research to consolidate an understanding of climate vulnerabilities and impacts in South Asia
- Conducted primary research and co-authored a research paper on the approaches to build adaptive program management in climate change interventions

2014-16 **Lead Author and Researcher** at Speaking Tiger Publishing House India (India)

- Conducted empirical research on environmental and socio-political vulnerabilities of Rohingya refugees in Kutupalong refugee camp in Bangladesh

- Conducted a desk-based review of the Kurdish-Turkey ethnic conflict
- Conceptualized and wrote two books on forced migration, displacement, and multi-dimensional vulnerabilities of the Kurdish and Rohingya refugees

2012-14 Head of Communication at Volano Entertainment Private Limited India (India)

- Part of the five-member core team that built India's maiden obstacle running company
- Lead advisor on communications and marketing

2011-12 Journalist at the Asian Age & Indian Express newspaper India (India)

- Reported on major sporting events including the Olympic qualifiers, international tennis competitions, and football tournaments
- Investigative reportage on these including substance abuse, health and social well-being

SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2018 Awarded the British Council GREAT scholarship

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1. Dr. Hannah Hoechner, Lecturer in Education and International Development, University of East Anglia, H.Hoechner@uea.ac.uk, +44 (0)1603 59 1870, Former teacher;
2. Dr. Cristina Rumbaitis del Rio; Senior Adaptation and Resilience Advisor; World Resources Institute; cristina.rdr@gmail.com; +1 (646) 3181920, Former work supervisor.

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

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