

Pre-application enquiry — Dr Sutha Nadarajah, SOAS Politics & International Studies

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Subject: MPhil/PhD enquiry — diaspora-led civic infrastructure as transitional-justice practice (Sri Lanka / Tamil Eelam)

Dear Dr Nadarajah,

I am writing to ask whether you would be open to a brief conversation about my application to the MPhil/PhD in Politics and International Studies at SOAS for September 2026 entry.

My background is not conventionally academic — I do not hold a master's degree. Over the last two years I have built, under a UK Community Interest Company (TLTE C.I.C., Co. No. 16426152), a substantial civic-infrastructure archive on Tamil-Eelam post-conflict accountability. It is published at **docs.tlte.cloud** and operates under a deliberate set of methodological constraints — Berkeley Protocol on Digital Open Source Investigations, UCP Manual (2nd ed.), Murad Code, and tiered OHCHR / UN PoE / ICG / PEARL / ITJP citation discipline. It refuses survivor intake, refuses perpetrator naming, refuses count aggregation, and routes at-risk readers to mandated mechanisms.

It is, in other words, a working example of the question I would like to study formally: **what is the legitimate role of diaspora-built civic infrastructure in post-conflict accountability, and where are its hard limits?** Your work on Tamil diaspora politics, the post-LTTE order, and the limits of liberal peace is the closest fit I have found to the question I am trying to pose. I am aware you have supervised related doctoral work, including Mario Arulthas's thesis.

I am attaching a one-page concept note. A longer research proposal and a portfolio appendix (with screenshots, citation registry, and Velicham eval suite) are available at **docs.tlte.cloud/research/phd-soas**. I would welcome any indication of whether the topic and the practice-based component are within the department's scope, and whether you would be willing to be named as a potential supervisor in my application.

Thank you for your time.

Kind regards,

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- If Dr Nadarajah declines or is at capacity, the next contact is Dr Vino Kanapathipillai (same department).