

# Neha Wadekar

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Leading International Journalist published regularly with: The New York Times, The New Yorker, The Atlantic, The Washington Post, The Economist, PBS NewsHour, CNN, NBC, The Los Angeles Times, Reuters, and more.

## JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE

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### Independent International Multimedia Journalist

Sep 2016 – Present

[VICE Media](#), July 2021 - Studied effects of compounding climate events in Mozambique

[TIME Magazine](#), Aug 2020 - Explored how climate change is increasing child marriage in Kenya; selected as Pulitzer Center Fellow

[The New York Times](#), Nov 2018 - Covered the women's movement in Yemen; selected as GroundTruth Film Fellow

[The Washington Post](#), Dec 2018 - Documented the impact of Yemen's bloody conflict on women and children; selected as Longlist: One World Media, Children in Conflict Award

[PBS NewsHour](#), Aug 2021 - Covered an escalating Islamic insurgency as one of the first reporters on the ground in Mozambique (also covered for [NPR](#), [The Telegraph](#), [The Guardian](#)); selected as Pulitzer Center Fellow

[Mother Jones Magazine](#), Oct 2020 - Investigated how the Trump administration's anti-abortion policies galvanized Kenya's pro-life movement; selected as Type Investigative Fellow

[The Los Angeles Times](#), May 2020 - Explored how COVID-19 interfered with China's Belt and Road initiative roadmap

[The New Yorker](#), Feb 2018 - Reported on rising authoritarianism in Kenya's democracy

[The Atlantic](#), Nov 2017 - Documented political violence in Kenya's elections

[VICE Media](#), Jan 2021 - Studied how COVID-19 is increasing female genital cutting (FGC) in northern Kenya; selected as a Pulitzer Center Fellow; selected as a Longlist: One World Media, Popular Features Award

[TIME](#), Oct 2018 - Explored how Colombia's culture of machismo birthed a women-led political movement; selected as International Women's Media Foundation Fellow

[CNN](#), Mar 2018 - Celebrated the creative work of Sudan's top artists in a video series

[Elle Magazine](#), Apr 2018 - Investigated rape and gender-based violence in Somalia; selected as Fuller Project Fellow

[The Economist](#), Oct 2019 - Analyzed Kenya's decision to demonetize its currency

[NBC News Hour](#), Jan 2019 - Reported live on al-Shabaab hotel terrorist attack in Nairobi, Kenya

Overseas Press Club, Reuters Fellow | Nairobi, Kenya

Jun – Sep 2016

## GRANTS

## AWARDS

Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting | Fellow, 2021

International Press Association of East Africa | Board, 2021

Type Investigations | Grantee, 2020

Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting | Fellow, 2020

International Women's Media Foundation | Fellow, 2019

Fellowship at Auschwitz for the Study of Prof. Ethics | Fellow, 2019

GroundTruth Project | Film Fellow, 2018

Fuller Project, Global Women's Initiative | Fellow, 2018

Overseas Press Club | Reuters Fellow, 2016

One World Media Awards | Longlist, 2021

One World Media Awards | Longlist, 2019

Natl. Soc. of Newspaper Columnists | Hon. Mention, 2019

Mobile Photography Awards | Photojournalism Winner, 2017

Penny Lernoux Award for International Reporting, 2016

Order of Arete Award, 2016

## EDUCATION

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University of Southern California, Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism | Los Angeles, CA

May 2016

M.S. Journalism and Digital Reporting, Annenberg Graduate Fellow

Tufts University | Boston, MA

May 2011

B.A. English and Public Health, Cum Laude

## REFERENCES

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David Rodhe  
Executive Editor, The New Yorker

Willow Bay  
Dean, USC Annenberg School for Journalism