

Neha Wadekar

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JOURNALISM

Independent International Multimedia Journalist

Sep 2016 – Present

[The Washington Post](#), Dec 2021 - Investigated how global supply chain challenges affect Kenya and Kenyan businesses

[PBS NewsHour](#), Oct 2021 - Covered the hidden drivers behind 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

[The Wall Street Journal](#), Sep 2021 – East Africa reporter for *The Facebook Files* series, an expose on the company's harmful practices internationally; Series awarded George Polk Award for Business Reporting in 2022

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

[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

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

[The Los Angeles Times](#), May 2020 – Examined how Covid19 affected China's ambition Belt and Road initiative across Africa

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

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

[The New Yorker](#), Feb 2018 - Reported how rising authoritarianism threatened Kenyan democracy

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

Project Brazen, Reporter, Associate Producer | Nairobi - NYC

Feb 2022 – current

One of the first 8 members of Project Brazen, an innovative journalism and content company founded by former Wall Street Journal reporters Bradley Hope and Tom Wright. Brazen digs deep to uncover the truth and deliver thrilling stories via podcasts, books, documentaries, television shows and films.

Overseas Press Club, Reuters Fellow | Nairobi, Kenya

Jun – Sep 2016

GRANTS

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

AWARDS

One World Media Awards | Longlist, 2021
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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

University of Southern California, Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism | Los Angeles, CA
M.S. Journalism and Digital Reporting, Annenberg Graduate Fellow, Magna Cum Laude

May 2016

Tufts University | Boston, MA
B.A. English and Public Health, Cum Laude

May 2011

REFERENCES

David Rohde - Executive Editor, The New Yorker

Bradley Hope – Co-Founder, Project Brazen