

# malia politzer *journalist & editor*

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*I am a versatile journalist comfortable juggling long form and quick turnaround articles for a variety of publications on tight deadlines. I cover immigration, human rights, international development, and the human & environmental impacts of big business.*

*As an editor, I have experience managing diverse teams of international freelancers. I love working collaboratively, mentoring writers, and creating a supportive and team-oriented work environment committed to delivering high quality service journalism.*

## **JOURNALISM & EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE**

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### **Independent Journalist & Editor**

#### *Writing*

June 2015 — Present

- Reported and wrote long-form features and news stories about immigration, human rights and the business of development from the US, Morocco, Nigeria, Niger, South Africa, India, China, Macao, South Korea, Mexico, Spain, Italy, Germany, the Netherlands
- Published in *Time Magazine*, *The Guardian (development desk)*, *Longreads*, *Foreign Policy*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Economist*, *Huffington Post Highline*, *Migration Policy Institute*, *The Village Voice*, among others
- Writer for Devex on topics related to sustainable financing, impact investing, health, SDGs & uses of satellite technology to achieve international development goals
- Writer for *Financial Management Magazine* on issues related to ESG and responsible supply chain and business practices, i.e. how to detect and prevent forced labor in supply chains, red flags for illegal fishing, logging, and other forms of environmental crime, etc.

#### *Editing*

- Editor and writer for Devex Data for Development series January 2020 — Present

#### **Piqd.com**, Executive editor (Remote)

December 2018 — May 2019

- Managed strategic partnerships & business strategy, wrote regular posts, weekly newsletters, and edited all content for long-form journalism review website Piqd.com
- Recruited and managed a remote team of 52 freelance writers located in 26 countries

#### **Mint**, Features writer & special projects editor (New Delhi, India) July 2010 — December 2013

- Reported and wrote daily news stories and long form features on issues affecting marginalized communities, Indian philanthropy, financial inclusion and development
- Special projects editor for series on immigration and gender
- Lead investigations into wide-scale corporate visa fraud, ethical violations in clinical trials by large pharmaceutical companies, human smuggling networks in Punjab, the human trafficking of domestic workers, and human rights violations in mental health facilities.

## AWARDS

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Honorable mention for long-form features, Ozzie & Ezra Awards 2020  
Ellie for multimedia reporting, American Society of Magazine Editors, 2017  
Best digital reporting, Overseas Press Club, 2017  
Punch Sulzberger Award for online storytelling, American Society of News Editors, 2017  
Best feature writing, Society of Publishers in Asia, 2012  
Journalist of the Month Award, *Mint*, March 2012, September 2012, October 2012  
Arizona Press Club Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> place for immigration reporting, 1<sup>st</sup> place for social issues reporting, 3<sup>rd</sup> place for profile writing, 2010

## GRANTS & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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Alicia Patterson Fellowship, April 2020 — Present  
Investigative Journalists & Editors, 2016 — Present  
The Nation Investigative Fund, 2018  
Pulitzer Center for Crisis Reporting Grantee, 2016  
Institute for Current World Affairs, writing fellowship, 2013-2015  
Stabile Fellow, Stabile Center for Investigative Journalism, Columbia University, 2008-2009  
Women in International Leadership Grantee, 2008-2009  
Bartley Fellowship, The Wall Street Journal Hong Kong Bureau, 2007  
Koch Fellowship, The Institute for Current World Affairs, 2006  
International Migrations Grantee, Hampshire College, 2005

## PUBLIC SPEAKING, APPEARANCES & TEACHING

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Guest lecturer for Science Po Investigative Graduate seminar; Paris	September 2019
Instructor for investigative seminar on covering human trafficking for the Global Investigative Journalism Network; Jordan, Amman,	February 2018
Instructor, lecturer, panelist, Global Investigative Journalism Conference; Johannesburg, South Africa	November 2017
Guest lecturer, Medill University journalism class, Chicago	October 2017
Keynote speaker and guest lecturer, Kent State, Ohio	October 2017
Guest lecturer for Williams & Mary writing seminar,	October 2017
Guest lecturer for Arizona State University communications course	January 2017

## EDUCATION

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<b>University of Granada, Migration Studies</b> , Doctoral Candidate	October 2015 — Present
<b>Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism</b> , MS in Investigative Journalism	2009
<b>Hampshire College</b> , BA Interdisciplinary studies	2006

## SKILLS

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**Languages:** Spanish (fluent)

**Computer skills:** Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Powerpoint), Adobe Creative Suite (Photoshop), Blogging platforms (Tumblr, Wordpress), Audacity