

Biography

Asha is Associate Dean International in the School of Humanities and Communication Arts. She is an academic and journalist with a combined industry experience of more than 35 years.

Asha was recognised for her journalism and research at the House of Commons in London in October, 2018 with the *Mahatma Gandhi Pravasi Samman* award, followed by the 2019 *Hind Rattan* (Jewel of India) award on the eve of India's Republic Day in Delhi. Asha's research interests are in culture, society, migration and marriage. She has also published on journalism research and the use of media technologies in story telling. Dr Chand has won Australian national recognition for excellence in tertiary teaching. She is a 2015 recipient of the Vice Chancellor's excellence in teaching award for her role in developing hybrid online courses at Western Sydney University. She is also Senior Lecturer and was journalism area convenor for seven years until 2020. Her research work has been published in national and international journals. Her PhD research is titled Migration, Match-Making and the Media: Fiji Indians in Sydney. Dr Chand has been successful with Australian Government New Colombo Plan funding and took a group of students to Nepal on a study tour in 2016 to report on the aftermath of the 2015 earthquakes. She led a similar study tour to Fiji in 2017 and one to West Bengal, India, in 2018. She migrated to Australia in 1998 and joined Western Sydney University's journalism program in 2003. Prior to this, Asha was the Chief of Staff at *The Fiji Times*, then a national daily newspaper published by News Limited in Fiji. Asha's journalism experience stretches from local politics to international coverage of meetings such as the Commonwealth Heads of Government in Edinburgh, Scotland in 1997 where she met Nelson Mandela.

Asha also supervises PhD and Master of Research students in the areas of her specialisations.

A full list of Asha's publications can be found here: [Google Scholar](#)

Find more on her website: ashachand.com

This information has been contributed by Doctor Chand.

Qualifications

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- MProfComm University of Western Sydney

Organisational Unit (School / Division)

- Dean's Unit - School of Humanities & Comm Arts
- Communications (SoHCA)

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