

## Nadia Abdilla



Nadia Abdilla is a social researcher within the Central Bank of Malta's Social Research Unit. She studied at the University of Malta and holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) Degree in Philosophy and a Master of Arts in Sociology. With particular interest in social agency and structure, she conducted her ethnographic research focusing on performative behaviour and identity construction of young and aspiring politicians in Malta and Gozo. In 2017, she acted as a research assistant to the Central Bank of Malta's publication *'The road to women's suffrage and beyond: Women's enfranchisement and the nation-building project in Malta;'* a publication launched in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of women's enfranchisement in Malta. Together with Professor Carmen Sammut she recently researched and co-authored a book chapter, as part of a volume dedicated to *Mabel Strickland*, which chapter focused on Mabel Strickland's significant role in journalism and her involvement in the struggle for women's enfranchisement in Malta during colonial times. Her growing interest in this area led Nadia to conduct further research and was the curator of a recently held exhibition at the Parliament of Malta titled *'Tracing the Path of Women in Politics.'*