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Assistant Professor in International Relations



Summary

- Assistant Professor in International Relations at the Netaji Institute for Asian Studies, Kolkata, India. PhD in International Relations from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi on, "American Maritime Strategy in the Indian Ocean in the Post Cold War Era, 1990-2012". Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Scholar at the Arnold A. Saltzman Institute of War & Peace Studies, School of International Public Affairs, Columbia University, New York for the academic year 2015-2016. Assistant Editor with the *Indian Foreign Affairs Journal*, run by the Association of Indian Diplomats.

My broad research discipline is international Relations and primary focus concerns probing the American role in the Indian Ocean and Indo-Pacific and Asia-Pacific regions, including the security role of the US in South Asia, India-US defense relations, and the Indian defence sector. Changing nuclear balance in Asian waters is my latest area of research focus.



Experience

2016-09 - present

- **Assistant Professor in International Relations**
Netaji Institute for Asian Studies
My position at the institute primarily concerns **project-based research activities** and other publications.

Projects:

- 1) **Completed** - 'Emerging India's New Regional Maritime Security', funded by the Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal, India.
- 2) **Completed** - India's Participation in the United Nations; 1946-68
- 3) **Ongoing** - US-India Naval Cooperation in the Indian Ocean
- 4) **Ongoing** - Mass Media & Indian Foreign Policy: A Documentation Exercise of India-Nepal Relations in English Print Media

2017-02 - 2017-11

- **Guest Lecturer**
Presidency University, Kolkata, India

Courses Taught:

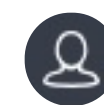
- 1) Semester 1 (Feb-May, 2017)
 - a) Global Politics (M.A IV Semester)
 - b) International Relations (B.A IV Semester)
- 2) Semester 2 (July-November, 2017)
 - a) Multilateralism and Indian Foreign Policy (B.A III Semester)

2013-05 - present

- **Assistant Editor**
Indian Foreign Affairs Journal, Association of Indian Diplomats
Copy-editing, Editing, proofreading, compilation and other activities leading to the publication of the quarterly journal.

2015-08 - 2016-05

- **Fulbright Doctoral Research Scholar**
Saltzman Institute of War & Peace Studies, School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), Columbia University, NY
Mock PhD Defense, Fieldwork, Interviews and other research activities



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Specialization/Interests

American Studies, US-India relations, US Role in Asian Waters, Emerging security architecture in Indo-Pacific, security role of US in South Asia, Indo-US Defence relations, International Relations, Indian Foreign Policy etc



Opinion Pieces (National/International)

"China Is Moving into the Indian Ocean", *The National Interest*. April 14, 2018.

Strategic Hedging: The Way Forward for India's Foreign Policy, Institute for Asia and Pacific Studies, *University of Nottingham*, April 19, 2018.

"Emerging Dynamics of India's Maritime Security". Science and Technology Forum, *Manipal University*. March 01, 2018.

Delicate Balance, *The Telegraph* (India), August 24 2017.

Doklam And Beyond: India Must Brace For China's Land-Maritime 'Salami Slicing', *Huffington Post*. 18 August 2017.

leading to the completion of Doctoral thesis.

2012-09 -
2015-06

● **Research Associate**

Indicia Research & Advisory

Research concerned with Indian defence sector, India's internal security and foreign policy at New Delhi based defence and Internal security think-tank

2013-10 -
2013-12

● **Research Fellow**

Centre for Joint Warfare Studies, Ministry of Defence, Government of India
Research activities on an Indian Air Force project, under the supervision of Indian military personnel

2015-02 -
2015-05

● **Research Intern**

Institute of Peace & Conflict Studies (IPCS), New Delhi

Research and publication concerned with primary areas of research

2014-08 -
2014-09

● **Pre-Doctoral Fellow**

Osmania University, Hyderabad, India

Awarded Pre-Doctoral Fellowship on the topic "US-India-China Strategic Triangle in the Indian Ocean: The Next Decade" by Osmania University Centre for International Programmes, Osmania University, Hyderabad, India



Education

2011-08 -
2017-07

● **Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi**

PhD in International Relations with specialization in American Studies

2009-07 -
2011-08

● **Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi**

Master of Philosophy (M.Phil) in International Relations with specialization in American Studies

2010-05 -
2012-06

● **Annamalai University, Chennai, India**

M.A in International Relations (Distance Course)

2007-07 -
2009-07

● **Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi**

M.A in Linguistics

2004-07 -
2007-06

● **University of Delhi**

B.A (Honours) in English Literature



Other Achievements

- Qualified National Eligibility Test (NET), in **International Relations and Area Studies** conducted by University Grants Commission (UGC) in **December 2012**
- Qualified National Eligibility Test (NET), in **Defence and Strategic Studies** conducted by University Grants Commission (UGC) in **July 2016**

'India's Twin Pakistan Challenge: Local and Global,' Science Technology & Security Forum, *Manipal University*, June 12, 2017.

'Changing Shades of India's 'Cold Start' Doctrine', *The Capital Post*, Feb 10, 2017.

'Ashton Carter's India Visit: What is the Agenda?,' *Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies*, April 11 2016.

'Why India's NSG Bid Was A Diplomatic Eye-Opener,' *Huffington Post*, 26/07/2016.

'Post Pathankot: India Must Challenge the Narrative of Nuclear Deterrence,' *Huffington Post*, 20/01/2016.

'Why the US Should Dash the Idea of Re-Hyphenating India and Pakistan,' *Huffington Post*, 13/02/2016

'India Recalibrates its Indian Ocean Strategy,' *India Writes*, Feb 2015

'China-Japan Relations: Building Bridges,' *India Writes*, March 2015

'China's Great Wall of Sand: Latest Stumble for Rebalance,' *India Writes*, March 2015

'Xi's Pakistan Corridor: New India Encirclement Strategy' *India Writes*, April 2015

'Islamic State: Straining the US Defence Budget', *Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies*, Sept 30, 2014

'Failed Nuclear Deal with Japan: Will it affect Indo-US Nuclear Cooperation?' *Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies*, September 19, 2014

'China, the CUES, and Freedom of Navigation', *Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies*, May 20, 2014

'Camp Pendleton Exercise: Heralding the Future US-Asia Security Dynamics?,' *Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies*, April 30, 2014

'Southeast Asia: A Three-Pronged US Strategy', *Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies*, May 27, 2014

Completed an online Certificate Course on **Conflict Analysis** offered by the United States Institute of Peace (USIP), **Washington DC**.



Book Review

- Securing India: Vivekananda International Foundation - Perspective, Issues and Trends, (New Delhi, Wisdom Tree, 2017), Pages: 202, Price: Rs. 1,495.00, in *Indian Foreign Affairs Journal*, Vol. 12, No. 3, Jul - Sep 2017.
- Jakub Zajączkowski, et. al. (eds.), *India in the Contemporary World: Polity, Economy and International Relations*, New Delhi, Routledge, 2014, Pages: 522, Price: Rs. 696.50, in *Indian Foreign Affairs Journal*, Vol. 9, No. 3, Jul - Sep 2014.
- Yogendra Kumar (Ed.): *Wither Indian Ocean Maritime Order?*, (New Delhi, KW Publishers, 2017) Pages 292, Price: Rs. 880.00, in *Indian Foreign Affairs Journal*, Vol. 12, No. 2, Apr-Jun 2017.



Invited Lectures/Talks/Conference/Seminar

- "China in the Indian Ocean: Assessing Security Implications for India" National Conference: India and the South Asian Region: Dilemmas and Challenges. 28 March 2018. Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India.
- "India and the United States: Examining Change and Exploring Continuity in Post Cold War Relations". National Conference: India's Foreign Policy: Continuity and Change. 9-10 March, 2018. Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India.
- "Managing Asian Waters: The Next Challenge in Indian Foreign Policy" in International Conference on "India and New World Order in Contemporary Global Politics" 15th – 16th February, 2018. Department of Political Science & Human Rights, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak, Madhya Pradesh, India.
- "Growing Strategic and Economic Asymmetries in ASEAN: Is Indo-Pacific Consensus an Answer?" International Conference on India- ASEAN Partnership@25 February 10th, 2018. GITAM University. Visakhapatnam, India.
- "India's Naval Reset: An Assessment of its Gradually Increasing Maritime Neighbourhood Expanse", in conference on 'IR and Area Studies' during February 6-7, 2018, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India.
- Keynote Address: Seminar on The New World Order: How Major Leaders Are Impacting International Relations. 13th and 14th September, 2017. Organised by School of Law, Christ University, Bangaluru, India
- Invited lecture on US-India Relations: Taking a Stock of the Last Decade, American Centre, New Delhi on November 28, 2016.
- Resource Person for 2017-18 batch of Departing Indian Fulbright candidates, Hyderabad, India. May 24-26, 2017
- Resource Person for a Departmental Seminar at Rani Birla Girls' College, Calcutta University, India. Delivered lectures on: 1) Indo-US Relations since 1990: From Reluctance to Quasi Alliance, 2) Post-Cold War World Situation: Wither the Promise of Peace? March 24, 2017

'Rebalance Under Threat?' *Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies.*, March 20 2014

'Rebalancing: Philippines, Vietnam & Mutual Convergences?', *Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies*, April 22, 2014

'Russia: Exploring Energy Markets in East Asia?', *Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies*, April 7 2014

'Modi's China visit: Optics with Diplomacy,' *South Asia Monitor*, May 13 2015

'Chinese bases in IOR: A new maritime awakening for India?,' *South Asia Monitor*, April 28 2015

'US-India: Moving to Restore the Trust Deficit', *South Asia Monitor*, Sep 03 2014

'Thanks China for the String of Pearls.' *South Asia Monitor*, Nov 27 2012

'Why does India shy away from Indian Ocean leadership?,' *South Asia Monitor*, May 22 2013

'Patrol boats for Vietnam: India quietly securing maritime lanes,' *South Asia Monitor*. Aug 10, 2013

'Indo-US ties: Reading between the lines,' *South Asia Monitor*. Sep 15, 2013

'India should forge stronger military ties with South Korea,' *South Asia Monitor*. Dec 26 2013

'India-Sri Lanka ties: Needed engagement not absenteeism,' *South Asia Monitor*. Feb 07 2014

'China's Indian Ocean exercise: Beyond the obvious,' *South Asia Monitor*. Mar 25 2014

'Rebalancing" Recoiled?: Asia's Changing Security Paradigm,' *Science, Technology & Security Forum*, *The Manipal Advanced Research Group (MARG) at Manipal University*. Nov 30 2016.

- "BBIN-BIMSTEC Cooperation and the Indian Ocean Balance" in Young Thinkers' Conference - BBIN: Challenges and Opportunities. 8-9 November 2017, organised by Observer Research Foundation & British Deputy High Commission, Kolkata, India
- "The US, India and ASEAN" in International Conference - ASEAN@50 AND INDIA-ASEAN RELATIONS, 7-8 December 2017, Organised by *Southeast Asia Research Group, University of Delhi & International Strategic and Security Studies Programme, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangaluru, India*
- "The Possible American Retreat under Trump: Implications for Asian Security" in International Conference - Whither the Global Village: Is Globalisation in Retreat?, 13-14th October, 2017 organised by Department of Politics & Governance, Central University of Kashmir, Srinagar, J&K, India
- "US-India Security Cooperation: Implications for the Indian Ocean", in the two-day UGC Sponsored National Seminar on "India: The Global Actor in the Indian Ocean (Perspectives and Challenges)," organised by the Department of History & Political Science, Bhawanipur Education Society College, Kolkata, India on 15-16 Dec, 2016.
- "Linking Trans-Oceanic Security Architecture in Asia: Exploring Rationales of India-US Partnership", at three-day national conference on "Act East Policy of NDA II and Primary Goals: Economic Development, Democracy and National Security" organised by VPM's Centre for International Studies (Regd.), Mumbai – April 27-29 2017.
- "US-India Defense Relations: Assessing Obama Administration's Gains" in two-day international conference on "The Barack Obama Presidency: Legacy and Record," at University of Mount Union, Alliance, Ohio: March 10-11, 2016.
- Participated in the three day 56th Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Annual Conference held at United States Naval Academy (USNA), Annapolis, Maryland from April 12-14, 2016. Policy table, "Mad Men: Moving Beyond the Antiquated Gender Gap".
- "Indo-Pacific: The New US Pivot?", two-day International conference on "Politics, Conflict and Development," at School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA), Virginia International University, Fairfax, Virginia: April 15-16, 2016.
- "US post-Cold War Maritime Strategy in the Indian Ocean: Mahanian Unilateralism to Coalition Response", at the Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University on April 20th, 2016.
- "Emerging Fissures in US Power and Influence in the Asia Pacific Region" in the 2015 annual conference of the US Foreign Policy Working Group of the British International Studies Association (BISA) at City University, London, on 14-15 September 2015.
- Contributed in forming a Policy Paper on US Policies towards growing domestic inequalities in China at the 67th Students Conference on United States Affairs (SCUSA) held at US Military Academy at West Point, New York from November 04-07, 2015.
- "Changing US Role in West Asia since 2010: Realistic and Theoretical Underpinnings" in two-day National Seminar on West Asia: Between Technological Developments and Border Security in India's North East - Part 1 & 2,' *Science, Technology & Security Forum, The Manipal Advanced Research Group (MARG) at Manipal University, Aug 25, 2014.*
- Indian Navy Running on "Jugaad",' *Indicia Research & Advisory, Mar 06 2014*
- 'P-8I: A Ground for India-Australia Cooperation?,' *Indicia Research & Advisory. Jul 16 2013*
- 'A Felix Culpa?: Examining the Indian MoD's absence at Shangri La Dialogue 2013,' *Indicia Research & Advisory. Jun 19 2013*
- 'DefExpo 2014: An Opportunity Lost?,' *Indicia Research & Advisory. Mar 03 2013*
- 'Rolls Royce Scam: Understanding the Politico-Military-Industrial Nexus', *Indicia Research & Advisory. Apr 15, 2014*
- 'Chuck Hagel's India visit: Not Quite a Success Story,' *Indicia Research & Advisory. Aug 28 2014*
- 'Afghanistan Shelves Arms Request: India's Strategic Folly?' in *Daily Outlook Afghanistan. Nov 10, 2014*
- 'India Is Now More Than a Friend, Less Than an Ally for US,' *The Quint, Dec 08, 2016*
- 'How Will the New President Affect the US' Relations With Asia?,' *The Quint, Oct 19, 2016.*
- 'Israel-Turkey Thaw in Rome,' *All India Radio's World Service, Jun 30, 2016*
- 'US-Russia Deal on Syria,' *All India Radio's World Service, Sep 13 2016*
- 'Indonesian Assertions on South China Sea Dispute,' *All India Radio's World Service, Aug 19 2016*

Turbulent Present and Uncertain Future on 18-19 March 2015. National conference organized by MMAJ-Academy of International Studies (AIS) & Centre for West Asian Studies (CWAS), Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi.

- Presented a paper titled Indo-US Relations in the Indian Ocean: Changing Chinese Perception, in International Conference on China in the Indian Ocean Region organised by the UGC Centre for Indian Ocean Studies, Osmania University, Hyderabad, India: Nov 13-14, 2014.
- Presented a Paper titled, India's Eastern Extension of its Foreign Policy, in the UGC National Seminar on Changing Dynamics of India's Neighbourhood Policy, organized by the Department of Political Science, Kurukshetra University, Haryana, India: March 14-15, 2013
- "India and the emerging International Scenario-Choices and Options" International Conference, Osmania University Centre for International Programmes, Osmania University, Hyderabad, India. from 22-24 January 2013.
- "US Sanctions on Iran: India a Potential Bargaining Chip?" International Conference organised by the Centre for Indian Ocean Studies, Osmania University, Hyderabad, India on 7-8 November, 2013.



Article in Journal/Magazine

- 2017-03 ● "India-US Defence Cooperation: Assessing Strategic Imperatives", *Strategic Analysis*, 42 (1), Pg. 1-14. 2018. Taylor & Francis.
- "India's Emerging Concept of Regional Maritime Security," *Maritime Affairs: Journal of National Maritime Foundation of India*, Vol. 13, No. 2, 1-10. 2017. Taylor & Francis.
- 2017-03 ● 'India-US Maritime Cooperation: The Next Decade', *Indian Foreign Affairs Journal*, Vol. 12, No. 1, Jan-Mar. Pg. 60-73. ISSN 0973-3248.
- 2017-05 ● 'Indo-US Security Cooperation: Implications for the Indian Ocean', *Maritime Affairs*, National Maritime Foundation. Jan-May 2017. Vol. 13 No.1. 73-81. Taylor and Francis
- 2017-01 ● 'Does India Have Options in Tackling Pakistan?', *Journal of International Affairs* (online feats), School of Public and International Affairs, Columbia University. Jan 17, 2017.
- 2016-06 ● 'Soft Power Contestation between India and China in South Asia,' co-authored with Obja Borah Hazarika in *Indian Foreign Affairs Journal*, Issue: April-June, Vol. 11.2, 2016.
- 2018-01 ● 'Changing Shades of India's Multilateralism,' *Asian Studies*, Vol. XXXV, Nos. 1&2, , Kolkata.
- 2016-12 ● 'Implications for Asia of Donald Trump's Victory, *Asian Studies*, ' Vol. XXXIV, Nos. 1&2,, Kolkata. ISSN 09707301.
- 2016-03 ● 'US Power and Influence in the Asia-Pacific Region: The Decline of 'Alliance Mutuality', in *Strategic Analysis*, Vol. 40 No.3. 159-172. Taylor and Francis.
- 2015-12 ● 'Jim Roach Memorial Special Article on 'Indo-US Relations Under Modi: Discontent Out, Optimism' in *OUCIP Journal of International Studies*, Vol. 3, Nos. 1 & 2.
- 2014-12 ●



Organization

Organised a two-day national seminar on, 'The Regional Great Game in the Indian Ocean & India's Evolving Maritime Strategy, 28-29 April 2017; *Netaji Institute for Asian Studies*, Kolkata, India

'Jim Roach Memorial Special Article on 'US-India Energy Partnership,' in *OUCIP Journal of International Studies*, Vol. 2, No. 2.

- 2015-07 ● 'Indo-US Joint Strategic Vision: Implications for the Indo-Pacific' in US based *South Asia Journal* (e-feats).
- 2016-11 ● 'Japan and India: A Special Relationship?', in *The National Interest*.
- 2016-06 ● 'Revealed: India's Ambitious New Naval Strategy,' in *The National Interest*, June 02, 2016.
- 2016-09 ● 'The Case for Isolating Pakistan,' in *The National Interest*.
- 2016-04 ● 'Modi's Asia-Pacific Push,' in the *Centre for International Maritime Security* (online feats), Washington DC.
- 2013-09 ● 'India and the Rise of the Indo-Pacific' *The Diplomat*
- 2013-10 ● 'The Benefits for India of a US-2 Deal with Japan', *The Diplomat*
- 2014-06 ● 'Up in Arms: Foreign Investment in Indian Defense', *The Diplomat*
- 2016-09 ● 'Trump or Hillary: Who Should India Align With?,' UDAY India Magazine, September 02, 2016.



Chapter in a Book

- 2016-04 ● 'Indo-pacific as an emerging geopolitical construct: US policy and ramifications,' jointly with Professor C. Mahapatra, in D. Gopal and Dalbir Ahlawat (ed.), *Indo-Pacific: Emerging Powers Evolving Regions and Challenges in Global Governance*, Akar Books, 2016, ISBN 10: 9350024012/ISBN 13: 9789350024010.
- 2014-06 ● 'India and the Emerging International Scenario,' in Kousar J. Azam (ed.), *India in World Affairs: The Next Decade*, Manohar Publishers & Distributors, New Delhi, 2016, ISBN 978-93-5098-098-9.
- 2015-04 ● 'US-India-China Strategic Triangle in the Indian Ocean Region: An Indian Perspective,' jointly with Professor C. Mahapatra in Sithara Fernando (ed.), *United States-China-India Strategic Triangle in the Indian Ocean Region: Challenges and Opportunities*, K. W. Publishers Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi. ISBN-10: 9383649488, ISBN-13: 978-9383649488.
- 2013-06 ● 'Growing Relevance of the Indo-Pacific', in Dibyajyoti Dutta & Tarun Dutta (ed.), *Contemporary Issues in International Relations* (Pranjal Kumar Mahanta, Guwahati, 2014) ISBN 978-9381-069-6-84.
- 2015-02 ● 'Indo-US Relations in the Indian Ocean: Changing Chinese Perception,' in R. Sidda Goud & Manisha Mookherjee (ed.), *China in Indian Ocean Region* (Allied Publishers, 2015) ISBN 9788184249774



Issue Brief

- 'Indo-US Relations: After Narendra Modi's Visit,' *Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, New Delhi*