

## WORK

### Current

Associate Professor (July 2018 onwards)  
Department of International Relations and Governance Studies  
Shiv Nadar University

### Past

Assistant Professor (July 2017-July 2018)  
Department of International Relations and Governance Studies  
Shiv Nadar University

Assistant Professor (August 2010-July 2017)  
Centre for International Politics  
Central University of Gujarat

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

- Contemporary international politics
- International theory
- Indian foreign policy
- International thought in modern India
- Historical international relations of South Asia

## EDUCATION

**Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), 2013**  
School of International Studies  
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

**Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.), 2008**  
School of International Studies  
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

**Master of Arts (M.A.) in Politics with Specialisation in International Relations, 2006**  
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

**Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Political Science, 2004**  
Mumbai University, Mumbai

## SELECT PUBLICATIONS

### Books

- *The Sovereign Lives of India and Pakistan: Post-Partition Statehood in South Asia*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, (forthcoming in August 2021).
- Co-authored with Rajesh Rajagopalan. *Nuclear South Asia: Keywords and Concepts*, New Delhi and Oxford: Routledge, 2014.

## Journal Articles

- 'What Does the International Mean? IR's Deep Ontology and the Promise it Holds', *Studies in Indian Politics*, vol.4, no.2, 2016, pp.233-240.
- 'Indigenism in Contemporary IR Discourses in India: A Critique', *Studies in Indian Politics*, vol. 2, no.2, 2014, pp.119-135.
- 'Emulated or National? Contemporary India's 'Great Power' Discourse', *Jadavpur Journal of International Relations*, vol.17, no.1, 2013, pp.69-102.
- 'India's Non-Liberal Democracy and the Discourse of Democracy Promotion', *South Asian Survey*, vol.19, no.1, 2012, pp.33-59.
- 'Necessary Oppositions: Domestic Debates on Iran', *Strategic Analysis*, vol. 36, no.6, 2012, pp.882-898.
- 'Theorising State Sovereignty in South Asia', *Economic and Political Weekly*, vol. XLIII, no. 40, October 4, 2008, pp.65-72.
- 'Boundaries and Territoriality in South Asia: From Historical Comparisons to Theoretical Considerations', *International Studies*, vol.45, no.2, 2008, pp.105-132.

## Book Chapters

- 'Perils of Ideological Maximalism', in P.R. Kumaraswamy (ed.) *Facets of India's Security: Essays for C. Uday Bhaskar*, Oxon and New York: Routledge, 2021, pp. 34-50.
- 'Nouveau Claims on Traditional Visions of Indian Democracy', in M.N. Thakur and Dhananjay Rai (eds.) *Democracy on the Move? Reflections on Moments, Promises and Contradictions*, New Delhi: Aakar Books, 2013, pp.126-142.
- 'Politics, the State and the Tragedy of Fear: Connected Fragments from Europe to South Asia', in Monica Narula, Shuddhabrata Sengupta and Jeebesh Bagchi (eds.) *Sarai Reader 08: Fear*, New Delhi: Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, 2010, pp.20-26.

## Review Essays

- Untitled review essay of *The Lost History of Liberalism* by Helena Rosenblatt, *Strategic Analysis*, vol. 44, no. 6, 2020, 603-608.
- 'Contested World Orders', *Strategic Analysis*, vol.33, no.2, 2009, pp.300-307.
- 'Ideas and Great Powers', review essay of *Great Powers and the Quest for Hegemony: The World Order Since 1500* by Jeremy Black and *Day of Empire: How Hyperpowers Rise to Global Dominance – and Why They Fall* by Amy Chua, *Indian Journal of Politics and International Relations*, vol.1, no.2, 2008, pp.348-357.

## Policy Pieces

- Co-authored with Jason Miklian. 'The Evolving Domestic Drivers of India's Foreign Policy', NOREF Report, Oslo: Norwegian Peacebuilding Resource Centre, January 2016.
- 'Pakistan's Long and Ordinary Crisis', IDSA Issue Brief, New Delhi: Institute of Defence Studies and Analyses, 9 February 2012.

## Book Reviews

- Review of *The Internationalist Moment: South Asia, Worlds, and World Views* by Ali Reza et al (eds.), *Social Change*, vol.47, no. 1, 2017, pp.151-154.
- Review of *Shaping the Emerging World: India and the Multilateral Order* by W.P.S. Sidhu et al (eds.), *The Book Review*, vol. 39, no. 2, 2015, pp.51-52.
- Review of *The Relevance of the Ideas of Swami Vivekananda for International Relations* by Sarup Prasad Ghosh, *The Book Review*, vol. 38, no. 7, 2014, pp.5-6.
- Review of *Dead reckoning: memories of the 1971 Bangladesh war* by Sarmila Bose, *Contemporary South Asia*, vol. 21, no.1, 2013, pp. 76-77.
- Review of *Tinderbox: The Past and Future of Pakistan* by M.J. Akbar, *Contemporary South Asia*, vol.20, no.1, 2012, pp.151-152.
- Review of *India's Israel Policy* by P.R. Kumaraswamy for the IDSA National Strategy Project, Book Discussion Forum, New Delhi: February 2011.
- Review of *South Asia's Cold War* by Rajesh M. Basrur, *Indian Foreign Affairs Journal*, vol.4, no.2, 2009, pp.150-153.
- Review of *The Twilight of the Nation State: Globalisation, Chaos and War* by Prem Shankar Jha, *India Quarterly*, vol.65, no.1, 2009, pp.101-103.
- Review of *Sovereignties: Contemporary Theory and Practice* by Raia Prokhovnik, *Cooperation and Conflict*, vol. 43, no. 4, 2008, pp.487-489.
- Review of *Contested Lands* by Sumantra Bose, *International Studies*, vol.45, no.1, 2008, pp.75-78.
- Review of *The Partition Motif in Contemporary Conflicts* by Smita Tewari-Jassal and Eyal Ben-Ari, *South Asian Survey*, vol.14, no.2, 2007, pp.349-373.
- 'Drawing the line of distrust', review of *India & Pakistan: Pathways Ahead* by Amitabh Mattoo et al. (eds.), *Pioneer*, October 28, 2007.
- 'Not a colonial apologist', review of *Liberalism, Modernity, and the Nation* by Peter Robb, *Himal Southasian*, July 2007.
- 'The sniffer that caught cold', review of *Who Owns CBI*, by BR Lall, *Pioneer*, June 17, 2007.
- 'An engaging war diary', review of *Reporting Armed Conflict*, *Pioneer*, April 29, 2007.

#### **Other Essays and Articles – online/print**

- 'India's PAK challenge needs a political response', *The Hindustan Times*, 11 June 2021.
- 'Korona sankatatoon saamaaji parivartan shakya aahe ka?', *The Wire Marathi*, 3 June 2021.
- 'Kya Covid mahamaari ko samaajik badlaav laaney ke mauqe ke taur pe dekha ja sakta hai', *The Wire Hindi*, 23 May 2021.
- 'India's real foreign policy challenge is domestic', *The Hindustan Times*, 12 May 2021.
- 'Assessing India's counter to 'diminishing democracy'', *The Hindu*, 25 March 2021.
- 'Dangers of hard sovereignty', *The Hindu*, 10 February 2021.
- 'Only through the prism of science', *The Hindu*, 4 April 2020.
- 'The lessons from Brexit', *The Indian Express*, 22 January 2019.
- 'When the military fights with democracy', thREAD (*The Hindu* blog), 17 September 2018.
- 'Sir Syed's Old World', *Café Dissensus*, 4 November 2017.
- 'Concrete boxes that won't cave', thREAD (*The Hindu* blog), 20 January 2016.

- ‘A nation in a chrysalis’, thREAD (*The Hindu* blog), 26 October 2015.
- ‘India’s underdeveloped republicanism’, (*The Dawn* blog), 27 January 2012.
- ‘Kolaveri di and other words that make sense’, (*The Dawn* blog), 26 November 2011.
- ‘India, governed only in cities’, (*The Dawn* blog), 26 August 2011.
- ‘That obscure object of desire’, (*The Dawn* blog), 27 May 2011.
- ‘Lost in the Frenzy’, (*The Dawn* blog), 3 May 2011.
- ‘A Season of Scams’, (*The Dawn* blog), 24 March 2011.
- ‘K. Subrahmanyam’, MEI Remembers # 3 (Obituary), Middle East Institute, New Delhi, 4 February 2011.
- ‘Nations out of fantasy’, *Himal Southasian*, August 2007.
- ‘Bal, Raj and Uddhav’, *Himal Southasian*, January 2007.

## PRESENTATIONS/TALKS

- ‘The Difficulty of Dialogue in International Relations’, invited talk delivered to participants of the Certificate Course in Dialogue Studies, Indialogue Foundation and Gandhi Smriti Darshan Samiti’, 28 November 2020. Online mode.
- ‘Nation and Nationalism in the Contemporary Period’, Prof. A.B. Shah Memorial Lecture delivered for the Muslim Satyashodhak Mandal, Pune. 19 September 2020. Online mode.
- “‘United States of India’: The Regionalist Alternatives to South Asia’s Partition”, paper presented at an international conference on ‘Institutional Legacies of India’s Internationalist Thought and Practice, 1919-2019’, Ashoka University, 31 January 2020.
- ‘Of Locusts vs. the Gigantic Octopus: The Hindutva International in V.D. Savarkar’s ‘Historical’ Thought’, paper presented at the Research Colloquium of the Department of International Relations and Governance Studies, Shiv Nadar University, 22 November 2019.
- ‘Taking Historical Consciousness Seriously’, paper presented at an international workshop titled ‘Postcolonial IR: Engaging With Public History in South Asia and Beyond’, Department of International Relations, South Asian University, New Delhi, 18 March 2019.
- ‘The Federation Proposals of Late-Colonial South Asia: Notes from a Preliminary Survey’, talk delivered at the Department of International Relations, Ashoka University, 16 November 2018.
- ‘Essentials of Academic Writing in the Social Sciences’, talk delivered at the Department of Political Science, Aligarh Muslim University, 24 November 2018.
- ‘Understanding Power in Contemporary International Relations’, presentation made at SNU-CENJOWS joint seminar on Comprehensive National Power, New Delhi, 12 November 2018.
- ‘Federal Alternatives to Interstate Relations: The Question of Political Form in Late-Colonial South Asia’, paper presented at the Department of International Relations, South Asian University, New Delhi, 28 September 2017.

- ‘India’s Realistic Regionalisms in its Asian Ambitions’, at a seminar titled ‘Regionalism in International Relations: Contours and Trends’, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, 14 March 2017.
- ‘From ‘Nonalignment’ to the ‘Modi Doctrine’: The Indian Worldview in Transformation’, FLAME University, Pune, 14 October 2016.
- ‘Soft Power: A Critical Constructivist Exposition’, at a conference titled ‘The Many Forms of Soft Power: India and the World’, IIAS, Simla, 14 September 2015.
- ‘Nuclearization and Indian IR Debates’, at the Author’s Workshop of an ICSSR-funded project titled ‘Nuclearization of South Asia: Implications for India’s National Security’, JNU, New Delhi, 27 March 2015.
- ‘Indigenism and the Re-imagining of IR in India’, at the Annual International Studies Convention, JNU, New Delhi, 11 December 2013.

#### **RESEARCH PROJECT**

- Co-director, ICSSR-funded multi-university major research project, ‘India’s Regional Relations in a Transitioning World: Policies, Priorities, and Practices’ (2013-2016). Final report submitted in November 2018; positive review received in February 2019.

#### **INTERNATIONAL FIELDWORK EXPERIENCE**

- Yangon, October 2015
- Kabul, December 2015