

Curriculum Vitae

Contact:

Medha Bisht (Ph.D.)
Department of International Relations
South Asian University
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Languages: Hindi, English

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION:

2004-2010: Ph.D. in Diplomatic Studies, (Diplomacy and Disarmament Division) Centre for International Politics, Organisation and Disarmament, School of International Studies (SIS), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi.

2008: Peace Research, International Summer School, University Of Oslo, Norway

2002-2004: M. Phil in Diplomatic Studies, Center for Studies in Diplomacy, International Law and Economics, SIS, JNU. New Delhi.

2002-2000. M.A in Politics (Spl in International Relations) ,SIS, JNU, New Delhi.

2000-1997: B.A (Hons) In History, Miranda House, Delhi University, New Delhi.

1997-1996: ISC in Humanities, All Saints College, Nainital.

1995-1994: I.C.S.E, All Saints College, Nainital.

Professional Experience

Associate Professor, Department of International Relations, South Asian University, New Delhi. August 2020- Present

Assistant Professor (SG), Department of International Relations, South Asian University, New Delhi. August 2012- 2020

Fellow, South Asia Centre, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi (October 2010 to August 2012). IDSA is a thinktank under the Ministry of Defence, Government of India.

Researcher, South Asia Centre, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi, at (August 2006-October 2010).

Lecturer, Political Science, P.G State College, Dwarahat, Almora, Uttarakhand (August 2005- April 2006)

Guest Lecturer, M.A. Women Studies Department, Mahatma Gandhi International Hindi University, Wardha, Maharashtra. (IIIRD Semester, 2006)

Research Associate at Institute for Social Studies Trust, NGO with special consultative status with ECOSOC, United Nations, New Delhi. (2004-2006)

Consultancies with UNIFEM, ICIMOD, UNDP, IUCN, OXFAM, DFID/Asia Foundation, Friedrich Naumann Foundation, University of Arizona on issues related to gender and development, water diplomacy and governance and energy transition.

Supervision/Review/Committees/Task forces

1. Member , Koshi Disaster Risk Reduction Knowledge Hub, ICIMOD (2022-Present)
2. Member, Indo-Pacific Circle, Council of Strategic and Defence Research and Centre for Policy Research (2022- ongoing)
3. Task Force Member on Climate Security, Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, New Delhi, India and Clingendael Institute and Planetary Security Initiative, Netherlands (August 2021- oAugust 2022)
4. Water Thematic Group, Country Coordinator, Himalayan University Consortium, ICIMOD, Kathmandu, Nepal (2019-2021)
5. Supervision PhD- One Awarded, Three Ongoing (Ph.D, and One M.Phil).
6. Invited to write two modules on Kautilya's Arthashastra and Arthashastra and IR Theory , University-Grant Commission, Human Resource Development Centre, JNU, January-March 2021. (Supported by Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education, Government of India.
7. Served as Ph.D./ M.Phil Examiner for OP Jindal University, Haryana, Delhi University, New Delhi. and Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
8. Served as a peer- reviewer for Strategic Analysis, International Studies, South Asian Survey, International Studies, Hague Journal of Diplomacy, Est Asia Forum, Tarzi Research Foundation, Afghanistan, Journal of Indian Ocean Region, Politics, India Quarterly, Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi, Routledge, Sage, Oxford University Press.
9. Served as a subject expert for developing a Post-Graduate course on Hydro-Diplomacy for 3 Indian Universities, IIT-Guwahati, Sikkim University and Pondicherry University, June 24, 2020
10. Editorial/Review Board-Journal of South Asian Studies, February 25, 2013-- February 24, 2015
11. Reviewer for MA IR Courses, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, January 2018.
12. Subject Matter Expert on Water Security on DRDO- (Ministry of Defence) funded Strategic Trends 2050 project, New Delhi.

Awards and Honours

1. Invited for a keynote lecture on IRBM: Transboundary water resources, ICIMOD, Kathmandu, September 5, 2023.
2. Key Note, Water Diplomacy in South Asia: Towards a Relational Approach, Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Kathmandu, March 15, 2023
3. Invited for a Track Two Dialogue on Climate Change between India and Pakistan, Bangkok, Thailand, October 4-5, 2022.

4. Selected as a South Asian delegate for an interactive study tour on Energy Transition, organized by the World Order and Globalization Hub to United States of America, May 2023
5. Selected as one of the South Asian delegate for professional training course on 'multi-scale integrated river basin management in the Koshi Basin and Murray Darling Basin, ICIMOD, Alluvium and Griffith University, August-September 2022.
6. Invited as Guest Speaker to deliver a talk on 'Bhutan and the South Asian Chessboard', Centre for Bhutan Studies and India-Bhutan Friendship Foundation, Thimpu, Bhutan, June 27, 2014.
7. Accepted as a Doctoral Candidate, Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, The Netherlands (2005/2006)
8. Topped Lectureship Interviews conducted by Uttaranchal Public Service Commission in Political Science, Dehradun, 2006.

Research Grants- Primary Investigator

1. Awarded a four year project on project, "Cross-regional learning for transformative water diplomacy (CroWD) with Institute for Water Education, IHE Delft, Netherlands, 2023.
2. Awarded a Consultancy Grant by ICIMOD and University of Arizona, on Renewable Energy Transitions: Comparative Assessment in the Hindu Kush Himalayas, Andes and Alps, March – May 2021
3. Awarded a Consultancy Grant by OXFAM, Cambodia to lead a research project on Indigenous Women and Water Governance in the Transboundary Meghna Basin in South Asia, September 2020- January 2021.
4. Convened an E-Winter School on Inclusive Water Governance in South Asia in partnership with Uppsala University (UNESCO Chair, Sweden and Oxfam, Cambodia. August-September 2020.
5. Co-Author of a Course (with Professor Imtiaz Ahmed, Dhaka University), on Hydro diplomacy in South Asia, supported by IUCN, Asia, October 2017- December 2017.
6. Lead Coordinator for project in India on Transboundary Water Cooperation with WWF-Pakistan. Project funded by the Asia Foundation. (July 2016- September 2017)
7. Selected for "Asia Pacific Water Leadership Programme (APWLP) to study the Murray-Darling Basin" from April 8-19,2018, organised and funded by the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) and International Centre for Excellence in Water Resources Management (ICE WaRM) Australia.
8. Awarded a Grant for a Workshop on 'Water Governance and Water Diplomacy in South Asia', 05 January - 08 January 2018, Funding -Asia Foundation and International Union for Conservation and Nature, INR 700000.
9. Mc Arthur Fellowship, Strategic and Economic Capacity Building Programme for Young scholars, 2010. (Facilitated by ICRIER, New Delhi.
10. Millennium Travel Grant to attend Millennium Conference, 2010, London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom, 2010.

Publications

Books/Monographs/Occasional Papers

1. Anvikshiki in Kautilya's Arthashastra: The Science of Inquiry, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, 2023.
2. Transboundary Water Governance: Narratives from the Meghna Basin, OXFAM, February 2021. (co-authored)
3. Kautilya's Arthashastra: Philosophy of Strategy, Oxon: Routledge: 2020. ISBN:978-1-1-138-55307.
4. Monograph on Hydro-diplomacy and Local Narratives: Case study of River Ravi in Indian and Pakistan Punjab. Lahore: WWF-Pakistan, 2017. (co-authored)
5. Water Sector in Pakistan: Policy, Politics, Management, IDSA Monograph Series No. 18, 2013 , ISBN: 978-93-82169-17-8
6. Edited- Contemporary Issues in South Asia: Documents, Shipra Publication: New Delhi, 2009.

ARTICLES

7. Culture as a Fluid Interlocutor: Perspectives on Water Diplomacy from South Asia, *The Hague Journal of Diplomacy* , June 2021). doi: <https://doi.org/10.1163/1871191X-bja10073> (with Professor Jamil Ahmed)
8. Rethinking Dialogic Narratives in Water Diplomacy. *Journal of Dialogue Studies*, 11, 2023, 140-159.
9. India and Pakistan can future-proof their threatened rivers, *Water Science Policy*, June, 2023. <https://doi.org/10.54377/fa3c-f2a5>
10. 'Strategic Thought in Kautilya's Arthashastra: Insights on Security', *Dur Drishti*, 21 (1), 2021.
11. Towards a networked strategy: framework for maritime South Asia', *Journal of the Indian Ocean Region*, 16:2,2020, pp. 182-201: ISSN: 1948108X, 19480881
12. From the Edges of Borders: Reflections on Water Diplomacy in South Asia', *Water Policy* 21, 2019, doi: 10.2166/wp.2019.124.
13. Paradigms in India-Bhutan Relations and Pathways for Cooperation in Bhatnagar and Passi (eds), *Neighbourhood First: Navigating Ties Under Modi*, Global Policy Journal, 2016, 106-115, ISBN- 978-81-86818-15-2.
14. The Concept of 'Order' in Arthashastra: Re-engaging the Text, *South Asian Survey*, Special Issue, 2015

15. Bhutan and Climate Change: Identifying Strategic Implications, *Contemporary South Asia*, 2013 Vol 21, 398-412.
16. Assessing Bhutan Elections: Some Facts, Some Assumptions, *Economic and Political Weekly*, XLVIII No. 39, 15-17, 2013
17. Bhutan-India Power Cooperation: Benefits Beyond Bilateralism, *Strategic Analysis*, 36, 787-803, 2013
18. Bhutan's Foreign Policy Determinants: An Assessment, *Strategic Analysis* (Routledge), January 2012.
19. Conceptualising Movements Against Large Dams- A Case Study Analysis of NBA: Strategies, Linkages and State Response, *Social Change* 41 (3) 2011, Sage, New Delhi
20. Indo-Bhutan Relations: From Development Cooperation to Strategic Partnership, *Strategic Analyses*, Routledge, May, 2010.
21. Advocacy Groups and Multi-Stakeholder Negotiations: Redefining Frameworks of Diplomatic Practice?, *International Studies* 45.2, 2009 (Sage Publication)
22. Red Star Rising, *Asian Affairs*, May 2008.
23. National Networks: Spaces in the Asian Region, *Women's Link*, April-May, 2006.
24. Uttaranchal: Poverty and Environmental Security, *Women's Link*, January-March 2006.
25. Women's Movement: Perception and Reality, *Women's Link*, April -June 2005.
26. Women as Victims of Violence—Emerging Nuances at the International and National Level. *Women's Link*, Oct-Dec, 2004.

Chapters in Books

27. India's Development Partnership: A case of India- Bhutan Energy Transition, in Mahawar and Bhattacharjee (eds), *India's Development Partnership: Expanding Vistas*, New Delhi: Indian Council of World Affairs & KW PublishersBhutan
28. Geography of Climate Change in The Role of Tropics in Climate Change, ed Niloy Khare, Elsevier, 2024 (co-authored) 2023
29. "Thinking Through Networks: Towards a Feminist Water Diplomacy" , in Sehring, J., ter Horst, R., & Zwarteveen, M. (Eds.). (2022). *Gender Dynamics in Transboundary Water Governance: Feminist Perspectives on Water Conflict and Cooperation* (1st ed.). Routledge. <https://doi.org/10.4324/978100319891>
30. 'India-Bhutan Relations: Present Trajectories and Future Possibilities, in Shalini Chawla (ed.), *India's Neighbourhood: Challenges and Opportunities*, New Delhi: CAPS and KW Publishers, 2022, ISBN 9789394915213

31. Bisht and Anwar, 'Shared' waterscapes: The case of river Ravi in Indian and Pakistan Punjab, in Dutta (ed), *Water Conflicts and Resistance Issues and Challenges in South Asia*, Oxon: Routledge, 2021.
32. Meeting John Stuart Mill and Mahatma Gandhi in Beitzel and Langare eds., *Rethinking Mahatma Gandhi: The Global Appraisal*, New Delhi: Rawat Publication, 2021.
33. Strategic Wisdom in Kautilya's Arthashastra: Philosophical Roots and Political Implications in Suresh Rangarajan (ed.) *Contemporarising Arthashastra*, Indian Institute for Advanced Studies, Shimla, 2021, 27-40
34. From Past Leanings to Future Orientations: Reflections on Bhutan policy towards India under Modi 2.0' in Sakhuja (ed.) *Pentagon Yearbook 2020: South Asia Defence and Strategic Perspective*, New Delhi, 2020. ISSN- 10 : 8194465932
35. The Making of Space: Changing Geo-politics in Himalayas', in Bansal and Ketkar (eds), *Geopolitics of Himalayan Region: Cultural Political and Strategic Dimensions*, New Delhi: Pentagon Press, 2020, pp 129-143, ISBN: 978-93-86618-68-9.
36. Re-imagining South Asia: Hopes for the Indus Basin Network in Suhardiman et al (eds) *Earthscan*, 2017, 154-164.
37. Arthashastra: Reflections on Thought and Theory, in Liebig and Mishra, *The Arthashastra in a Transcultural Perspective: Comparing Kautilya with Sun-Zi, Nizam al-Mulk, Barani and Machiavelli*, New Delhi: Pentagon, 2017, 172-194.
38. Bargaining and Negotiation Analysis: Lessons from Arthashastra, in Arvind Gupta, P K Gautam and Saurabh Mishra (eds.), *Indigenous Historical Knowledge: Kautilya and his Vocabulary*, Part Three, New Delhi: Pentagon Publishers, forthcoming, 2016, 103-121.
39. India- Nepal Water Issues: Moving Past Negotiated Frameworks in Monika Mandal (ed), *India- Nepal Relations*, Maulana Abul Kalam Institute for Asian Studies and KW Publishers, 2016. ISBN: 9789383649877, 2016, 113-132
40. Revisiting Arthashastra, in Arvind Gupta, P K Gautam and Saurabh Mishra (eds.), *Indigenous Historical Knowledge: Kautilya and his Vocabulary*, Part Two, New Delhi: Pentagon Publishers, forthcoming, 2015

41. Water Diplomacy and India's National Strategy, India's National Security Strategy: 2020 Perspectives, Venkatshamy and George (Editors) ,Pentagon Security International, (2012) ISBN: 978-81-8274-657-2.
42. Water Issues in South Asia: Is Cooperative Security Plausible Cooperative Security Framework for South Asia, Nihar Nayak (Editor), Pentagon Press, (2012) ISBN: 978-81-8274-705-0.
43. India-Bhutan Relations in the Next few Decades in Dahiya and Behuria (eds.),India's Neighbourhood: Challenges in the Next Few Decades, (New Delhi, Pentagon Security International, 2012)
44. Bhutan's Democratic Transition: An Assessment, in B.C. Uprety and Kishan Gopal (eds.), *Democracy in South Asia: Emerging Issues and Constraints* (New Delhi, Kalinga Publications, 2012).
45. Water Problems in Bangladesh: Internal and External Dimensions, Smruti Pattnaik (ed), *Four Decades of India-Bangladesh Relations* (Gyan Publishers, 2012).
46. Non-State Armed Groups: The Case Of Naxalism in Chhattisgarh IN Arpita Anant (ed.) Non-State Armed Groups in South Asia: A Preliminary Structured Focussed Comparison, Non-State Armed Groups, Pentagon Security International, 2012.
47. Scenarios 2030: A Long Term View of Hydro Politics of South Asia, in Lele and Goswami (ed) , *Asia 2030:The Unfolding Future*, Editors: New Delhi, Lancer, 2011
48. India-Bhutan Hydro-Projects: A Case Study on Effective Cooperation, Water Security Task Force, 2009-2010. IDSA, 2010
49. Pakistan's Image, Growing Implications for Pakistan, in IDSA Report, *Wither Pakistan*, Contribution to Pakistan Task Force at IDSA, 2010.
50. (with) Ratna .M . Sudarshan, 'Voice' as a pathway to women's empowerment: reflections on the Indian experience in *Mapping Women's Empowerment: Experiences from Bangladesh, India and Pakistan* , Dhaka, University Press Limited (UPL), 2010.
51. Bhutan on a path to Democracy in Ashok Behuria (ed) *India and its Neighbours: Towards a New Partnership*, New Delhi: Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, 2008.
52. Poverty and Governance in South Asia: Issues and Concerns in Ashok Behuria (ed) *India and its Neighbours: Towards a New Partnership*, New Delhi: Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, 2008.
53. Sudarshan and Pande (Ed), Sanitation And Waste Management: A Perspective Of Gender And Diplomacy In Ensuring Public Accountability Through Community Action, ISST,2007.
54. Women and Armed conflict, Report on Progress of Women in South Asia, ISST &UNIFEM, 2007.
55. Transnational Issues: Opportunities and Challenges, Report on Progress of Women in South Asia, ISST &UNIFEM, 2007.
56. Women in Politics and Public Life, Report on Progress of Women in South Asia, ISST &UNIFEM, 2007.

57. Power and Decision-Making, Accountability to the World's Women, a series for the fifth South Asia Regional Ministerial Conference Celebrating Beijing + Ten, UNIFEM, SARO/ISST, New Delhi, 2005.
58. Women and Media, Accountability to the World's Women, a series for the fifth South Asia Regional Ministerial Conference Celebrating Beijing + Ten, UNIFEM, SARO/ISST, New Delhi, 2005:

Background Study / Issue Briefs/Magazine /Online Journals/ News Papers

59. Water Diplomacy in South Asia: Towards a Relational Approach, Fredrich Naumann, Foundation for Freedom, 2023.
60. Beyond Lunar Geopolitics: Governance architectures, The Pioneer, DECEMBER 10, 2023.
61. India's Moments in geopolitics at SCO Meets, The Pioneer, May 7, 2023.
62. India, China and Bhutan trialogue can bring clarity on borders, Indian Express, April 10, 2023.
63. Let Diplomacy Flow, , Indian Express ,January 31, 2023.
64. Medha Bisht on Understanding the China-Bhutan Boundary Dispute, Diplomat, May 1, 2023.
65. Feminist Foreign Policy: From template to practice, The Pioneer, November 6, 2022.
66. Hindukush Himalayas: Missing climate discourse, The Pioneer, October 16, 2022.
67. India and Pakistan Can Future-Proof Their Threatened Rivers, Down to Earth, September 23, 2022.
68. Alternative Cosmovisions: Practices of Statecraft in Ancient India, Centre for Strategi and Contemporary Research, Islamabad, March 31, 2021. At:
69. Brahmaputra and its Imageries: Strategizing Sustainable Development, 86, Institute for Chinese Studies, February 2020, at <https://icsin.org/uploads/2020/03/24/bd82be3e6704e6bd78f77a069d4af864.pdf> (Invited)
70. Reading Kautilya's Arthashastra,: Inbetween Philosophy and Strategy, Live Encounters, August 2019, <https://liveencounters.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/LE-Mag-August-2019lr.pdf> (Invited)
71. Doklam is the Result of China Rapidly 'Drifting In', Not Bhutan and India Drifting Apart, The Wire, July 25, 2017
72. Dunkan Jones Warcraft: Lessons for Contemporary Diplomacy, The Pioneer, June 15, 2016.
73. An Agenda for New Government: Policy Options for India in Bhutan, IPCS, Issue Brief, March 1, 2014 (Invited)
74. Thucydidean ways and Modi, The Pioneer, September 6, 2014.
75. Sectarian Strife and the Sate in Pakistan, The Pioneer, August 16, 2014.
76. Beginning of a South Asian Moment, The Pioneer August2, 2014

77. Modi's Bhutan Challenge, The Pioneer, June 20, 2014.
78. Bhutan: Internal Developments and External Engagements, IDSA, January, 2010
79. A Backgrounder on Bhutanese refugees, July 2008, IDSA.
[Http://idsa.in/medhabishtbackgrounderbhutanese Refugees070708.pdf](http://idsa.in/medhabishtbackgrounderbhutanese Refugees070708.pdf)
80. Rupee Crunch: Under the Shadow of India-Bhutan Economic Engagement, IDSA Issue Brief, August 2012.
81. India-Bhutan Power Cooperation: Between Policy Overtures and Local Debates, IDSA, Issue Brief, October 2011.
82. The Politics of Water Discourse in Pakistan", *ICRIER Policy Series*, August 2011 Bhutan in 2009, A Restrospective View, IDSA Issue Brief, April, 2010.
83. (Co Authored) The Unfolding Crises in Sri Lanka: Options For India, IDSA, 2007.

BOOK REVIEW/REVIEW ESSAY

Book Review, *The History of the Arthashastra: Sovereignty and Sacred Law in Ancient India*

1. Book Review, The History of the Arthashastra: Sovereignty and Sacred Law in Ancient India, by Mark Mc Leish, Cambridge University Press, 2019. Strategic Analysis 45 (5), Routledge, July/Aug,2021
2. Book Review, The Contemporary Canvas, An Introduction to South Asian Politics, New Delhi: Routledge, 28 (12), *The Book Review*, 2014.
3. Book Review, Water Resource Policies of South Asia, Prakash et al., *The Book Review* ,28 (2), 2013, , <https://www.thebookreviewindia.org/the-missing-links/>
4. Book Review, *Democracy , Sustainable Development and Peace, : New Perspectives on South Asia*, by Hussain and Dubey eds, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, *The Book Review*, 28 (12), 2014, at <https://www.thebookreviewindia.org/defining-a-region/>
5. Book Review, Stability, Instability Paradox, : Moving the Economy Forward, , Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, *Book Review*, 34 (7), 2015, at, <https://www.thebookreviewindia.org/stability-instability-paradox/>.
6. Book Review, *New South Asian Security: Six Core Relations Underpinning South Asian Security*, Strategic Analysis 41 (1), 2017.
7. Book Review, *Water: Asia's New Battleground* by Brahma Chellaney, Uttar Pradesh: HarperCollins, 2011, Strategic Analyses, July, 2012.
8. Book Review, War and Peace in Modern India: A Strategic History of Nehru by Srinath Raghavan,, Permanent Black, 2010, Strategic Analysis,Routledge,July/Aug,2010
9. Review Essay, Is Pakistan Collapsing?: Assumptions, Assertions, Precautions? Strategic Analyses, Routledge, January 2010.

10. Book Review: Lynn M.Wagner: Problem-Solving And Bargaining In International Negotiations, Boston: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2008, Strategic Analysis, Routledge,Jan/Feb,2009
11. Review Essay, Dyadic Relationship between Conflict Dynamics and Negotiations: Exploring The Linkages, Strategic Analysis, Routledge, 2008.

Reports/ Designing Modules for Universities

1. Invited to teach a module on Water Diplomacy and Governance, School for Policy and Governance, Hyderabad, July 16-17, 2022
2. Invited to write two modules on Kautilya's Arthashastra and Arthashastra and IR Theory, University-Grant Commission, Human Resource Development Centre, JNU, January-March 2021. (Supported by Ministry of Education, Department of Higher Education, January-March 2021.
3. Syllabus and Modules on Hydro diplomacy in South Asia, IUCN and World Bank, 2018.
4. Scoping Paper on Women in Leadership Positions: A Scoping Paper, Institute for Social Studies Trust, New Delhi, 2005.,
<http://182.71.188.10:8080/xmlui/bitstream/handle/123456789/39/Women%20in%20Leadership%20Position.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y>

Workshops Organised in collaboration with other Organisations

1. Organised the Inception Workshop in collaboration with World Wide Fund for Nature-Pakistan, World Wide Fund for Nature-Pakistan (Lahore) for the Project Transboundary Water Governance and Diplomacy, August 31, 2016.
2. Organised the Conference on Transboundary Water Governance and Diplomacy, Chandigarh, February 27-28, 2017
3. Organised and Moderated a Workshop in collaboration with IUCN and Dhaka University on Regional Capacity Building Water Governance Project, New Delhi, October 31-November 1, 2017
4. Organised and Moderated a Workshop in collaboration with IUCN and Dhaka University on Regional Capacity Building Water Governance Project, New Delhi, November 10-November 12, 2017
5. Organised Exhibition on Water Architectures, October 31-November 1, 2017, Financial support from IUCN and Asia Foundation.
6. Organised a Regional Workshop on Shared Waterscapes, January 5-6, 2018. Financial support from IUCN and Asia Foundation.
7. Organised Dariya: Exploration of Water through Dance, January 5, 2018, Financial support from IUCN and Asia Foundation
8. Organised a field trip for Students to the Stepwells of Delhi, Financial support from IUCN and Asia Foundation, January 8, 2018
9. Organised a one day international seminar on Recasting Norms on Hydro-Diplomacy in South Asia: Exploring Connections between Community, Policy, Theory, November 12, 2018.
10. Organised an E-Winter School for three months on Inclusive Water Governance in South Asia in partnership with Uppsala University, Sweden and Oxfam, Cambodia, 2020.
11. Organised International e-Book Launch 'Kautilya Arthashastra: Philosophy of Strategy (Oxon, 2020)

LECTURES, SEMINARS ,CONFERENCES, PANEL DISCUSSANT

1. Civic Space in South Asia, OXFAM, December 5, 2023, Kathmandu, Nepal.
2. 'Perspectives on Water Security from Global South: Ideas, Evidence, Relevance' at the 1st Global South Young Diplomats Forum organised by Sushma Swaraj Foreign Service Institute, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, December 1, 2023
3. Key Note on Integrated River Basin Management and Transboundary Water Cooperation in South Asia, ICIMOD, Kathmandu, September 9, 2023.
4. Panellist on China Bhutan 25th Round of Border Settlement Talks, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi on November 22, 2023
5. Diplomatic Practices and Indian Foreign Policy: The Indian Way, Symbiosis International and Ministry of External Affairs, Pune, 26 November, 2023
6. Resource person for Meghna Water Futures Programme: Engaging Youth for River Conservation, Kathmandu, IUCN, November 28, 2023. (Online)
7. Conducted Session on Leadership, Water Governance Institutions and Policy for South Asian mid- career officials, ICIMOD, September 10, Kathmandu, 2023.
8. Panelist on Bhutan: Mapping India- China Relations, Invited by Foreign Service Institute, Department of State, Washington DC, August 31, 2023.
9. Gender and Social Dimensions of Water Governance, IIT Guwahati, CUTS Internations and IHE Delft, New Delhi, April 10, 2023
10. Emerging Agendas for Green Infrastructure and Asian Multilateralism, Asian Security Conference, MP- Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis, March 29, 2023.
11. Panelist, Towards a more sustainable and inclusive energy mix in the Ganges basin, IUCN, Kathmandu, Nepal, February 21, 2023
12. Lecture on From the Edges of Borders: Water Diplomacy in South Asia, Sushma Swaraj foreign Service Institute, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi January 11, 2023.
13. Panelist, Koshi disaster Risk Association Knowledge Hub, ICIMOD, Kathmandu, December 15, 2023.
14. Presented a Paper on Saving Shared Rivers of the Region, , Asian Confluence, Kolkata, November 21, 2022.

15. Presented a Paper on Engaging Water: Towards a Framework for Localising Water, IHE, Delft, Netherlands, November 4, 2022.
16. Panelist on Feminist Foreign Policy, Hague Humanity Hub, The Hague, The Netherlands, November 5, 2022.
17. Presented a Paper on Water Diplomacy and Governance: Philosophical Perspectives and Political Implications, Oxford University, September 10, 2022
18. Presented a Paper on, A Case of Plural Modernity: Revisiting the 'Political' in Bhutan, Centre for Bhutan Studies, October 1, 2022
19. Presented a Paper on Beyond Decolonising Knowledge and Western/ Non-Western IR, WISC, ISA, July 1, 2022, Buenos Aires, Argentina
20. Presented a Paper on India's Development Partnerships: A Case of India-Bhutan Energy Transition, Indian Council for World Affairs, 15-16 June, 2022 New Delhi
21. Invited lecture on Water Diplomacy in South Asia, Sushma Swaraj Foreign Services Institute, New Delhi, May 25, 2022.
22. Invited lecture on Water Diplomacy, Sushma Swaraj Foreign Services Institute, New Delhi, April 22, 2022.
23. Invited lecture on India-Bangladesh Relations, Sushma Swaraj Foreign Services Institute, New Delhi, February 25, 2022.
24. Invited Talk on Kautilya's Arthashastra, Tribhuwan University, Kathmandu, Nepal, January 20, 2022.
25. Interview on India-Bangladesh Water Diplomacy with Bangladesh Institute for Strategic Studies, Dhaka, February 5, 2022.
26. Invited talk on 'Water Diplomacy', IIT, Guwahati University, online, November 1, 2021.
27. Invited talk on 'Kautilya's Arthashastra', online, College of Defence Management, Secunderabad, October 7, 2021.
28. Invited talk on Non-Traditional Security: A Conceptual Analysis, NIICE, Nepal, June 29, 2021.
29. Invited Speaker, Translating Arthashastra: Lessons for Strategy, Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Policy Research and International Studies, June 25, 2021.
30. Invited Speaker, Narratives from HKH and Bhutan, ICIMOD and University of Arizona, April 7-9, 2021.

31. Development Diplomacy: Perspectives from Global South, March 26, 2021, ISA, San Francisco.
32. Kautilya's Arthashastra: Philosophy of Strategy, Nehru Memorial Museum Library, March 29, 2021.
33. Invited Speaker, Indigenous Women and Water Governance in Meghna Basin, March 8, OXFAM, Cambodia.
34. Feminist Epistemologies and Non-Western IR: Conversations on the 'Political', Iceland, February 19, 2021.
35. Networked Governance: (En)gendering water diplomacy , Presented in (En)Gendering Transboundary Water Governance Feminist Perspectives Workshop, Organised by IHE Delft online, Netherlands, September 29, 2020
36. Invited Speaker, 'Nexus Planning for Food Energy and Environmental Security', organised by IUCN, Bangkok, July 22, 2020.
37. Invited Speaker, 'Hydro-diplomacy as a tool for cooperative water governance', organised by IUCN, Bangkok, August 5, 2020.
38. Invited Speaker, 'Dialogue on Water Diplomacy', Centre for Public Policy and Governance, organised by Forman Christian College, Lahore, Pakistan, July 30, 2020.
39. 'Invited Speaker, Culture Meets Hydrodiplomacy', Conversation with Professor Jamil Ahmed, Dhaka University, Bangladesh organised by Asian Confluence, August 31, 2020
40. 'Invited Speaker, Who controls the Water: Perspectives from EU and South Asia', Conversation with Ms Kamilla Kristensen Rai, Councilor, EU, organised by HSS-ASCON, November 5, 2020.
41. Invited Speaker, 'Kautilya's Arthashastra: Philosophy of Strategy', organised by Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi, November 1, 2020.
42. Invited Speaker, 'Kautilya's Arthashastra: Philosophy of Strategy', organised by Delhi University, New Delhi, November 20, 2020
43. Invited Speaker, 'Water Diplomacy in South Asia', First Woman and Rivers Congress, Nagarkot, Nepal, March 6-10, 2019.
44. Invited Speaker, 'Strategic Wisdom in Arthashastra: From Philosophical Roots to Political Implications', Institute for Advanced Studies, Shimla, 9-10 July, 2019.
45. Invited Speaker, 'Meeting Kautilya and Sun Tsu: Reflections on India-China Relations', Institute for Chinese Studies, July 31, 2019.
46. Invited Speaker, 'Reflections on Limits and Challenges of Water Diplomacy in South Asia', OXFAM, August 22, 2019

47. Invited Speaker, Reflexivity in India-China Relations: Beyond Perceptions and Misperceptions, Visva Bharti University, Shantiniketan, Kolkata, September 6, 2019.
48. Invited Speaker, Brahmaputra and its Strategic Imageries, Jindal University, Sonapat, Haryana, November 9, 2019.
49. River Meets the Ocean: Towards a Riverine Strategy, 'Reflecting on Future Research Agenda for Maritime South Asia' as part of the Workshop 'Mapping Indian Ocean Studies: Emerging Research Agenda', South Asian University, New Delhi, October 31, 2019
50. Invited Speaker, 'Getting Past the Macro Narrative of Hydro-diplomacy in South Asia', Melbourne University, Melbourne, April 13, 2018.
51. Invited Speaker, 'The Making of Space: The Changing Geo-politics of Himalayas', India Foundation, Leh, May 16-May 18, 2018.
52. Invited Speaker, 'Epistemic Diplomacy: A Relational Approach to Maritime South Asia', Pacific Special Operation Command, Pacific Area Security Sector Working Group, New Delhi, August 27, 2018.
54. Invited Lecture, 'Water Management in South Asia, Between and Beyond Scientific Paradigm', Nazarbayev University, Astana, December 14, 2018.
55. Invited Lecture "Kautilyan Strategy: A via media between Systems Perspective and Dynamic Approach," Barnes Auditorium, Air Command and Staff College, Alabama, U.S.A, March 21, 2016.
56. Invited Lecture , Arthashastra: Reflections on 'Thought and Theory", Institute for South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore, 25-26 February, 2016.
57. Exploring Peace: Some reflections from Mahatma Gandhi and John Stuart Mill", Atlanta, Georgia, USA, March 19, 2016
58. Strategic Foresight and International Relations", Working Group on Strategic Foresight & IR for the 21st Century, Atlanta, Georgia, USA, March 16, 2016.
59. Organised the first Stakeholder Workshop on "Transboundary Water Governance and Water Diplomacy", South Asian University, New Delhi, August 31, 2016.
60. Anarchy, Power and Political Morality: Beyond the Western Discourse, , International Studies Association, New Orleans, United States of America, March 2015.
61. Political Culture of Borders in South Asia, International Studies Association, New Orleans, United States of America, March 2015.

62. The Windows of Imagination: Exploring the South Asian Genre, Indian Council of World Affairs, September 29, 2014, New Delhi
63. The New Bhutan , University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland, July 23, 2014
64. India-Nepal Water Issues: Moving Past Negotiated Frameworks, June 15-16, 2014, B.P Koirala Foundation, Kathmandu.
65. Negotiation and Bargaining Analyses: Lessons from Arthashastra, Institute for Defense Studies and Analyses, New Delhi, April 9, 2014
66. Panelist on a Track Two Initiative between India and Bhutan, Institute for Defense Studies and Analyses, New Delhi, April 1, 2014
67. Meeting Mill and Gandhi: An Engagement on Liberal Democracies, University of California, United States Of America, Los Angeles, March 3-4, 2014.
68. Panelist on India-Nepal Relations, Insights, Lok Sabha TV, February 13, 2014.
69. Discussion on India and its Neighbourhood Policy, Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, February 27, 2014.
70. Reflections from the participants on water conflict management, multi-institutional partnership models & governance, and options for IWRM capacity development in South-Asian region, TERI University , Curriculum Development for M.Tech Programme in WRM, 22-25, January, 2013
71. Revisiting Arthashastra, Back to Understanding IR”, National Seminar on Developing Indigenous Concepts and Vocabulary: Kautilya’s Arthashastra, Institute for Defense Studies and Analyses, New Delhi, October 8, 2013,
72. Bhutan’s Evolving Geo-politics,” Political Section, United States Embassy, 23 September, 2013, New Delhi. (Briefing to Ambassador Nancy Powell)
73. Interpretation of Concepts in Kautilya’s Arthasastra,” Paper Discussant, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, October 8, 2013, New Delhi.
74. Bhutan Elections 2013,” Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, August 30, 2013, New Delhi.
75. The concept of ‘order’ in Arthashastra”, Annual International Studies Convention on Re-imagining Global Orders: Perspectives from the South, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, December 10-12, 2013, New Delhi.
76. Sharing Experiences: Regional Initiatives in GBM Region,” International Workshop, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), December 13, 2013, Thailand, Bangkok.

77. Engaging civil society in South Asia,” International Workshop, South Asia Water Governance Programme, 27-28 November, 2013, Kathmandu.
78. Bhutan: Security and Strategic Issues, Lecture to IFS Probationers, Institute of Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi, April 3, 2012.
79. Impact of River Linking Project of India, Bangladesh Institute for International and Strategic Studies, Dhaka, Bangladesh, March 28, 2012.
80. Bhutan: Security and Strategic Bhutan Internal Developments and Foreign Policy, Foreign Services Institute, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, March 23, 2012.
81. India-Bhutan Bilateral Relationship, Foreign Services Institute, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, March 23, 2012.
82. Bhutan and Climate Change: Identifying Strategic Implications, IDSA Fellow Seminar, March 16, 2012.
83. India-Bhutan Relations, Lecture BSF Commandants Course, Institute of Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi, March 9, 2012.
84. Engaging Water in South Asia: Is Cooperative Security Plausible, South Asia Conference, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, November 3, 2011
85. India-Bhutan Power Cooperation, IDSA Fellow Seminar, August 5, 2011.
86. Panel Discussant, India- Bangladesh Water Relations, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, May 8, 2011.
87. Water Security in South Asia, INDNOR, Oslo, Norway, May 4, 2011.
88. Making of Bhutan’s Foreign Policy, IDSA Fellow Seminar, January 28, 2011.
89. Water Diplomacy and India’s National Strategy, IDSA International Workshop on India’s National Strategy, December 2010.
90. Lecture to B.S.F Officers on India-Bhutan Relations, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, December 14, 2010.
91. Domestic Spaces and Advocacy Groups: An Interface between IR theory and Diplomatic Practice, London School of Economics and Political Science, U.K, October 16, 2010.
92. News Channel Interview to Asia News International, Bhutan King’s Visit to India, December 18, 2009.
93. Panel Discussant on 10 Years of Mine Ban Treaty and Why India Still Hasn’t Signed?, Control Arms Foundation of India, November, 2009, New Delhi

94. Paper Presenter on Humanitarian Disarmament Treaties and Conventions, United Nations Information Centre (UNIC), September 2009, New Delhi.
95. Paper Presenter on Mine-Ban Treaty: Shaping Contours of Diplomatic Practice, CIPOD, JNU, March 18, 2009.
96. Presented a Paper on Women Ex Combatants in Nepal, University of Oslo, Norway, July 2008.
97. LECTURED Senior Bureaucrats on Social Conflicts: Naxalism and Peace Negotiations-A Framework for Resolution at Indian Institute of Public Administration, 2008
98. Paper Presenter on India-The Present Landmine Situation ,India International Center, March 2008
99. Presented a paper, "Naxalism in Chhattisgarh" at a National Workshop, Non-State Armed Groups and Indian Security in the 21st century, IDSA on April 2008.
100. Selected to present a Paper : New World Order: Emerging Spaces in International Relations, International Security And Arms Control Section Of The American Political Science Association And The International Security Studies Section (ISA), Montreal Canada.
101. Selected to present a paper: Naxalism: Security Challenge? International conference on Conflict Resolution, Jaipur, Rajasthan, January 2007.
102. Presented a brief background analysis on Sri Lankan conflict, IDSA. (April 2007).
103. Internal discussant for IDSA weekly fellows' seminar: Perils Of Democratisation In Central Asia , IDSA May 2007.
104. Internal Discussant for IDSA Weekly Fellows' Seminar Bangladesh factor in Indo-Myanmar gas, IDSA July 2007
105. Internal Discussant for IDSA Weekly Fellows' Seminar the Muslim Factor in Sri Lankan Politics, IDSA August 2007
106. Participant and Paper Giver in a Workshop on Development Participation Organised by Kumaon University and Indian institute of public administration, Uttaranchal Chapter. November 2005.
107. Presented a paper at India Habitat Center-Women In Leadership Positions, July 2005.
108. Presented a paper at India International Centre supported by IDRC, Canada: Moving Towards A Framework For Local Diplomacy, May 2004.
109. Presented a paper at the Indian Institute of Social Studies Trust: Gender Issues in contemporary diplomacy, April 2003.

110. Selected and participated in the world youth peace summit (IAHV) held at Bangalore, December-2003.
111. Presented a paper at the school of international studies, JNU: women, international relations and Contemporary Diplomacy, February 2000.
112. Represented history department of Miranda house at St. Stephens college in a paper presentation: creation myths, 2000.
113. Presented a paper at Miranda House: Men Make History, 1999.
114. Presented a paper at Lady Sri Ram- Isms in History, 1999.

Courses Prepared and/or Taught (Ph.D./M. Phil, Masters)

Diplomacy Studies

Strategic Themes: Past and Present

International Politics of Non-State Actors

International Relations of South Asia

Political Theory

Introduction to Diplomacy and International Negotiations

Advanced International Relations Theory

Advanced Research Methods

Introduced Units on Non-Western Diplomatic Practices and Comparative Political Theory.

Security Studies

International Relations Theory

Others:

Reviewer : Contemporary South Asia, Hague Journal for Diplomacy, India Quarterly, Journal of Indian Ocean Region, International Politics, International Studies, Sage Publishers, Oxford University Press, Routledge,

Commentator/ Columnist for The Pioneer, Strategic Comments, IDSA, Indian Express, The Wire, Asia Times, Hindustan Times, Financial Express, Strategic Comments, Open Democracy, South Asian Monitor, Kashmir Times. Interviews published in News International (Pakistan), Dawn (Pakistan), Third Pole Network (South Asian Environmental Portal, Counterview, Scroll, Down to Earth, Huffington Post, Taz (A German News Paper).

Panel Discussions and Personal Interview (Media): Raj Sabha TV, DD News, Aaj Tak Radio, India Today Group, Diplomat, South China Morning Post, Voice of America