

CURRICULUM VITAE

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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Associate Professor Since October 2020
Department of International Relations
Faculty of Social Sciences
South Asian University
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Assistant Professor June 2011-October 2020
Department of International Relations
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South Asian University
New Delhi

Visiting Fellow May- August 2017
Department of Politics and International Studies
University of Cambridge, U.K.
Recipient of D.C Pavate Fellowship in International Relations, 2017

Senior Research Associate 2009-2011
Centre for Policy Research
New Delhi

Research Associate 2007-2009
Resources and Global Security Division
The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)
New Delhi

EDUCATION

Ph.D in International Politics 2008
Thesis: *“India’s Strategic Practice: A Case Study of Mughal Grand Strategy (1556-1605)”*
Centre for International Politics, Organisation and Disarmament
School of International Studies
Jawaharlal Nehru University
New Delhi
Recipient of Charles Wallace India Trust research grant, 2006

M.A in Political Science 2001
Centre for Political Studies
School of Social Sciences
Jawaharlal Nehru University
New Delhi

B.A (Hons.) in Political Science 1999
Lady Shri Ram College
University of Delhi
New Delhi

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Critical International Relations theory; memory politics; postcolonial theory; Indian strategic thought and practice, transboundary resource governance in South Asia

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Interrogating International Relations: India’s Strategic Practice and the Return of History, War and International Politics in South Asia Series, New Delhi and London: Routledge, 2011.

Special Issue in a Peer Reviewed Journal

Guest Editor, Special Issue on ‘Chronicling the Histories of India: The Politics of Remembrance and Commemoration’, *India Review*, 20 (5): 483-609, 2021.

Articles in Peer Reviewed Journals

- 'One World or Many? Critical Reflections on Cosmopolitanism and International Relations', *Journal of Polity and Society*, 15 (2), forthcoming.
- 'Not just 'Somewhere South of Sovereignty and East of Equality': Indian Strategizing in the Age of Transnational Solidarities', *Studies in Indian Politics*, 12(1): 117-128, 2024.
- "'Where We Need Water, We Find Guns Instead": Understanding the Securitization of Sovereignty Claims on the Brahmaputra', *India Review*, 23 (2): 134-153, 2024.
- 'Context is King: Situating the Kautilyan Notion of Sovereignty within India's Strategic Traditions', *Journal of Polity and Society*, 13 (2), January-June 2022.
- 'Introduction to the Special Issue on Chronicling the Histories of India: The Politics of Remembrance and Commemoration', *India Review*, 20 (5): 483-496, 2021.
- 'Victorious Outliers: India's Border Regions and the Contested Memory Politics of the Burma Campaign' (co-authored with Nimmi Kurian), *India Review*, 20 (5): 497-509, 2021.
- 'Scratches on our Sovereignty? Analyzing Conservation Politics in the Sundarbans', *Regions and Cohesion*, 11 (1): 1-20, 2021.
- "'The Eyed Side of the Glass": Transnational Curation and the Politics of Exhibiting the Empire in a post-Imperial World', *Postcolonial Studies*, 24 (2): 195-211, 2021.
- 'No Mountain too High? Assessing the Trans-territoriality of the Kailash Sacred Landscape Conservation Initiative', *Journal of Borderlands Studies*, 35 (2): 255-268, 2020.
- 'Indianisation or Indigenisation? Greater India and the Politics of Cultural Diffusionism', *Commonwealth and Comparative Politics*, 56 (1): 1-21, 2018.
- 'Civilisation Drove Forward in a Mortuary Cart: Reading Colonial Constructions of Violence', *South Asian Survey*, 21 (1-2): 227-242, 2014.
- 'Nano Applications, Mega Challenges: The Case of the Health Sector in India', *Studies in Ethics, Law and Technology*, 3 (3), December 2009.

Book Chapters

- 'Between Theory and History: Formulating an *Alternative* Interpretation of Kautilya', in Suresh Rangarajan (ed.), *Arthashastra of Kautilya: Relevance in the 21st Century*, Shimla: Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS), 2021.
- 'No Mountain too High? Assessing the Trans-territoriality of the Kailash Sacred Landscape Conservation Initiative' in Dhananjay Tripathi and Sanjay Chaturvedi (eds.), *South Asia: Boundaries, Borders and Beyond*, London: Routledge, 2021.
- 'The Text as Tradition: Interpreting India's Strategic History' in Arvind Gupta, P.K Gautam and Saurabh Mishra (eds.), *Indigenous Historical Knowledge: Kautilya and his Vocabulary, Part Two*, New Delhi: Pentagon Press and IDSA, 2016.
- 'Does Indian IR have a History? Looking for Answers in the *Arthashastra* and Beyond' in Arvind Gupta, P.K Gautam and Saurabh Mishra (eds.), *Indigenous Historical Knowledge: Kautilya and his Vocabulary, Part Three*, New Delhi: Pentagon Press and IDSA, 2016.
- 'Strategy, Legitimacy and the Imperium: Framing the Mughal Strategic Discourse', in Kanti Bajpai, V Krishnappa and Saira Basit (eds.) *India's Grand Strategy: History, Theory, Cases, War and International Politics Series in South Asia*, New Delhi and London: Routledge, 2014.
- 'Multilevel Governance: Towards a New Paradigm for Sustainable Development' in Laurence Tubiana *et al.* (eds.), *A Planet for Life: The Governance of Sustainable Development*, Paris: AFD, TERI and IDDRI, 2009.
- 'Climate Change and Water: Examining the Interlinkages', (co-authored with Sreeja Nair) in David Michel and Amit Pandya (eds.), *In Troubled Waters: Climate Change, Hydropolitics, and Transboundary Resources*, The Stimson Centre, Washington D.C., 2009.

Other Publications

- 'Museums' Complicated Relationship with Colonialism', *360info*, 20 May 2024. <https://360info.org/museums-complicated-relationship-with-colonialism/>

- 'Bringing the Region Back In? Deciphering India's Engagement with South Asia', policy report, (co-authored with Jason Miklian), Norwegian Peacebuilding Resource Centre (NOREF), February 2016.
- 'Of Himalayan Proportions? When Conservation Encounters Culture and Citizenship', *The SARCist*, July 2014.
- 'Nanotech for Health Needs the Right Environment', SciDev.Net, 7 July 2010.
- 'A Weather Vane of Change? Creating Spaces for Co-Governance in Climate Change', *Working Paper number 4*, Innovation Systems for Inclusive Development: Lessons from Rural China and India, IDRC, 2009.
- 'Optimal Scenarios for Sustainable Development under Equity Based Approach', issue-brief co-authored for India-EU Seminar on Climate Change organized by Action for a Global Climate Community, Potsdam, Germany, 27-29 May 2008.

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Papers

- "Imagined collectivities?: The Appeal of Social Imaginaries in the Global South and India's Self-Image during the Cold War", at the 47th annual conference of the British International Studies Association, Glasgow, UK, June 21-23 2023.
- "'Where We Need Water, We Find Guns Instead': Debating Discursive Futures on the Brahmaputra", at the 47th annual conference of the British International Studies Association, Glasgow, UK, June 21-23 2023.
- "The Many (in)visibilities in IR: Siting Imperialism in Postcolonial Museum Spaces", at the 47th annual conference of the British International Studies Association, Glasgow, UK, June 21-23 2023.
- "Not all cooperation is pretty': Addressing hydro-dependencies and securitised water discourses on the Brahmaputra', at the national conference on *India and the World: Challenges and Opportunities*, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, 27-28 February 2023.
- 'Indian Strategic Practice and the Return of History', conference on *Institutional Legacies in India's Internationalist Thought and Practice, 1919-*

- 2019, organised by Department of International Relations, Ashoka University, in collaboration with SOAS, University of London, Sonapat, 31 January 2020.
- 'India, Environment and the Sovereignty Principle', workshop on *India and the Sovereignty Principle*, organised by the Department of International Relations, South Asian University and Carnegie India, New Delhi, 4 November 2019.
 - 'Between Theory and History: Formulating an Alternative Interpretation of Kautilya', seminar on *Reflections on Arthashastra and its Relevance in the 21st Century*, Institute for Advanced Studies, Shimla, 9-10 July 2019.
 - 'Interpreting the Cosmopolitan, the National and the Postcolonial in Museum Spaces', *Conference of Pavate Fellows (2000-2018)*, Karnatak University, Dharwad, Karnataka, 17 November 2018.
 - 'Museums in Britain: The Politics of Display in a Postcolonial World', Presentation of fellowship research undertaken at the Department of Politics and International Studies, University of Cambridge, organised by D.C. Pavate Memorial Foundation and Department of Studies in Political Science, Karnatak University, Dharwad, 16 November 2018.
 - 'Do Not Touch: The International Politics of Display', 43rd annual conference of the British International Studies Association (BISA), Bath, United Kingdom, 13-15 June 2018.
 - 'No Mountain Too High? Assessing the Trans-Territoriality of the Kailash Sacred Landscape Initiative', conference on *Borders and Border Studies: The South Asian Perspective*, South Asian University, New Delhi, 6-7 March 2017.
 - 'From Control to Coordination? Contextualising the Environmental Governance Agenda', conference on *Human Security: Emerging Trends and Challenges*, Centre for South Asian Studies, UNESCO Madanjeet Singh Institute of South Asian Regional Cooperation, Pondicherry University, Puducherry, 16-18 March 2016.
 - 'Textualising Transcendence: India and the Politics of Cultural Diffusionism', International Studies Association Annual Convention on *Global IR and Regional Worlds: A New Agenda for International Studies*, New Orleans, US, 18-21 February 2015.
 - 'Victorious Outliers: The Construction of Memory in British India's Frontier Regions', with Nimmi Kurian, the Global South Caucus Conference on *Voices*

from Outside: Reshaping International Relations Theory and Practice in an Era of Global Transformation, Singapore, 8-10 January 2015.

- 'The Trans-Territoriality of the Kailash Sacred Landscape Initiative', International Studies Association Annual Convention on *Spaces and Places: Geopolitics in an Era of Globalisation*, Toronto, Canada, 26-29 March 2014.
- 'Civilisation Drove Forward in a Mortuary Cart: Reading Colonial Constructions of Indian Culture', *Annual International Studies Convention*, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 10-12 December 2013.
- 'Bordering on IR? Historicising State Building in India', seminar on *Borders and Boundaries in International Relations: Barriers, Buffers, Bridges, Breaches and Bazaars*, Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla, 10-11 October 2012.
- 'Cross Border Conservation Partnerships and Social Sustainability in South Asia: Beyond Fractured Frames?', RISC consortium conference on *Globalization, Violence and Security: Local Impacts of Regional Integration*, Mexico City, Mexico, 30 October- 1 November 2012.
- 'Culture as a Verb: Reorienting IR in South Asia', at New Delhi, annual convention on *The Dawning of the 'Asian Century': Emerging Challenges before Theory and Practices of IR in India*, organized by Indian Association of International Studies (IAIS) and Institute for Research on India and International Studies (IRIIS), 10-11 December 2012.
- 'One World or Many? Critical Reflections on Cosmopolitanism and International Relations', conference on *Politics in the Global Age: Critical Reflections on Sovereignty, Citizenship, Territory and Nationalism*, Centre for European Union Studies, IIT Madras, Chennai, 12-14 December 2011.
- 'Strategy, Legitimacy and the Imperium: Framing the Mughal Strategic Discourse', seminar on *India's Grand Strategic Thought: Past, Present and Future*, organised by The Institute of Defence Studies (IFS) and the Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA), Oslo, Norway, 9-10 September 2010.
- 'Exclusion in Resource Governance in India: The Northeastern States', (co-authored with Nimmi Kurian), *8th GLOBELICS International Conference*, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 1-3 November 2010.
- 'Towards Co-Governance of Climate Change in India', workshop on *Innovation Systems for Inclusive Development: Lessons from Rural China and India*, Hyderabad, 26-28 November 2010.

- 'Accountability, Access and Affordability: The Health Sector in India', conference on *Nanotechnology and Applications*, organized by the International Association of Science and Technology for Development, Crete, Greece, 29 September-1 October 2008.

Invited Lectures and Presentations

- Invited lecture, 'Exhibiting the Empire: Seeking IR in Museums', Department of International Relations and Governance Studies, Shiv Nadar University, 4 April 2024.
- Presentation, 'Out of This World? Situating Debates around Dominion and Order in Indian and Greek Traditions', Workshop on *Debating Democracy: The Indian and Greek Experiences*, Jindal India Institute, O.P. Jindal Global University, 26 February 2024.
- Panel presentation, 'Environmental Politics in South Asia', Panel on *Readdressing Borders in the Contemporary World*, Department of Civics and Politics, University of Mumbai, 13 October, 2023 (online).
- Discussant comments, Tiffin Talks, Manjari Chatterjee Miller's book project, *Understanding Nationalisms, Great Power and Conflict in South Asia*, Foreign Policy and Security Studies, Centre for Social and Economic Progress, 23 March, 2023.
- Presentation, Inaugural Session on 'India as Vishva Guru: Prospects and Challenges', National Conference on *India and the World: Challenges and Opportunities*, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, 27-28 February, 2023.
- Invited lecture, 'Formative Ideas of India's Foreign Policy Making', as part of the online course on "Indian Foreign Policy: Its Crafting and Implementation", offered by Council for Strategic and Defense Research, 16 January 2023.
- Invited lecture, "'To Frame is to Exclude': Situating Memory Politics within IR', Refresher Course in International Studies (Interdisciplinary), organized by the UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 13 September, 2022 (online).
- Invited lecture, 'The Contribution of the Mughal Empire to Global International Relations', Centre for the Study of Global international

- Relations, Jindal School of International Affairs, O.P Jindal Global University, Sonipat, 17 October, 2022.
- Presentation, 'An Alternative Interpretation of Kautilya', book release of Suresh Rangarajan (ed.) *Arthashastra of Kautilya: Relevance in the 21st Century*, Kerala Raj Bhavan, 16 April, 2021 (online).
 - Panel presentation, "'Conserving" Sovereignty: Problematizing the Global Conservation Agenda in Transboundary Protected Areas', as part of presentations by *Social Sciences and Humanities Cohort of Pavate Fellows*, organised by Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, 23 March, 2021 (online).
 - Panel presentation, 'Sovereignty Bargains and Environment', Roundtable on *Reflecting on Future Research Agenda for Maritime South Asia*, South Asian University, New Delhi, October 31, 2019.
 - Invited lecture, 'Encountering IR in Museums: Insights into Cosmopolitan and Postcolonial Politics', *International Relations Lecture Series*, Ashoka University, Sonapat, Haryana, 11 April, 2019.
 - Discussant comments, 'Session I: New Frontiers in International Conflict and Cooperation' at Young Scholars Conference on *Cooperation and Conflict in Contemporary World Politics*, Centre for International Politics, Organisation and Disarmament, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 20 November, 2018.
 - Invited lecture, 'Representing Colonialism in British Public Memory', Department of Political Science, Karnatak University, Dharwad, Karnataka, 16 November 2018.
 - Panel presentation, 'Negotiating Tradeoffs and the Politics of Resource Choices', panel on *The Rampal Power Project in Bangladesh: Environment, Investment and Politics*, Faculty of Legal Studies, South Asian University, New Delhi, 10 November 2016.
 - Invited lecture, 'Provincialising Without Essentialising: Teaching Global History from Southern Perspectives', Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, 25 January 2016.
 - Invited lecture, 'The Search for the Alternative: Debating the Origins of India's Strategic Culture', Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, 26 August 2014.

- Invited lecture, 'Prospects for Environmental Governance in South Asia', India China Institute, New School, New York, 31 March 2014.
- Panel presentation, Workshop on 'What is International Relations?', Annual International Studies Convention on *Re-imagining Global Orders: Perspectives from the South*, New Delhi, 10-12 December 2013.
- Panel presentation, Workshop on 'Teaching of Global History from Southern Perspectives', Annual International Studies Convention on *Re-imagining Global Orders: Perspectives from the South*, New Delhi, December 10-12, 2013.
- Invited lecture, 'Ancient or Recent? Debating the Origins of India's Strategic Practice', Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, 17 October 2012.

EVENT ORGANISATION

Convenor, international workshop on *Postcolonial IR: Engaging with Public History in South Asia and Beyond*, 18 March 2019, South Asian University, New Delhi.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- International Relations Theory (M.A. compulsory)
- Security Studies (M.A. compulsory)
- Culture and World Politics (M.A. optional)
- The International Politics of Culture (PhD optional)

RESEARCH SUPERVISION

- Omar Sadr, *Negotiating Cultural Diversity in Afghanistan (1992-2014)* (PhD awarded in May 2018).

- Mohammad Hossein Nouri, *Islamic Thought and the Conceptualisation of International Relations: An Inquiry into the Intellectual History of Alfarabi, Rashid Rida, and Sayyid Qutb* (PhD awarded in October 2020).
- Syed Eesar Mehdi, *Narrating Quotidian Kashmir: Beyond India-Pakistan Nationalist Discourses* (PhD awarded in October 2023).
- Bipin Ghimire, *Geopolitics and Its Impact on the Foreign Policy of Landlocked Nepal (1955-2017)* (PhD awarded in February 2024).
- Sridhar Krishnan, *The Politics of Memory and Display: Situating the Partition Museum, Amritsar within International Relations* (PhD thesis submitted).
- Rustam Ali Seerat, *External Intervention and Ethnic Politics in Post-2001 Afghanistan* (ongoing).
- Shounak Baidya, *Discourses on Forest Governance in Climate Change Mitigation: A Critical Case Study of India* (ongoing).
- Udyan Devkota, *Dams, Development, and Discontent: A Study of Resistance against Large Dams in Nepal* (ongoing).

PROJECT RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Co-director, 'India's Regional Relations in a Transitioning World: Policies, Priorities and Practices', funded by Indian Council of Social Sciences Research, 2013-2016.
- Member, 'Innovation Systems for Inclusive Development: Lessons from Rural China and India', funded by International Development Research Centre, 2009- 2011.
- Principal Investigator, Blue Skies Research Project on 'Governance and Transnational Challenges: Implications of Climate Change for India', Resources and Global Security Division, funded by TERI, 2008-2009.
- Member, 'Building an Energy-Secure Future for India through a Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue Process', funded by Khemka Foundation, 2008-2009.

- Member, 'Climate Change Induced Migration and its Security Implications in the Indian Neighbourhood', co-funded by British High Commission and Department for International Development, 2009.
- Member, 'Capability and Governance: Nanotechnology Developments in India', funded by International Development Research Centre, 2007-2009.
- Project assistant, 'Water Research in South Asia', funded by CapNet South Asia, 2005.

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