

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

PhD (2017): Politics & International Relations, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, New Delhi, India.

MPhil (2009): South Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.

MA (2006): Politics & International Relations, Pondicherry University, Pondicherry, India.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

04/2026 – present: **Associate Professor**
Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, New Delhi.

8/2013 – 04/2026: **Assistant Professor**
Department of Strategic & Regional Studies, University of Jammu, Jammu.

VISITING POSITION

20-24/03/2017: **Visiting Scholar**
UGC Special Assistant Programme DRS-II, Department of Political Science, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram.

ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

05/2014 – 01/2025: **Coordinator** NAAC, Department of Strategic & Regional Studies, University of Jammu, Jammu.

04/2016 – 10/2022: **Coordinator** of Students Placement, Department of Strategic & Regional Studies, University of Jammu, Jammu.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND DISTINCTIONS

PhD Fellowship (2012-14), Indian Council for Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, Government of India.

National Eligibility Test (NET-UGC), International and Area Studies, 2006 & 2007.

RESEARCH GUIDANCE

- Supervision of awarded Doctoral Theses: Two (02)
- Supervision of Doctoral Theses, in progress: Four (04)
- Supervision of awarded M.Phil Dissertations: Eight (08)

MEMBERSHIP OF UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES (University of Jammu)

Department Coordinator for IQAC & NAAC (DSRS), Directorate of Internal Quality Assurance (DIQA), University of Jammu (2014-2025).

Department Coordinator for Students Placement, University of Jammu (2016-2022).

Member, Department Research Committee, Department of Strategic & Regional Studies, University of Jammu (2017-2024, 2025-2026).

Member, Department Affairs Committee, Department of Strategic & Regional Studies, University of Jammu (2016-2026).

Member, Department Academic Committee, Department of Strategic & Regional Studies, University of Jammu (2013-2026).

Member, Department Local Fund Committee, Department of Strategic & Regional Studies, University of Jammu (2017-2026).

Member, Department Purchase Committee, Department of Strategic & Regional Studies, University of Jammu (2017-2026).

Member, Department Admission Committee, Department of Strategic & Regional Studies, University of Jammu (2017-2026).

COURSES TAUGHT

(Master's/M.Phil/Ph.D Programs at University of Jammu):

PG Course (P2DSTC-102): *Fundamentals of War and Warfare* (Core: 2025-2026).

PG Course (PSDSTC-104): *Fundamentals of War* (Core: 2022-2025).

PG Course (P2SDSTC-204): *Territorial & Maritime Security* (Core: 2025-2026).

PG Course (PSDSTC-203): *India as a Rising Power* (Core: 2022-2025).

PG Course (PSDSTC-403): *Peace and Conflict Studies* (Core: 2023-2025).

PG Course (PSSRSTO-301/402): *India as an Emerging Power* (2017-2022) (**Open Course**).

MPhil Course (DSRS-03): *Research Methodology* (co-taught) (2013-2021)

MPhil Course (DSRS-12): *South Asia in International Politics* (2013-2021)

MPhil Course (DSRS-13): *International Relations Since 1919* (2016-2019)

Ph.D Course (DSRS-15): *Research Methodology* (co-taught) (2021-2025)

Ph.D Course (RPE): *Research and Publication Ethics* (co-taught) (2021-2025)

Ph.D Course (RPE): *Research and Publication Ethics* (co-taught) (2021-2022, 2023-2025) (in Dept. of Political Science)

Ph.D Course (DSRS-14): *Contemporary International Relations* (2016-18)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING AREAS

- International Relations Theory
- Interstate Rivalries
- Conflict Analysis
- Hydro-politics
- South Asia in World Affairs
- Kashmir & India-Pakistan Rivalry
- India-China & India-US Relations
- India in Indo-Pacific
- Peace

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

BOOK

- 2022: **Complex Rivalry: The Dynamics of India-Pakistan Conflict** (Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press, 2022), https://www.press.umich.edu/12195673/complex_rivalry
- [The low-price Asian Edition released in January 2024]
 - Reviewed in: *CHOICE*, *Contemporary South Asia*, *Foreign Policy*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *International Studies Review*, *Perspectives on Politics*

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 2025: "Asymmetric Battleground: Terrorism and the Indo-Pakistani Protracted Conflict", **Bandung: Journal of the Global South**, Vol. 12, no.2 (June 2025), pp. 321-344 (with J.C. Abraham). Brill, doi: [10.1163/21983534-12020006](https://doi.org/10.1163/21983534-12020006)
- 2025: "Between the Horns of a Dilemma: India, Pakistan, and Conflict Dynamics in South Asia", **World Affairs**, Vol. 188, no. 1 (Mar., 2025), pp. 1-15. Wiley, doi: [10.1002/waf2.12065](https://doi.org/10.1002/waf2.12065)
- 2023: "Shock and Reconciliation? The Case of India-Pakistan, 1962-63." **Peace Review: A Journal of Social Justice**, vol. 35, no. 1 (Mar., 2023), pp. 25-37, Routledge, doi: [10.1080/10402659.2023.2166785](https://doi.org/10.1080/10402659.2023.2166785)
- 2022: "From Securitization to Security Complex: Climate Change, Water Security and the India-China Relations," **International Politics**, vol. 59, no. 2 (Apr., 2022), pp. 320-345 (with A.K. Sahu). Springer Nature, doi: [10.1057/s41311-021-00313-4](https://doi.org/10.1057/s41311-021-00313-4)
- 2020: "Shaping the Regional and Maritime Battlefield? The Sino-Indian Strategic Competition in South Asia and Adjoining Waters", **Maritime Affairs**, vol. 16, no. 1 (June, 2020), pp. 82-97 (with J.C. Abraham). Routledge, doi: [10.1080/09733159.2020.1781374](https://doi.org/10.1080/09733159.2020.1781374)
- 2020: "The Politics of Foreign Aid: Impact of Superpowers' Economic Assistance on India and Pakistan during the Cold War", **Bandung: Journal of the Global South**, vol. 7, no. 1 (Mar., 2020), pp. 52-79 (with J.S. Lobo). Brill, doi: [10.1163/21983534-00701004](https://doi.org/10.1163/21983534-00701004)
- 2019: "Military Capabilities and Regime Type: The Emergence of India-Pakistan Rivalry," **International Politics**, vol. 56, no. 1 (Feb., 2019), pp. 49-69. Springer Nature, doi: [10.1057/s41311-017-0123-z](https://doi.org/10.1057/s41311-017-0123-z)
- 2016: "Ideology, Territorial Saliency, and Geographic Contiguity: The Beginning of India-Pakistan Rivalry," **International Relations of the Asia-Pacific**, vol. 16, no. 3 (Sep., 2016), pp. 371-407. Oxford University Press, doi: [10.1093/irap/lcwo04](https://doi.org/10.1093/irap/lcwo04)
- 2013: "Transforming the Line of Control: Bringing the 'Homeland' Back In," **Asian Politics & Policy**, vol. 5, no. 1 (Jan., 2013), pp. 51-75. Wiley-Blackwell, doi: [10.1111/aspp.12016](https://doi.org/10.1111/aspp.12016)
- 2012: "The State of Human Rights in Jammu and Kashmir, 1989-2010," **International Journal of South Asian Studies**, vol. 5, no. 2 (Jul., 2012), pp. 217-234.
- 2012: "Democracy in Jammu and Kashmir, 1947-2008," **World Affairs: The Journal of International Issues**, vol. 16, no. 3 (Jul., 2012), pp. 88-116.
- 2011: "The Politics of Regionalism in Jammu and Kashmir, 1947-2007," **International Journal of South Asian Studies**, vol. 4, no. 2 (Jul., 2011), pp. 407-428.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, WORKSHOPS AND INVITED LECTURES/PODCASTS

- 2026: Presented paper on “The Impact of Cross-Border Terrorism on Bilateral Relations: A Study of India and Pakistan”, International Conference on *World Peace and Order: Navigating India’s Foreign Policy Challenges*, Organized by Department of Political Science, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, February 25-27, 2026.
- 2026: Presented paper on “Terrorism and the Protracted Conflict between India and Pakistan”, National Seminar on *Shifting Geopolitics in South Asia: Opportunities and Constraints for India*, Organized by ICSSR-NERC, Shillong, Meghalaya, and Department of Political Science, Assam University, Silchar, January 9-10, 2026.
- 2024: Book Talk/Webinar: “Complex Rivalry: The Dynamics of India-Pakistan Conflict”, Carnegie India, New Delhi, February 23, 2024 (Talk moderated by Prof. Srinath Raghavan, Ashoka University, Panipat), <https://carnegieendowment.org/events/2024/02/complex-rivalry-the-dynamics-of-india-pakistan-conflict?lang=en>
- 2023: Thinking Global podcast on “Complex Rivalry between India and Pakistan” with Dr. Kieran O’Meara, Editor-in-Chief of *E-International Relations*, and Editorial Assistant Edward Carry, June 12, 2023, <https://www.e-ir.info/2023/06/12/thinking-global-podcast-surinder-mohan/>
- 2023: Book Talk: “Complex Rivalry: The Dynamics of India-Pakistan Conflict”, Department of Political Science, Mangalore University, Mangaluru (Karnataka), June 5, 2023.
- 2022: Presented paper on “Does Nuclear Weapons-steered Security Make South Asia More Secure? A Probe into the Contemporary Nuclear Posturing of India and Pakistan”, *1st Annual Conference of the Alva Myrdal Centre for Nuclear Disarmament*, Dept. of Peace and Conflict Research, Uppsala University, Sweden, October 20-21, 2022.
- 2022: Presented paper on “India-China-Japan Triangle and the Evolving Security Dynamic in the Indo-Pacific”, *The “International” Around the World: Multiple Voices, Alternative Orders*, 6th Global International Studies Conference, Organized by World International Studies Committee (WISC), Buenos Aires, Argentina June 29–July 1, 2022.
- 2021: “Security Situation in Jammu and Kashmir”, Post Graduate Department of Political Science, Panampilly Memorial Government College, Chalakudy, Kerala, November 9, 2021.
- 2021: “Violations of Human Rights in Pakistan Occupied Jammu and Kashmir”, Department of Civics and Politics, University of Mumbai, Mumbai, March 6, 2021.
- 2019: Presented paper on “The Evolving Power Triangle in the Indo-Pacific: India, China, and Japan”, International Conference on *The Geopolitics of Indo-Pacific: Perceptions, Opportunities and Challenges*, Organized by Department of Political Science, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, December 11-13, 2019.
- 2019: Presented paper on “India and the Emerging Asian Security Equations: An Analysis”, in 3rd All India International and Area Studies Convention, *Ascending India: Reflections on Global and Regional Dimensions*, School of International Studies, JNU, New Delhi, Jan. 30–Feb. 1, 2019.
- 2018: Presented paper on “China Balances India in South Asia: A Security Perspective,” International Conference on *The Role of China in South Asia*, Organized by Department of Civics and Politics, University of Mumbai, Mumbai, February 26-28, 2018.
- 2018: Presented paper on “China in South Asia and India's Response: The Strategic Balancing in Action”, International Seminar on *Act East Policy and India's Big Power Strategies*, Organized

- by Department of Political Science, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, February 8-10, 2018.
- 2017: “The Kashmir Conflict: The Prospects for Peace?” Kerala International Centre (KIC), Thiruvananthapuram, March 20, 2017.
- 2017: “India-Pakistan Rivalry: Prospects for Termination?” (as *Visiting Scholar*), UGC Special Assistant Programme DRS-II, Department of Political Science, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, March 20, 2017.
- 2017: “The Nuclearization of South Asia: A Debate” (as *Visiting Scholar*), UGC Special Assistant Programme DRS-II, Department of Political Science, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, March 21, 2017.
- 2017: “India in a Tough Neighbourhood: A Regional Security Perspective” (as *Visiting Scholar*), UGC Special Assistant Programme DRS-II, Department of Political Science, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, March 22, 2017.
- 2017: “Terrorism in South Asia: Causes and Consequences” (as *Visiting Scholar*), UGC Special Assistant Programme DRS-II, Department of Political Science, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, March 23, 2017.
- 2017: “Imagining a Shared South Asian Future: An Alternative Perspective” (as *Visiting Scholar*), UGC Special Assistant Programme DRS-II, Department of Political Science, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, March 24, 2017.
- 2017: Presented paper on “Afghanistan and the Regional Order: India-Pakistan Rivalry and Reshaping the South Asian Security Complex,” International Workshop on *Security Problematiques: Knowledge Productions and Praxis*, Organized by Department of Political Science, University of Delhi (DU) in collaboration with University of Birmingham and University of Melbourne, New Delhi, February 13, 2017.
- 2015: Discussant of the book: *After the Bomb: Reflections on India’s Nuclear Journey* (by Achin Vanaik), Department of Political Science, *University of Delhi*, April 1, 2015.
- 2015: Presented paper on, “The Indo-Pakistani Conflict: Tracing the Causes of Rivalry Initiation,” International Conference on *India’s Foreign Policy Strategies through the 21st Century*, Organized by Department of Political Science, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, February 26-28, 2015.
- 2014: “Armed Forces Special Power Act”, Department of Civics and Politics, University of Mumbai, Mumbai, June 6, 2014.
- 2013: Participated in Training Workshop on Quantitative Techniques, Sampling and Statistical Analysis at IRIIS (Gurgaon) in June 2013.
- 2012: Presented paper on, “Territorial Contiguity, Ideology, and the Beginning of India-Pakistan Rivalry,” 1st Indian Association of International Studies (IAIS) Convention on *The Dawning of the ‘Asian Century’: Emerging Challenges Before Theory and Practices of IR in India*, New Delhi, December 10-12, 2012.
- 2012: Presented paper on, “Why Does India-Pakistan Conflict not Terminating? A Complex Rivalry Explanation,” Department of Political Science, *University of Delhi*, November 14, 2012.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2018: *Secession and Security: Explaining State Strategy against Separatists* by Ahsan I. Butt (Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2017), ***International Affairs***, vol. 94, no. 5, 1 (Sep. 2018), pp. 1179-80.
- 2015 *How Rivalries End* by Karen Rasler, William R. Thompson, and Sumit Ganguly (Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2013), ***Political Studies Review***, vol. 13, no. 2 (May, 2015), pp. 427-428.
- 2013: *International Relations Theory and Regional Transformation* by T. V. Paul (ed.) (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012), ***Political Studies Review***, vol. 11, no. 2 (May, 2013), p. 257.
- 2012: *Do Democracies Win Their Wars?* by Michael Brown *et. al.* (eds.) (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press 2011), ***Journal of Peace Research***, vol. 49, no. 6 (Nov., 2012), pp. 874-875.
- 2012: *The Dynamic of Democratization, Dictatorship Development, and Diffusion* by Nathan J. Brown (ed.) (John Hopkins Press, 2011), ***Journal of Peace Research***, vol. 49, no. 6 (Nov., 2012), p. 874.
- 2012: *Why Enduring Rivalries Do—or Don't—End* by Eric W. Cox (Boulder, CO: First Forum Press, 2010), ***Cambridge Review of International Affairs***, vol. 25, no. 2 (Jun., 2012), pp. 300-302.
- 2012: *Challenge and Strategy: Rethinking India's Foreign Policy* by Rajiv Sikri (New Delhi, Sage, 2009); and *Armed Militias of South Asia: Fundamentalists, Maoists and Separatists* by Laurent Gayer and Christophe Jaffrelot (eds.) (London: Hurst, 2010), ***International Journal of South Asian Studies***, vol. 5, no. 1 (Jan., 2012), pp. 171-174.
- 2011: *The War Puzzle Revisited* by John A. Vasquez (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2009), ***Journal of Peace Research***, vol. 48, no. 4 (Jul., 2011), p. 564.
- 2011: *International Political Earthquakes* by Michael Brecher (Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press, 2008), ***Political Studies Review***, vol. 9, no. 2 (May, 2011), pp. 242-243.
- 2011: *Conflict Resolution in the Twenty-first Century: Principles, Methods, and Approaches* by Jacob Bercovitch and Richard Jackson (Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press, 2009), ***Journal of Peace Research***, vol. 48, no. 1 (Jan., 2011), p. 128.
- 2011: *Asymmetric Warfare in South Asia: The Causes and Consequences of the Kargil Conflict* by Peter R. Lavoy (ed.) (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009), ***Political Studies Review***, vol. 9, no. 1 (Jan., 2011), pp. 134-135.
- 2011: *The Tradition of Non-Use of Nuclear Weapons* by T.V. Paul (Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press, 2009); and, *South Asian Security and International Nuclear Order: Creating a Robust Indo-Pakistani Nuclear Arms Control Regime* by Mario Esteban Carranza (Aldershot: Ashgate, 2009), ***Political Studies Review***, vol. 9, no. 1 (Jan., 2011), pp. 90-92.
- 2011: *Transforming Pakistan: Ways Out of Instability* by Hilary Synnott (Abingdon: IISS-Routledge, 2009), ***Political Studies Review***, vol. 9, no. 1 (Jan., 2011), pp. 136-137.
- 2010: *A Nuclear Winter's Tale: Science and Politics in the 1980's* by Lawrence Badash (Cambridge, Massachusetts: MIT Press, 2009), ***South Asian Survey***, vol. 17, no. 2 (Sep., 2010), pp. 358-360.
- 2010: *Inside Nuclear South Asia* by Scott D. Sagan (ed.) (Stanford, California: Stanford University Press, 2009), ***International Journal***, vol. 65, no. 3 (summer, 2010), pp. 792-794.

- 2010: *India and Pakistan: Friends, Rivals or Enemies?* by Duncan McLeod (Aldershot: Ashgate, 2008), *Political Studies Review*, vol. 8, no. 3 (Sep., 2010), p. 443.
- 2010: *The Limits of Influence: America's Role in Kashmir* by Howard B. Schaffer (Washington DC: Brookings Institution Press, 2009), *International Affairs*, vol. 86, no. 2 (Mar., 2010), pp. 584-585.

FIELD SURVEYS

- 2024: *Round-2*: Carried field studies in J&K and the key border states of India (Feb.-March 2024).
University Research Grant (2023-24): "The India-Pakistan Nuclear-political Complex and the State of Certainty/Uncertainty in South Asia."
- 2023: *Round-1*: Carried field studies in J&K and the key border states of India (Aug 2023).
University Research Grant (2023-24): "The India-Pakistan Nuclear-political Complex and the State of Certainty/Uncertainty in South Asia."
- 2021: *Round-2*: Carried a field study in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir with residents and common public residing near the Line of Control (LoC) and extended locations, February 10-12, 2021.
RUSA-2.0 Seed Grant: "Does Nuclear Weapons-steered Security Make South Asia More Secure? A Probe into the Contemporary Nuclear Posturing of India and Pakistan."
- 2020: *Round-1*: Carried a 6-day field study in Rajouri and Poonch districts of Jammu and Kashmir with residents and common public residing near the Line of Control (LoC) and extended locations, February 9-14, 2020.
RUSA-2.0 Seed Grant: "Does Nuclear Weapons-steered Security Make South Asia More Secure? A Probe into the Contemporary Nuclear Posturing of India and Pakistan."
- 2015: Carried a two-week field study in Pakistan (Lahore & Islamabad) with area experts, retired diplomats, army generals, academicians and journalists, October 5-17, 2015.
PhD Project: "Re-examining the Rivalry Paradigm: The India-Pakistan Conflict."
[Also conducted a parallel field study in India (New Delhi-NCR, Srinagar, Jammu), with the Pakistani experts' Indian counterparts as well as with the experts of America, Britain, Singapore, Australia, and other international organizations].
- 2013: As a field researcher participated in multiple field surveys in the Kashmir Valley (10 districts) on the topic "The Political Economy of the Conflict" from May 30-July 8, 2013.
Project: *The Role of Governance in the Resolution of Socio-economic and Political Conflict in India and Europe*, European Union (EU) and University of Delhi.
- 2012: As a field researcher, participated in multiple field surveys to locate the impact of the Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC), Leh & Kargil, J&K, from October 1-14, 2012.
Project: *The Role of Governance in the Resolution of Socio-economic and Political Conflict in India and Europe*, European Union (EU) and University of Delhi.
- 2011: As a field researcher, participated in a survey on Kashmir, *The Impact of Media on Kashmiri Youth*, conducted by Institute for Research on India and International Studies' (IRIIS), from 10-13 Dec. 2010 and 6-14 Jan. 2011.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (Manuscript Reviewer):

▪ **Books:**

- (1) *University of Michigan Press* (Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA): Book Manuscript reviewed in August 2022), <https://www.press.umich.edu/>

[*The Troubling State of India's Democracy*, edited by Sumit Ganguly et. al. (2024)].

- (2) *Vernon Press* (Delaware, USA): Book Manuscript reviewed in April 2023), <https://www.vernonpress.com/>

[*India, Pakistan, and the Sharika-Bazi: An Alternate Understanding of the Cousin Rivalry* by Jawad Kadir (2026)].

▪ **Journals:**

Asian Security (Routledge)

Bandung: Journal of the Global South (Brill)

Discover Global Society (Springer Nature)

Global Change, Peace & Security (Routledge)

International Relations of the Asia-Pacific (Oxford University Press)

International Studies (Sage)

Journal of Borderland Studies (Routledge)

Journal of Human Rights & Social Work (Springer Nature)

Pacific Affairs (Routledge)

Peace Review (Routledge)

South Asian Survey (Sage)

Society & Culture in South Asia (Sage)

World Affairs (Wiley)

COURSES DEVELOPED/REVISED (at Jammu University):

PhD & MPhil Courses

1. DSRS-13: *International Relations Since 1919*.
2. DSRS-14: *Contemporary International Relations*

PG Courses: CBCS-2016

3. PSDSTC-104: *Fundamentals of War*
4. PSDSTC-203: *India as a Rising Power*
5. PSSRSTO-301/402: *India as an Emerging Power*
6. PSDSTC-303: *National Security in India*
7. PSDSTE-305: *Politics & Security in Afghanistan and Pakistan*
8. PSDSTC-403: *Peace & Conflict Studies*
9. PSDSTC-405: *State & Security in South Asia*

PG Courses: NEP-2025

10. P2DSTC-102: *Fundamentals of War and Warfare*
11. P2DSTC-103: *International Relations: Defence Aspects*
12. P2DSTC-301: *India's National Security*
13. P2DSTC-304: *India as a Rising Global Power*
14. P2DSTC-305: *China in Global World Order*

15. P2DSTC-306: *Introduction to Research Methodology & Publication Ethics*
16. P2DSTC-402: *Conflict Resolution and Peace Building*

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

English, Hindi, and Pahari

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