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Ph.D. (2016)

Centre for West Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Thesis title: *Social Reforms in Saudi Arabia, 1991-2010*

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Master of Arts (Arabic) (2007)

Centre for Arabic and African Studies, School of Language, Literature and Cultural Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

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Fellowship/Grants

Visiting Fellow (November 2014 – February 2015), King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

Data Collection Abroad (Field Work Grant) (2014-15), Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi to conduct field work in Saudi Arabia for doctoral research.

Senior Research Fellowship, October 2012 to September 2015, University Grants Commission, Government of India.

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Other Qualifications

National Eligibility Test for Lectureship in **International Relations and Area Studies** conducted by University Grants Commission, 2010 and in **Arabic** in 2008.

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Ask an Expert

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2. "When people in Gaza don't recognise the Palestinian National Authority, how can there be a two-state solution to the Israel-Palestine question?" June 19, 2019, <https://idsa.in/askanexpert/two-state-solution-to-the-israel-palestine-question>
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Lectures & Presentations

Paper Presentations

1. "Indian Experience of Dealing with the ISIS Threat," paper presentation in Third Annual Genocide Conference (online) organised by the United States Naval War College, New Port, Rhode Island on October 21, 2020.
2. "India and a Multi-Polar Middle East: A Silent 'Elephant' in the Room," paper presented in conference on *International Relations in a Multi-Polar Middle East* at Lancaster University, United Kingdom (online) on July 1, 2020.
3. "Turkey at the Crossroads of Regional Turmoil: Between Realpolitik and Ideology" paper presented in 4th West Asia Conference on *Ten Years of Political & Economic Transformation in West Asia: Challenges, Lessons & Future Trends* at Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi on February 26, 2020.
4. "Changing Geopolitical Dynamics in the Middle East and Foreign Policy Challenges for Saudi Arabia," paper present in conference on *West Asia 2020: Of Fault Lines and Possible Meltdowns* at Calcutta University, Kolkata on December 11, 2019.
5. "Israel and the Arab Gulf: Is the New found Affection Sustainable?" paper presented at the 8th European Association of Israel Studies Annual Conference on *Democracy in Challenging Times: Israel Europe and the World* at Charles University, Prague on September 9, 2019.
6. "The United States and Kingdom of Saudi Arabia: Strategic Alliance under Stress?" paper presented in seminar on *India and Contemporary West Asia: Predicaments, Prospects and Policies* at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi on March 29, 2019.
7. "Turkey as a 'Model' for Arab World: Myth or Reality?" Fellow Paper presentation at Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi on August 18, 2017.
8. "India-GCC Cooperation in Higher Education: Prospects and Challenges," paper presented in conference on *Democratic Upsurge in West Asia and North Africa: Global Concerns and Implications for India* at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi on March 17, 2017.

9. "Democratic Upsurge in West Asia and North Africa: Global Concerns and Implications for India" paper presented in convention on *Socio-Political Turmoil in West Asia* at University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram on November 25, 2016.
10. "Holocaust Denial and Minimization in Indian Urdu Press," paper presented in conference on Mass Violence and Memory at Jindal School of International Studies, O. P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat, India during May 18, 2016.
11. "Educational Reforms and Knowledge Economy: Challenges and Prospects for Saudi Arabia," paper presented in the second Gulf Studies Symposium on *Knowledge-Based Development in the Gulf*, organized by the Gulf Studies Center, American University of Kuwait, Kuwait during March 15, 2015.
12. "Islamic Modernism and Saudi Arabia: Conflict and Confluence?" paper presented in International Conference on *Understanding the Trajectories of the Contemporary Islam*, organized by the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata during November 13, 2013.
13. "Islam, Saudi Arabia and the Question of Sovereignty," paper presented in International Seminar on *The Dilemma on Popular Sovereignty in the Middle East*, conducted by the Centre for Pakistan and West Asian Studies, University of Calcutta during March 25, 2013.
14. "Al-Saud Confronts the Arab Spring," paper presented in National Seminar on *West Asia: The Changing Scenario* conducted by the Centre for West Asian Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi during March 22, 2013. (joint paper)
15. "Persian Gulf and the Arab Spring: The Saudi Factor," paper presented at Indian Association of International Studies Annual Convention at India International Centre, New Delhi during December 10-12, 2012.
16. "External Powers in the Arab Spring: US-Saudi Tussle," paper presented in International Seminar on *Interpreting the Arab Spring: Significance of the New Arab Awakening* at the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata during February 16-17, 2012.
17. "Indian Urdu Newspapers and the Arab Spring," paper presented in National Seminar on *Arab Spring and Peace in West Asia* at the Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh during November 22-23, 2011.

Invited Lectures

1. Delivered a lecture on "China-Iran Comprehensive Strategic Partnership: Likely Challenges for India" for Defence and Security Module Level-I courses for Commandant Rank Officers from BSF organised at Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies & Analyses, New Delhi on October 8, 2021.
2. Delivered a lecture on "China-Iran Comprehensive Strategic Partnership: Likely Challenges for India" for Defence and Security Module Level-I courses for Commandant Rank Officers from BSF organised at Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies & Analyses, New Delhi on July 9, 2021.

3. Delivered a lecture on “UAE-Indian Relations: Horizons of Cooperation and Challenges” (online) at the Interregional for Strategic Analysis, United Arab Emirates on June 29, 2021.
4. Delivered a lecture on “India’s Multialignment Policy in the Middle East” (online) for Association of Indian Research Scholars on June 24, 2021.
5. Delivered a lecture on “Turkey-Iran-Saudi Arabia: The Changing Dynamic of Biden Administration” for Defence and Security Module Level-I courses for Commandant Rank Officers from BSF organised at Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies & Analyses, New Delhi on May 4, 2021.
6. Delivered a lecture on “Instances of Antisemitism in Indian Urdu Press” (online) organised by the Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy on April 29, 2021.
7. Delivered a lecture on “Iran and its International Postures” (online) in Hindi for a workshop on *New Dimensions of India’s Foreign Policy* organised by Department of Defence & Strategic Studies, Kaviyitri Bahinabai Chaudhiri North Maharashtra University, Jalgaon on February 26, 2021.
8. Delivered a lecture on “The Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on Indian Migrants in GCC” (online) organized by the *Platinum Network*, United States on November 17, 2020.
9. Delivered a lecture on “Linkages between ISIS, Al-Qaeda in Arab Peninsula and Indian Terrorist Organisations” for Defence and Security Module Level-II courses for Commandant Rank Officers from BSF organised at Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi on March 26, 2020.
10. Delivered a lecture on “Linkages between ISIS, Al-Qaeda in Arab Peninsula and Indian Terrorist Organisations” (online) for International Relations, Defence and Security Module courses for Commandant Rank Officers from BSF organised at Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi on September 2, 2020.
11. Delivered a lecture on “India’s Energy Security and Importance of West Asia” for the special course for diplomats from Syria and Iraq at the Foreign Service Institute (FSI), New Delhi on March 3, 2020.
12. Delivered a lecture on “The Rise of ISIS in West Asia: Implications for India” for Defence and Security Module Level-II courses for DIG Rank Officers from BSF organised at Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi on January 1, 2020.
13. Delivered a lecture on “India and OIC” for a special course for diplomats from the Palestine and Libya at the Foreign Service Institute (FSI), New Delhi on September 12, 2019.
14. Delivered a lecture on “The Rise of ISIS in West Asia: Implications for India” for Defence and Security Module Level-I courses for Commandant Rank Officers from BSF organised at Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi on August 30, 2019.
15. Delivered a lecture on “Radicalization and ISIS Threats to India” for Defence and Security Module Level-II courses for DIG Rank Officers from BSF organised at Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi on July 26, 2019.
16. Delivered a lecture on “India and OIC” for a special course for diplomats from the five Central Asian Countries and Maldives at the Foreign Service Institute (FSI), New Delhi on July 4, 2019.

Monday Morning Presentations

1. “The Armenia-Azerbaijan Conflict over Nagorno-Karabakh: Political and Military Dimensions” – October 19, 2020 – Chair: Dr. Rajbala Rana. [online]
2. “COVID - 19 and Challenges for Turkey” – May 4, 2020 – Chair: Amb. Sujan R. Chinoy. [online]

3. "US Decision to Lift the Waiver on Sanctions for Importing Iranian Oil: Implications for India" – May 13, 2019 – Chair: Ms. Sumita Kumar.
4. "Fallout of Khashoggi Affair on US-Saudi Ties" – October 22, 2018 – Chair: Dr. Meena Singh Roy.
5. "Turkish Elections and Implications for the Middle East" – July 02, 2018 – Chair: Dr. Pushpita Das.
6. "Gaza Violence and Trump's Middle East Policy" – May 21, 2018 – Chair: Dr. M. S. Pratibha.
7. "PM Modi's Visit to Palestine, UAE and Oman" – February 19, 2018 – Chair: Col. Pradeep Chhonkar.
8. " Hamas-Fatah Reconciliation Agreement: Will it Succeed?" – October 30, 2017 – Chair: Dr. Chithra Purushothaman.
9. "President Erdogan's Visit and India-Turkey Relations" – May 8, 2017 – Chair: Col. Kevin A. Desouza.
10. "Recent Developments in Turkey and Challenges for Erdogan" – January 16, 2017 – Chair: Dr. Meena Singh Roy.

Television Appearances

1. Participated in panel discussion on "Emerging Trends in Indian Foreign Policy" for Doordarshan Urdu program *Duniya Mere Aage* on September 1, 2020.
2. Participated in panel discussion on "Oil Politics and India's Energy Security" for Doordarshan Urdu program *Duniya Mere Aage* on March 19, 2020.
3. Participated in panel discussion on "West Asia in Indian Foreign Policy" for Doordarshan Urdu program *Duniya Mere Aage* on October 31, 2019.
4. Participated in panel discussion on the visit of Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed Bin Salman to India organized by *News18 Hindi* on February 19, 2019.
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Round Tables & Panel Discussions

1. Participated in online panel discussion on "Understanding the Abraham Accords in West Asia: Probable Options for India," organised by Manipal Academy of Higher Education and Middle East Institute, New Delhi on October 20, 2020.
2. Discussed "India's Energy Relationship with the Gulf States and Challenges of Diversification," in the seminar on *India's Energy Diplomacy: Opportunities and Challenges* organized by the Institute of Social Sciences in New Delhi on May 10, 2019.
3. "Israel, Turkey and the Region and Implications for India," presentation in Panel Discussion on *West Asia in Transition: Implications for India* organized by United Services Institute, New Delhi on 16 May 2018.

4. Discussed “The US, Qatar Crisis and Options for India,” in panel discussion organised by Gulf Studies Programme, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi on November 30, 2017.
5. Discussed “India-UAE Relations: Is Pakistan a Factor?” in symposium on *India-UAE Relations: Emerging Dimensions and Future Potential* organised by Gulf Studies Programme, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi on March 30, 2017.
6. “Shaping an Indian Initiative to Promote Stability in the Gulf Region”, Round Table organised by Ananta Aspen Centre, New Delhi at India International Centre on 26 July 2016.
7. “The Proliferation of Jihad in West Asia”, Panel Discussion organized by Ananta Aspen Centre, New Delhi at WWF Auditorium on 15 January 2016.
8. “Domestic and Regional Challenges to King Salman”, Talk at Institute of Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi on 24 March 2015.
9. “Changing Contours of Saudi Society”, Seminar Presentation at Centre for West Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi on 5 March 2015.
10. “Social Progress in Saudi Arabia and its Impact in the Islamic World”, Seminar Presentation at King Faisal Center for Research and Islamic Studies, Riyadh on 5 February 2015.
11. “Roots of the Arab Spring”, Panel Discussion at Young Scholars Seminar on *Discontent in West Asia* organized by Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, New Delhi at India International Centre, New Delhi on 9 May 2011.

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