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Dr. Roy’s forthcoming publications are:

1. Book: *Linking South and Central Asia in the New Strategic Environment: Envisioning India’s Future Partnership with the Eurasian Region*.
2. Book, *Persian Gulf 2016-17 India’s Relations with the Region* (co-edited with P. R. Kumaraswamy)
3. Book, *Ideology, Politics and New Security Challenges in West Asia*, (ed.)

Current Book Project

India-Iran Relations in the 21st Century: Adapting to New Realities in the West Asian Region.

Membership of Professional Institutes and Societies

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