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Work / Research Experience

Fellow, MAKAIAS (02 January 2006 – Till Date)

- ❖ Working on a project titled “*Sino-Indian Competition for Strategic Space in South and Southeast Asia.*” Other research areas include the emerging traditional and non-traditional security scenarios in South and Southeast Asia.
- ❖ Other areas of research:
 - “*Politics of Indebtedness of Indigenous People: Issues, Policies, Actions and Consequences – Study of Purulia District.*” (Forthcoming publication)
 - “*Diaspora*” studies: Co-Edited a volume titled, *INTERPRETING THE INDIAN DIASPORA: Lessons from History and Contemporary Politics*, Centre for Studies in Civilizations, for the Project of History of Indian Science, Philosophy and Culture (PHISPC): New Delhi, 2009).

Lecturer in Political Science (18 May 2003 – 31 December 2005) at Panchakot Mahavidyalaya, Burdwan University, West Bengal, India.

- ❖ Taught courses on Political Theory, Political Thought and International Relations at the undergraduate level.

Doctoral and M.Phil Research

- ❖ Ph.D. in Disarmament and Strategic Studies from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India (Awarded in 2004).
 - PhD Thesis: “*Evolution and Working of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW).*” **Supervisor- Prof. Kanti Bajpai, Co-Supervisor- Prof. Swaran Singh.**
- ❖ M.Phil Dissertation from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India (Awarded in 1998).
 - “*Abolishing Nuclear Weapons: A Survey of Proposals and their Prospects.*” Supervisor- **Prof. Kanti Bajpai.**

Fellowships

- ❖ *Visiting Fellow* at Institute of South and Southeast Asian Studies, *Yunnan Academy of Social Sciences, Kunming, China*, under exchange programme during 6-19 January 2010.
- ❖ Was a short-term Conference fellow at *University of Hull, UK*, during 04-25 August 2009.

- ❖ Junior and Senior Research Fellowship in Political Science and International Relations (1998-2003) from UGC to pursue MPhil/PhD at JNU, New Delhi

Overview of Academic Qualifications

Year	Qualification	Institution	Result
2004	Ph.D.	School of International Studies (SIS) Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, India	Awarded
1998	M.Phil.	SIS, JNU, New Delhi, India	Awarded
July 1995	Junior Research Fellowship (JRF)	University Grants Commission (UGC), New Delhi, Government of India	Awarded
1995	MA in Political Science (IR Specialisation)	Utkal University, Orissa, India	1 st Division
1993	BA (+3)	Ravenshaw College, Cuttack, Orissa, India	1 st Division

Research Publications and Other Academic Activities

Books/Monographs (in Progress)

Evolution of the Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons (CCW), Contracted with VDM Verlag, Germany. (Book)

Politics of Indebtedness of Indigenous People: Issues, Policies, Actions and Consequences –Study of Purulia District, (Book)

Nehru's Foreign Policy in Perspective, Occasional Paper, for Nehru Centre, Lucknow, 2008.

Edited Volumes

Associate Editor with Jayanta Kumar Ray (ed.), *Interpreting The India Diaspora: Lessons from History and Contemporary Politics*, Centre for Studies in

Civilizations, for the Project of History of Indian Science, Philosophy and Culture (PHISPC): New Delhi, 2009.

Edited Volumes in Progress

Away but not Apart: Evolving Relationship between India and her Diaspora, (Conference Proceedings).

Report on Exploratory Trip to Laos, Cambodia, Thailand and Malaysia, Kolkata: Towards Freedom, Forthcoming.

Relationship between India and Southeast Asia: A Strategic Engagement or Regional Integration, Kolkata: Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, and Ho Chi Minh City: University of Social Sciences & Humanities, (Conference Proceedings).

Papers in Edited Books

“Modernity on Trial: Nationhood and Nationalism in South Asia,” in Kausik Bandopadhyay (ed.), *Representing Modernities: Perspectives on Polity, Society, Culture and Economy*, Kolkata: Setu Prokashoni, 2009.

“Scourge of Landmines in Afghanistan,” in Arpita Basu Roy (ed.), *Challenges and Dilemmas of State-building in Afghanistan*, New Delhi: Shipra, 2008.

“Looking at Nathu La through the Security Prism,” in Jayanta Kumar Ray, Rakhee Bhattachary and Kausik Bandopadhyay (eds.), *Sikkim’s Tryst with Nathu La: What Awaits India’s East and Northeast?*, Delhi, Anshah Publishing House for Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata, 2009.

“Politics of Identity and Independence: Sikh Political activism at home and in the Diaspora,” in Jayanta Kumar Ray and Arpita Basu Roy (eds.), *Political Role of Religious Communities in India*, Stockholm-Nacka: Institute for Security and Development Policy, 2008.

“Searching through Theories: Developing a Human Security Paradigm for the North-East,” in Rakhee Bhattacharya and Sanjay Pulipaka (eds.), *Unfinished Agenda: Relocating Assam in Security and Development Debate*, New Delhi: Manohar, (Forthcoming).

Articles in Journals

“Security Problematique: A South Asian Perspective,” *Asia Annual*, 2006.

“Diaspora Studies in India,” *Asia Annual*, 2007.

“South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation: Towards Comprehensive Security in South Asia,” *Man & Development*, Vol. 30, No. 1, March 2008, pp. 133-46. (Refereed)

“Security Implications of Greater Indo–Myanmar Interaction,” *Indian Foreign Affairs Journal*, Vol 4. No. 2, April-June 2009.

“Changing Nature and Fixed Notion of Asian Security” in *Asia Annual 2009*, (Forthcoming).

Book Reviews

- Currie, Bob, *Politics of Hunger in India*, Chennai: Macmillan India Ltd, 2000, in *Refugee Watch*, Issue, 29, Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group, 2007.
- Jennings, Andrew, *Foul! The Secret World of FIFA: Bribes, Vote Rigging and Ticket Scandals*, London: Harper Collins, 2006. Pp. x + 386, Post Script, Appendix, index, £12.99 (paper). ISBN 0-00-72087, in *Soccer and Society*, Vol. 9, No. 4, London: Loutledge, October 2008.
- Michael Roberts, *Forces and Strands in Sri Lanka's Cricket History*, Colombo: Social Scientists' Association, 2006, ISBN 9559102826. In *Sports in Society*, Vol. 12, No. 10, Lnodon: Routledge, December 2009.
- James Mayall (ed.), *The Contemporary Commonwealth: An Assessment 1965-2009*, London and New York: Routledge, 2010, pp.230. In *Asia Annual 2009*. (Forthcoming).

Seminar/Conference/Workshop (Papers Presented) International

- Presented a paper on "Indo-Myanmar Relations: Conjectures and Concerns," in a seminar organised by *Institute of Strategic and International Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Myanmar*, in Yangon on 13 Decembaer 2006.
- Presented a paper on "Analysing India's Diaspora Policy in the Context of Globalisation" in an International Conference on *Globalisation and Diaspora*, organised by Centre for the Study of Indian Diaspora & Department of Sociology, University of Hyderabad, India & Department of Geography, University of Rouen, France during 1-3 February 2007.
- Presented a paper on "Ensuring Human Security through Regional Integration," at *Cambodia Development Resource Institute (CDRI) Phnom Penh, Cambodia*, 18 September 2007.
- Addressed the 9th *Convention of Global Organisation of People of Indian Origin*, as Academic Chairman, Kuala Lumpur, 12 December 2007.
- Presented a paper on "Politics of Identity & Independence: Sikh Community in Diaspora and at home," in an international seminar on *Political Role of Religious Communities in South Asia*, Organised by Institute for Security and Development Policy, Sweden in Collaboration with Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata, 28 January 2008. (Paper Published)
- Presented a paper on "Constructing South Asian security: Breaking away from the (in)security complex," in an International Seminar Organised by *Centre for South and South Asian Studies, University of Calcutta*, 29 April 2008. (Paper to be Published as part of Seminar Proceedings).
- Presented a paper titled "Evolving regional traditional and non-traditional security scenario from an Indian perspective" at the 4th *Kolkata to Kunming (K2K)*

International Conference organised by Yunnan Development Research Centre, Yunnan, China at Dali during 7-9 November 2008.

Presented a paper titled “Thinking of Security in the Shadow of Conflict” in an international seminar titled “*Indigenisation of Afghan Reconstruction: Challenges and Opportunities*” organised by MAKAIAS in collaboration Jamia Milia Islamia (JMI) University, New Delhi, at New Delhi during 18-19 March, 2009. (Paper to be Published as part of Seminar Proceedings).

Presented a paper titled, “China Factor in South Asia’s Nuclear Politics” in an International conference titled, *After the First Decade: The Politics of Nuclear Weapons in South Asia*, organised by University of Hull, United Kingdom during 27-28 August 2009. (Paper to be Published as part of Conference Proceedings).

Presented a paper titled “Cooperation and Discord in India-China Relationship: The Key to the Future of South and Southeast Asia” in an International Seminar on *India and East Asia: Prospects of Cooperation and Problems of Integration*, organised by Centre for Southeast Asian and Pacific Studies Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati, India, during 7-9 October 2009. (Paper to be Published as part of Seminar Proceedings).

Presented a paper titled “Providing Political Impetus to Sino-Indian Economic Cooperation” at the *China India Cooperation Forum* at Kunming, China, Organised by Yunnan Academy of Social Sciences, Kunming, during 14-15 January 2010. (Paper to be Published as part of Conference Proceedings).

Seminar/Conference/Workshop (Papers Presented) National

Presented a paper on “South Asian Security Scenario” in the internal seminar at MAKAIAS in September 2006. (Paper Published)

Delivered the Introductory Remarks at a Workshop on “Northeast India and Southwest China Cooperation” organised by MAKAIAS on 14 November 2007 at Kolkata.

Presented a paper titled “Looking at Nathu La through the Security Prism,” at the National Conference organised by MAKAIAS in collaboration with Ecotourism and Conservation Society of Sikkim. (Paper Published)

Spoke on the “Security Situation in Afghanistan” at MAKAIAS on 26 December 2007.

Spoke as a Commentator on “China’s Tibet Policy” at the American Centre, Kolkata, on 21 May 2008.

Presented a paper titled “Cultural Life of Indians in Malaysia,” in a National Conference on *Representing People, Redefining Society: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Popular Culture* organized by the MAKAIAS in collaboration with the Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Calcutta on 28-29 August 2008 at the Auditorium of the Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Calcutta.

Presented a paper titled “Searching through Theories: Developing a Human Security Paradigm for India’s Northeast” in a national Seminar organised by MAKAIAS at Guwahati on 28 March 2009. (Paper to be Published as part of Seminar Proceedings)

Spoke on “Limitations of India’s Soft Power in South and Southeast Asia,” the national seminar on “India in the New Global Order” organised by Foreign Policy Study Circle, at American Centre, Kolkata, on 03 September 2009.

Made an internal presentation at MAKAIAS on, “After the First Decade: The Politics of Nuclear Weapons in South Asia”, on 09 September 2009.

Presented a paper titled “Changing Nature and Fixed Notion of Asian Security” in a National Seminar on *Alternative Paradigms of Security in Asia*, organised by MAKAIAS and Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Calcutta, at University of Calcutta, during 15-16 October 2009. (Paper to be Published as part of *Asia Annual 2009*)

Presented a paper titled “India and China in the 21st Century: Compelled to Compete” in a National seminar on China and the Contemporary World, Organized by, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University, Kolkata during March 4 – 5, 2010 under UGC-CAS-I, at Jadavpur University, Kolkata.

Special Lectures

Addressed the 9th *Convention of Global Organisation of People of Indian Origin*, as Academic Chairman, Kuala Lumpur, 12 December 2007

Gave a Lecture titled “Cooperation and Discord in Sino-Indian Relationship” in a seminar on “*Comparative Approaches to Security: China and India*” organised by The Foreign Policy Study Circle (FPSC), in collaboration with The American Centre, Kolkata on 26 June 2009.

Delivered the first IAAPS lecture for the year 2009 titled “India’s Look East Policy: Conjectures and Realities,” as part of the *Indian Association for Asia Pacific Studies Lecture Series*, at Calcutta University, West Bengal, on 30 June 2009.

Research Leadership/Organisation/ Other Academic Activities

1. Organised an international conference on ***India and her Neighbourhoods*** during 27-29 March 2010.
2. Participated in a one day Workshop on **International Studies in India** at Jadavppur university on 22 February 2010.
3. Organised the **5th K2K Forum** (a Civilian Initiative between Yunnan China and West Bengal India) during 28-30 January 2010.
4. Organised a National Seminar on ***Indian Diaspora: Past, Present and Future*** at Kolkata during 28-29 March 2006 in collaboration with Indian Institute of Advanced Studies, Shimla.
5. Organised an International Seminar on ***Away but not Apart: Evolving Relationship between India and her Diaspora*** at Kolkata during 11-13 January 2007.
6. **Coordinated an Exploratory Study Trip of 5 member MAKAIAS team** during 22 September to 03 October 2007 to Laos, Cambodia and Thailand and

facilitated discussions on India-Southeast Asia Relations with 8 institutes in these three countries.

7. Participated in the **3rd Kolkata to Kunming international conference** organised by MAKAIAS during 21-22 July 2007.
8. Facilitated the **signing of Memorandum of Understanding** between MAKAIAS and Institute of South and Southeast Asian Studies, Yunnan Academy of Social Sciences, Yunnan, China.
9. Facilitated **signing of Memorandum of Understanding** between MAKAIAS and Mahatma Gandhi Institute, Mauritius
10. Participated in the International Conference titled **“Russia in Asia: Envisaging Partnerships and Communities in Eurasia Assessing the Role of Siberia”** organised by MAKAIAS in collaboration with Institute of History, Academy of Sciences, Novosibirsk, Russian Federation during 13-15 February 2008.
11. Participated in the one day Workshop on **“Development through Administrative Reforms in the Northeast India”** organised by MAKAIAS at Shillong on 12 July 2007
12. Was part of the MAKAIAS **Goodwill Trip to Myanmar** during 11-15 December 2006.
13. Was part of the MAKAIAS **Study Trip to Afghanistan** during 21-27 October 2007.
14. Coordinator of *Kolkata to Kunming (K2K)* Forum.

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