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EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

PhD International Relations, South Asian University, New Delhi (2019 to ongoing)

- Thesis Topic: Examining the Role of Buddhist Diplomacy in Indian Foreign Policy
- Overview: Research on Buddhism as a medium and channel of diplomacy and foreign policy in the current era of nation-states, along with the study of India's Buddhist Diplomacy from Independence to 2024.

MA International Relations, South Asian University (2017 to 2019)

- South Asian University President's Scholarship (2018-2019). Awarded for the highest grade in the academic year 2017-2018.
- Gold Medal, International Relations. Awarded for the highest cumulative grade among all the International Relations students for the batch of 2017 to 2019.

CURRENT ROLE

Assistant Professor

Hamdard Institute of International Studies, Jamia Hamdard, New Delhi.

ACADEMIC DUTIES

Subjects Taught:

1. Comparative Politics
2. Great Power Politics and War
3. Political Systems of South Asia
4. American Foreign Policy

Course Planning:

1. Taking an active role in designing the BA (International Studies and Global Politics) degree to be introduced at Jamia Hamdard in June 2024
2. Taking an active role in designing the PhD (International Studies) coursework
3. Content planning for MA (Political Science) with the Open and Distance Learning program at Jamia Hamdard

ORGANIZATIONAL EXPERIENCE – ACADEMIC AND EXTRACURRICULAR

- Organizer and Chief Co-ordinator: Jamia Millia Islamia Model United Nations, 19/01/2013
- Organizer: Students Seminar on India's Relations with Israel and Palestine, 15/01/2018
- Organizer and Quizmaster: History and World Politics Quiz at South Asian University; 7/02/2018
- Organizer and Quizmaster: South Asia Quiz at South Asian University; 13/02/2019
- Co-organizer – Special Lecture: “Polarity in International Politics: West Asia at Crossroads” by Qamar Agha, Journalist and Strategic Expert – 19/01/24
- Chief Coordinator – Special Lecture: “Human Rights and World Order: Challenges for India” by Mr. DK Singh, Former Secretary General, National Human Rights Commission – 15/03/24

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Intersection of Buddhism with Politics, International Relations, and Foreign Policy
- Religion, Culture, and Geopolitics
- Indian Foreign Policy
- Non-traditional forms of diplomacy

POLICY AND COMMENTARY ARTICLES

On Buddhism and Diplomacy (30/11/2021), *Freedom Gazette*. Accessible at <https://freedomgazette.in/2021/11/how-india-can-leverage-buddhism-in-its-rivalry-with-china/>

Health Threat of Scrub Typhus (03/12/21), *Freedom Gazette*. Accessible at <https://freedomgazette.in/2021/12/india-must-pay-more-attention-to-silent-killer-scrub-typhus/>

Critique of India's Foreign Policy During Covid 19 (11/05/2021), *Freedom Gazette*. Accessible at <https://freedomgazette.in/2021/05/covid-19-how-indian-foreign-policy-has-failed-the-country/>

America's Larger-than-life UFO Obsession (23/02/2023), *The Quint*. Accessible at <https://www.thequint.com/opinion/us-ufos-joe-bidens-rules-defence-mechanism-or-larger-than-life-obsession>

Ukraine to Palestine, Western Commentariat Resorts to "Clash of Civilizations" (28/10/23), *The Quint*. Accessible at <https://www.thequint.com/opinion/ukraine-to-palestine-western-commentariat-resorts-to-clash-of-civilizations>

PAPERS PRESENTED

- **Theorizing the Deep State: A Case Study of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan** at SAU Masters Students Dissertation Seminar – May 2019
- **China and the Geopolitics of Buddhism in Asia** as part of submission for the South Asian University PhD Scholars' Seminar – June 2020
- **The Buddha Looks Eastwards: The Use of Buddhism as Cultural Infrastructure in India's Northeast Borderlands** at the 3rd Border Studies Conference (17-19 April 2023) held at Banaras Hindu University in partnership with South Asian University and Borders In Globalization (BIG)
- **Gyan Evam Neeti: Indian Academia's Diplomatic Potential for Viksit Bharat 2047** at Viksit Bharat Conference 2024, organised by Vedant Knowledge Systems and Gujarat Government

AWAITED PUBLICATIONS

- Is there actually a distinct "East Asian Soft Power"? Insights from Assessing the Impact of East Asian Popular Culture in India – International Studies (ISQ) – SAGE Publications – (Currently at ADM Stage, Awaiting Reviewer Selections)

- Dharma through Debate and Dialogue – The Role of Indian Buddhist monks in spreading Buddhism in Tibet – (approved by the editors of INDICA, to be published)
- India’s Buddhist Diplomacy: Redefining Soft Power in a Multipolar World (with the Indian Council of World Affairs)

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Rapporteur: 1st Border Studies Conference, 6-7 March 2017, South Asian University. The duty involved making reports to be submitted to the South Asian University newsletter.

Invited discussant: Indian Council for World Affairs Young Scholars’ Conference 2023 at Indian Council for World Affairs, Sapru House, New Delhi.

FULL ACADEMIC RECORD

COURSE	YEAR OF COMPLETION	INSTITUTION	GRADE
AISSE – CBSE (Class X)	2010	Ryan International School, Noida	9.4/10 (CGPA)
AISSCE – CBSE (Class XII, PCM with Computer Science)	2012	Ryan International School, Noida	91%
B. Tech Electronics & Communication	2016	Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi	8.16/10 (CGPA)
MA International Relations	2019	South Asian University, New Delhi	7.9/9 (CGPA)