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EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

PhD International Relations, South Asian University, New Delhi (2019-2025)

Submitted (23rd January 2025), PhD defended (08th October 2025), Result Declared: 13th November 2025

- 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 University, New Delhi. Starting Date: 15th November 2023 (ongoing)

ACADEMIC DUTIES

Teaching:

At BA Level

1. Making of the Modern World
2. Fundamental Theories of International Relations
3. Comparative Politics

4. Geopolitics of the Himalayas

At MA Level

1. Comparative Politics
2. Great Power Politics and War
3. Political System of South Asian Nations
4. Research Methods

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

ORGANISATIONAL 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; 7th February 2018
- Organizer and Quizmaster: South Asia Quiz at South Asian University; 13th February 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 – 15th March 2024
- Faculty Co-ordinator: World Politics and History Quiz – In Partnership with the Indian Council of World Affairs, 26th August 2025 (also served as Quizmaster)
- Faculty Co-ordinator: International Conference on “India's Foreign Policy in the Changing World Order: Initiatives, Challenges, Perspectives” on 17th September 2025, held at Jamia Hamdard University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Intersection of Buddhism with Politics, International Relations, and Foreign Policy
- Religion, Culture, and World Politics
- Indian Foreign Policy

POLICY AND COMMENTARY ARTICLES

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 (3rd March 2024), organised by Vedant Knowledge Systems and Gujarat Government – Published in Proceedings
- **Future Skills for Future Sentinels: A Cybersecurity Strategy for Viksit Bharat 2047** at the 1st International Conference held at Don Bosco Institute of Technology, New Delhi (27th July 2024) – Published in Proceedings
- **Buddhist Notions of Leadership in Foreign Policy: Insights from India's Buddhist Diplomacy focussing on Prime Ministers Jawaharlal Nehru and Narendra Modi** at the Leadership Revisited Conference held at Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh (18th January 2025)

PUBLICATIONS

- Bahuguna, S. (2024). "Development and Dharma: Analysing India's Possible Regional Integration Strategy with Nepal using Neofunctionalist Theory" International Journal of Research and Analytical Reviews, Vol 11 Issue 4, December 2024 (pp. 543-547) <https://www.ijrar.org/papers/IJRAR24D3105.pdf>
- Bahuguna, S. (2025). "Historical Soft Power: The Role of Indian Buddhist Monks in Peaceful Spread of Buddhism in Tibet". International Journal of Research and

Analytical Reviews, Vol 12 Issue 3, July 2025 (pp. 196-201)

<http://www.ijrar.org/papers/IJRAR25C1786.pdf>

- Bahuguna, S. (2025). “India's Buddhist Diplomacy: Redefining Soft Power in a Multipolar World”. International Journal of Research and Analytical Reviews, Vol 12 Issue 3, September 2025 (pp. 96-101)
<http://www.ijrar.org/papers/IJRAR25C3149.pdf>

OTHER EXPERIENCE

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

Invited discussant: Indian Council for World Affairs Young Scholars' Conference 2023 at Indian Council for World Affairs, Sapru House, New Delhi, 6th October 2023.

Co-Chair: Technical Session on International Security (and member, Organising Committee) at the International Conference on “India’s Foreign Policy in The Changing World Order: Initiatives, Challenges, Perspectives” held on 17th September 2025.

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)

REFERENCE CONTACTS

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