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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Denver Assistant Professor of Peace and Security Josef Korbel School of International Studies	2022 - present
Stanford University Stanton Nuclear Security Postdoctoral Fellowship Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC)	2021 - 2022
Stanford University MacArthur Nuclear Security Predoctoral Fellowship Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC)	2019 - 2020

EDUCATION

Cornell University , Ithaca, New York Ph.D. Department of Government Dissertation: Delivering the Bomb: Nuclear Forces, Ambiguity, and the Non-proliferation Order	2021
Jawaharlal Nehru University , New Delhi, India M.Phil in Diplomacy and Disarmament Centre for International Politics, Organisation, and Disarmament Dissertation: Technology, Strategy and Statecraft: Understanding India's Tryst with Missile Defence	2013
Jawaharlal Nehru University , New Delhi, India M.A. in Politics (with Specialization in International Relations)	2011
Presidency College, Kolkata, India B.A. in History (Honours)	2009

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Books and Monographs

Nuclear Learning in South Asia and the Levels of Analysis, RCSS Policy Studies 57, (New Delhi: Manohar, 2015).(with Rabia Akhtar)

Journal Articles

“The Courtroom of World Opinion’: Bringing the International Audience into Nuclear Crises,” *Global Studies Quarterly*, Volume 1, Issue 4, December 2021, ksab028.

“Warring from the Virtual to the Real: Assessing the Public’s Threshold for War over Cyber Security,” *Research and Politics* 4 (2): 1–8, June 2017.(with Sarah Kreps)

Book Chapters

“Challenges to the Global Nuclear Order: An Indian Perspective,” *Perspectives on the Evolving Nuclear Order*, ed. Toby Dalton, Togzhan Kassenova, and Lauryn Williams, (Washington, D.C.: Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 2016)

“Addressing the Asymmetry in Space: India’s Strategy for Space Security,” *PANORAMA of global security environment, 2014*, ed. Peter Bátor and Róbert Ondrejcsák (Bratislava: Centre for European and North Atlantic Affairs, 2015)

“Strengthening Strategic Instability in South Asia: The Impact of Tactical Nuclear Weapons and Ballistic Missile Development,” *PANORAMA of global security environment, 2013*, ed. Marian Majer and Róbert Ondrejcsák

(Bratislava: Centre for European and North Atlantic Affairs, 2014)

“Indian Nuclear Policy: A Case of Deliberate Strategic Ambiguity,” *PANORAMA of global security environment, 2012*, ed. Marian Majer, Róbert Ondrejcsák and Vladimir Tarasovič ((Bratislava: Centre for European and North Atlantic Affairs, 2013)

BOOK REVIEWS

Review of Vipin Narang, *Seeking the Bomb: Strategies of Nuclear Proliferation* (Princeton University Press). *Political Science Quarterly*.(forthcoming)

Review of Mark Bell, *Nuclear Reactions: How Nuclear Armed States Behave* (Cornell University Press). *H-Diplo: Robert Jervis International Security Studies Forum (RJISSF)*.(forthcoming)

Review of Rachel Whitlark, *All Options on the Table: Leaders, Preventive War, and Nuclear Proliferation* (Cornell University Press). *H-Diplo: Robert Jervis International Security Studies Forum (RJISSF)*.(forthcoming)

WORKING PAPERS

“With a Little Help From Our Friends: How the Non-proliferation Regime aided India’s Nuclear Force Development”

“Leave Us Out of It: Keeping Third-Party Nuclear Forces Out of Arms Control”

“Defining the Bomb: Negotiating Uncertainty into the Making of the Global Nuclear Order” (with J. Luis Rodriguez)

“Whose Democracy is it Anyway? Public Opinion and Crisis Decision-making in India” (with Shubha Kamala Prasad)

POLICY BRIEFS, ANALYSES, AND ROUNDTABLES

“Not much happened after India’s accidental cruise missile launch into Pakistan—this time.” *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, March 25, 2022.

“China’s Missile Silos and the Sino-Indian Nuclear Competition” *War on The Rocks*, October 13, 2021.

“Australia Will Get Nuclear-powered Submarines. Some See a Proliferation Threat,” *The Washington Post*, September 24, 2021.

“An Indian Nuclear Power Plant Suffered a Cyberattack. Here’s What You Need To Know,” *The Washington Post*, November 4, 2019.

“Introduction: A Changed Status Quo: Key Dynamics in the India-Pakistan Nuclear Relationship,” *Texas National Security Review*, October, 2019.

“Leveraging the Atom? Nuclear Weapons in Indian Foreign Policy,” *Observer Research Foundation Issue Brief*, Issue No. 259, September 2018.

“Americans Are United on Retaliating Against Russian Cyberattacks” (with Sarah Kreps), *The Washington Post*, January 19, 2017.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

“Modi 2.0’s Foreign Policy: More Continuity than Change”(with Shubha Kamala Prasad), *South Asian Voices*, July 23, 2019.

“Indian Diplomacy during the Kargil War: Success with a Limited Legacy,” *South Asian Voices*, May 29, 2019.

“Leaked Cables: Allende, Kissinger, Moynihan, and the Indian Nuclear Bomb,” *Sources and Methods*, March 2019.

“Donald Trump’s Foreign Policy Hara-kiri,” *Mint*, May 10, 2018.

“Nuclear Posture Review 2018: Its Implications for India,” *Observer Research Foundation*, February 21, 2018. .

“Indian Armed Forces Joint Doctrine: Unanswered Questions and Obvious Incongruities,” *South Asian Voices*,

May 23, 2017.

“India’s Cold Start Doctrine: Better Left in Cold Storage,” *South Asian Voices*, January 26, 2017..

“A Nuclear Arms Race That Could Spell Disaster For India, Pakistan,” *The Wire*, August 31, 2016.

“Pakistan, MIRVs, and Counterforce Targeting,” *Stimson Center*, July 7, 2016.

“India’s Membership in the NSG is Symbolic: Lack of Success does it no harm,” *Catch News*, June 10, 2016.

“Status and Security and Inverse Relationship?” *South Asian Voices*, December 28, 2014.

“Increased FDI in Indian Defence: Feeding Conventional Asymmetry?” *South Asian Voices*, July 24, 2014.

“The Netherlands 2014 Nuclear Security Summit: An Agenda,” *Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies*, March 28, 2013.

“Review: India, Pakistan and Incremental CBMs,” *Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies*, February 18, 2013.

“Nuclear Weapons: Can They Be Made Strategically Obsolete?” *Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies*, February 2013.

“The Trident Debate: UK’s Strategic Nuclear Deterrent,” *Eurasia Review*, January 2, 2013.

“India: How Credible is its Ballistic Missile Defence,” *Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies*, October 29, 2012.

“India and Pakistan Missile Flexing: Cruising Towards Regional Instability,” *Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies*, October 22, 2012.

“Indian Membership to the NSG: American Interests and Chinese Opposition,” *Eurasia Review*, August 10, 2012.

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

External Grants and Fellowships

2022	<i>APSIA Junior Faculty Fellowship</i> (with Shubha Kamala Prasad) Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs
2021-2022	<i>Stanton Nuclear Security Postdoctoral Fellowship</i> Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC), Stanford University
2019, 2021	<i>Conference Travel Grant</i> American Political Science Association
2019-2020	<i>MacArthur Nuclear Security Predoctoral Fellowship</i> Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC), Stanford University
2018-2019	<i>Visiting Fellowship</i> Le Centre de Recherches Internationales (CERI), Sciences Po, Paris, France
2018-2019	<i>Chateaubriand Fellowship in Humanities and Social Sciences</i> The Embassy of France in the United States
2018	<i>India Research Fellowship</i> The Wilson Center, Washington, D.C.
2018	<i>Visiting Fellowship</i> Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi, India
2017	<i>Conference Travel Grant</i> International Studies Association
2015	<i>Visiting Fellowship</i> Forum for Strategic Initiative, New Delhi, India
2013	<i>Mahbub-ul-Haq Award</i> Regional Centre for Strategic Studies, Colombo
2012	<i>National Eligibility for Lectureship in International and Area Studies</i> University Grants Commission, India

Internal Grants and Fellowships

2023	<i>Korbel Reseach Support Fund</i> Josef Korbel School for International Studies, University of Denver
2023	<i>Professional Research Opportunities for Faculty (PROF) Grant</i> University of Denver
2023	<i>Internationalization Grant</i> University of Denver
2020	<i>Sage Dissertation Completion Fellowship</i> Graduate School, Cornell University
2020	<i>Herbert I. Flourney Graduate Fellowship</i> Department of Government, Cornell University
2019	<i>Sage Dissertation Completion Fellowship</i> Graduate School, Cornell University
2018	<i>Stephen and Margery Russell Distinguished Teaching Award</i> College of Arts and Sciences, Cornell University
2018	<i>Michele Sicca Grant for Research in Europe</i> Cornell Institute for European Studies, Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies
2018	<i>Graduate School Research Travel Grant</i> Graduate School, Cornell University
2017-2018	<i>Frank and Marion Long Graduate Research Fellowship</i> Judith Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, Cornell University
2016	<i>Herbert I. Flourney Graduate Fellowship</i> Department of Government, Cornell University, Cornell University
2016-2017	<i>Director's Fellow</i> Judith Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, Cornell University
2016	<i>International Research Travel Grant</i> Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University
2015-2016	<i>Graduate Fellow</i> Judith Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, Cornell University
2015	<i>International Research Travel Grant</i> Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University
2014-2015	<i>Sage Fellowship</i> Graduate School, Cornell University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Denver, Denver, Colorado

INTS 2605 – Nuclear Weapons in International Security

Fall 2022

INTS 4702 – Emerging Issues in International Security

Winter 2023

Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

Instructor-of-Record, Department of Government, Cornell University

Govt 1101 - Military Innovation in World Politics

Fall 2016

Co-Instructor, John S. Knight Institute for Writing in the Disciplines, Cornell University

Writ 7101 – Writing in the Majors Seminar (for Graduate Students)

Spring 2017

Teaching Assistant, Department of Government, Cornell University

Govt 3837 - The Cold War, with Matthew Evangelista

Spring 2021

Govt 1817 - Making Sense of World Politics, with Peter Katzenstein

Fall 2017

Govt 3897 - Human Rights at War, with Matthew Evangelista

Spring 2017

Govt 3837 - The Cold War, with Matthew Evangelista

Spring 2016

Govt 3877 - Nuclear Security in a Changing World, with Sarah Kreps

Fall 2015

Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India

Student Tutor, Centre for International Politics, Organisation, and Disarmament

2013

[appointed by a duly constituted board of the University]

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Graduate Assistant, MacArthur Foundation Project on “Nuclear Stability at Low Numbers” 2015-2016
Judith Reppy Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York

Programme Officer (Track II India-Pakistan Dialogues) 2013-2014
Centre for Dialogue and Reconciliation, New Delhi, India

Research Officer Nuclear Security Programme 2012-2013
Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, New Delhi, India

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

International Studies Association Annual Convention 2015-2023

American Political Science Annual Meeting 2019-2023

Stanton Nuclear Security Conference 2021

Midwest Political Science Association 2019,2020

British International Studies Association Global Nuclear Working Order Working Group 2017

Judith Reppy Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies Graduate Student Conference 2016, 2017

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

Sapphire Series: Real Struggles, High Stakes: Cooperation, Contention, and Creativity February, 2023
International Studies Association

Proliferating the Means of Nuclear Delivery February, 2023
Center for International Security Studies, Princeton University

Delivering the Bomb October, 2022
Energy Seminar Series, Colorado School of Mines

Roundtable of Nuclear Issues in South Asia August, 2022
International Student/Young Pugwash (ISYP)

Nuclear Dynamics in South Asia March, 2022
Council for Strategic and Defence Research, New Delhi

Existential Risk and the India-Pakistan Nuclear Dynamic February, 2022
Stanford Existential Risks Conference

Nuclear Peace in South Asia November, 2021
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington D.C.

Rethinking Nuclear Security October, 2021
Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC), Stanford University

Have and Have Nots: How Power Shapes Nuclear Regimes April, 2021
Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies (FSI), Stanford University

Building Nuclear Forces: Strategy, Postures, Deterrence March, 2021
Guest Lecture, United States Military Academy, and Modern War Institute, Westpoint

Nuclear Stability in Southern Asia March 2021
Guest Lecture, George Washington University

Nuclear Vulnerability and the Cyber Threat October 2020
Guest Lecture, Lewis and Clark College

Book Launch - Delaying Doomsday: The Politics of Nuclear Reversal by Rupal N. Mehta August 2020
Virtual Book Launch Panel, Bridging the Gap, Washington D.C.

Enhancing Diversity and Strengthening Inclusion in Efforts to Bridge the Academia-Policy Gap <i>Virtual Panel, Bridging the Gap, Washington D.C.</i>	May 2021
Secrecy, Deniability, and Indo-French Space Cooperation Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC), Stanford University	February, 2020
The Courtroom of World Opinion: Bringing the International Audience into Nuclear Crises Nuclear Policy Working Group, University of California, Berkeley	November 2019
The Courtroom of World Opinion: Bringing the International Audience into Nuclear Crises Centre for Science and Security Studies, King's College, London, United Kingdom	February 2019
The Courtroom of World Opinion: Bringing the International Audience into Nuclear Crises Centre de Recherche Internationales, Sciences Po, Paris, France	February 2019
Too Close to Call? L’Affaire Gulteri and the Kargil War Close Calls in History and Theory Workshop, Nuclear Knowledges, Sciences Po, Paris, France	November 2019
Perspectives from India, Brazil and China on the State of the Nuclear Order Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, D.C.	June 2016
Nuclear Learning in South Asia Workshop Stability at Low Numbers: The South Asian Challenge, Washington, D.C.	April 2016

WORKSHOPS

<i>International Policy Summer Institute</i> Bridging the Gap, American University, Washington, DC	2022
<i>NEW Era Workshop</i> Bridging the Gap, Berkeley, CA	2019
<i>Bootcamp on Assessing Strategic Stability</i> The Rand Corporation, Washington, DC	2018
<i>SWAMOS -Summer Workshop on the Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy</i> Arnold A. Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies, Columbia University	2017
<i>Nuclear History Boot Camp</i> Nuclear Proliferation International History Project, Wilson Center and University of Roma Tre	2017
<i>Asia-Pacific Nuclear History Institute</i> Nuclear Proliferation International History Project, Wilson Center and Kyungnam University, Seoul	2016
<i>Perspectives on the Evolving Nuclear Order</i> Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and Norwegian Institute for International Affairs	2016
<i>Deterrence Stability in South Asia Workshop</i> Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Stimson Center and EDAM, Istanbul (Turkey)	2014
<i>ISODARCO – International School on Disarmament and Research on Conflicts</i> Italian Pugwash Group, Andalo (Italy)	2014
<i>Engaging Conflict Summer School</i> Torino World Affairs Institute and University of Turin, Turin (Italy)	2012

SERVICE

Co-creator and Organizer, <i>Sié Simulations</i> Sié Chéou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy, University of Denver	2022-present
Mentor, <i>CISAC Mentorship Program</i> Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC)	2022
Member, <i>Racial Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (REDI) Taskforce</i> Freeman Spogli Institute (FSI), Stanford University	2020-2022
Co-facilitator, <i>Dept. First-Year Graduate Student Colloquium</i> Department of Government, Cornell University	2015-2016

Graduate Student Representative
Department of Government, Cornell University

2015-2016

Reviewer: *Foreign Policy Analysis, International Interactions, Political Science Quarterly, International Relations*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Affiliate, Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC), Stanford University	2022-present
Research Affiliate, Le Centre de Recherches Internationales (CERI), Sciences Po, Paris, France	2022-present
Panel of Experts, Council for Strategic and Defense Research, New Delhi	2021-present
Member, Bridging the Gap Network	2019-present
Member, American Political Science Association	2019-present
Member, International Studies Association	2015-present

LANGUAGES

English (native), Hindi (native), Bengali(native), Urdu (spoken), and French (advanced intermediate)