

Mohammed Sinan Siyech

Profile Summary

I am a highly motivated and widely published researcher with around 150 publications. I have worked on political Islam, Hindu right-wing extremism, foreign policy and terrorism research in South Asia, the Middle East, Europe and Southeast Asia. In addition, I have also worked on Chinese and Russian misinformation and am constantly updating myself with the intersection between politics, technological advances (AI, social media etc.), climate change and other related areas. I also have vast networks within academia, corporate offices, think tanks, governments, and security agencies across several regions in the world. I am also a teaching professional with experience teaching undergraduate students as well as training postgraduate students, government employees and policy makers across the world.

Academic Qualifications

2020 - 2024: Doctor of Philosophy in Islamic and Middle East Studies (Full Scholarship), Edinburgh University

2015 - 2017: Master of Sciences (MSc) in International Relations at RSIS (Full Scholarship)

2014 - 2015: Diploma in Arabic, Summit Academy, Mukalla, Yemen, First Class

2011 - 2014: Bachelor of Commerce (Honors) Christ University, India, First Class

Research Experience

Equi, London

2024 – Present: Senior Researcher

- Led and supervised a team of three researchers
- Interviewed several members of the political and NGO space.
- Produced seminal research on South Asian diasporas in the UK as well as British Muslims.
- Helped conceptualize and conduct polls, focus group discussions and interviews
- Disseminated research via policy reporting and Newspaper Op-eds
- Presented results to the UK government and Members of Parliament

Institute for Security Dialogue, London

2023- 2024: Research Consultant:

- Coordinated with teams of researchers in UK, Europe, USA, Middle East, and the Indo Pacific.
- Worked on Chinese propaganda in India and Pakistan
- Analysed Russian misinformation campaigns in the Middle East
- Drew on Hindi, Urdu, and Arabic sources to conduct research.
- Presented works to stakeholders in government offices.
- Used social media analytical tools such as Brandwatch and Tableau to conduct big data analysis on Twitter, Facebook, Telegram, and Instagram.

Skills: Big Data Research, Social Media Analysis, Brandwatch, Tableau

Henry Luce Foundation, Princeton University and Science Po University

2021 – 2024: Data Co-ordinator

- Designed research agenda on Political Islam and Hindu right-wing extremism in India
- Coordinated data on topics related to Political Islam and Hindutva in India

- Presented findings at SciencePo, France (2021, 2022 and 2024) and Princeton University (2023)
- Arranged multiple field trips across India with Bernard Haykel (Professor, Princeton University)
- Produced Journal Articles and Op-eds from the research conducted.

Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi, India.

2021 – 2024: Non-Resident Associate Fellow

- Worked on various articles and reports on South Asia and the Middle East.
- Engaged with Policy Makers and academics across India.
- Held and moderated talks on various topics pertaining to South Asia

Core Skills: Research, Organizing Talks, Moderation, Project Management

Malaysia Programme, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Singapore

2021 – 2023: Consultant

- Conducted research on Malaysia and Political Islam.
- Engaged in fieldwork with various individuals and organizations in Malaysia.
- Produced reports on celebrity Muslim preachers, Muslim brotherhood and Salafism in Malaysia.
- Analyzed historic and present impact of Islamic movements from South Asia in Malaysia.

International Center for Political Violence and Terrorism Research, RSIS, Singapore.

2021 – 2023: Consultant

2019 – 2021: Senior Analyst

2015 – 2019: Research Analyst

- Monitored terrorist incidents, and charted implications for domestic and international security.
- Researched on issues in South Asia and the Middle East
- Conducted in-depth research and analysis, put up reports and gave briefings regularly.
- Provided training and presentations to various organizations globally.

Core Skills: Research, Presentations, Writing, Editing, Networking, Data Collection

Teaching/Training Experience:

School of Oriental and African Studies, London

2024 – 2025: World Religion and Politics

- Taught over 60 students in one semester
- Engaged with political theory, international relations and religion
- Provided support to several students in my classes

Kings College London – Graduate Teaching Assistant

2024 – 2025:

Political Islam,

Fundamentals of Political Research

Political Islam

Introduction to politics

- Taught 150 students over six classes
- Engaged in political theory and non-western thought

- Graded many essays and exam papers
- Obtained excellent supervisory and student scores on reviews

2023 – 2024:

Fundamentals of Political Research

- Engaged with students on fundamentals of research
- Explained various aspects of methodology in political science research
- Marked and graded essays and exam papers

University of Edinburgh

2022 – 2023: Tutor, Modern Middle East Studies (2 semesters),

- Conducted semester long tutorials for multiple groups of undergraduate students.
- Provided mentorship on writing and researching the Middle East
- Marked and graded tutorial papers and essays

Academy of Security, Intelligence and Risk Studies

2020: Adjunct Trainers

- Designed courses aimed at corporate and government personnel.
- Taught on Terrorism in South Asia
- Delivered training online via Zoom and MS Teams
- Created tests for the above courses.

Core Skills: Course Design, Delivering Courses, Online Teaching tools, Course evaluation.

Publications

Peer Reviewed Articles

Journal Articles

1. The Muslim Vote Campaign in Britain: A Social Movement Analysis. *Religions*. Special Issue. 2025. *Submitted for Peer Review*.
2. Mohammed Nawab, Mohammed Sinan and Elisa Orofino. Hizb ut Tahrir in Australia. *Journal of Muslim Minority Affairs*. *Submitted for Peer Review*
3. Salafist approaches to violence and terrorism: The Indian case study. *Religion Compass*. Vol 16. Issue 6. June 2022, 16 (6) 1 – 12.
4. An Introduction to Right Wing Extremism in India. *New England Journal of Public Policy*, Vol 33, Issue 2. November 2021. 33 (2) 1-16.
5. India's Foreign Fighter Puzzle. *South Asia: Journal of South Asian Studies*. Vol 44, Issue 1. Feb 2021. 44 (1) 89 – 106.
6. India's Counter Terrorism Co-operation with UAE and Saudi Arabia. *India Review*. Vol. 19, Issue 4. October 2020, 19 (1) 351 – 375.
7. Exploring the nexus between Arms Smuggling and Terrorism in India. *Terrorism and Political Violence*. Special Issue. October 2019. 45 (5-6) 445 – 482.
8. AQIS in India and Bangladesh: *Journal of Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism*. March 2020. 15(1) 64-82.
9. Mohammed Sinan Siyech and Akanksha Narain. Beef Related Violence in India: An Expression of Islamophobia. *Journal of Islamophobia*. January 2019. 4 (2) 181 – 194.

10. A Typology of Insurgent, Terrorist and Extremist Threats in India. *Journal of Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism: Special Issue*. May 2018. 13 (2) 231-251.
11. Pravin Prakash and Mohammed Sinan Siyech. Vigilante Justice in India: Manufacturing offense taking. *Work in Progress*.
12. Khalid Shah and Mohammed Sinan Siyech. New Trends in the Insurgency in Kashmir. *Work in Progress*.

Peer Reviewed Policy Articles.

13. British Muslims and Loneliness: Insights into the community. *Equilibrium House*. November 2024.
14. British Muslim Contributions to the United Kingdom's Economy and the risk of exodus. *Equilibrium house*. September 2024.
15. Poverty, Criminality, Extremism: The Interrelated Sources of Insecurity in Maldives. *ORF Issue Brief*. September 2022.
16. The Return of the Taliban: 'Foreign Fighters' and Other Threats to India's Security. *ORF Issue Brief*. January 2022.
17. Mohammed Sinan Siyech and Kabir Taneja. The ISIS threat in Kerala. *Observer Research Foundation Issue Brief*. September 2019.

Book Chapters

1. Mohammed Sinan Siyech, Bernard Haykel and Aminah Mohammed. Indian Muslim responses to the BJP. In eds.(Christophe Jaffrelot)Indian Muslims (Hurst: New York)
2. The Kerala Nadwatul Mujahideen. In (eds.) Natana DeLong Bas and Emad Hamdeh, *The Oxford Handbook of Islamic Reform Movements*. Oxford University Press. *Accepted for Publication*.
3. State Support of non-state actors: A brief look at South Asia. In (ed) Abdul Basit.
4. Salafism and Violence: Comparing India and Pakistan. (Eds) Shafi Md Mostofa, John Idriss Lahai, Howard Brasted. *Routledge Handbook on "the Dynamics of Violent Extremism, Extremist Groups and State Fragility"*. Palgrave Macmillan. September 2022
5. Nazneen Mohsina and Mohammed Sinan Siyech. Terrorist Narratives and Recruitment in South Asia: The India Factor in (eds) Mubashar Hasan. *Radicalization in South Asia: Context, Trajectories, and Implication*. Sage Publications. August 2019.
6. Examining the Rise of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula. in *Political Spin-Offs and Developmental Outcomes: Beyond the Middle East Cauldron*. UTM Press, Malaysia. November 2018.

Long Policy Reports

1. Salafism and Pragmatic Politics in India. *Hudson Institute*. August 2024.
2. Exploring the Impact of Zakir Naik in Malaysia. *Hudson Institute*. September 2023.
3. Suraj Ganesan and Mohammed Sinan Siyech. Islamic State Online: A Look at the Group's South Asian Presence on Alternate Platforms. *Global Network on Extremism and Technology*. March 2023.
4. Chinese Hegemony, Economic Ties and National Security: Explaining China's ties with Armed Non-State Actors in the Muslim world. *Sharq Forum*. August 2022.
5. The Popular Front of India: Looking Beyond the Sensationalism. *Current Trends in Islamist Ideology*. Vol 28. Hudson Institute. May 2021.
6. Climate Change and Security implications in the MENA region. *Sharq Forum*. May 2020.
7. India's Foreign Policy in the Middle East and North African Region. *Sharq Forum*. March 2019.

Papers in Open Access Journals

1. Annual threat Assessment of India (2024). *Counter Terrorism Trends and Analysis*. Volume 16, Issue 1. January 2025
2. Annual threat Assessment of India (2019). *Counter Terrorism Trends and Analysis*. Volume 12, Issue 1. January 2020
3. The Pulwama Attack: An Indian Perspective, *Counter Terrorism Trends and Analysis*. Volume 11, Issue 3. April 2019.
4. Annual Threat Assessment of India (2018), *Counter Terrorism Trends and Analysis*. Volume 11, Issue 1. January 2019.
5. Why Has the Islamic State Failed to Grow in Kashmir? *Counter Terrorism Trends and Analysis*. Volume 10, No 5. May 2018.
6. Annual Threat Assessment of India (2017) , *Counter Terrorism Trends and Analysis*. Volume 10, Issue 1. January 2018.
7. Exploring The Contribution of Islam Towards Global Governance: Locating Ethics Within the Discourse of Policy. *Aegis: Journal of International Relations*. December 15, 2017.
8. The Islamic State in India: Exploring its Footprints, *Counter Terrorism Trends and Analysis*, Volume 9, Issue 5, May 2017.
9. Salafism in India: Diversity and Challenges, *Counter Terrorism Trends and Analysis*, Volume 8, Issue 4, April 2017.
10. Annual Threat Assessment of the MENA Region. *Counter Terrorism Trends and Analysis*, Volume 9, Issue 1, January 2017.
11. Islamic State: Sowing the Seeds of its Own Destruction, *Counter Terrorism Trends and Analysis*, Volume 08, Issue 10, November 2016.
12. Terrorist Attacks: The Politics of Claiming Responsibility, *Counter Terrorism Trends and Analysis*, Volume 08, Issue 08, August 2016
13. A Comparative Analysis of 'Islamic State' & Al Qaeda in Yemen, *Counter Terrorism Trends and Analysis*, Volume 08, Issue 08, August 2016.

Commentaries, Op-eds, and short essays:

Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi

1. The impact of Gaza on the US elections. *ORF Expert Speak*. Dec 2024. With Akanksha Narain.
2. Tracing Pakistan's response to the Israel – Palestine issue. *Expert Speak*. Nov 2024. With Ambar Khwaja.
3. A Potential Hezbollah – Israeli war: Rationale and implications. July 2024. *ORF Expert Speak*.
4. Understanding the BDS movement and its impact. May 2024. *ORF Expert Speak*.
5. Emerging role of public opinion and social media in Middle Eastern politics. February 2024. *ORF Expert Speak Raisina Debates*.
6. The centrality of Qatar in the Israel– Hamas war. December 2023. *ORF Expert Speak*
7. Understanding the Bangladesh Jamaat e-Islami's return. July 2023. *ORF Expert Speak*.
8. Analysing the Turkish election. *ORF Expert Speak*. May 2023. With Eleni Anna Bozini.
9. Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula: Exploiting the climate crisis in Yemen. *ORF Expert Speak*. February 08, 2023.
10. Saudi Arabia's religious pruning: Will there be an Islamic hegemon anymore? *ORF Experts Speak*. July 05, 2022.
11. Saudi Arabia: Remerging as the leader of the Islamic world? *ORF Expert Speak*. May 12, 2022.

12. The United Arab Emirates' dilemma in the Ukraine war: To vote or not to vote. *ORF Expert Speak*. March 2022.
13. Israel and a changing Middle East. *ORF Expert Speak*. February 2022.
14. Houthi attack on the UAE: Mapping the impact of the Yemen conflict on India. *ORF Expert Speak*. January 2022.
15. North Africa in the Indian foreign policy matrix. *ORF Expert Speak*. October 2021.
16. Exploring India's ties with Yemen. *ORF Expert Speak*. September 2021.
17. Raffaello Pantucci and Mohammed Sinan Siyech. Targeting of a former president highlights the growing challenge of extremism in Maldives. *ORF Expert Speak*. June 2021.
18. Mohammed Sinan Siyech and Suraj Ganesan. Al Qaeda and the Islamic State's rivalry in South Asia. *ORF Expert Speak*. January 2021.
19. Terror in a renewed era of interstate conflict — Bringing climate change center stage. *ORF Expert Speak*. December 2020.
20. Indian Muslims and jihadist failures: Past and future. *OR Expert Speak*. August 2020.
21. Learning from Covid-19: Preparing for the impact of climate change on conflict and terrorism. *ORF*, July 29, 2020.
22. Understanding the Indian foreign fighter lacuna. *ORF*, January 31, 2020.

South China Morning Post

1. British Foreign Policy towards China under the new Government. *South China Morning Post*. May 2024.
2. China-Russia alliance is going strong but unlikely to unseat the US. *South China Morning Post*. May 2024.
3. Fiery debate over TikTok ban puts America's culture wars in spotlight. *South China Morning Post*. March 2024.
4. Social media is changing landscape for migrants, not always for the better. *South China Morning Post*. February 2024.
5. Why global activism for Palestinians will reverberate beyond Gaza conflict. *South China Morning Post*. November 2023.
6. France protests fuel calls for a ban on TikTok and social media. *South China Morning Post*. July 2023.
7. Iran-Saudi accord shows China's growing Mideast clout via diplomacy, trade. *South China Morning Post*. March 2023.
8. How climate migrants will impact Europe and help drive the rise of the far right. *South China Morning Post*. January 2023.
9. Why Twitter's firing of content moderators is a sign of worse to come. *South China Morning Post*. November 2022.
10. Why jihadists of the world won't unite against Chinese action in Xinjiang. *South China Morning Post*. August 2022.
11. Is China Enroute to becoming the next 'Far Enemy' for Jihadist groups? *South China Morning Post*. September 2020.
12. From US elections to violence in India, the threat of deepfakes is only growing. *South China Morning Post*. September 2020.

Sharq Forum

1. Understanding India's Neutrality in the Israel Palestine Issue. *Sharq Forum*. July 2022.

2. The Truce in Yemen: A Ray of Hope or Another Failed Opportunity? *Sharq Forum*. May 2022.
3. Examining the Islamic State Resurgence in Iraq and Syria. *Sharq Forum*. April 2022.
4. How COVID-19 Affects Complex Conflicts: War and Postwar Implications in Yemen. *Sharq Forum*. September 2020.
5. The CAA protests and the role of Muslims. Al Sharq Forum. January 2020.
6. Explaining the UAE and Saudi Arabia's Response to India's Abrogation of Article 370 in Kashmir. *Sharq Forum*. November 2019.
7. India – Iran Relations. *Sharq Forum*. May 2019.

Middle East Institute – Washington

1. Mohammed Sinan Siyech and Suraj Ganesan. Jihadist Groups Exploiting the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. August 2021.
2. Mohammed Sinan Siyech and Naweeda Jouhar. The Role of Civil Society Actors during COVID-19 lockdowns. April 2020.
3. What makes a movement violent: Comparing Salafists in India and Paksitan. February 2020.
4. India Qatar Relations: Manoeuvring the Gulf crisis. April 2019.
5. The Islamic State in India: Upgrading Capabilities? February 2019.
6. India's Iran Quandary. *Middle East Institute*. September 06, 2018.
7. Anti-India Sentiments in South Asia: Terrorist Recruitment Narratives. *Middle East Institute*. July 23, 2018.
8. India-Gulf Counter Terrorism Cooperation, *Middle East Institute*, December 2017.
9. Al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS): Renewing Efforts in India, *Middle East Institute*, September 17, 2017.
10. The India-U.A.E. Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in Regional Context: A Zero-Sum Game? *Middle East Institute*. May 16, 2017.

RSIS Commentaries

1. Raffaello Pantucci and Mohammed Sinan Siyech. The Islamic State in Maldives: Trouble in Paradise. *RSIS Commentaries*. March 28, 2020.
2. The Pulwama Attack Aftermath: Fake News. *RSIS Commentaries*. March 04, 2019.
3. Crime–Terror Nexus Along India's Eastern Border. *RSIS Commentaries*. April 12, 2018.
4. BJP's Victory in UP: Development or Communal Tensions? *RSIS Commentaries*. March 31, 2017.
5. Driving Out ISIS from Libya: What Lies Ahead? *RSIS Commentaries*, September 27, 2016.
6. Victory in Fallujah: It's Far from Over, *RSIS Commentaries*, June 22, 2016.
7. Yemen's Civil War Protagonists: A New Leader of Al Qaeda? *RSIS Commentaries*, October 15, 2015.

The Diplomat

1. Abdul Basit and Mohammed Sinan Siyech. The Islamic State's India Dilemma, *The Diplomat*. August 26, 2020.
2. How the Kuala Lumpur Summit Complicates India's Gulf Relations, *The Diplomat*, January 03, 2020.
3. The Delhi Declaration, A new Indo-ASEAN Counter Terrorism Cooperation, *The Diplomat*, January 31, 2018.
4. US Designates Hizbul Mujahideen as a Foreign Terrorist Group, *The Diplomat*, August 18, 2017.
5. "India-Philippines Counterterrorism Cooperation". *The Diplomat*, July 20, 2017.

South Asian Voices

1. Climate Change and its effects on security in South Asia. *South Asian Voices*. October 2019.
2. Kashmiri Pundits in India. *South Asian Voices*. April 2019.
3. Majoritarian Insecurities in South Asia. *South Asian Voices*. August 22, 2018.
4. India's Rohingya terror problem: real or imagined? December 01, 2017

Today Online

1. In the fight against climate change, don't overlook its security implications. *Today Online*, September 05, 2019.
2. Necessary but tough to get tech companies to thwart hate speech and fake news, *Today Online*, December 13, 2018.
3. The Rohingya crisis: Vital to Prevent a Jihadist Snowball, *Today Online*, September 04, 2017.
4. Google should turn its attention to battling Islamophobia, *Today Online*, August 02, 2017.

Other

1. Situating the impact of Hindutva within India's love-hate Foreign Policy towards Nepal. *United States Institute of Peace*. November 2024.
2. Hindutva, Indian Foreign Policy and the Israel Palestine Conflict. *United States Institute of Peace*. November 2024.
3. Destination Dubai: The great migration from the UK. *Arab Gulf States Institute Washington*. April 2024.
4. How a Muslim Tech Fest plays a role in decolonising the tech industry. *Middle East Monitor*. June 2024
5. Modi's Third Term: Understanding the 2024 Indian Elections. FARAS. May 2024.
6. Analyzing the future of the India Middle East Corridor. *Arab Gulf States Institute Washington*. April 2024.
7. The Muslim Vote Project in the UK. *New Lines Magazine*. April 2024.
8. How the Indian Far-Right is Using the Israeli Conflict to Spread Islamophobic Disinformation. *GNET*. (Written Anonymously). November 2023.
9. Dancing on a Tight Rope: India's strategic interests and the Russo-Ukrainian War. Faras. April 2022
10. Al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent: After the Return of the Taliban. *European Eye on Radicalization*. February 2022.
11. What the Ongoing Diplomatic Row Tells Us About Right-Wing Extremism in India. *European Eye on Radicalization*. June 2022.
12. Salafism and Violence in India. *European Eye on Radicalization*. December 2021.
13. Pragmatic Steps: Tackling Chinese – Taliban Relations. *Futures*. August 2021.
14. Kabir Taneja and Mohammed Sinan Siyech. Terrorism In South Asia After the Fall of Afghanistan. *War on the Rocks*. August 2021
15. Hatred is Spreading Faster in India than COVID-19. *European Eye on Radicalization*. August 2020.
16. How Singapore dealt with the COVID-19 Pandemic: Lessons for Policy Makers. April 2020. FARAS, UAE
17. India's Foreign Fighter Absence. *European Eye on Radicalization*. March 28, 2020.
18. How the Anti-CAA protests reflect Global Protests. *Deccan Herald*. January 2020.
19. Whither Indian Military Interventions. *Geopolitics*. May 2019.
20. Illegal arms manufacturers and the continuing threat to India's internal security: An explainer. *Firstpost*. December 2018.

21. Rejuvenating the Quad: Exploring the Implications. *Future Journal*, Future for Advanced Research and Studies. April 2018.
22. The Counter Narrative Conundrum. *Foreign Policy Journal (Blog)*. April 05, 2018.
23. Challenging Extremism in India via Human Security. *NESA (Washington) and INSSSL (Sri Lanka)*. February 28, 2018.
24. An Enduring Alliance: Overview of India-UAE Relations, *Future Journal*, UAE. February 11, 2018.
25. India's Rohingya Terror Problem: Real or Imagined, *South Asian Voices*, December 01, 2017.
26. ISIS lone wolf attacks: Implications for Indian Security, *NESA Centre for Strategic Studies*, July 2017.
27. "Countering ISIS' Online Propaganda", *NESA Centre for Strategic Studies*, July 2017.
28. Assessing the death of IS' Grand Mufti: Turki Mubarak Binali. *The Levant News*, June 15, 2017.
29. The Islamic State and International Law: Destined to Lose. *World Politics Journal*, April 15, 2017.
30. Erdogan's EU Bid: Silver Linings from the Syrian War. *Foreign Policy Journal*, September 11, 2016.
31. Recapturing Mukalla: AQAP in the Yemeni Civil war. *MEI Insights*, June 13, 2016.

Grants, Scholarships and Certifications

1. 2020 - 2024: Studying Political Islam in India (Princeton and Science Po University), Luce Foundation Grant. 10 000 USD
2. 2020 – 2023: Full Scholarship by the University of Edinburgh to pursue my PhD, 120 000 USD
3. 2022 – 2023: Studying Extremism on encrypted platforms in South Asia, GNET, 7000 USD
4. 2021 – 2022: Violent Trajectories of Salafism in India. Facebook. 14 000 USD
5. 2021 – 2022: The impact of South Asian Islam on Southeast Asia. NTU, Singapore. 8000 USD
6. 2018 - Best Paper Award, Asian Journal of Public Affairs 2018 Conference. Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore.
7. 2017 – 2018: Understanding extremism in India. NTU, Singapore 10 000 USD
8. 2015 – 2017: Terrorism Analyst Study Award conferred by RSIS to pursue my Masters (50 000 USD)
9. 2015 - 2017: Certificate in Terrorism Studies (CTS) RSIS.

Conferences and Guest Lectures

Paid/Funded Conferences

1. Invited Speaker. Indian Muslims and responses to the BJP. December 2024. SciencePo University.
2. Invited Speaker. Islam and Secularism in India. May 2024. Edinburgh University.
3. Invited Speaker. Hindutva and Indian Foreign Policy. February 2024. ISAS – USIP Workshop. Singapore.
4. Invited Speaker. Salafism and Politics in India. February 2024. RSIS. Singapore.
5. Invited Speaker. Muslims Political Responses to Polarization in India. October 2023 Princeton University (Fully Funded)
6. Invited Speaker. Climate Change and its impact on Security. SICM, London. June 2023.
7. Invited Speaker. Salafism in South India. Organized by Meta/FB. December 2022 (Fully Funded).
8. Muslim responses to right wing extremism in India. Science Po University, Paris, France. October 2022 (Fully Funded).
9. Expert Guest Speaker. Extremism in India. Meta/FB. December 2021 (Paid Engagement).
10. Invited Speaker. Salafism and Violence in India. Sciences Po University, Paris, France. October 2021 (Fully Funded).
11. Guest lecture. Counter Terrorism in India. Maquire University Australia. Sep 2021 & 2022 (Paid Engagement).

12. Invited Speaker. Al Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent. ORF, New Delhi, India. Cancelled due to COVID – 19. (Funded).
13. Special Speaker. Discussing the threat landscape of India. Royal United Services Institute. Dhaka, Bangladesh (via skype). March 2020 (Paid Engagement).
14. Speaker. Comparing Salafism in India and Pakistan. New York Conference on Asian Studies. October 2019 (Externally Funded).
15. Speaker. Arms smuggling and terror nexuses in Asia. Firearms Cross-Border Smuggling in South and Southeast Asia. Maldives. January 2019 (Fully Funded).
16. Presenter. “Jihadism in India: An Explainer. BISA Critical Studies in Terrorism Conference held in the University of Leeds, UK. September 2018 (External funding).
17. Selected Speaker. “Arms Smuggling in India - Exploring the Crime-Terrorism nexus in India. UNODC conference on Terrorism and Crime held in Qatar University. April 2018 (Fully Funded).
18. Speaker. “Understanding the Crime-Terror Nexus in India” at the Third Regional Expert Meeting on the Nexus between Transnational Organized Crime and Terrorism hosted by the UNICRI, GCTF, the Kingdom of Netherlands and Interpol. Singapore. March 2018. (Paid Engagement)
19. Challenging Extremism in India. Strategic Forum on Meeting the Challenges of Extremism by Advancing Human Security Centered Policies hosted by the Near East and South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESA) - Washington and Institute of National Security Studies Sri Lanka (INSSSL) in Colombo, Sri Lanka. September 2017 (Fully Funded).
20. Presenter. “IS’ Calls for Lone Wolf Attacks: Implications for Security”. Hosted by the Near East and South Asia Center for Strategic Studies in Bangkok, Thailand. April 2017 (Fully Funded).
21. Speaker. “Developing a National Counter-Radicalization Policy for Bangladesh”. Workshop on Developing a Counter Extremism Narrative and National Counter-Radicalization Policy in Dhaka Bangladesh. February 2016 (Fully Funded).
22. Special Resource Speaker. “Social Media and Radicalization”. Project Pacific CT Operational Working Group meeting, hosted by Interpol in Chiang Mai, Thailand. February 2016 (Fully Funded).

Conferences/Workshops and Guest Lectures.

1. Guest Speaker. Salafism in South Asia. University of Edinburgh. November 2022.
2. Moderator. Foreign Fighters in South Asia: Assessing Threats. ORF. August 2022
3. Guest Lecture. Salafism in India. University of Edinburgh. November 2021.
4. Right Wing Extremism in India: Before and After COVID 19. Center for the Resolution of Intractable Conflict. Oxford University. September 2020.
5. Special Speaker. Discussing ISIS in Kerala. ORF Talk. New Delhi (via skype) December 2019.
6. Speaker. “An overview of Threats in India” at the Terrorism Analyst Training Course (TATC) hosted by RSIS. Singapore. January 2019.
7. Speaker. Terrorism Trends in South and Southeast Asia, CT Conference organized by the British High Commission, Singapore. November 2018.
8. Selected Speaker. “India – Gulf Relations. The Rise of Asia: Policy Challenges and Prospects held in Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Singapore. May 2018.
9. Presenter. “Soft Target Protection: Transportation Related Case Studies”. in the Global Counter Terrorism Forum – Soft Targets Initiative First Regional Workshop in Singapore. March 2017
10. Presenter. “Analyzing ISIS’ Media Propaganda” at the 10th Annual Terrorism Analyst Training Course (TATC) in Singapore. January 2017

11. Paper Presenter. "Examining the rise of Al Qaeda in the Arabia Peninsula". The First International Conference on Current Trends in the Middle East held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. March 2017.
12. Paper Presenter. "Examining the rise of Al Qaeda in the Arabia Peninsula". The First International Conference on Current Trends in the Middle East in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. March 2017.

Social Work & Community Engagement

2023: Course Presenter, Center for Studies for Pluralistic Societies (CSPS), New Delhi: Developed and delivered a three-month course on navigating academia and applying for PhD's to master's graduates in India. Worked with several students on their articles and research agendas.

2018 - Present: Founder and President, Research Team, The United Foundation (TUF), Bangalore. Edited a book in 2022 on relief efforts by Muslim run NGOs in Bangalore, India. I designed the structure, interviewed, and finalized authors, delivered a writing workshop, coordinated between authors and volunteers, and helped fundraise and organize several meetings.

2015 - 2016: Red Cross Volunteer, Singapore

2012 - 2014: Ants2giants – Teaching students in Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) of Bangalore

2009 - 2011: Member, Creating Resources to Empower Society Today (CREST), Mangalore

Languages:

English (Professional Competency), Arabic (Speech and Reading), Hindi (Speech and Reading), Kannada (Speech and Reading), Urdu (Speech and Reading), Malayalam (Speech) and Beary (Speech).