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Research focus	India's Foreign Policy in the Neighbourhood, Afghanistan-Pakistan Relations, Counter-terrorism/Counter-insurgency, Conflict resolution in Kashmir, and Strategic Studies.
Academic & Research responsibilities	<u>Research Coordinator</u> of 'Executive Program in Conflict and Security Studies' (EPCSS), a specialized long-term academic cum training program for mid-level police professionals of state police and central paramilitary forces in India.
	<u>Research supervisor</u> of 'BSF-CPCS Fellowship Program 2016' in which two teams of India's Border Security Force conducted research on issues pertaining to border security.
	<u>M Phil supervisor:</u> Supervising M. Phil dissertations.

Academic Qualifications:

Degree	Year	Specialization/Topic
M. A. in History	2005	Modern Indian History
M. A. in Political Science	2007	International Politics
PhD in Political Science	2011	Afghanistan-Pakistan Relations during 1979-2007 and their Impact on the Emergence of Islamic Fundamentalist Terrorism

Professional qualification

Participated in the ‘**Program on Terrorism and Security Studies**’ (PTSS) from March 2 to March 30, 2017 at **George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies**, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, on Counterterrorism Fellowship of the United States government.

Coordination and Participation in Conferences, Workshops and Seminars

Coordinated and participated in the **Jodhpur Security Dialogue-2014**, a national conference conducted jointly by Sardar Patel University of Police, Security and Criminal Justice, Rajasthan and Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi at Jaipur in April 2014.

Coordinated and attended a national workshop on “**Nuclear Safety in India**”, by Sardar Patel University of Police, Security and Criminal Justice, and Observer Research Foundation on 14 April, 2014 at Jodhpur, Rajasthan.

Coordinated and presented a paper in a national seminar on “**Wars that Changed the World: First and Second World Wars**” by the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, Sardar Patel University of Police, Security and Criminal Justice, on 7-8 November 2014 at Jodhpur, Rajasthan.

Coordinated and participated in the ‘**Counter-Terrorism Conference-2015**’, an International Conference conducted jointly by Sardar Patel University of Police, Security and Criminal Justice, Government of Rajasthan and India Foundation at Jaipur in March 2015.

Co-chaired a session in the national seminar on ‘**India’s Foreign Policy in the International System**’ organized by Nehru Studies Centre, University of Rajasthan, and sponsored by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India, on 28-29 November 2015.

Co-chaired a session in the 19th Convention & National Seminar of UP Political Science Association, organized by Department of Political Science, Agra College, Uttar Pradesh, India in December 2015.

Participated and presented paper in 38th Annual Conference of Indian Society of Gandhian Studies on ‘**Debating Gandhi**’, organized by University of Rajasthan, Jaipur in November 2015.

Coordinated and participated in ‘**Counter-Terrorism Conference-2016**’, an International Conference conducted jointly by the Government of Rajasthan, and India Foundation at Jaipur in February 2016.

Attended the ‘**Raisina Dialogue**’, held jointly by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and the Observer Research Foundation at New Delhi in March 2016.

Coordinated and participated in a workshop on ‘**Pathankot Terror Attack: A Case Study**’, organized by the Centre for Peace & Conflict Studies, Sardar Patel University of Police, Security and Criminal Justice, on 16 March 2016.

Coordinated and presented a paper in national seminar on “**Countering Violent Extremism: The Way Forward**” organized by the Centre for Peace & Conflict Studies, Sardar Patel University of Police, Security and Criminal Justice and Rajasthan Police on 6-7 June 2016, at Sri Ganganagar, Rajasthan.

Coordinated and presented a paper in National Workshop on “**Kashmir Conflict: Emerging Challenges**”, organized by the Nehru Studies Centre, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, on 10 August 2016 at Jaipur, Rajasthan.

Coordinated and attended the international “**BRICS Smart Cities Conference**”, organized by Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and Observer Research Foundation in association with Sardar Patel University of Police, Security and Criminal Justice, at Jaipur in August 2016.

Attended the ICT’s 16th International Conference: **World Summit on Counter-Terrorism** at ICT Herzliya, Israel on 11-15 September 2016.

Attended and presented a paper in international conference on “**India and Iran in the Context of Emerging International Developments**”, Organised by Panjab University, Chandigarh and Allameh Tabataba’i University, Tehran on September 29-30, 2016 at Chandigarh.

Attended the ‘**Raisina Dialogue**’ as a featured delegate, organized jointly by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and the Observer Research Foundation on 17-19 January 2017 at New Delhi.

Coordinated **National Workshop on Research Methodology**, organized by the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies, during 24-28 April, 2017 at Intelligence Training Academy, Jaipur.

Coordinated National Seminar on ‘**Revisiting India’s Border Security**’, jointly organised by Sardar Patel University of Police, Security and Criminal Justice and Observer Research Foundation, at New Delhi on 13 November 2017.

Attended the ‘**Raisina Dialogue**’, organized jointly by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and the Observer Research Foundation in January 2018 at New Delhi.

Articles in Journals

Title of Article	Journal	Details	ISSN	Institution	Author
Putin’s Legacy: Debating Resurgent Russia’s Assertive Foreign Policy	Raj Yashti: Journal of Social Sciences	Vol. I, No. 2, July 2008	0974-8687	Rajasthan Political Science Association, Jaipur, India	Single

Debating India's Role in the Training of Afghan Police	Rakshin: Journal of Rajasthan Police Academy	Vol. II, No. 2, January-June 2010	2230-8288	Rajasthan Police Academy, Jaipur	Co-Author
Pakistan's Dangerous Search for Strategic Depth in Afghanistan	Raj Yashti: Journal of Social Sciences	Vol. III, No. 1, January-March 2010	0974-8687	Rajasthan Political Science Association, Jaipur, India	Single
Challenges to Internal Security of India	Rakshin: Journal of Rajasthan Police Academy	Vol. IV-V, 2013	2230-8288	Rajasthan Police Academy, Jaipur, India	Single
Talibanization of Pakistan during Musharraf Era	Raj Yashti: A Journal of Social Science	Vol. VI, No. 2 July-Dec. 2013	0974-8687	Rajasthan Political Science Association, Jaipur, India	Single
Election Campaign of Narendra Modi: Political Communication in the Digital Age	Cross-Sections: Multidisciplinary International Peer Reviewed Research Journal	Vol. I, No. 2, October-December 2014	2349-9966	Government Dungar College, Bikaner, Rajasthan, India	Co-Author
Afghanistan after American Drawdown: Implications for India	Indian Journal of Politics and International Relations	Vol. 5-8, 2014-15	0973-5011	School of International Relations and Politics, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala, India	Single
Indian Foreign Policy Under Narendra Modi: Tangles of Triangles	Raj Yashti: A Journal of Social Science	Vol. VIII, No. 2, July-Dec. 2015	0974-8687	Rajasthan Political Science Association, Jaipur	Single
India's Land Border: Problems and Solution	Indian Journal of Political Studies	Vol. XIX, 2015	0251-303x	Department of Political Science, JNV University, Jodhpur, Rajasthan	Co-Author
The Durand Line Dispute: Past Trends and Future Prospects	Indian Journal of Political Science	Vol. LXXVII, No. 1, January-March, 2016	0019-5510	Indian Political Science Association	Single
India-Japan Relations and Asia's Emerging Geopolitics	Indian Journal of Asian Affairs	Vol.29, No.1-2, June-December 2016	0970-6402	Indian Journal of Asian Affairs	Single
Implications of Pakistan's India-centric Security Policy	Polish Quarterly of International Affairs	Vol. 25, No. 4, 2016	1230-4999	The Polish Institute of International Affairs	Single
The Modi Government's Policy on Israel: The Rhetoric and Reality of De-hyphenation	Strategic Assessment	Vol 19, No. 4 January 2017	0793-8942	Institute for National Security Studies, Tel Aviv, Israel	Single
Comparative Assessment of Indian and Israeli Military Strategy in Countering	Cyber, Intelligence, and Security	Vol. 1, No. 2, 2017	2519-6677 print 2519-	Institute for National Security Studies, Tel Aviv, Israel	Single

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Internal Security Scenario in India: Emerging Dynamics and Challenges	Indian Police Journal	Vol. 64, No. 1	0537- 2429	Bureau of Police Research and Development, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India	Single

Monograph/Occasional Papers

- “Saying Neither Yes or No to India’s UN Bid China-India”, Brief #57, Centre on Asia and Globalisation, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore, August 11-26, 2015, <http://lkyspp.nus.edu.sg/cag/publication/china-india-brief/china-india-brief-57>
- “Emerging Challenges in Kashmir: The Way Forward”, **CPCS Special Report**, Issue No. 101, Centre for Peace & Conflict Studies Jaipur, Issue 100, August 2016.
- “‘Surgical Strikes’: Beginning of a New Era in Counter-Terrorism in Kashmir?”, Issue No. 10, **CPCS Occasional Paper**, Centre for Peace & Conflict Studies Jaipur, October 2016.
- “Will demonetisation overshadow the Kashmir challenge?”, **ORF Issue Brief**, Issue No. 166, December 2016, http://cf.orfonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/ORF-Issue-Brief_166.pdf
- “Countering Insurgency in Kashmir: The Cyber Dimension”, ORF Occasional Paper, Issue No. 106, http://cf.orfonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/ORF_OccasionalPaper_106_CyberKashmir.pdf
- “War on Drugs: Challenges for the Punjab Government”, May 2017, Issue No. 176, http://cf.orfonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/ORF_IssueBrief_176_DrugsPunjab.pdf
- “Indo-Israeli Security Cooperation: Onward and Upward”, BESA Center Perspectives Paper No. 522, July 8, 2017, <https://besacenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/522-Indo-Israel-Security-Cooperation-Kaura-final.pdf>
- “India-US Counterterrorism Cooperation: The Way Forward”, BESA Center Perspectives Paper No. 555, August 8, 2017, <https://besacenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/555-India-US-Counterterror-Cooperation-Kaura-final.pdf>
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- “The Dynamics of Saudi-Russian Relations”, BESA Center Perspectives Paper No. 623, October 22, 2017, <https://besacenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/623-Saudi-Russian-Relations-Kaura-final.pdf>
- “US–Pakistan Relations in the Trump Era: Resetting the Terms of Engagement in Afghanistan,” ORF Occasional Paper, No. 128, December 2017, http://cf.orfonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/ORF_OccasionalPaper_128_US_Pakistan-1.pdf

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Can Indo-China warmth last?	Daily Times	12 May 2015	http://dailytimes.com.pk/opinion/12-May-15/can-indo-china-warmth-last
Why India Still Can’t Let Go of Its Cold War Friend	Atlantic Sentinel	14 May 2015	http://atlanticsentinel.com/2015/05/why-india-still-cant-let-go-of-its-cold-war-friend/
Revise Rules of Engagement	The Pioneer	22 May 2015	http://www.dailypioneer.com/columnists/oped/revise-rules-of-engagement.html
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