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Education

- 2007-2015 Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Strategic Studies
 S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies
 Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore
 Thesis Title: “India-US Relations: Assessing India’s Soft Power”
- 2004-2006 Master of Philosophy (M. Phil), South Asian Studies
 School of International Studies
 Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi, India
 Thesis Title: “India’s Security Strategy Towards its Neighbors since the
 1990s: Hard Power vs. Soft Power”

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| 2000-2002 | Master of Arts (M.A.), Political science Utkal University, Odisha, India |
| 1997-2000 | Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Ravenshaw Morning College, Odisha, India |
| 1995-1997 | Higher Secondary Examination, Arts Ravenshaw College, Odisha, India |
| 1995 | High School Certificate Examination Batamangala Bidyapitha, Gopalpur, Odisha, India |

Research Interests

Indian Foreign and Security Policy; Geopolitics of Indo-Pacific; India's relations with its neighbours, India-US Relations; India-ASEAN Relations; India's Soft Power; India's Strategic Thought; and International Relations Theory

Teaching Interests

International Relations Theory
India's Foreign and Security Policy
Indian Political Thought
Western Political Thought
India's Strategic Thought
Military Diplomacy
International Relations of South Asia
India's Relations with Southeast Asia

Professional Experience

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| February 2023-Present | Assistant professor in Political Science Model degree College, Boudh, Odisha |
| November 2022-February 2023 | Lecturer in Political Science SVM(Auto) College, Jagatsinghpur, odisha |
| October 2016-Novemebr 2022 | Lecturer in Political Science, Athmallik College |

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February 2016-August 2016 Researcher,
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Guangdong University of Foreign Studies, P.R. China
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December 2015 Guest Lecturer
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2006-2007 Research Assistant to Dr. C. Raja Mohan

2007(Jul–Sept) Editorial Associate, *Indian Foreign Affairs Journal* (India)

Courses Taught

- International Relations and Foreign Policy (B.A in Social Sciences; IV Semester- 30 hrs at Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Tuljapur)
- Constitutional Government and Democracy in India(B.A. 1st Semester, Honours Course at Athmallik College, Odisha)
- Nationalism in India(B.A 1st Semester, Generic Elective Course at Athmallik College, Odisha)
- Feminism: Theory and Practice (B.A 1st Semester, Generic Elective Course at Athmallik College, Odisha)
- Political Process in India (B.A. 2nd Semester, Honours Course at Athmallik College, Odisha)
- Perspectives on International Relations (B.A. 3rd Semester, Honours Course at Athmallik College, Odisha)
- Gandhi and the Contemporary World (B.A. 3rd Semester, Generic Elective Course at Athmallik College, Odisha)
- Global Politics (B.A. 4th Semester, Honours Course at Athmallik College, Odisha)
- Introduction to Human Rights ((B.A. 5th Semester, Honours Course at Athmallik College, Odisha)
- Development Process and Social Movements in Contemporary India(B.A. 5th Semester, Honours Course at Athmallik College, Odisha)
- India's Foreign Policy in a Changing world ((B.A. 5th Semester, Honours Course at Athmallik College, Odisha)

Awards and Achievements

- Passed National Eligibility Test for Lectureship under University Grant Commission (India) in 2005 in Political Science
- PhD Student Research Assistant (RA) Study Award for AY 2007/2008 by S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (For PhD)
- Research Analyst Study Award, AY2008-AY2010 by S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (For PhD)

Publications

Edited Works

(With Rajesh Basrur and Manjeet S. Pardesi) *India's Military Modernization: Challenges and Prospects* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2014).

(With Rajesh Basrur), Special Issue of *India Review* on *Looking East in Defense: Perspectives on India-Southeast Asia Relations*, Vol. 12, No. 3 (2013).

India-ASEAN Defence Relations, RSIS Monograph, No. 28 (Singapore: S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, 2013).

Articles

“Soft And Hard Power in India’s Strategy towards Southeast Asia,” *India Review*, Vol.12, No. 3 (2013), pp.165-185.

“India’s Naval Exercises with ASEAN States Since 1991: A Time Line,” *India Review*, Vol.12, No.3, 2013, pp. 123-129.

“India’s Defense-Related Agreements with ASEAN States: A Timeline,” *India Review*, Vol.12, No.3, 2013, pp. 130-133.

“Indo-US Maritime Relations: Indo-U.S. Maritime Partnership: Time to Move Forward”, *RSIS Policy Brief* (Singapore: S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, April 2012), pp. 1-7.

Commentaries

“Can India Balance Between China and America?,” *The National Interest*, May 10, 2016, <http://nationalinterest.org/feature/can-india-balance-between-china-america-16137>.

“India in the Asia-Pacific: Roles as a ‘Balancer’ and Net Security Provider,” Center for International Maritime Security, April 28, 2016, <http://cimsec.org/india-asia-pacific-roles-balancer-net-security-provider/24798>.

“Based on the East Policy and Square-Dialogue Research,” *International Observation*, Vol. 3 (2016), 9-16.[in Chinese].

“‘Mumbai II?’ Why India Will Again Show Restraint,” *RSIS Commentaries* (Singapore), No. 130, October 13, 2010.

“Obama's India Visit: In Search of a New Equilibrium,” *RSIS Commentaries* (Singapore), No. 150, November 18, 2010.

“India’s Shaky Bid to Boost Its Soft Power,” *The Straits Times* (Singapore), August 26, 2010.

Book Reviews

Economic Cooperation between Singapore and India: an Alliance in the Making by Faizal Yahya, in *Contemporary South Asia*, Vol.19, No. 2 (2011).

Impossible Allies: Nuclear India, United States and the Global Order by C. Raja Mohan, in *Indian Foreign Affairs Journal*, Vol. 1, No. 3(July - September 2006).

Papers Presented

Paper on “Soft and Hard Power in India’s Strategy toward Southeast Asia,” presented at the Workshop on “India-ASEAN Defence Relations,” organized by S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Singapore, November 30, 2012.

Paper on “Hard and Soft Power: What is the Utility of India’s Military Power?” presented at the conference on “Communicating Soft Power: Contrasting Perspectives from India and China” in London, UK, organized by the University of Westminster, September 9, 2013.

Lectures

Lecture on “India’s Soft Power: A Perspective” at Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS), Tuljapur, Maharashtra, India on 14 December 2015.

Discussant

“Opinions on China’s Initiative of Jointly Building the 21st-Century Maritime Silk Road,” China (Guangdong) International Think-Tank Forum of 21st-Century Maritime Silk Road, “Belt and Road” Think Tank Alliance, Collaborative Innovation Center for 21st-Century Maritime Silk Road Studies, No.2 Baiyun Ave. North, Baiyun District, Guangzhou, China (Easeland Hotel), 10 May 2016.

Languages

English, Hindi, Oriya – all fluently spoken and written.

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