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ABOUT ME

I am a critical thinker experienced in research and analysis and building policy narratives for development, sustainability, governance and security. I thrive in complex environments that involve problem solving skills and team work.

EXPERIENCE

BowerGroupAsia • Analyst • Gurugram • July 2021-Oct 2021

- Public Policy Strategic consulting for United States' Headquartered clients in the space of cyber security, e-commerce and Big Tech to help them mitigate policy related risks and expand business in India in real time.

Observer Research Foundation • [Junior Fellow](#), Strategic Studies Program • New Delhi • Jan 2017 -Dec 2020

Role: Research analysis and publication on maritime trade and connectivity, space engagements, energy security and infrastructure sustainability. Project management for domestic and international policy dialogue platforms.

Notable Achievements:

- Expert Panelist** speaking and presenting research on 'Satellite tech for monitoring IUU Fishing in Indian Ocean', Tokyo, 2019 and 'Sustainable and Secure maritime Infrastructure in Indo-Pacific Region', Deakin Law School, Australia, 2018
- Raisina Dialogue, New Delhi, 2017, 2018:** Part of the six-member core management team, worked with India's Ministry of External Affairs to manage dialogue engagement with government and business representatives from over 80 nations.*
**Raisina Dialogue is India's flagship multi-stakeholder geopolitical and geo-economic dialogue organized by ORF and India's Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) involving Heads of States, Ministers, Academicians, etc.*
- Co-conceptualized, managed and facilitated** multi country dialogue '[The Ocean Dialogue 2017](#)', Thiruvananthapuram, on nautical commons with The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- Facilitated and participated in multi-country Virtual War Game Simulations for Space Tech Governance, 2018 and 2019; Facilitated multiple large-scale conferences with international think tanks, Embassies, International Organizations and Educational Institutions
- Published research on maritime governance, sustainability, security and trade in the Indo-Pacific. ([list of publications](#))

Observer Research Foundation • Intern • Oct 2016-Dec 2016

- Dialogue facilitation for Asian Forum on Global Governance (AFGG), New Delhi and Iran Foreign Minister's India visit; writing media notes and research on maritime infrastructure sustainability.

United Nations Institute for Training & Research • Intern, Multilateral Diplomacy Programme, Geneva • Nov-Dec 2014

- Assisted in creation and launch of e-learning suite on international water dispute settlement while acquiring knowledge of International environmental laws and legal research methods.

International Telecommunication Union • Remote Participation Moderator • Geneva • 2012

- Trained to facilitate live multi-center dialogue through ITU technology platforms

Bharti Airtel Limited • India's top Telecom Service provider • New Delhi, India • June-Aug 2011

- Worked on Corporate Finance team's live project on Performance of Value-Added Services

Volunteer Work:

Gurgaon Nagrik Ekta Manch (GNEM) • Volunteer • Gurgaon, India • May 2020- Sept 2020

- Enable targeted distribution of food ration kits to migrants during Covid-19 pandemic. *GNEM is a civil society effort.*

YRLC Academic journal • Advisory board • India • June 2020 -present

Guide and mentor Indian school students involved with developing public policy research and analysis skills

EDUCATION

Double MSc in Public Policy and Human Development • United Nations University (and Maastricht University • The Netherlands • 2015-2016

- Specialized in International Business and Trade, Intellectual Property, Economics and Development
- Master's Thesis "The Extent of Impact of Greening Seaports on International Trade Competitiveness."

BA International Relations • Geneva School of Diplomacy and International Relations • Switzerland • 2012-2015

- Class Representative (Valedictorian equivalent) for BA IR Class of 2015
- Bachelor's thesis: 'India's socio-economic development through energy security'

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Greater Middle East Simulation • Pax Ludens Organisation • The Netherlands • Mar 2016

- Role-played France in ISIS conflict & refugee crisis in a multi-day, 20 country simulation

UN Human Rights Council 25th & 27th Regular Session • NGO Volunteer • Geneva • 2014

- Addressed the HRC Main session on human rights violations in Afghanistan and women's rights in Pakistan

International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) • Youth Programme • Geneva • May 2013

- Preparatory work on Finland's commitment to non-proliferation for International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons to establish a WMDFZ in the Middle East for the Second Preparatory Committee for the 2015 Review Conference

COMPETENCIES

- Policy analysis, public speaking, ability to work in diverse environments and with sensitive subject matters
- STATA, Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, Power Point, Access, Outlook), Moodle, Wordpress

LANGUAGES

English (fluent), **Hindi** (Native), **French** (level A2)