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Strategic Studies Programme at Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi

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Research Experience

- **Currently working as an Associate Fellow in the Strategic Studies Programme at the Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi, India from January 2019.**
My research focuses on Southeast Asia, East Asia and the South Pacific — spanning the Eastern Indian Ocean and the Western Pacific-covering the swath of the Indo-Pacific. Other research focus includes: Indonesia's maritime strategy, the emerging dynamics of the Indo-Pacific region, India and Southeast Asia, India's Act East Policy, Asia-Pacific multilateralism.

- Currently working on a project funded by the Australian DFAT on “**Securing Two Oceans: The Case for Bolstering India-Australia Defence Cooperation**”.
- Currently working on a project funded by the Korea Foundation on “**Middle Power Security Ambitions: Prospects for South Korea’s engagement with India and ASEAN in the Indo-Pacific**”
- Currently working on Phase 2 of the Australian DFAT funded project on ‘**Anchoring the Indo-Pacific: The Case for Deeper Australia-India-Indonesia Trilateral Cooperation**’ with Australian National University (ANU) and CSIS Jakarta.

- **Was the lead author and the lead of a project funded by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade on ‘Anchoring the Indo-Pacific: The Case for Deeper Australia-India-Indonesia Trilateral Cooperation’ from June 2019 to January 2020.**

This was a trilateral think tank project (Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi; Lowy Institute, Sydney; and the Centre for Strategic and International Studies, Jakarta. The output of the project is a policy report, which was written after a rigorous fieldwork in the three capitals (Delhi, Canberra and Jakarta). The policy report was launched at the Raisina Dialogue 2020, New Delhi.

- **Was a member of the “2019 Korea Foundation-India Next Generation Policy Experts Study Tour to Korea” program from July 28 to August 2 2019.**

- **FIPSS Fellow (Fellowship of Indo-Pacific Security Studies) at Daniel K. Inouye Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies from September 20 2018 to October 24 2018.**

Fellowship of Indo-Pacific Security Studies (FIPSS) is a fellowship sponsored by the US Department of State for researchers from South and Southeast Asia for participation in the Advanced Security Cooperation Course (ASC 18-2) conducted by the Daniel K. Inouye Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies.

- **Associate Fellow at the National Maritime Foundation, New Delhi from May 2018 to December 2018.**

Research focus was on the maritime issues in Southeast and East Asia and the impact of these issues in the emerging dynamics of the Indo-Pacific region. I also worked on India’s Act East policy. My research focus was also on Indonesia’s Maritime Policy and its Indo- Pacific focus.

- **Guest Researcher for a Research project on India-Indonesia relations at the Centre for Political Studies, LIPI Jakarta from October 2017 till October 2018.**

Authored a chapter on the “Socio-Cultural aspect of the Bilateral Relations”. The Final draft of the chapter has already been sent for review on 21 November 2018 and is awaiting to be published in Bahasa Indonesia jointly by LIPI and Springer.

- **Junior Fellow in the Maritime Policy Initiative at Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi from October 2017 to April 2018.**

The research focus was on maritime issues in Southeast Asia and the broader Indo-Pacific region. Besides this, I also researched on maritime infrastructure and blue economy.

- **Visiting Research Fellow at the Centre for Political Studies in Lembaga Ilmu Pengetahuan (LIPI) Jakarta from June 2017 until August 2017.**

The focus of my research was on ‘Indonesia’s Indian Ocean Strategy’. I participated in the internal

seminars and discussions held regularly at the think tank. I have presented my research findings on the above mentioned topic at an internal seminar organised by the LIPI on August 29, 2017 at LIPI, Jakarta.

- **Visiting Research Fellow at Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Jakarta from January 2017 to May 2017.**

The focus of my research was on ‘Indonesia’s Indian Ocean Strategy’. During the tenure of the fellowship I have presented my research findings on the above mentioned topic of research to the research faculty of CSIS and have written two articles for the journal ‘The Indonesia Quarterly’. First article is titled- ‘Convergence and Divergence between Indonesia’s GMF and China’s OBOR’ which has already been published in *The Indonesian Quarterly* Fourth Quarterly 2016 Volume 44 No. 4. The second article titled, ‘Indonesia and the Indian Ocean Rim Association’ has been published in *The Indonesian Quarterly* Second Quarter 2017 Vol. 45 No. 2. Additionally also participated in the seminars conducted during this time at the CSIS and the Dialogue on ‘Maritime Security in East Asia: Regional and Functional Cooperation’ organised by the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Jakarta and Institute for International Policy Studies (IIPS) Japan. Conducted my field research during the tenure of my fellowship as well.

- **Darmasiswa Scholar at the Universitas Katolik Indonesia Atma Jaya, Jakarta from August 2016 to August 2017.**

This scholarship was provided by the Indonesian Ministry of Education and Culture for overseas students of countries which have diplomatic relations with Indonesia. This scholarship funded my language course (Bahasa Indonesia) at Universitas Katolik Indonesia Atma Jaya Jakarta. I was also undertaking my field research for my PhD thesis on ‘Indonesia’s Indian Ocean Strategy’. I have interviewed around fifty people from various Ministries in Indonesia like the Coordinating Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Ministry of Transport, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources, National Energy Council; Naval officers, scholars and journalists in Indonesia working on maritime issues. I have conducted interviews of dignitaries from the Indian Embassy in Jakarta, India’s Mission to ASEAN. I have interviewed Professors from University of Indonesia, Universitas Gadjah Mada, IBP Bogor, Indonesia Defence University. Additionally also have visited libraries of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries and the Ministry of Defence.

- **Research Associate at the National Maritime Foundation, New Delhi from August 2015 to July 2016.**

My research focus was on Indonesian maritime strategy. Besides this I also researched on the security issues in the Indo-Pacific and the Southeast Asian region. I have also participated in Round Table Discussions with delegations from the Tokyo Foundation, Japan; East West Center, Washington D.C. I have also presented a paper on ‘India and the South China Sea Dispute’ at the 2nd NMF-AWW Dialogue on the theme “India and China: Constructing a Peaceful and Stable Maritime Order in the Indo-Pacific” held on 30 November to 1 December 2015 at the NMF Conference Room, New Delhi. I have been one of the coordinators of the Indian Ocean Rim Association Meeting of Experts on Maritime Safety and Security on 13-14 October 2015 organised by National Maritime Foundation and supported by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. I was also the assistant coordinator of the International Maritime Conference which was held in Vishakhapatnam on February 7-8 2016 for the International Fleet Review conducted by India in February 2016. I have published three issue briefs and one viewpoint which have been uploaded on the organisation website (The details of these publications

can be found on the column on web publications below). I also worked on a project named “Indonesia’s Potential as a Maritime Power”. On April 28 2016, I presented a paper on the above mentioned topic at a Round Table Conference which was organised by the National Maritime Foundation. My research article has been published online and in print version as well in the December Volume of the Maritime Affairs, which is a journal of the National Maritime Foundation and is jointly published by the National Maritime Foundation and Taylor and Francis.

Educational Qualification:

2013- 2019: Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

Submitted my Doctoral Thesis on July 20 2018 for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy to the Center for Indo-Pacific Studies (CIPS) [Previously known as the Centre for South, Central, Southeast Asian and Southwest Pacific Studies], School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, India. Defended my thesis and was awarded my Doctoral degree on July 19 2019.

Supervisor: Prof. G.V.C. Naidu

Thesis Title: Indonesia’s Indian Ocean Strategy, 2004-2015.

2011-2013: Master of Philosophy (MPhil)

From Center for South, Central, Southeast Asian and Southwest Pacific Studies (CSCSEASWPS), School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, India

Supervisor: Prof. G.V.C. Naidu

Dissertation Title: The Scarborough Shoal Dispute as a Factor in the Philippines-U.S. Relations, 1995-2012.

Result/Grade: 7.37 C.G.P.A. (First Class)

2009-2011: Master of Arts in International Relations

From Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India

Result/ Grade: 9.10 C.G.P.A. (First Class) Percentage: 67.22

2006-2009: Bachelor of Arts with Political Science (Honors)

From St. Xavier’s College (Autonomous) under the University of Calcutta, India

Result/ Grade: 6.48 C.G.P.A.

Percentage: 58.75

2006: Indian School Certificate with English, Bengali, Political Science, Sociology, Computer Science and History

From Calcutta Girls’ High School, Council for Indian School Certificate Examination, New Delhi, India

Result/ Grade: 75.5% (First Division)

2004: Indian Certificate of Secondary Examination with English, Bengali, Mathematics, History, Civics and Geography, Science and Computer Science

From Calcutta Girls' High School, Council for Indian School Certificate Examination, New Delhi, India

Result/Grade: 70.166% (First Division)

Research Interests

- Emerging dynamics of the Indo-Pacific Region (focusing on the Eastern Indian Ocean/ impact on Southeast Asia, East Asia, Australia and Pacific Island countries within the larger picture of the Indo-Pacific)
- Geo-politics of the Indian Ocean (primarily Eastern Indian Ocean- Southeast Asia, East Asia, Oceania (Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific Island countries))
- Indonesia's Maritime Strategy and interests in the Indian Ocean
- Maritime issues in Southeast Asia, East Asia and Oceania
- Great power politics in Southeast, East Asia and Oceania
- Asia Pacific Multilateralism
- India's Act East policy

Awards and Fellowships:

- Was a member of the "2019 Korea Foundation-India Next Generation Policy Experts Study Tour to Korea" program from July 28 to August 2 2019.
- Fellowship of Indo-Pacific Security Studies (FIPSS) under the United States Department of State for participating in Advanced Security Cooperation (ASC 18-2) at Daniel. K. Inouye Asia Pacific Center for Security Studies (DKI APCSS) from September 20 2018 to October 24 2018.
- Visiting Research Fellowship at Lembaga Ilmu Pengetahuan Indonesia (LIPI), Jakarta from June 2017 to August 2017.
- Visiting Research Fellowship at Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Jakarta from January 2017 to May 2017.
- Darmasiswa Scholarship of the Indonesian Ministry of Education and Culture at the Universitas Katolik Indonesia Atma Jaya, Jakarta for the time period August 2016- August 2017.

Publications

Articles in Journals

(2015) ‘The Scarborough Shoal Dispute and the United States- Philippines Relations’ *Global Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies*, ISSN:- **2348-0459**, 4(6): 357-379.

(2015), ‘The Genesis of the South China Sea Dispute’ *Asian Journal of Research in Social Sciences and Humanities*, ISSN:- **2249-7315**, 5(8):40-55. DOI NUMBER-10.5958/2249- 7315.2015.00193.8

(2015) ‘The United States and the South China Sea Dispute’ *International Journal of Research in Social Sciences*, ISSN:-**2249-2496**, 5(3): 629-643.

Peer Reviewed Journals

(2020), “India, China, and the Indo-Pacific: New Delhi’s Recalibration Is Underway”, *The Washington Quarterly*, 43(4), p.p. 187-206, <https://doi.org/10.1080/0163660X.2020.1850593>

(2019), “Is the Bay of Bengal Regaining its lost importance”, *Journal of the Indian Ocean Region*, Volume 15 Issue 3, p.p. 336-345, <https://doi.org/10.1080/19480881.2019.1637572>

(2017), “Indonesia and the Indian Ocean Rim Association”, *The Indonesian Quarterly*, Second Quarter 2017, Volume 45 No. 2, p.p. 123-151, **ISSN 0304-2170 (Print)**

(2017), “Convergence and Divergence between Indonesia’s Global Maritime Fulcrum and China’s One Belt One Road”, *The Indonesia Quarterly*, Fourth Quarterly 2016, Volume 44 No. 4, p.p. 317-335, **ISSN 0304-2170 (Print)**

(2016), “Indonesia’s Potential as a Maritime Power” *Maritime Affairs*, p.p. 1-14, **ISSN: 0973-3159 (Print) 1946-6609 (Online)**, DOI: 10.1080/09733159.2016.1232951

(2016) “‘Indo-Pacific’: Evolving Perceptions and Dynamics” in Vijay Sakhuja and Gurpreet S Khurana (eds.) *Maritime Perspectives 2015*, New Delhi: National Maritime Foundation, **ISBN: 978-81-930159-5-7**, p.p. 19-27. Republished as ‘Indo-Pacific: Evolving Understandings and Dynamics” in *Defence Security Brief*, **ISSN: 2225360-2**, Volume 6 No. 1, March 2016: 4-9.

Peer Reviewed Papers

(2021), “India Calibrates its South China Sea Approach” *ORF Issue Brief*, <https://www.orfonline.org/research/india-calibrates-its-south-china-sea-approach/>

(2020), “The Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative: Towards a Coherent Indo-Pacific Policy for India”, *ORF Occasional Paper*, <https://www.orfonline.org/research/indo-pacific-oceans-initiative-towards-coherent-indo-paci>

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<https://www.orfonline.org/research/indonesia-general-elections-2019-an-assessment-of-potential-post-poll-impact-on-foreign-policy-49887/>

(2019), “From ‘Pivot to Asia’ to Trump’s ARIA: What drives the US’ Current Asia policy?” *ORF Occasional Paper*,
<https://www.orfonline.org/research/from-pivot-to-asia-to-trumps-aria-what-drives-the-us-current-asia-policy-61556/>

(2018), “The Quad in the Indo-Pacific: Why ASEAN Remains Cautious”, *ORF Issue Brief*,
http://cf.orfonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/ORF_IssueBrief_229_QuadASEAN.pdf

Policy Reports

(2020), “Anchoring the Indo-Pacific: The Case for Deeper Australia-India-Indonesia Trilateral Cooperation”, published at Observer Research Foundation,
https://www.orfonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Anchoring_the_Indo-Pacific.pdf

(2019), “India and the Indo-Pacific” in Harsh V. Pant and Kabir Taneja (eds.) *Looking Back, Looking Ahead: Foreign Policy In Transition Under Modi*, ORF Special Report,
https://www.orfonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/ORF_SpecialReport_93_ForeignPolicy-Modi_NEW25July.pdf

Edited Monographs

(2021), “Mapping the Belt and Road Initiative: Reach, Implications, Consequences”, eds. By Harsh V. Pant and Premesha Saha, ISBN: 978-93-90494-37-8,
<https://www.orfonline.org/research/mapping-the-belt-and-road-initiative/>

Book-Chapters

(2021), “ASEAN Outlook on Indo-Pacific (AOIP) and the Indo-Pacific Oceans’ Initiative (IPOI): Complementarities, Challenges and Opportunities”, in Prabir De and Suthiphand Chirathivat (eds.) *ASEAN-India Strengthening Partnership and Post-Pandemic Future*, New Delhi: KW Publishers, p.p. 152-167.

(2019) “Indonesia’s ‘Soft Balancing’ Against China” in Prof. Harsh V. Pant (ed.) *China Ascendant: Its Rise and Implications*, New Delhi: HarperCollins Publishers, **P-ISBN:978-93-5357-063-7, E-ISBN: 978-93-5357-064-4**, p.p. 157-166.

(2017) “Indonesia’s Defence White Paper 2015: A Boost for Global Maritime Fulcrum?” in Vijay Sakhujia and Gurpreet S Khurana (eds.) *Maritime Perspectives 2016*, New Delhi:

National Maritime Foundation, ISBN:978-81-932998-2-1, p.p. 29-31

(2016) “India and Indonesia: Translating Strategic Convergence into Maritime Cooperation” in Dr. Vijay Sakhuja and Kapil Narula (eds.) *Partnering Across Oceans*, New Delhi, National Maritime Foundation, ISBN: 978-81-930159-4-0, p.p. 36-45.

(2016) “‘Indo-Pacific’: Evolving Perceptions and Dynamics” in Vijay Sakhuja and Gurpreet S Khurana (eds.) *Maritime Perspectives 2015*, New Delhi: National Maritime Foundation, ISBN: 978-81-930159-5-7, p.p. 19-27.

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(2016) “India and the South China Sea Dispute” in Gurpreet S Khurana and Antara Ghosal Singh (eds.) *India and China: Constructing a Peaceful Order in the Indo-Pacific* (NMF-HNIWW Dialogue Series), New Delhi: National Maritime Foundation, ISBN: 978-81-930159-8-8, p.p. 64-76.

(2015) “The Genesis of the Scarborough Shoal Dispute between the Philippines and China” in Prof. Manmohini Kaul and Dr. Anushree Chakraborty (eds.) *India’s Look East to Act East Policy: Re-examining the emerging issues and partnerships in Indo-Pacific*, New Delhi: Pentagon Press, ISBN: 978-81-8274-847-7, p.p. 259-276.

Web Publications

‘**Southeast Asia forming the lynchpin in the US’ Indo-Pacific strategy**’ in Observer Research Foundation published on July 28 2021
<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/southeast-asia-forming-the-lynchpin-in-the-us-indo-pacific-strategy/>

‘**First Quad leaders meeting: An agenda beyond security**’ in Observer Research Foundation published on March 16 2021
<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/first-quad-leaders-meeting-agenda-beyond-security/>

‘**Signaling policy continuity: US declassifies files on Indo-Pacific**’ in Observer Research Foundation published on January 18 2021
<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/signaling-policy-continuity-us-declassifies-files-on-indo-pacific/>

‘**India, China, and the Indo-Pacific: New Delhi’s recalibration is underway**’ in Observer Research Foundation published on January 05 2021
<https://www.orfonline.org/research/india-china-indo-pacific-new-delhi-recalibration-underway/>

‘ Caught between giants — How will ASEAN operationalise its centrality in the Indo-Pacific?’ in Observer Research Foundation published on December 28 2020
<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/caught-between-giants-how-will-asean-operationalise-centrality-indo-pacific/>

‘Multilateral and plurilateral engagements — Biden on Oceania’ in Observer Research Foundation published on November 10 2020
<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/multilateral-plurilateral-engagements-biden-oceania/>

‘Oceania: A bolder Australia with Trump in Asia’ in Observer Research Foundation published on November 02 2020
<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/oceania-a-bolder-australia-with-trump-in-asia/>

‘Is the Trump Administration’s China Policy working in Southeast Asia?’ in Observer Research Foundation published on October 31 2020
<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/is-the-trump-administrations-china-policy-working-in-southeast-asia/>

‘U.S.-China tensions and its impact on the South China Sea Dispute’ in Observer Research Foundation published on September 23 2020
<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/us-china-tensions-impact-south-china-sea-dispute/>

‘Are Asian Allies backing United States’ New Position on South China Sea?’ in Observer Research Foundation published on July 22 2020
<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/are-asian-allies-backing-the-united-states-new-position-on-the-south-china-sea/>

‘Can India and Australia anchor a coalition of middle powers in the Indo-Pacific’ in Observer Research Foundation published on June 3 2020
<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/can-india-australia-anchor-coalition-middle-powers-indo-pacific-67246/>

‘The Taiwan question in Indian foreign policy’ in Observer Research Foundation published on May 16 2020
<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/taiwan-question-indian-foreign-policy-66249/>

‘COVID-19: Impact and Response in Southeast Asia amidst China’s ‘soft power’ diplomacy’ in Observer Research Foundation published on March 21 2020
<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/covid19-impact-response-southeast-asia-amidst-china-soft-power-diplomacy-63570/>

‘Act East and Act West: Two different prisms for India’s Indo-Pacific strategy’ in Observer Research Foundation published on January 04 2020
<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/act-east-and-act-west-two-different-prisms-for-indias-indo-pacific-strategy-59850/>

‘New cabinet in Indonesia: Future of Indonesian foreign policy and its relations with India’ in Observer Research Foundation published on November 04 2019
<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/new-cabinet-indonesia-future-indonesian-foreign-policy-relations-india-57269/>

‘President Kovind’s Manila visit: India’s Act East policy gets a further push’ in Observer Research Foundation published on October 31 2019
<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/president-kovind-manila-visit-india-act-east-policy-gets-further-push-57181/>

‘India in pivotal geographies: Indo-Pacific’ in Observer Research Foundation published on August 13 2019
<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/india-in-pivotal-geographies-indo-pacific-54305/>

‘ASEAN’s new vision for Indo-Pacific and why it matters?’ republished in World Economic Forum on July 03 2019
<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2019/07/asean-s-new-vision-for-indo-pacific-and-why-it-matters/?fbclid=IwAR1d911KudKYS4E5aIc3mimJzpHi0ZL3IXS00JXMRa2n7-6bHkcxFNUtZLs>

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<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/aseans-indo-pacific-outlook-an-analysis-52542/>

‘Pompeo’s visit to India: What lies ahead for India-US cooperation in the Indo-Pacific?’ in Observer Research Foundation published on June 26 2019
<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/pompeos-visit-to-india-what-lies-ahead-for-india-us-cooperation-in-the-indo-pacific-52398/>

‘Charting a clear course in the Indo-Pacific’ republished in Observer Research Foundation on May 18 2019
<https://www.orfonline.org/research/charting-a-clear-course-in-the-indo-pacific/>

‘The ‘China Debate’ in Australia: Implications for the 2019 Federal elections and Australian foreign policy’ in China Chronicle Series of the Observer Research Foundation published on April 17 2019
<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/china-debate-australia-implications-2019-federal-elections-australian-foreign-policy-49988/>

‘Is the South China Sea issue flaring up again?’ in Observer Research Foundation published on February 27 2019
<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/is-south-china-sea-issue-flaring-up-again-48584/>

‘Why the Philippines wants to review the mutual defence treaty with the United States’ in Observer Research Foundation published on February 06 2019
<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/why-the-philippines-wants-to-review-the-mutual-defence-treaty-with-the-united-states-47865/>

‘Implications of Indonesia’s new military base in the South China Sea’ in Observer Research Foundation published on February 01 2019
<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/implications-indonesia-new-military-base-south-china-sea-47696/>

‘Indonesia’s Soft Balancing Against China’ in China Chronicle Series of the Observer Research Foundation published on 30 May 2018
<https://www.orfonline.org/expert-speak/41210-indonesia-soft-balancing-against-china/>

‘Maritime Cooperation as a Thrust Area between India and Indonesia’ in National Maritime Foundation published on 26 May 2018
<http://www.maritimeindia.org/View%20Profile/636629278230882423.pdf>

‘Poros Maritim Dunia dan OBOR’ written jointly with Mr. Siswanto Rusdi for KORAN (Newspaper) SINDO published on 24th November 2016
<http://namarinjakarta.blogspot.co.id/2016/11/poros-maritim-dunia-dan-obor.html>

‘Indonesia’s Defence White Paper 2015: A Boost for Global Maritime Fulcrum?’ in National Maritime Foundation published on 15 July 2016
<http://www.maritimeindia.org/View%20Profile/636041610748017969.pdf>

‘India and Indonesia: Translating Strategic Convergence into Maritime Cooperation’ in National Maritime Foundation published on 29 January 2016
<http://www.maritimeindia.org/View%20Profile/635896221080894337.pdf>

‘Indo-Pacific’: Evolving Perceptions and Dynamics’ in National Maritime Foundation published on 19 October 2015
<http://www.maritimeindia.org/View%20Profile/635808081462923714.pdf>

‘Indonesia’s New Maritime Doctrine: Continuity and Change’ in National Maritime Foundation published on 7 September 2015
www.maritimeindia.org/View%20Profile/Premesha%20Issue%20brief.pdf

Newspaper and Magazine Publications

‘India’s Vaccine Diplomacy Reaches Taiwan’, written jointly with Prof. Harsh V. Pant for *Foreign Policy*, published on April 20 2021
<https://foreignpolicy.com/2021/04/20/india-vaccine-diplomacy-china-taiwan/>

‘India’s Pivot to Australia’, written jointly with Prof. Harsh V. Pant for *Foreign Policy*, published on July 21 2020 <https://foreignpolicy.com/2020/07/21/indias-pivot-to-australia/> republished in *Financial Review* on July 24 2020 https://www.afr.com/policy/foreign-affairs/india-s-pivot-to-australia-20200723-p55eo4?fbclid=IwAR2PTduY5KaK_wyEMwZG8VzsNnE6eNsglEtQ0MOKcAfVvb3wc67rVptu3ag

‘Fishing in troubled waters during a pandemic’, written jointly with Prof. Harsh V. Pant for *The Hindu* published on April 24 2020 <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/lead/fishing-in-troubled-waters-during-a-pandemic/article31417974.ece>

‘Charting a clear course in the Indo-Pacific’, written jointly with Prof. Harsh V. Pant for *The Hindu*, published on 18 May 2019 <https://www.thehindu.com/opinion/op-ed/charting-a-clear-course-in-the-indo-pacific/article27165616.ece>

‘India-RI cooperation in the Indo-Pacific a must’, *Jakarta Post*, published on 23 April 2018 <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2018/04/23/india-ri-cooperation-indo-pacific-a-must.html>

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‘RI, India responsible for Indian Ocean Maritime Security’, *Jakarta Post*, published on 26 January 2017. <http://www.thejakartapost.com/news/2017/01/26/ri-india-responsible-indian-ocean-maritime-security.html>

‘Poros Maritim Dunia dan OBOR’ written jointly with Mr. Siswanto Rusdi for *KORAN SINDO* published on 24 November 2016.

Moderator/ Chair at Seminars and Conferences

- Chaired a seminar on ‘Invest, Acquire, Dominate: The rise and rise of China tech’ held on February 28 2020 at Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi
- Moderated a Facebook Live Session on ‘Anchoring the Indo-Pacific: A Case for Deeper Australia-India-Indonesia Cooperation’ with Prof. Rory Medcalf and Ambassador Dino Patti Djalal as Speakers at Raisina Dialogue on January 2016 at Taj Palace Hotel, New Delhi

Paper Presentations at National Conferences (In India):

- Speaker at a Book Discussion on ‘India’s Eastward Engagement: From Antiquity to Act East policy’ held on May 2 2019 at Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi.
- Speaker at an International Conference on ‘Significance of the Bay of Bengal: India, Japan and Southeast Asia’ organized by Observer Research Foundation (ORF), Kolkata in collaboration with the Consulate-General of Japan in Kolkata and the Centre for South and South East Asian Studies, University of Calcutta, held on March 25-26 2019 at Hyatt Regency, Kolkata
- Speaker at a Discussion on ‘India-Indonesia Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific’ held on February 28 2019 at Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi.
- Presented Paper titled: “India and Indonesia: Prospects for Greater Maritime Connectivity” at the Inception Workshop on “India’s Maritime Connectivity: Importance of the Bay of Bengal” held on August 7 2018 at ORF Kolkata.
- Presented Paper titled: “Indonesia’s Potential as a Maritime Power” at the Scholar’s Round Table Conference at the National Maritime Foundation held on April 28 2016 at the National Maritime Foundation Conference Room, New Delhi.
- Delivered Lecture on “Indonesia’s Indian Ocean Strategy: Implications for China” at the Institute of Chinese Studies Wednesday Seminar held on March 16 2016 at the Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi.
- Presented Paper titled: “India and the South China Sea Dispute” at the 2nd NMF-AWW Dialogue on the theme “India and China: Constructing a Peaceful and Stable Maritime Order in the Indo-Pacific” held on November 30 to December 1 2015 at the NMF Conference Room, New Delhi.
- Presented Paper titled: “India’s Emergence as a major power: a critical analysis” at the Students’ Seminar, titled, “India’s Emergence through young eyes” held on April 11 2011 at the Jadavpur University organised by Jadavpur Association of International Relations.

Paper Presentations at International Conferences:

- Speaker in the session on ‘ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific (AOIP) and Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI): Complementarities and Cooperation’ at the Sixth Roundtable of the ASEAN-India Network of Think Tanks (AINTT) on ‘ASEAN-India: Strengthening Partnership in the Post-COVID Era’ organized on 20-21 August 2020 (video conference).
- Presented paper titled, “The Global Maritime Fulcrum and Sagarmala: Prospects for

boosting India-Indonesia cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region”, at the 3-day international conference on ‘India and Southeast Asia: One Indic Belt Shared Culture and Common Destiny’ organised by Jawaharlal Nehru University, State of University of Yogyakarta (YSU), Indraprastha University, Jakarta, University of Muhammadiyah, Malang, University of Udayana, Bali, University of Halu Oleo, Kendari, Sulawesi, the State University of Semarang, Indonesia, Brawijaya University of Malang, Chiang Mai University of Thailand, Viet Nam National University, Ho Chi Minh City and University of the Philippines Diliman and Yangon University, Myanmar from 26-28 April 2018.

- Presented Research paper on “Indonesia’s Indian Ocean Strategy” at the Centre for Political Studies in Lembaga Ilmu Pengetahuan (LIPI), Jakarta on 29 August 2017.
- Presented Research paper on “Indonesia and the Indian Ocean: Historical Linkages” at Univeritas Katolik Indonesia Atma Jaya, Jakarta on 31 May 2017.
- Presented Research findings on “Indonesia’s Indian Ocean Strategy” at Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Jakarta on 24 March 2017.
- Presented Paper titled: “Exposing the Youth to Climate Change” at the International Students Summit 2016 held by The Ministry of Research Technology and Higher Education, Indonesia and Universitas Airlangga at Universitas Airlangga, Suarabaya, Indonesia from 7-10 November 2016.
- Presented Paper titled: “The Unity of the ASEAN Challenged: The Case of the South China Sea Dispute” at the International Studies Association Asia Pacific Conference 2016 held from 25 -27 July, 2016 at the City University of Hong Kong organised by the International Studies Association.

Track 1.5 and Track 2 Dialogues

- Have been a part of several Track 1.5 dialogues from 2015 onwards with China, Taiwan, South Korea, Japan, Australia, Indonesia, France. Also have been involved in several virtual Track 1.5 and Track 2 Dialogues, an interview with WION in the past year. This year too, engagements in many such Dialogues continue specially focusing on cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region.

Computer Knowledge

- Working Knowledge in MS Word, Excel and Power Point.

Language and ability

1. English- Proficient Professionally. Have studied in English instructed academic institutions throughout and continue to use English as the first language in my academic life.

2. Bengali- Proficient Professionally
3. Hindi- Proficient Professionally.
4. Bahasa Indonesia- successfully completed BIPA Satu (BIPA 1 or Level 1- Beginners to Intermediate) and BIPA 2 (BIPA 2 or Level 2- Intermediate to Advanced) at Universitas Katolik Indonesia Atma Jaya, Jakarta.

Declaration:

I do hereby declare that the above-mentioned information is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.