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## Area of Interest

History: Ancient, Medieval and Modern Indian History, Maritime History, National Identities, Postcolonial Theory, Oral History. International Relations: Strategic Studies, Security Studies. Political Science.

## Education/Qualification

Course	Institution	University	Year of passing
PhD (International Relations with specialization in Diplomacy and Disarmament)	Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	Jawaharlal Nehru University	Currently Pursuing
M.Phil (International Relations with specialization in Diplomacy and Disarmament)	Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	Jawaharlal Nehru University	2014
MA (Modern History)	Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	Jawaharlal Nehru University	2012
BA (History, Economic and Political Science)	Christ College, Bangalore	Bangalore University	2010

## Research Experience

### 1. Research Associate, Teresian Centre for Research and Development, Ernakulam (April 2020- July 2021)

- Undertook research project, “*Evaluation of Kerala Flood Relief Centers 2018: Integrating a Gender Sensitive Inclusive Disaster Management Plan*”, of St. Teresa’s College in collaboration with Sophia University, Japan, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK and The University of Essex , UK
- Compiled chapter entitled “*Volunteer Response in Relief Operations: Opportunities and Challenges*”, with interviews from 317 volunteers involved with flood relief camps during the 2018 Kerala flood.
- Contributed to the Policy Brief prepared based on the research
- Participated as Technical Consultant and speaker in conferences and presentations

## Teaching Experience

### 2. Assistant Professor (on contract), St. Teresa's College, Ernakulam (June 2019-May 2020)

- Classes taught  
Third year BA- History Semester V and VI- Core Papers  
First year BA -Sociology- Semester I and II- Complimentary Paper history  
Third Year BA- All streams -Semester VI-Open Course-History
- Undertook class teacher duties for Third year BA History.
- Undertook mentorship programme for students of Third year BA History.
- Member of Teresian International instrumental in facilitating exchange programmes for students.
- Organized and presented papers in a number of academic programmes by the Department of History and Teresian International.
- Resource person and guide for academic exchange programs
  - 1) Indo-Swedish Academic Exchange Forum
  - 2) Sophia University Japan

## Research Experience

### 3. Senior Research Associate, Centre for Strategic Studies (CSS), Centre for Public Policy Research (CPPR), Kochi (August 2018- December 2018)

- Participated in UGC National Seminar organized by Panampilly Memorial Government College, Thrissur on 27 and 28 September, 2018.
- Guided internships including inducting the interns to the ongoing projects of the Centre and assigning tasks and deliverables, leading to publication of two articles and on India's Act East Policy and a research project on Indo-Iranian relations on CPPR website.
- Contributed towards ideation, generated content of all projects and research initiatives within the Centre for Strategic Studies (CSS) for the upcoming year.
- Compiled project proposal on "Radicalization and its Challenges" for Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.
- Identified speakers for In-House talks, quarterly lectures and conferences and organized events.
- Undertook regular and timely generation of the content needed for print and visual media, social media, CPPR website etc.

## Research Experience

### 4. Research Associate, National Maritime Foundation (NMF), New Delhi. (September 2015- September 2016)

- Participated in Academy for World Watch- National Maritime Foundation (AWW-NMF) bilateral, Beijing and Shanghai, China from May 15- 19, 2016
- Presented a paper at National Conference on 'Good Order at Sea: India's Role', organized by the UGC Centre for Maritime Studies, Pondicherry University, 18-19 February 2016.
- Contributed regularly to web publications and in-house Journal 'Maritime Affairs'.
- Coordinated various seminars and Round Table Discussions conducted by NMF
- Rapporteur at various seminars and conferences
- Managed web publications and Fortnightly E-news brief of the NMF website

## Research Experience

### 5. M.Phil Dissertation: “Negotiating Postcolonial Spaces: A Study of Indo-Sri Lankan Fishing Disputes”.

- Completed two years of research work including primary and secondary data collection leading to the compilation of a dissertation entitled, *Negotiating Postcolonial Spaces: A Study of Indo-Sri Lankan Fishing Disputes*
- Undertook archival data collection from National Archives, New Delhi
- Conducted interviews and interacted with representatives of Fisher Community in Kerala, Coastal Police, Naval Officers, Policy Experts and Academics
- Participated in the workshop, “**Research Methods in International Relations**”, organized by School of International Studies, JNU from November 15-17, 2012.

## Research Experience

### 6. Master’s Thesis Research:

“**Disease and Sanitation in the Delhi Cantonment: Colonial Responses and Socio-Political Concerns 1857-1947**”

“**Jewish Refugees of the World War II under Colonial Administration in India**”

- Historical research focusing on colonial town planning and colonial policies during World War II.
- Focused on researching military practices during the colonial times.
- Extensive use of New Delhi State Archives and National Archives for the collection of primary data.

## Research Experience

### 7. Honours Research Papers:

“**Art and Architecture in the Temple complex of Avani, Karnataka**”

“**Reflection of Nationalism through the Economy of India**”

- Undertook field visit to Avani, Kolar, Karnataka to examine the architectural style of Ramalingeshwara temple complex.
- Used the Gazetteer of Karnataka and other primary texts for data collection.
- Member of the Panel ‘Basic Structure of the constitution of India with reference to the Preamble and Fundamental Rights’, for the Orientation on the Constitution of India, organized by Christ College, February 16-17, 2010.
- Core member of organizing team in a national seminar held in collaboration with the Indian Council for Historical Research (ICHR), on the “**Urban Growth of Bangalore with special reference to the Bangalore Cantonment (1809-2000)**”, 2010.
- Certificate Course in **Fundamentals of Mathematics** conducted by Department of Mathematics, Christ College, 2009.

- Certificate Course in **International Trade and Globalization**, conducted by Department of Economics, Christ College, 2008.

### Papers and Presentations

- Technical Consultant on **“Local Community & Resilience”**, *Nammal Namukkayi* Programme, for Rebuild Kerala Initiative (RKI) and Kerala State Disaster Management Authority (KSDMA), 29-30 January 2020.
- **“Evaluation of Kerala Flood Relief Centers 2018: Integrating a Gender Sensitive Inclusive Disaster Management Plan”**, for special conclave on the theme *“Vulnerability Reduction and Reconstruction: Policies, Approaches and Methods in Disaster Management”* conducted as part of the 45<sup>th</sup> All India Sociological Conference (AISC) Department of Sociology, University of Kerala and Kerala Disaster Management Authority, Govt. of Kerala, 27 December 2019.
- **“Understanding Hofstede’s Theory in the Indian Context”**, for Indo-Swedish Academic Exchange Forum organized by Teresian International- 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019.
- **“Volunteer Response in Relief Operations: Opportunities and Challenges”** for International Conference jointly organized by Teresian International and graduate school of global environmental studies, Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan, 16 September 2019.
- **“Cultural and Historical Identity of Jews in Kochi”** for academic exchange programme organized by Teresian International in collaboration with Sophia University, Tokyo, Japan, 27 August- 1 September 2019.
- **“Challenges of Women in Armed Services”**, for one day National Seminar on *“Women and Economic Development”*, Department of Economics, University of Kerala, Kariavattom, Thiruvananthapuram, 18 February 2019.
- **“Mapping Transformations in India’s Foreign Policy Behaviour: Emerging Trends in Bilateral Relations”**, for UGC National Seminar on *“Great Power Dynamics: Prospects and Retrospects of India’s Foreign Policy”*, Post Graduate Department of Political Science, Panampilly Memorial Government College, Thrissur, 28-29 September, 2018.
- **“Drawing Lines in Water: Emergence of the Delimitation of Maritime Space and Changing Conception of Territoriality in India under the Colonial Regime”**, for Geographies of World History Graduate Conference, University of Cambridge, 30 September 2017.
- **“China’s Politico-Diplomatic Engagements in the Indian Ocean: ‘Realpolitik’ versus ‘Trustpolitik’ “**, for third National Maritime Foundation-Academy of World Watch (NMF-AWW) bilateral, Beijing and Shanghai, China from 15 May to 19 May 2016.
- **“Good Order at Sea: India’s Imperatives and Approaches”**, for National Conference on *“Good Order At Sea: India’s Role”*, organized by UGC Centre for Maritime Studies, Pondicherry University, from 18-19 February 2016.

- **“Negotiating Maritime Borders: A Study of Indo-Sri Lankan Fishing Disputes”**, in the panel *Revisiting Borders in South Asia*, for Annual International Studies Convention on *Power, Resistance and Justice in the International System: Perspectives from the South*, organized by School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, from March 22-23, 2015
- **“Indo- Sri Lankan Fishing Disputes under Postcolonial Statehood: Understanding Changing Conceptions of Territoriality and State Making in India”**, for South Asian Regional Conference on *Engaging South Asia: Challenges and Opportunities of New Diplomacy*, organized by K.P.S. Menon Chair for Diplomatic Studies, School of International Relations and Politics, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam in association with the Kerala State Higher Education Council and the UGC Public Policy and Governance Programme from March 27-28, 2014.
- **“Fuzzy Borders: Understanding post-colonial territoriality and State making in India”**, in the panel *Borders and Territoriality: A North-South Dialogue* for Annual International Studies Convention on *Re-imagining Global Orders: Perspectives from the South*, Organized by School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, from 10-12 December 2013

## Publications

### Research Papers/Articles

- **“Local Actors as Force Multipliers: Lessons from Operation Madad in Kerala”**  
Article: web publication, September 11, 2018  
<http://thedialogue.co/dialogue/?s=Local+Actors+as+Force+Multipliers%3A+Lessons+from+Operation+Madad+in+Kerala>  
<https://www.cppr.in/article/local-actors-as-force-multipliers-lessons-from-operation-madad-in-kerala/>
- **“Good Order at Sea: India’s Imperatives and Approaches”**  
Published in “Good Order at Sea: Indian Perspective” ed., Adluri Subramanyam Raju, 2018, ISBN: 978-93-85883-61-3
- **“Vietnam’s Dilemma in Context of South China Sea: United States versus China”**  
Viewpoint: web publication, June 6, 2016, National Maritime Foundation.  
<http://www.maritimeindia.org/View%20Profile/636027505454881723.pdf>
- **Book Review: “India’s Ocean: The Story of India’s Bid for Regional Leadership” by David Brewster**  
Maritime Affairs Journal, 12:1, 91-93, DOI: 10.1080/09733159.2016.1175133,  
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/09733159.2016.1175133>, 28-4-2016, ISSN: 0973-3159
- **“International Fleet Review: Showcasing India’s Naval Orientation”**

Published in "Partnering Across Oceans" eds. Vijay Sakhuja and Kapil Narula, 2016, ISBN: 978-81-930159-4-0

- **Deep-Sea Fishing: A Solution to India-Sri Lanka Fishing Issue?**

Maritime Perspectives 2015, eds, Vijay Sakhuja and Gurpreet Khurana, 2015, ISBN: 978-81-930159-5-7 also see, Viewpoint: web publication 26-10-2015, National Maritime Foundation  
<http://www.maritimeindia.org/View%20Profile/635814151079539875.pdf>

- **"Negotiating Postcolonial Spaces: A Study of Indo-Sri Lankan Fishing Disputes",**

Published in, *International Studies*, special issue on Borders, in an international peer reviewed scholarly journal by SAGE Publications from Los Angeles, London, New Delhi, Singapore and Washington, DC (Print ISSN: 0020-8817; Online ISSN: 0973-0702; <http://intl-isq.sagepub.com>), Volume 50, Issue 1-2, January & April, First Published November 28, 2016; pp. 145–164.

<http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/0020881716654405>

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