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Research Scholar in International Relations, a passionate teacher of Political Science at Undergraduate level, recipient of the best National Service Scheme Programme Officer Award at the Kerala State level, a vivid observer and commentator of international issues on matters relating to foreign policy and a responsible citizen with a sense of social commitment. Presently working as the coordinator of the United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI) chapter at CMS College, Kottayam, Kerala.

Work Experience

Assistant Professor- Department of Political Science, CMS College Kottayam, Kerala (January 2015 to Present)

Inculcating young minds with an understanding of the theory and practice of the subject domain, Political Science.

Courses taught at the Undergraduate level

- An Introduction to Political Science
- Indian Constitution and Social Issues in India

Guest Faculty- Political Science, CMS College Kottayam (June to December 2014)

Industrial Experience- Operations in Charge, Cholamandalam MS General Insurance Co. Pvt Ltd (February to May 2009)

Educational Qualification

Pursuing Ph.D. from the School of International Relations and Politics, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala on the topic “**China’s Strategic Engagements in South Asia; A Comparative Study of Sino-Indian and Sino-Pakistan Ties**” under the supervision of Prof. (Dr) K.M. Seethi since 2016.

M.Phil. (2011-2013), CGPA Score- 6.87, Centre for West Asian Studies, School of International Studies, **Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi** on the topic “Food Security in Egypt; 1981-2011”.

MA in International Relations and Politics (2009-2011), CGPA Score- 7.97, School of International Relations and Politics, **Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala.**

MBA (Industry Integrated) specialized in Marketing, **Madurai Kamaraj University (OFF Campus Centre) at Kottayam (2006-2008).**

B. Com with specialization in Computer application from **St. Cyril's College, Adoor, Kerala University.**

Professional Qualification

Cleared UGC NET in International and Area Studies in December 2013.

Academic Areas of Interest

International Relations- South Asian & Middle Eastern Politics, Chinese Foreign Policy.

Awards and Accolades

- Recipient of the **Best Programme Officer**, National Service Scheme (NSS) at the University and State level, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala (2019-2020).
- Selected for Fostering Linkages in Academic Innovation and Research (FLAIR), Ministry of Higher Education, Government of Kerala, 2019-20.
- An honour of appreciation on behalf of NSS from the Honourable Minister for Food and Civil Supplies, Government of Kerala and District Collector, Kottayam for the exemplary flood relief activities carried out during the dreadful event of **Kerala Floods 2018.**
- **Letters of appreciation** from the Honourable District Collector, Kottayam for coordinating the election related activities as the **District Nodal Officer** for Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (**SVEEP**), during Lok Sabha General Election, 2019 and Kerala Assembly Election 2021.

Publications

- 1) ***"The Dragon in the Desert: Growing Chinese Footprint in West Asia"*** in the Indian Journal of Politics and International Relations at the School of International Relations and Politics in Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala, December 2015.
- 2) ***"Feeding the Arab Population: Challenging Task Ahead"*** in World Focus, India and West Asia, June 2013, ISSN 2230-8458.
- 3) ***"The West Asian Crisis and India's Foreign Policy"*** in World Focus, India's Foreign Policy Architecture: India's Growing and Greater Visibility Strategic Redesigning, December 2013, ISSN 2230-8458.
- 4) ***"Engaging with Iran: Contemporary Challenge to Indian Foreign Policy"*** in the book entitled India and Iran in Contemporary Relations edited by R Sidda Goud and Manisha Mookherjee, ISBN 9788184249095.
- 5) ***"India's Quest for a South Asian Neighbourhood"***, World Focus, India's New Foreign Policy: A Change in Perspective, November 2014, ISSN 22230-8458.
- 6) ***"Chinese inroads to South Asia: Challenges to Indian Diplomacy"*** published in the *South Asian Journal of Diplomacy*, December 2014, ISSN 2229-3361.

Membership in Academic Organizations

- Member of the International Studies Association, Connecticut, USA (2017-2019).
- Indian Political Science Association, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh. (Life Member)
- Kerala Political Science Association, Trivandrum. (Life Member)

Important Assignments at the District Administration and the University Level

District Nodal Officer (Kottayam) of SVEEP, under the Election Commission of India for Lok Sabha General Election 2019 and Kerala Legislative Assembly Elections 2021.

Nodal Officer for District Youth Parliament at CMS College, Kottayam under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt of India & NSS Regional Directorate, Kerala, January 2019.

Contingent Leader representing Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam at National Integration Camp, National Service Scheme, organized by JSS Academy of Higher Education and Govt of Karnataka held at Mysore, (March 5-11, 2020).

Important Assignments at the College

- Programme officer, NSS (June 2017– March 2020).
- Joint Coordinator, United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI) (June 2017- March 2020).
- Nodal Officer, Swachh Bharath Summer Internship Programme (SBSI), April 2018.
- **E Content development for Undergraduate students - Key Ideas of Liberalism,** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1ELDrRmEDMw>

Op-ed Article in Indian Express on “West Asia after Trump”

- An opinion article entitled “West Asia after Trump in the Indian Express” on February 5, 2021, <https://indianexpress.com/article/opinion/west-asia-after-trump-7176274/>

Web Commentaries

- Commentary article entitled “India and the UAE-Israel Rapprochement” in The Geopolitics on September 5, 2020, <https://thegeopolitics.com/india-and-the-uae-israel-rapprochement/>
- A web commentary on “Qatar Crisis and India’s Worry” in the online issue of South Asia Journal.

Invited Lectures

- Delivered the Keynote address on “**Youth and Indian General Election 2019**” organized by Amal Jyothi College of Engineering, Kanjirapally, April, 2019.
- “**India’s Foreign Policy towards Pakistan and China since Independence**” at Kumaraguru College of Liberal Arts and Science, Coimbatore, 24th September 2020.
- An invited lecture on **Hiroshima Nagasaki Commemoration Day** at Department of Economics, KE College, Mannanam, 9th August 2020.
- Delivered **Special Alumni Lecture** organised in honour of the founding pillars of School of International Relations & Politics (SIRP) Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam on the topic “**China and Security Dynamics in South Asia**” on 19th December 2020.
- “**Youth for Prevention & Mitigation of Covid19**”, National Service Scheme, St Cyril’s College, Adoor, 25th December 2020.
- Delivered a lecture on **SVEEP** by MES College, Erumely and Field Outreach Bureau, Government of India, 18th March 2021.

Media Discussion on Kerala Assembly Elections 2021

- Participated in Media Discussion on Gfiles Big Debate on Kerala Assembly Elections 2021, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RIkGxVL3Vy4>

International Conference, USA

- Presented a paper titled “**India, China and Pakistan; The Strategic Triangle in South Asia**” at the 58th Annual Convention of the International Studies Association in Baltimore, Maryland, USA on 25th February 2017.

National Conferences and Seminars

- “**China’s Maritime Ambitions in the Melting Arctic; Exploring the Northern Sea Route**”, 10th All India Conference on China Studies, Institute of China Studies, New Delhi held at Goa University, December 12th -14, 2017.
- “**China’s Diplomatic Shield of Masood Azhar at the UN**”, 12th All India Conference on China Studies, Institute of China Studies, New Delhi held at OP Jindal Global University, November 8th -10th, 2019.
- Participated at the 1st India Forum on China “**Deciphering China’s Quest for Global and Regional Leadership**”, 14th-15th December 2017, Institute of Chinese Studies & Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung at International Centre, Goa.
- “**Arab Food Security**” at the Centre for West Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, May 2013.
- “**India and the Arab Uprising: The Way Ahead**”, Association of Political Scientists, Kerala, Government College, Kottayam on 5-6th February 2014.

- **“Chinese inroads to South Asia: Challenges to Indian Diplomacy”**, KPS Menon Chair for Diplomatic Studies, School of International Relations and Politics, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, 27-28 March 2014.
- **“An Analysis of Maoist Insurgency: India’s Biggest Internal Security Threat”**, Department of Political Science, Marthoma College, Thiruvalla, 21st January 2016.
- **“The Global Food Crisis and the Indian Experience”**, Inter University Centre for Organic Farming and Sustainable Agriculture, Mahatma Gandhi University held at CMS College, Kottayam, 22nd to 24th April 2018.

References

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- 2) Prof. (Dr) K. M. Seethi (Research Guide)
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