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## EXPERIENCE

### Senior Research Officer

#### Chennai Centre for China Studies (C3S)

June 2019 – Present Chennai, Tamil Nadu

- Critical analyses on understanding political, security, economic developments and trends in China and Greater South Asian region.
- Editor of all publications submitted to C3S.

### Head - Media & Outreach

#### Chennai Centre for China Studies (C3S)

January 2020 – Present Chennai, Tamil Nadu

- Research communications through building networks with national and global institutions including academic partners offering high quality research-based advice, course-training and technical assistance.
- Outreach via other channels: publications and online-media.
- Organizer and coordinator for all national and international conferences, lectures and discussions.

### Editor & Head - "China Watch"

#### Chennai Centre for China Studies (C3S)

January 2020 – Present Chennai, Tamil Nadu

- Editor and compiler of the newsletter offering news & analysis on China.

### Program Coordinator- Internships

#### Chennai Centre for China Studies (C3S)

January 2020 – Present Chennai, Tamil Nadu

- Mentoring research interns. More than 75 have received training.

### Freelancer

#### Teaching and Mentoring

March 2016 – June 2018 Chennai, Tamil Nadu

- Trained UPSC aspirants with reading material associated with international relations, polity and economics

## COURSEWORK

### GCSS Takshashila

#### Graduate Certificate in Strategic Studies

September-December 2018 Bangalore

- Subjects covered: International relations, economic analyses, media management and economic reasoning for public policy
- Emerging scenario of strategic policies and Indian strategic thought

### Chinese (Mandarin)

#### Hanyu Shuiping Kaoshi (HSK) Level I

August 2018 Chennai

## CAREER ASPIRATION

Equipped with adeptness in research and understanding of trends in China and Greater South Asian region, I am driven to shape my career in policy making and tackle complex policy challenges. I have extensively studied China's foreign relations (defense and security policies) and China's economic development (trade and industrial policies)

## EDUCATION

### Masters in Public Administration

#### Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)

2014 – 2016 Chennai

### Bachelor of Commerce

#### D.G. Vaishnav College of Arts and Science

2009 – 2012 Chennai

## STRENGTHS

International Relations  
Strategic Studies  
China and Greater South Asian region  
Policy Analysis Economics  
Defense and Security

Leadership Perseverance  
Eye for detail Analytical Ability  
Adaptability

## LANGUAGES

English ●●●●●  
Tamil ●●●●●  
Hindi ●●●●●  
Chinese (Mandarin) ●●●●●

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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- Balasubramanian C., (May 2022) **China and the Pacific Step Up.** *Hindustan Times.* [Link](#)
- Balasubramanian C., (Feb 2021) **Decoding Chinese Characteristics in Innovation: China's Silicon Valley Dream.** *C3S Issue Brief I.* [Link](#)
- Balasubramanian C., (May 2021) **China and the Balkan Chessboard.** *EJSS Vol 2, Issue 1, pg:14-22.* [Link](#)
- Balasubramanian C., (Sep 2020) **Indian Ocean and South China Sea: Jugular Vein as Gordian Knot.** *The Rise.* [Link](#)
- Balasubramanian C., (Sep 2020) **Divergence in Convergence: China – Pakistan Axis.** *Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Diplomatist.* [Link](#)
- Balasubramanian C., (May 2020) **Reading the Tea Leaves: Chinese Strategic Thought.** *C3S article.* [Link](#)
- Balasubramanian C., (Feb 2020) **The Black Swan Called the Coronavirus.** *The Geopolitics.* [Link](#)
- Balasubramanian C., (Oct 2019) **Noodle Bowl Trap: Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership.** *C3S Issue Brief I.* [Link](#)

## INVITED TALKS

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1. "Research Methodology", webinar with **Dept. of International Relations, Maharaja's College, University of Mysore**, 11 June 2022
2. "China's Control Over Global Supply Chain", at two-day webinar on Decoding the Idea of Communist China as a part of Two-and-a-Half War series launched in the memory of Late Gen. Bipin Rawat, **Indic Researchers Forum in collaboration with C3S**, 29-30 April 2022
3. "Maritime Challenges from China in the South China Sea and ASEAN", webinar on India's Maritime Security Challenges and Responses, **Indus International Research Foundation**, 30 Nov 2021
4. "Reading the Tea Leaves", talk at Chinese Society in the New Era, **ITC Grand Chola, Chennai (organized by MEA, Govt. of India)**, 8 April 2021
5. "Idea of Indo-Pacific: Geopolitics in Recognition of Reality" at two-day conference on Traditional and Non-traditional Security Challenges amid Covid-19; Threats and Responses, **South Indian Scholars' Group of International Studies (SIGIS)**, 30 Sep 2020
6. "India China Nepal Trilateral Cooperation" an international webinar on New Realities in India-China-Nepal Relationship: Economic Opportunities and Connectivity Challenges, **Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement, Kathmandu**, 12 Aug 2020
7. "Dialogue of Civilisations: India-China Connect", **The Armed Forces Veteran Officers Association of Chennai**, 5 Jul 2020
8. "Cultural Manipravala: India-China Connect", **C3S**, 27 Jun 2020

## REFERENCES

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