

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## Education

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- US Studies Program (USSP), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)**  
**PhD Candidate**  
2018- *Present*      Thesis: US Japan Alliance: ‘Reset’ in Security Cooperation, 1997-2019  
Supervisor: Prof (Dr.) K.P. Vijayalakshmi
- US Studies Program (USSP), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)**  
**M.Phil. in US Studies**  
2016- 2018      Dissertation: United States Funding of United Nations in the Post-Cold War Era: Domestic Debates  
Dissertation Grade: A, Overall MPhil CGPA: 8.00  
Supervisor: Prof (Dr.) K.P Vijayalakshmi
- Department of Geopolitics and International Relations, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Karnataka**  
**M.A. in Geopolitics and International Relations**  
2012-2014      Dissertation: Emergence of Smart Power Concept in the US Strategy towards the Indo-Pacific Region  
Dissertation Grade: A+, Overall CGPA: 7.80  
Supervisor: Dr Monish Tourangbam
- Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi, New Delhi**  
**B.A.in Political Science (Hons)**  
2009- 2012      Percentage: 53.36%

## Work Experience

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- Research Assistant, University with Potential for Excellence (UPOE) II funded project of Prof K.P. Vijayalakshmi on “Synergising Global Strategic Objectives to Policy: Indo-US Strategic Partnership”, 2019
- Research Intern, Kalinga Institute of Indo Pacific Studies, Bhubaneswar, Orissa (January-June, 2019)

- Research Intern under the supervision of Dr G. Balachandran at North America Centre, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA), New Delhi (2014 to 2016)

## **Publications**

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- ***Book Chapter***

“The Age of Internet: A Tech Savvy World and New Diplomacy” in Swati Bute (ed), *Media Diplomacy and Its Evolving Role in the Current Geopolitical Climate*, 2018, (IGI Global: Pennsylvania), <https://www.igi-global.com/gateway/book/181732>

- ***Journal/ Magazine Articles***

Co-Authored with Dr Monish Tourangbam, “COVID-19 and the U.S. Presidential Election 2020: The Shape of Things to Come”, *Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Diplomatist*, v18, n.2, April 16, 2020, <http://diplomatist.com/2020/04/16/covid-19-and-the-u-s-presidential-election-2020-the-shape-of-things-to-come/>

“America’s Soft Power and China’s Dynamism: The Trump Era”, *World Focus*, January 2018, <http://www.worldfocus.in/magazine/emerging-dynamics-of-indo-pacific-role-of-major-powers/>

Co- Authored with Dr Monish Tourangbam, “The Role of Soft Power in Indo-US Relations”, *World Focus*, December, 2015, <http://www.worldfocus.in/magazine/indias-foreign-policy-series-2/>

Co-authored with Dr G Balachandran, “Israel-Gaza Crisis: Understanding the War Crimes Debate”, *Strategic Analysis*, v.39, n.2, February 18, 2015 <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/09700161.2014.1000668#abstract>

“US, India and China: Pawns to Geopolitical Changes”, *Insight Southeast Asia*, v. 4, n. 3, January-February 2015, <http://www.idsa.in/isa.html>

Co-authored with Dr Monish Tourangbam, “Indo-US Relations: From Policy Paralysis to New Dynamism?”, *World Focus Magazine*, December, 2014, [http://www.worldfocus.in/index\\_files/420.htm](http://www.worldfocus.in/index_files/420.htm)

“Obama’s Policy towards Africa: A Blend of Competition and Roadblocks”, *Africa Trends*, v.3, n. 4, October-December 2014, <http://www.idsa.in/africatrends.html>

- ***Online/Newsletter Commentaries and Backgrounders***

“Proactive Japan Looking for Leadership”, *International Policy Digest*, September 9, 2021, <https://intpolicydigest.org/the-platform/proactive-japan-looking-for-leadership/>

“Biden Won: What’s Next?”, *Modern Diplomacy*, November 10, 2020, <https://moderndiplomacy.eu/2020/11/10/biden-won-whats-next/>

Co-authored with Dr Monish Tourangbam, “The Running Mate and the Race: US Presidential Election 2020”, *Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Diplomatist*, June 2, 2020, <http://diplomatist.com/2020/06/02/the-running-mate-and-the-race-u-s-presidential-election-2020/>

“Tensed Celebrations: Key Takeaways from Trump’s Visit to Japan”, *Kalinga Institute for Indo-Pacific Studies*, June 2, 2019, <http://www.kiips.in/research/tensed-celebrations-key-takeaways-from-trumps-visit-to-tokyo/>

“Behold! China to Your Rescue: Patriotism, Power and Propaganda in Chinese Motion Pictures”, *Kalinga Institute for Indo-Pacific Studies*, March 2019, <http://www.kiips.in/research/behold-china-to-your-rescue-patriotism-power-and-propaganda-in-chinese-motion-pictures/>

“American Mood Swings and the Overdue Japanese Moment: From TPP to CPTPP”, *Kalinga Institute for Indo Pacific Studies*, January February, 2019, <http://www.kiips.in/research/american-mood-swings-and-the-overdue-japanese-moment-from-tpp-to-cptpp/>

“The TPP Debate”, *International Policy Digest*, June 2, 2016, <http://intpolicydigest.org/2016/06/02/the-tpp-debate/>

“US-Cuba Relations: From Breakdown to Breakthrough”, *Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA)*, August 7, 2015, [http://www.idsa.in/backgrounder/US-CubaRelationsFromBreakdowntoBreakthrough\\_aseth\\_070815.htm](http://www.idsa.in/backgrounder/US-CubaRelationsFromBreakdowntoBreakthrough_aseth_070815.htm)

“The 2014 Mid-Term Elections in the United States”, *Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA)*, December 17, 2014, [http://www.idsa.in/backgrounder/The2014Mid-termElectionsintheUnitedStates\\_aseth\\_171214.html](http://www.idsa.in/backgrounder/The2014Mid-termElectionsintheUnitedStates_aseth_171214.html)

“Reality Killed Obama’s Pivot”, *International Policy digest*, November 23, 2014, <http://www.internationalpolicydigest.org/2014/11/23/what-happened-to-obama-s-asia-pivot/>

“1<sup>st</sup> US-Africa Leaders’ Summit: A new Chapter in the US-Africa Relations”, *Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA)*, August

20,2014,[http://www.idsa.in/backgrounder/1stUSAfricaLeadersSummit\\_AakritiSethi\\_200814.html](http://www.idsa.in/backgrounder/1stUSAfricaLeadersSummit_AakritiSethi_200814.html)

“Competition for Hydropower in the Himalayan Region: The Complex Regional Scenario”, *Science Technology and Security Forum*, August 11, 2014, <http://stsfor.org/content/competition-hydropower-himalayan-region-complex-regional-scenario>

- **Book Reviews**

Chintamani Mahapatra (eds), *Rise of the Indo Pacific: Perspectives, Dimensions and Challenges*, Political Discourse, v.5, n.1, June 2019

Dennis Rumley (eds.), *The Political Economy of Indian Ocean Maritime Africa*, *Africa Trends*, v.4, n.1, January-March, 2015, <http://www.idsa.in/africatrends.htm>

- **Upcoming Publication**

Book Review of Yoichi Funabashi and G. John Ikenberry (eds) (2020), *The Crisis of Liberal Internationalism: Japan and the World Order*, *Journal of Asian Security and International Affairs (JASIA)*

## **Conference Paper Presentation**

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- “Japan at Critical Juncture: Making and Unmaking of National Identity” at International Conference on *Early Career Researchers and Graduate Students Conference 2021*, organized by University of Edinburgh Forum on Korea and The Academy of Korean Studies on September 2, 2021
- “Abe Diplomacy and Donald Trump: Avoiding Shifts in the US-Japan Alliance” at National Conference on *Emerging Global Patterns in International Relations: US, Canada and Latin American Perspectives*, organized by CCUS&LAS of JNU on 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> July, 2021
- “Deconstructing China’s “*Ruan Shili*”: A Struggle for Soft Power Supremacy in the Indo Pacific Region” at International Conference on *Emerging Security Order in Indo Pacific: Issues and Challenges*, organised by CCUS&LAS of JNU, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) and Kalinga Institute for Indo Pacific Studies (KIIPS), New Delhi on 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> July, 2018

## **Report Writing, Conference Coordinator & Social Media Experience**

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- India-US-China: Emerging Strategic Equations, Organised by CCUS&LAS, Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), New Delhi, 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> September 2019
- Emerging Security Order in Indo-Pacific: Issues and Challenges, Organised by CCUS&LAS, Kalinga Institute of Indo Pacific Studies & ICSSR, New Delhi, July 14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, February 2018
- 18<sup>th</sup> Asian Security Conference on Securing Cyberspace: Asian and International Perspectives, MP-IDSA, New Delhi, February 9, 2016
- 7<sup>th</sup> Delhi Dialogue on ASEAN-India Shaping the Post 2015 Agenda, MP-IDSA, New Delhi, March 12, 2015
- 3<sup>rd</sup> India Africa Strategic Dialogue on India-Africa: Building Synergies in Peace, Security & Development, MP-IDSA, New Delhi, March 3, 2015
- 17<sup>th</sup> Asian Security Conference on Asian Security: Comprehending the Indian Approach, MP-IDSA, New Delhi, February 13, 2015

## **Areas of Interest**

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- US Foreign Policy
- US-China Relations
- US-Japan Relations
- India's Foreign Policy
- Indo Pacific Region
- US Domestic Politics