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Adjunct Professor and Director, Gollis University Research Institute (GURI), November 2014 – December 2015

Selected Journal Articles

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“The Middle East and the Quad Plus.” *Journal of Indo-Pacific Affairs* Vol. 3 No. 5 (2020) pp. 269-284.

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