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JOB OBJECTIVE

A dedicated & knowledgeable researcher and teacher, seeking post-doctoral or mid-level assignments in teaching, research, editing, project coordination & project development roles with an organisation of high repute.

PROFILE SUMMARY

- A competent professional with **nearly 12 years** of experience in the areas of **Teaching and Research, International projects, Media, Public Policy, Content Writing and Project Coordination.**
- **Ph.D** in International Relations from School of International Service, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
- Recipient of prestigious **Nehru Doctoral Fulbright Fellowship** and worked **from August'11 to May'12** at Center for Asian Studies, School of International Service, American University, Washington DC, USA as **Visiting Fulbright Research Scholar** and **Adjunct Faculty.**
- Practical research and teaching experience in India and abroad and eagerness to work in an international environment.
- Comprehensive knowledge base & notable soft skills nurtured during certification, research assignments, field trip and lectures delivered and attended.
- Focused & goal driven with strong work ethics, continuously striving for improvement coupled with commitment to offer best quality results.
- Abilities in handling multiple priorities with a genuine interest in personal & professional development
- Quick learner & highly energetic with a keen aptitude for learning and applying new knowledge resourcefully.
- Team player with strong communication, analytical, presentation and organizational skills.
- A keen communicator with the ability to relate to people across all hierarchical levels in the organization and stakeholders' communication.

EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Political Science Royal School of Humanities & Social Sciences, The Royal Global University Guwahati, India	(since) 2018
Programme Officer Ananta Aspen Centre New Delhi, India	2014
Consultant Thought Arbitrage Research Organisation New Delhi, India	2012
Adjunct Faculty & Visiting Scholar Center for Asian Studies, SIS, American University Washington DC	2011

EDUCATION

PhD, American Studies (International Relations) 2021

Jawaharlal Nehru University, School of International Studies | New Delhi, India

Major fields: International politics, US foreign policy (region: East Asia)

Topic of Thesis: “*US-Taiwan Relations during Bush Administration, 2001- 2008*”

Advanced Diploma in Academic English Program | IELTS, **University of Texas, Austin** 2011

M. Phil, American Studies (International Relations) 2008

Jawaharlal Nehru University, School of International Studies | New Delhi, India

Topic of Dissertation: - “*US Role in ASEAN Regional Forum during Bush Administration*”

MA in Political Science 2006

Ramjas College affiliated to School of Social Sciences, Faculty of Arts, University of Delhi | New Delhi, India

PG Diploma, English Journalism (Print)

Institute of Media Studies and **Information** Technology, YMCA | New Delhi, India

BA in Political Science (Hons.) 2004

Ramjas College, University of Delhi | New Delhi, India

Research and Teaching Interests

International Relations, American foreign policy, East Asia, China, Taiwan, South Asian politics, politics in India, gender, queer identity, and queer movements.

Teaching Experience:

Royal Global University | Guwahati, India:

Undergraduate: Nationalism in India, Gender and Politics in India, Introduction to Comparative Government and Politics, International Relations, Theories of International Relations and World History, Understanding South Asia, and India’s Foreign Policy.

Postgraduate: Themes of Indian Political Thought, Comparative Political Analysis, Politics in India, Foreign Policies of Major Powers and India’s Foreign Policy.

Gauhati University | Guwahati, India:

India- ASEAN Relations with special reference to India- Thailand relations.

Peer-Reviewed Publications:

1. *India – US Partnership in Climate Change and Clean Energy: An Assessment, Journal of Foreign Policy and National Affairs*, Special Issue, ISSN: 2581-8929 – To be published
2. Democratic Transition, New Taiwanese Identity and Queer Rights Movements in Taiwan: Assessing the Linkages, Occasional Paper, No. 85, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi.
<https://www.icsin.org/uploads/2022/03/30/cad2f4bfc7deb85d01d6699dfdc9f0d0.pdf>

3. *Gender Minority and the Indian State: The Political Identity of Transgender Community as Sexual Minority in India*, **Inclusive, Vol. II. Issue 19, July 2021, A UGC-CARE LISTED JOURNAL, ISSN 2278-9758**
4. *India's Act East Policy: Implications for India- Myanmar Relations*, **Journal of Information and Computational Science, Vol 10, Issue 11, November 2020, PP: 439 -459 ISSN: 1548-7741**
5. *The China Factor in India's Act East Policy: Implications for the Northeast India*, **Journal of Politics, Vol XX, 2020, PP 226 – 247, ISSN: 2277-5617**
6. *India's engagement with the US for democratic development under Biden Administration: Expectations?* **Asian Journal of Multidisciplinary Research & Review (AJMRR) ISSN 2582 8088, Volume 2 Issue 2 PP 397 -312 [April - May 2021]**
7. *Indo-US Cooperation in Education* in *World Focus*, an Indocentric foreign Affairs monthly journal. Volume: XXIX, Number 7 July 2008.

Chapters in books and edited volumes:

1. India's Act East Policy: Implications for India- Myanmar Relations in the edited book by Dr. Samatha Mallempati in "**Enhancing India-Myanmar Ties: The Way Ahead**" (ICWA & KW publication, New Delhi, 2021).
2. "**One Belt, One Road: China's Strategy for an Asian Century**" in the edited book by Dr. Naser Raza Khan "India and the Silk Road – Exploring Current Opportunities, Primus Book, New Delhi. ISBN: 978-93-5290-722-9.
3. "**India-USA Engagement and Partnership for Democratic Development in 21st Century: Scope and Limitations**" in edited book by Dr. Mohammed Badrul Alam "Indo-US Relations: Dimensions and Emerging Trends" **Shipra Publications**, Delhi, ISBN: 978-81-7541-671-0.
4. Contributed as research assistant in "India's National Security Review, 2011" edited by Prof. Satish Kumar. Publisher: **Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group**, New Delhi. ISBN: 978-0415540629
5. Contributed to the chapter "*India's Engagement with Asia, Africa and Latin America*" along with Valte in the "**India's National Security Annual Review, 2010**" edited by Prof. Satish Kumar. Publisher: Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group, New Delhi. ISBN: 978 – 0415612555

Online Articles:

1. *Taiwan's Election 2010: Is China Ready for President Tsai's Second Term?* Kalinga Institute of Indo- Pacific Studies, URL: <http://www.kiips.in/research/taiwan-elections-2020-is-china-ready-for-president-tsais-second-term/>
2. *Taiwan's Response to COVID -19 Pandemic: Lessons for India* Kalinga Institute of Indo- Pacific Studies, <http://www.kiips.in/research/taiwans-response-to-covid-19-pandemic-lessons-for-india/>
3. "*Taiwan in 2020: A Review*" Kalinga Institute of Indo- Pacific Studies, <http://www.kiips.in/research/taiwan-in-2020-a-review/>

4. "China – Taiwan Tension Escalates: Is Peaceful Reunification an Option?" Kalinga Institute of Indo- Pacific Studies. <http://www.kiips.in/research/china-taiwan-tension-escalates-is-peaceful-reunification-an-option/>

Work in Progress:

"*Queer Voices in Periphery: Perspectives from Northeast India*" co-editor along with Dr. Prateeti Barman, Associate Professor, Assam Downtown University, Guwahati, (Manuscript)

Fellowships & Academic Achievements:

- Awarded by the Royal Global University, Guwahati, for praiseworthy research performance in 2021.
- Fellow at Kalinga Institute of Indo- Pacific Studies, India, 2021
- Awarded **Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral and Professional Fellowship** in 2011-2012 by United States-India Education Foundation (USIEF) and Department of State, United States of America
- Awarded **Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR) Doctoral Fellowship** in 2010-2011
- Qualified **UGC-NET** (University Grant Commission-National Eligibility Test) in Political Science for lectureship in June 2007.

INTERNATIONAL/ NATIONAL CONFERENCES

- Presented paper on "***Sexual Minority and Gender Inequality in Indian State: Impact of COVID 19 on Queer and transgender women in India***" in A TWO-DAY NATIONAL WEBINAR ON GENDER AND SOCIETY IN CONTEMPORARY INDIA: ISSUES AND PROSPECTS Organised by: Department of Sociology, Shankardev College, Shillong, 9 -10 December 2021.
- Presented paper titled "***Democratic Transition, New Taiwanese Identity and Queer Rights Movement in Taiwan: Assessing the Linkages***" at 14th All India Conference of China Studies from 11th-13th November 2021 organised by Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS), New Delhi, Cheena Bhavana, Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan, and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS).
- Presented paper titled "***Sexuality, Gender and the Indian State: The Political Identity of Transgender Community in India***" at international virtual conference on Identity, Myths, Communication and Cultural Narratives on 28th and 29th November 2020 organised by Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, Central University of Karnataka, India.
- Presented paper titled "***Sexuality, Gender and the Indian State: Impact of COVID 19 on Transgender Community***" at Regional E Conference on Gender during COVID 19: Perspective on Northeast India on 25-26 August 2020 organised by Indian Association of Women Studies.
- Presented paper titled "***One Belt One Road: China's Grand Strategy for an Asian Century?***" at International Conference on "India and the Silk Road: Exploring Opportunities

in Contemporary Geopolitical Realities' on 17 – 18 February 2016, organised by MMAJ Academy of International Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.

- Participated at 2012 Sacramento Fulbright Enrichment Seminar on “**Ethnicity, Enfranchisement and the Electorate,**” from February 23-26, 2012 organised by Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs IIE Seminar Team, U.S. Department of State.
- Presented paper on “**The China Factor in India’s Act East Policy: Implications for the Northeast India**” at international conference on Act East Policy: Prospect and Challenge for North East India’ held at NIRDPR-NERC, Guwahati, during 15th March and 16th March 2019.
- Participated at National Seminar “**Enhancing India-Myanmar Ties: The Road Ahead**” organized by Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), New Delhi on 15th May 2019

Invited Talk:

- “**Five films on Freedom,**” on Gender and Sexuality organized by the British Council, India, The Department of Women Studies, Gauhati University & Anajoree on 22nd March 2022.
- **SamaBhav Travelling International Film Festival**, organized by the Department of Women’s Studies, Dibrugarh University and MAVA (Men Against Violence and Abuse) on 24th & 25th March 2022.
- **Act-East through North-East: Seizing Opportunities in the Context of Assam-Japan Relationship organized by** Skill Development Cell, B. Borooah College, in association with Mirai Japanese Learning Centre held on 19th March 2021
Spoke on: Act East policy in strengthening Assam-Japan relationship and in opening up more business, trade and career opportunities
- ‘*Gender Diversity: A Discourse Beyond the Boundaries*’ organised by Social Science Research Community (SSRC), India- Transcending Boundaries for Sustainable Alternatives held on 10th of March 2021 from 6 pm (IST).
- “*Taiwan and India: Mapping Bilateral Potential in the Indo-Pacific*” organized by Kalinga Institute of Indo-Pacific Studies (KIIPS) at 6 PM IST on June 23, 2020.
- Regularly moderated sessions on “Gender and Sexuality” of the Thursday Lecture Series of “Anaajoree,” a non-profit organization of Northeast India.

Major Projects & Events:

- Selected for US Alumni Micro Grants Competition 2022 for the project ‘US-India Cooperation in Building a Free and Open Indo-Pacific’
- TedX Royal Global University held on 15th February 2021, Guwahati, Assam, head of operations. [TEDxRoyalGlobalUniversity | TED](#)
- **The Nippon Foundation Project (International):** Coordinated the visit of five **Members of Parliament** to Japan in February 2018 and other activities to improve bilateral ties. The purpose of this project was to strengthen India- Japan bilateral relationship by developing and promoting greater understanding and cooperation

between Indian policymakers and Japanese policy makers, business leaders, media and academics.

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- **Foreign Policy Lecture Series:** main coordinator and the lead for the “Foreign Policy Lecture Series,” one of the biggest outreach programme of Ananta Aspen Centre to the premier education institutions of India. The objective of the series is to get the youth in the country to understand and appreciate the current global and economic environment and its impact on India and its youth. Lectures were conducted at around 20 Universities across India in 2017-2018
 - **China Symposia** - *A series of Public Sessions and Round Tables to develop a broader and deeper multi-dimensional understanding of China*, organized in New Delhi, Pune and Kolkata – 2016-2017
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LANGUAGES

Fluent in Assamese, Bengali, Hindi and English

PAST EXPERIENCE

- **November’09 to June’11 at Foundation for National Security Research (FNSR)**, Hauz Khas, New Delhi, as Research Assistant
Main Responsibilities:
- **January’08 to May’09 at Macmillan Publishing Solutions Ltd.**, New Delhi, as copy editor.
- **May’05 to Nov’05 at Ultra Global Software Technologies Ltd., Delhi** as content writer

PERSONAL DETAILS

Date of Birth 10th January 1984
Current Address: The Royal Global University, NH 37 Betkuchi, Opp. Tirupati Balaji Temple, Guwahati, Assam 781035
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