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Visiting Associate Fellow

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Areas of Interest

- PLA's emergent expeditionary capabilities; PLA's higher command reforms; Sino-Indian border areas; Chinese foreign and security policies; China and the world;
- Regional Security in the Indo-Pacific; Revolution in military affairs; Great powers in the world politics

Current Research Project

The reorganisation of PLA's higher defence echelons and its effects on China's expeditionary combat capabilities.

Academic Qualifications

- 2010-2015 **PhD**
School of Social Sciences / Monash Asia Institute,
Monash University, Clayton & Caulfield Campuses, Melbourne, Australia
Doctoral Thesis: 'The Evolution of Joint Warfare and China's Military Modernisation'; Supervisor –A/Prof. Jingdong Yuan, Dr Remy Davison
- 2006-2008 **Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) - First Class**
Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies,
Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India
M.Phil. Dissertation: 'China's Information Warfare: Trends and Capabilities'; Supervisor – Professor Srikanth Kondapalli
- 2004-2006 **Master of Politics (International Relations) - First Class**
School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University,
New Delhi, India
- 2003 **Bachelor in Computer Applications - First Class**
School of Computer and Information Sciences,
Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi, India

Professional Experience

2016 - **Visiting Associate Fellow**
Institute of Chinese Studies
New Delhi, India - 110054

Responsibilities

Conducting Research into PLA's Higher Command Reforms
Assessing PLA's Transformation

2015 - **Tutor (Semester Two)**
Course – POLS-2409 – International Relations of the 20th Century
School of Political Science and International Studies (POLISIS),
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences,
University of Queensland, Brisbane

Responsibilities

Conducting Tutorials
Assessment and Marking
Consultation

Tutor (Semester One)

Course – ATS-1873 – Introduction to International Relations
School of Social Sciences, Faculty of Arts,
Monash University, Melbourne

Responsibilities

Conducting Tutorials
Assessment and Marking
Consultation

2009-10 **Consultant**
Government of India

Responsibilities

Consultation work on China's security and foreign policy
Training and development

2009 - **Founder Member and Trustee – Middle East Institute, New Delhi**
Managed administrative, legal and technical aspects

2006 **Research Assistant**
Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS), New Delhi

Responsibilities

Conducting research into China's bilateral relations
Writing articles, special reports and conference reports
Assisting in seminar and conference coordination
Updating news section on the IPCS website

2002-03 **Software Engineer**
Birlasoft Limited, Noida, India

Responsibilities

In-house software development

Awards

2010 Monash University Graduate Scholarship for Post Graduate Research
Melbourne, Australia
Duration – 2010-2014

2006 Senior Research Fellowship in International Relations
University Grants Commission, Government of India
Duration – 2006-2011

2006 Qualified for Lectureship through 'National Eligibility Test',
University Grants Commission, Government of India

2000 National Award in Essay Competition
Ministry of Human Resource and Development, Government of India

Publications

Book

Kumar, Atul (in process), *China's Joint War: Emergent Expeditionary Capabilities*, Springer Publishers, Sydney.

Peer reviewed articles

- Kumar, Atul (2013), 'Sino-Turkish Strategic Partnership: Prudent Hedging or Irreversible Shift?', *China Report* (SAGE), Vol. 49, No. 1: 119-141.

- Kumar, Atul (2010), 'The evolving doctrine of Joint Warfare in the USA and its implications for Chinese military modernisation: implications for India', *ASAA Conference Proceedings*, Australia.
- Kumar, Atul (2006), 'China-Pakistan Economic Relations', *Special Report-30*, Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies, New Delhi

Other Articles

- Kumar, Atul (2009), 'Trajectory of China and India in space', *CNF World Focus*, No.351: 128-32.

Presentations

- The accelerated expansion of Sino-Turkish relationship
 - 19th Biennial Conference of the Asian Studies Association of Australia(ASAA), Sydney, 11 July 2012
- Factoring space into nuclear deterrence: An Indian view
 - Conference on China and India's Nuclear Doctrine and Dynamics,
 - Organised by Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, 2-3 June 2011
- The evolving doctrine of Joint Warfare in the USA and its implications for Chinese military modernisation: implications for India
 - 18th Biennial Conference of the Asian Studies Association of Australia(ASAA), Sydney, 8 July 2010
- The rise of China as an economic super power and its effects on the Asia-Pacific Security Architecture
 - The Architecture for Regional Economic Institutions: What does Asia-Pacific need, Monash University, 29 March 2010
- China's Information Warfare: An assessment
 - Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India, 2008
- China's Information Warfare: An assessment
 - Indian Army Headquarters, New Delhi, India, 2008

Professional and Academic Membership

2003-date	Institute for Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA), New Delhi, India
2009-date	Middle East Institute, New Delhi, India (Founder Member and Trustee)
2010-date	South Asian Studies Association of Australia (SASAA)
2012-date	Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA), Melbourne
2014-date	International Studies Association (ISA)
2010-2014	Asian Studies Association of Australia (ASAA)

Languages: English, Hindi, Simplified Chinese - beginner level, Bengali

Extra-Curricular

2008	Coordinator Seminar and photo-exhibition on “Taiwan plugging into the world”, 15-17 October, at the School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India
	Team Member Website creation for the Centre for East Asian Studies (CEAS), School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
2007	Election Commissioner- Jawaharlal Nehru University Student Union Elections
2004-06	Member, Student Faculty Committee, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
