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Ph.D. in Chinese Studies, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India (2008).

Thesis: *The Provinces in China: Provincialism, Regionalism and Transnational Linkages since the 1990s*

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Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, New Delhi, July 2010-June 2011.

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Research Fellow, Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, New Delhi, August 2006-September 2009.

Research Officer, Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, New Delhi, September 2003-August 2004.

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