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AREAS OF INTEREST

International Relations, East Asian affairs, Contemporary Japanese Politics, Japan's defense and security policies, India-Japan Relations, China- Japan relations, China's policy towards south Asia, Japanese language

CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS

Contemporary Japanese Politics, Japanese Foreign Policy, India-Japan Relations

EDUCATION

2005 –2010: **Ph.D** in International Relations (Japanese Studies Division)/ School of International Studies from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi and the topic of the research was “*Political debates on amending Japanese Pacifist Constitution*”.

Apr '07 - Dec '07: Studied at **Waseda University**, Tokyo as a **Research Student** (PhD level)

Jul '03 – Jul '05: **Master of Philosophy** in International Relations (Japanese Studies Division)/School of International Studies from JNU, New Delhi and the topic being “*Japanese Constitution: Relevance of Pacifism in the Post-Cold War Period*”.

CURRENT & PAST POSITIONS

Visiting Associate Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi

Assistant Professor (Guest), Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi

January 2018 to May 2018, Visiting Assistant Professor, School of Arts, Humanities and Social Science, Department of International Relations, University of Sharjah, UAE.

January 2017 to December 2017: Japanese Language instructor at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, New Delhi.

October 2015 to September 2016: Senior Researcher at Keio University's Keio Research Institute (on Japan Foundation's Post-Doctoral Fellowship).

October 2013 to September 2015: Research Fellow at **Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA)**, New Delhi involved in research activities related to Japan and East Asia.

June 2009 to September 2013 Researcher at **Institute For Defense Studies and Analyses** and researched on Japan and East Asia.

Feb 1998 to March '07: **Program Monitor** for **Radio Japan NHK**, Tokyo (Japan) with the responsibilities of content analysis on NHK's weekly programs.

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Changing Dynamics of India-Japan Relations: Buddhism to special strategic partnership, Pentagon Press, New Delhi, 2017.

Monograph

"India-Japan Politico-Economic Engagement: between the entrepreneurial interests and strategic objectives" (Monograph) VRF Series No. 482, Institute for Developing Economies, Japan External Trade Organization, Japan, May 2013, also published online at <http://www.ide.go.jp/English/Publish/Download/Vrf/pdf/482.pdf>

Papers in Journals

"Obama's Policy towards East Asia" (co-authored with Dr. Rajaram Panda and PranamitaBaruah) in *Strategic Analysis*, Volume, 34, No. 3, May-June 2010

"Japan's new defence guidelines: An Analysis", *Strategic Analysis*, Vol. 35, No. 3 May 2011, pp. 391-395.

"China and the South China Sea: Future Power Projections"(co-authored with Dr. Rajaram Panda), in *Indian Foreign Affairs Journal*, vol.5, no.3, July-September 2010, pp. 305-323.

"Further strengthening India-Japan strategic cooperation" (In Japanese), *Gaiko*, Volume 24, No. 2, pp 40-44, March, 2014.

"India-Japan Relations: Assessing a decade of Strategic Partnership", *Journal of Indian Ocean Studies*, Vol. 3, No. 22, December 2014.

"Indo-Japan memorandum on civil nuclear cooperation: Concerns and Challenges," *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol 51, Issue No. 14, 02 April 2016.

Book Chapters (refereed/ peer reviewed)

"Japan's Response to US's Pivot to Asia", in ed. S. D Muni and Vivek Chadha, *Asian Security Review 2014: US Pivot and Asian Security*, Pentagon Press, New Delhi, 175-188. ISBN 978-81-8274-769-2.

"China's ADIZ over East China Sea: Reactions from regional countries", **ICWA Global Review 2013**, edit. Rajiv K. Bhatia and Vijay Sakhuja, Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi, ISBN: 978-93-83445-04-2.

“Japan-SAARC Relations: Tokyo’s initiatives for regional peace, prosperity and stability” in SrabonyRoychaudhury, (ed). Japan-SAARC Cooperation: A Way Ahead, Pentagon Press (supported by Sasakawa Peace Foundation), New Delhi, 2014.

“Japan’s Defense and Security Policies”, in ed. S. D Muni and Vivek Chadha, *Asian Security Review 2013*, Pentagon Press, New Delhi., 148-163 ISBN: 978-81-8274-719-7.

“Indo-Japan Strategic Cooperation: Issues, Expectation and Challenges” in *India-Japan Dialogue: Challenge and Potential* edited by Akihiro Iwashita, paper No.6, Comparative Studies on Regional Powers, Slavic Research Center, Hokkaido University, Japan, July 2011, ISBN: 978-4-938637-63-7.

“China’s Relations with Japan and Korea: Measured caution” in **China Year Book** 2011, (edit) Mandip Singh, ISBN 978-93-82169-04-8, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi.

China’s Relations with East Asia in 2012, in edited, Rukmani Gupta, *China Year book 2013*, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi.

AWARDS/HONOURS

Nakasone Yasuhiro Award, 2011 by IIPS, Tokyo

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

Major Presentations

60Years of India-Japan Relations, Embassy of India, Tokyo, Represented India in panel discussion, January 18, 2012

India-Japan Relations in the 21st Century Pacific Era (Symposium), Keizai Koho Centre, January 16-19, 2012

“Japan-SAARC Cooperation for regional Peace and Prosperity,” paper presented at Japan-SAARC Conference, Le Meredian, New Delhi Nov 14-15 2013.

“India’s Look East Policy & Japan’s engagement with ASEAN: Analysing the convergences and Divergences,” paper presented at Northeast in India’s Look East: Issues and opportunity, seminar jointly organised by Jadhavpur Association of International Relations and Political Science Department, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Guwahati (India)October 28-30,2014

India-Japan Maritime Cooperation, paper presented at Centre for Foreign Policy and Security Studies, Gujarat National Law University during an international conference On "India's Foreign Relations - Southeast Asia and the Indian Ocean: Strengthening the Political, Economic, Security and Cultural Prospects", Ahmedabad (India) 12-13 September 2014.

“Japan’s Engagement with Myanmar,” paper presented at seminar on MYANMAR AT THE CROSSROADS: CURRENT REALITIES, CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES, organized by National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore, India, July 20-22, 2015.

“India-Japan Political and Strategic Partnership: Is China a factor?” Paper presented during Conference on Regional and Global Dynamics in India-Japan Relations, organised by Japanese Embassy New Delhi and Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi , October 8, 2015, New Delhi.

“Updates on Japan-India Relations,” paper presented in Japan-India workshop for Young Scholars at Japan Institute of International Affairs, (JIIA), Japan, March 17, 2016.

Presentations at Track 2/ Track 1.5 dialogues

“India-Japan-South Korea Trilateral: Prospects and Challenges” participated by Tokyo Foundation (Japan), Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security (South Korea) held in New Delhi, June 29, 2012.

“India-Japan Cooperation: Trends and New Developments,” Annual Bilateral Dialogue between National Institute of Defense Studies (Tokyo) and Institute of Defense Studies and Analyses (New Delhi), September 25, 2013.

“India-ROK Strategic Partnership, Ways to strengthen the Korea-India Bilateral Partnership,” Annual Bilateral Dialogue between Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security (South Korea) and Indian Council of World Affairs (New Delhi), held in Seoul on November 17, 2014

TEACHING

International Law, International Organization and Introduction to Politics at Department of International Relations, University of Sharjah

Japan’s Foreign Relations, India-Japan Relations, Contemporary Japanese Politics, Japan’s Foreign Policy at Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi.

Preliminary Japanese at IIT, New Delhi and at Khalsa College and Miranda College, University of Delhi.

PHD/M.Phil REVIEW COMMITTEES

Two Committees, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati (IIT-G).Department of East Asian Studies, JNU

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Manuscript review: *India Quarterly*,

FIELDWORK

Conducted field work in Hokkaido, Chiba, Tokyo and Kanagawa during visits to Japan

SELECT MEDIA APPEARANCES

Commentary: contributed commentaries on Contemporary East Asian studies to various websites including IDSA, ICWA, IPCS, New Delhi and Keizai Koho Centre Japan.

Appeared as panelist on Rajaya Sabha TV, Lok Sabha TV and CNN-IBN.

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

Japanese, English, Hindi, Urdu and Arabic