

## EDUCATION

**PhD** **2015-2022**

School of International Studies, Centre for East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

*Thesis: Assessing China and United States Relations in East Asia: Role of Geography in Balance of Power 2000-2016*

Supervisor: Professor Srikanth Kondapalli, Dean, School of International Studies

**M. Phil** **2012-2014**

School of International Studies, Centre For East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

*Dissertation: China's Strategy towards the United States in East Asia 1990-2013*  
CGPA: 7.4/9

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Research Fellow (Consultant)**

**CENTER FOR CONTEMPORARY CHINA STUDIES (CCCS)**  
**Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi**

**Jul 2021-Dec**  
**2023**

**Developed policy papers, talking points, and briefs for the internal consumption of the Government of India focussing on China's influence activities abroad. Analysed and drafted policy papers on foreign policy developments concerning North and South America, Western Europe, Oceania, East Asia, Taiwan and OBOR.**

- Monitored and provided insights on **Sino-US strategic competition, the technological competition, Sino-US competition in Pacific Island Countries and the China-US-Taiwan triangle.**
- Presented in-depth analyses to the Government of India on changes in China's Foreign Policy towards the US (Indo-Pacific Strategy) and China's external ideology (Xi Jinping Thought), changes in China's outlook and the impact on East Asia, Taiwan, North and South America, Western Europe and Oceania. Wrote **monthly analyses on OBOR, detailing the projects, investments across the globe** and their overall impact on China and the World.
- Represented CCCS in outreach program, conferences, seminars and other relevant events.
- Organised and coordinated the flagship IR seminar of CCCS—"China's Foreign Policy and International Relations in the New Era 2022".

**Research Analyst**

**MANOHAR PARIKAR-INSTITUTE OF DEFENCE STUDIES AND ANALYSIS (MP-IDSA), New Delhi**

**Apr 2017-Sep**  
**2018**

Responsible for analysing, briefing the information for the consumption of academia, administration, military and government personnel on the relevant foreign affairs and security issues of East Asia, focusing on China.

- Worked and presented analyses papers on **internal party politics, generations of leadership, changes post 19th Party Congress 2017.**
- Analysed the **China-US relations through National Defence Security Strategy 2017,**

- National Defence Strategy 2018, National Party Congress 2018.** Reported on the shifts in the relations of East Asian countries vis-a-vis China and the US.
- Extensively wrote in-depth briefings, summaries, articles, and research papers on contemporary Chinese politics and its impact on **Chinese economic and military strategies towards East Asia**.
  - Tracked news and opinions on **Chinese leadership, CPC Central Committee**, and internal politics.
  - **Editor** of the bi-monthly newsletter **East Asia Military Monitor**.
  - Organised and presented papers in various multinational conferences and Track II Dialogues.

**Associate Fellow**  
**CENTRE FOR AIR POWER STUDIES (CAPS), New Delhi**

**Feb 2015-Feb 2016**

Responsible for collating information from open source, analysing and disseminating it for the consumption of general public, academia, military, and government personnel through academic and general publications.

- Worked independently on the book project “Geopolitics of East Asia: China-US relations; Challenges for Indian Foreign Policy”.
- Examined the escalation in security risk due to China’s military modernisation and quest for regional hegemony; and impact of US presence on East Asian geopolitics.
- Researched, analysed, wrote papers on contemporary foreign policy issues in East Asia and India.

**Research Intern**  
**INSTITUTE OF CHINESE STUDIES, New Delhi**

**Aug-Oct 2013**

Conducted research on China’s border policies, economic and diplomatic activities along the Mekong region. Assisted Assistant Director with data collection, management and analysis.

**Research Intern**  
**OBSERVER RESEARCH FOUNDATION, New Delhi**

**Jun-Aug 2012**

Worked under Senior Fellow and advisor Vikram Sood (Ex-Chief of RAW) on the research paper “Peaceful Rise: Can China be an exception?”. Assisted Mr. Sood with research and data collection.

**Research Intern**  
**MANOHAR PARIKAR-INSTITUTE OF DEFENCE STUDIES AND ANALYSIS (MP-IDSA)**

**Jun-Jul 2011**

- Coordinated the MP-IDSA’s National Strategic Project and IDSA’s Institutional History Project.
- Interviewed past and present scholars to generate insights about the institute’s functioning and enthusiastic approach to research and policy making. Explored the history of the first think tank of the independent India, genesis of the culture of think tanks and comprehend its transition to the present.
- Contributed to the book projects “India’s Grand Strategy 2030” and “DRDO’s Global Trends 2030”.

## REFERENCE (ON REQUEST)

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## PUBLICATIONS

- No, India should not seek an alliance with Japan, <http://thediplomat.com/2014/09/no-india-should-not-seek-an-alliance-with-japan/>
- Return of Realpolitik, <http://thediplomat.com/2015/01/the-return-of-realpolitik/>
- China's economic ambition in Asia Pacific, In Focus, Center For Air Power Studies (CAPS), 4 Mar, 2015 [http://capsindia.org/files/documents/CAPS\\_Infocus\\_SWA.pdf](http://capsindia.org/files/documents/CAPS_Infocus_SWA.pdf)
- Deterring China, InFocus, Center For Air Power Studies, 5 Jun, 2015 [http://capsindia.org/files/documents/CAP-S\\_Infocus\\_SWA\\_01.pdf](http://capsindia.org/files/documents/CAP-S_Infocus_SWA_01.pdf)
- Effective Diplomacy for India, InFocus, CAPS, 12 Aug 2015, [http://capsindia.org/files/documents/CAPS\\_Info-cus\\_SA.pdf](http://capsindia.org/files/documents/CAPS_Info-cus_SA.pdf)
- China's Show of Peace or Power, InFocus, CAPS, 3 Sep 2015, [http://capsindia.org/files/documents/CAPS\\_Info-cus\\_SWA\\_03.pdf](http://capsindia.org/files/documents/CAPS_Info-cus_SWA_03.pdf)
- The Future of Cross-Straits Relations, InFocus, CAPS, 17 Nov 2015, [http://capsindia.org/files/documents/CAP-S\\_Infocus\\_SWA\\_04.pdf](http://capsindia.org/files/documents/CAP-S_Infocus_SWA_04.pdf)
- China's Blue Book on India, InFocus, CAPS, 6 Jan 2016, [http://capsindia.org/files/documents/CAPS\\_Info-cus\\_SWA\\_05.pdf](http://capsindia.org/files/documents/CAPS_Info-cus_SWA_05.pdf)
- Assessing Challenges of Deterring China, Defence and Diplomacy, CAPS, Sep 2015 <http://capsindia.org/dnd>
- China in International System: What Lies ahead for East Asia, Defence and Diplomacy, CAPS, Feb 2016, [http://capsindia.org/files/documents/D-D\\_JAN-MARCH-2016-FULL.pdf](http://capsindia.org/files/documents/D-D_JAN-MARCH-2016-FULL.pdf)
- Xinjiang and the Problems with China's Xinjiang Policy: Linkages Between Domestic and External Behaviour, Air Power Journal, CAPS, Sep 2015 <http://capsindia.org/APJ>
- Xi's 'New Era' Strategy: Eliminating Questions on Sovereignty, The Pioneer, Nov 25, 2017.
- 'Will US see Trade War with China? Trump's State of the Union Speech will have the answer', The WION, Jan 30th 2018.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

- Air Defence Review, Chapter 5, Becoming a Sea Power: China's Quest for Regional Hegemony, CAPS, KW Publishers 2016, ISBN: 978-93-83649-90-7.
- One Belt One Road: China's Global Outreach, Chapter on 'The US Reluctance to join OBOR'; Ed. Srikanth Kondapalli and Hu Xiaowen, Pentagon Press 2017; ISBN: 978-93-86618-03-0.
- Persian Gulf 2016-2017, India's Relation with the region, Chapter 12 'China', Editor Prof P. Kumaraswamy and Dr Meena Singh Roy, 2018, Pentagon Press, ISBN: 978-93-86618-19-1.
- China Year Book 2017; Chapter on 'China's Perspective on the US alliance in East Asia—New Type of Great Power Folly?' Ed. J. Panda and MS Prathibha, Pentagon Press 2019.
- China post 19th Party Congress, Chapter on 'China-US Relations: 19th Party Congress to Pandemic'; Ed. S. Kondapalli and Amrita Jash, Pentagon Press 2022 (Under publication).
- China's Rise and Taiwan's Security Challenges, Chapter on 'Taiwan's Regional Status and China-US Dynamic'; Ed. S. Kondapalli; Pentagon Press 2022; (Under Review).