

Shanthie Mariet D'Souza

Founder & President, Mantraya, Goa, India.

Email: shanthie.dsouza@mantraya.org

Education

Doctor of Philosophy, 2001-2006, International Relations, US Studies Program, Centre for Canadian, US & Latin American Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Ph. D. Thesis: *“United States and the Emergence and Decline of the Taliban”*

Master of Philosophy, 1999-2001, International Relations, US Studies Program, Centre for Canadian, US & Latin American Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. {First Division and 8.37 (CGPA)}

M. Phil Dissertation: *“U. S. Approach towards Taliban”* (Grade A plus)

Master of Arts, 1997-99, Politics with specialisation in International Relations, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. (First Division and 7.0 (CGPA))

Bachelor of Arts, 1992-95, Psychology, Criminology and English Literature, School of Social Work, Roshni Nilaya, Mangalore, Karnataka. (Secured Seventh position in the University; aggregate of 76 per cent).

Professional Research Experience

Research Fellow, Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS), National University of Singapore, February 2012- May 2014.

Research projects: *Transition and Issues in Long term Stabilization of Afghanistan; India-Afghanistan Relations: 2001-14*

Visiting Research Fellow, Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore, February 2010-2012.

Research projects: *Regional Dynamics of the Afghan insurgency & Af-Pak Strategy; Afghanistan-Pakistan-India relations: Prospects for Regional Cooperation*

Associate Fellow, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), New Delhi, India, March 2006-February 2011. (Appointed in July 2005)

Research Project: *United States Counter terrorism Policy in South Asia*

Visiting Research Associate, South Asia Studies, The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC. [Fulbright Junior Research Fellowship (1 September 2005-28 February 2006)].

Research Associate, Institute for Conflict Management, Guwahati, Assam (2002-05).

Editorial Assistant, United Services Institution of India (USI), New Delhi, 2001.

Academic Honours, Fellowships, Positions and Awards

Guest Editor for a special issue on “Countering insurgencies and violent extremism in South Asia”, *Small Wars & Insurgencies* (UK: Routledge), vol.28, no. 1, February 2017.

Associate Editor, Journal of Asian Security & International Affairs (JASIA), Sage Publications (25 March 2013-24 March 2018).

Expert and Contributor to the Middle East-Asia Project (MAP) at the Middle East Institute, Washington DC.

Adviser, Independent Conflict Research & Analysis (ICRA), London.

Senior Analyst, South Asia desk, Wikistrat Analytic Community, Washington DC.

Editorial Advisory board member, Journal of Indian Studies, Centre for South Asian Studies, University of the Punjab, Lahore Pakistan.

Global Advisory Board member, World Genius Council, <http://www.worldgenius.global/knownus.php?article=5.3>

Member, Policy Group on Afghanistan for regional track II initiative on “*Envisioning a Secure and Independent Afghanistan Post 2014 – Perspectives and Strategies for Constructive Conflict Resolution from the Neighborhood*”, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), New Delhi.

Adviser, Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG), Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Work Stream Short Consultancy-Downward Accountability (*Provincial Councillor Representational and Oversight Functions*), IDLG, Technical Assistance Project (IDLG II TA), Adam Smith International, Afghanistan, (DFID funded project), (2015-2016).

Strategic Studies Network (SSN) Fellow, Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies, National Defense University, Washington DC. (2012-2015)

Project Associate, South and Central Asia Project (SCAP), York Centre for Asian Research, York University, Toronto, Canada (2013-15).

International Election Observer for the audit and recount of Afghanistan's Presidential Runoff elections, The Asia Foundation Afghanistan, (USAID funded project), August-September 2014.

Expert contributor at the “*8th Regional Workshop for Judges, Prosecutors and Police Officers in South Asia on Effectively Countering Terrorism*”, hosted by the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (UNCTED), and organized by the Global Center on Cooperative Security and Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore, Singapore, April 15-17, 2014.

Senior Transition Consultant, United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), Afghanistan, September 11-22, 2013.

Co-designed a course on Counter-terrorism for the Aventis School of Management, Singapore, 2011.

External Reviewer and Consultant for the country programme of ActionAid International, Afghanistan (AAA), May-June 2011.

“US-South Asia Leader Engagement Program” (Executive Education) organised by the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University (Cambridge, Massachusetts) and the Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESA), Washington, DC, May 14-26, 2011.

Selected as faculty member (**Associate Professor**) at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, Hawaii, January 2011.

President’s Award for Excellence in Research, 2009, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi.

Nominated to represent India at the Symposium on East Asian Security (SEAS) 2008 on the theme” China and India as Regional and Global Actors: Security Implications for the East Asian Region.” in Honolulu, April 13-May 6, 2008.

Fulbright Junior Research Fellowship, South Asia Studies, The Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC, September 1, 2005- February 28, 2006.

Qualified **National Eligibility Test (NET)** of the University Grants Commission (UGC), India, December 1998, December 1999 and July 2000.

Secured **Seventh position** in the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Examinations, 1995, Mangalore University.

Research Interests/Expertise

- Theories of International Relations.
- Great Power Politics, Global governance and Emerging Powers.
- Insurgencies, Terrorism and Strategies in Counter terrorism (CT)
- Non State Armed Groups, Illicit Networks, Organised crime, War Economy.
- Counter terrorist financing and anti-money laundering.
- Countering violent extremism (CVE) &Strengthening Civil Society initiatives.
- Security Sector Reform and Civil-Military Relations.
- Subnational governance and Strengthening Downward Accountability
- Aid effectiveness and Post conflict Stabilisation
- Challenges to Policy making in fragile states.
- State and Peace building in South Asia.
- Identity politics in South Asia
- Politics of Aid, Development, Gender and Security in South Asia.

- Non-traditional security challenges in South Asia.
- Water, Climate, Borders, Diaspora, Energy, Nuclear and Cyber Security
- Rule of law, Political systems and Electoral Reform in South Asia
- Strategic Communications and Role of Media.
- Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution.
- Role of Dialogue, Negotiations, Reconciliation, Reintegration, Mediation, Confidence-building measures and Track II initiatives.
- Role of International Organisations and Regional Organisations in peace building and stabilisation.
- Prospects for Regional Cooperation in South Asia and South East Asia
- India's foreign, aid, maritime and security policy (Jammu & Kashmir, Left wing Extremism and India's North East).

Field Research

Afghanistan-Kabul, Nangarhar, Kandahar, Herat, Balkh, Bamyan, Badakshan

2017 (May)

2016 (July-August)

2015-16 (June -March)

2014 (August-September)

2013 (September)

2012 (June-July, January-February)

2011 (October, May-June, March)

2010 (October)

2007 (May-June)

Pakistan- Islamabad, Lahore, Mardan & Peshawar

2015(May)

2005 (February-March)

China-Beijing & Shanghai

2013 (December)

2013 (August)

Africa- Tanzania, Ethiopia, South Africa

2017 (March)

2016 (May)

2013 (March)

2008 (March)

India- Jammu and Kashmir

2006 (November)

India's North East –Assam, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Nagaland, Mizoram, Tripura. (2003-05).

United States-Washington DC & New York

2006 (January-February)

2005 (September-December)

Canada- Ontario

2005 (December)

1994 (July-October)

Publications

Books

1. *Afghanistan in Transition: Beyond 2014?*, Editor,(New Delhi, Pentagon Press, July 2012).

2.

Book reviewed by:

- Robert D. Crews, *The Middle East Journal*, Vol. 67, No. 3, Washington DC, Summer 2013, pp. 475-476
- Anil Bhat, How not to lose in transition, *Millennium Post*, New Delhi, April 20, 2013.
- I. Ramamohan Rao, Groping for a ‘solution’ in Afghanistan, *ANI*, April 1, 2013.
- Anil Bhat, Experts against quick-fix Afghan exit strategy, *The Asian Age*, March 13, 2013.
- I.P. Khosla, Perilous Passage, *The Book Review*, Vol. XXXVII, No. 2-3, New Delhi, February/March 2013.
- Heidi Kingstone, Whither Afghanistan? *ON LINE opinion - Australia's e-journal of social and political debate*, February 20, 2013.
- Stanly Johnny, When the battle's lost and won, *The Business Standard*, New Delhi, October 13, 2012.

3. *Perspectives on South Asian Security*, Co-editor, (Singapore, World Scientific, September 2012).

4. *Saving Afghanistan*, Co-editor, (New Delhi: Academic Foundation, January 2009).

Chapters in books

- “India in BRICS and Indo-GCC relations: Assessing Conflicts and Complementarities”, (Co-authored) in Niblock, Tim; Sun, Degang; Galindo, Alejandra (eds.), *The Arab States of the Gulf and BRICS: New Strategic Partnerships in Politics and Economics*, (Berlin & London: Gerlach Press, September 2016).
- “India’s Economic Diplomacy in post-9/11 Afghanistan” in Rani Mullen (ed.), *Indian Economic Diplomacy*, Centre for Policy Research and Centre for Policy Research, Indian Development Cooperation Research (IDCR) Initiative, New Delhi. (Forthcoming)
- “India's Afghanistan policy: Going beyond the ‘goodwill’ factor?” in Aryaman Bhatnagar and Ritika Passi (eds), *Neighbourhood First: Navigating Ties Under Modi*, (New Delhi: Observer Research Foundation and Global Policy Journal, March 2016).
- “India, Afghanistan, and the ‘End Game’?” in Kanti Bajpai, Saira Basit and V. Krishnappa (eds.), *India’s Grand Strategy: History, Theory, Cases*, (New Delhi: Routledge, 2014).

- “India’s Aid Diplomacy” in Amitabh Matto and Happymon Jacob (eds.), *India and the Contemporary International System: Theory, Policy and Structure*, (New Delhi: Manohar Publishers, 2014).
- “India's Role in the Re-integration of Afghanistan into SAARC: Regional Cooperation, Trade, Transit and Connectivity” in Nishchal Pandey (ed), *Afghanistan in SAARC: Towards Deeper Engagement*, (Kathmandu: Centre for South Asian Studies and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, 2014)
- “Transition and Drawdown in Afghanistan: Preparedness for 2014”, in Harjeet Singh (ed.), *South Asia Defence & Strategic Year Book*, (New Delhi, Pentagon Press, 2013).
- “India's role in post 9/11 Afghanistan and the Af-Pak strategy” in Henning Riecke and Kevin Francke (eds.), *Partners for Stability: Involving Neighbors in Afghanistan's Reconstruction - Transatlantic Approaches*, (Baden-Baden: Nomos, 2013).
- Inde: la reponse de l'Etat all'insurrection des extrémistes gauchistes, (Co-authored) in Aurelie Campana & Gerard Hervouet (ed.), *Terrorisme et insurrection. Evolution des dynamiques conflictuelles et reponses des Etats*, Presses de l'Universite du Quebec (PUQ) Montreal/Quebec, January 2013. [“India: State Response to the Left-wing extremist Surge”, (Co-authored), (Montreal: Les presses de l'Universite du Quebec, 2013)].
- “International Community in Afghanistan: From a Stalemate to a Definition of Success” in Arpita Basu Roy, Binoda Kumar Mishra, Aliva Mishra (eds), *International Intervention in Afghanistan: Motives and Approaches*, (New Delhi: Shipra Publications, August 2012).
- “Armed Conflicts and Movements for Autonomy in India’s North East” in Michelle Ann Miller (ed.), *Autonomy and Armed Separatism in South and Southeast Asia*, (Singapore: Institute of South East Asian Studies, August 2012).
- “Nation building in Afghanistan and India’s National Strategy” in Krishnappa Venkatshamy and Princy George (eds.), *Grand Strategy for India 2020, and Beyond*, (New Delhi: Pentagon Press International, September 2012).
- “Karzai’s Balancing Act: Bringing ‘China’ In?” in Shanthie Mariet D’Souza & Rajshree Jetly (eds.) *Perspectives on South Asian Security*, (Singapore, World Scientific, 2012).
- “Taliban” in Arpita Anant (ed.), *Non-State Armed Groups in South Asia*, (New Delhi: Pentagon Security International, 2012).
- “Afghanistan: Beginning of the Transition?” in D. Suba Chandran & P.R. Chari (eds.), *Armed Conflicts in South Asia: The Promise and Threat of Transformation*, (New Delhi: Routledge, March 2012).
- “Afghanistan: Turning the tide” in D. Suba Chandran & P.R. Chari (eds.), *Armed Conflicts in South Asia 2010: Growing Left-wing Extremism and Religious Violence*, (New Delhi: Routledge, July 2011).
- “US Policy towards Afghanistan under Obama Administration and possible Indian Responses” in Thomas Mathew (ed.), *In Search of Congruence: Perspectives on India-US Relations under the Obama Administration*, (New Delhi: IDSA, February 2010).
- “Afghanistan: Tipping Point,” in D. Suba Chandran & P.R. Chari (eds.), *Armed Conflicts in South Asia: 2009-Continuing violence, failing peace processes*, (New Delhi: Routledge, January 2010).

- “Taking Stock of the Afghan Conflict: External-Internal Dimensions,” in *Saving Afghanistan*, Co-editor, (New Delhi: Academic Foundation, January 2009), pp.11-28.
- “Should India Continue Its Present Course in Afghanistan?” in Ashok K. Behuria (ed.) *India and its Neighbours: Towards A New Partnership* (IDSA: New Delhi, 2008).
- “Afghanistan: Continuing Violence,” in D. Suba Chandran & P.R. Chari (eds.) *Armed Conflicts in South Asia 2008: Growing Violence*, (New Delhi: Routledge, October 2008).
- “Taking Stock of the Global War on Terrorism,” in S.D. Muni (ed.), *IDSA Asian Strategic Review 2008*, (New Delhi: Academic Foundation, 2008).
- “US Policy towards Afghanistan,” in M. Saleem Kidwai (ed.) *US policy towards South Asia: Focus on Sixty years*, (New Delhi: Academic Excellence, 2008).
- “Global War on Terror: The Long War to Nowhere,” in S.D. Muni (ed.), *IDSA Asian Strategic Review 2007* (New Delhi: Academic Foundation, 2007).

Journal Articles

- “Countering insurgencies, terrorism and violent extremism in South Asia”, in Shanthie Mariet D’Souza (ed.), Special Issue on “Countering insurgencies and violent extremism in South Asia”, *Small Wars & Insurgencies* (UK: Routledge), vol.28, no. 1, February 2017.
- “Jihad in Jammu & Kashmir: Actors, Agendas and Expanding Benchmarks”, (Co-authored) in Richard Burchill and Paul B Rich (eds), Special Issue on Jihadist Insurgent Movements, *Small Wars and Insurgencies*, (UK: Routledge, June 2016).
- “Taliban: The Rebels Who Aspire to be Rulers”, *Journal of Asian Security and International Affairs*, vol. 3, no.1, (Sage Publications, April 2016).
- “Bandit Queen: Cinematic representation of social banditry in India”, (Co-authored), *Small Wars and Insurgencies*, Vol. 26, No. 4, (UK: Routledge, 2015).
- “International Intervention in Afghanistan: Prospects for peace and stability in the transformation decade”, *FWU Journal of Social Sciences*, Special Issue, Vol.1, No.1, (Peshawar: Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University, Summer 2015)
- “The Indian Mujahideen: The New Face of Jihadist Consolidation”, (Co-authored), *Combating Terrorism Exchange (CTX) Journal*, No. 2, Global ECCO project, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA, USA, May 2014.
- “India in Post-ISAF Afghanistan”, *Welt Trends: Journal for International Politics and Comparative Studies*, (Germany: University of Potsdam, 2014). No. 94, pp. 40-49, January-February, 2014.
- “India’s Evolving Policy Contours towards post 2014 Afghanistan”, *The Journal of South Asian Development*, pp. 185-207, (New Delhi: Sage, 2013).
- “Left-Wing Extremism: Rethinking India’s COIN Strategy” (Co-authored), *Small Wars Journal*, (Small Wars Foundation, Bethesda, MD, USA, July 30, 2013).
- “President Karzai’s Wish List and New Delhi’s Strategic Volte-Face in Afghanistan”, *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*, (Washington DC:

Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University), June 11, 2013.

- “Transition in Afghanistan: War of perceptions”, *Small Wars Journal*, (Small Wars Foundation, Bethesda, MD, USA, January 2013). {Article republished by the NATO Special Operations School (NSOS) for the ISAF SOF Pre-deployment Training course and Center for Strategic Communication, Hugh Downs School of Human Communication, Arizona State University, USA, Eurasia Review; Leader Development and Education for Sustained Peace Program (LDESP), The Center for Civil Military Relations, Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA : 10-22 January 2013 }.
- ‘Afghanisation’ of the Security Sector: An Assessment”, (Co-authored), *Journal of the Centre for Land Warfare Studies (CLAWS)*, pp. 116-127 (New Delhi: Knowledge World, Summer 2011).
- ‘India’s Stake in Afghanistan’, Dispatches, *The Journal of International Security Affairs*, No. 20, (Washington DC, Spring/Summer 2011).
- “Afghanistan in South Asia: Regional Cooperation or Competition?” *South Asian Survey*, Vol. 16, No. 1, pp. 23-42, (New Delhi: Sage, March 2009).
- “Countering the Naxalites: Is there a need to ‘bring in’ the Army?” *Journal of Defence Studies*, Vol.3, No.3, pp. 125-132 (New Delhi, July 2009).
- “Media and Counter terrorism: The Indian Experience,” *Strategic Analysis*, Vol. 33, No. 5, pp. 637-641, (Routledge: New Delhi, September 2009).
- “Jihad beyond Jammu & Kashmir,” *Strategic Analysis*, Commentary, Vol. 33, No. 3, pp. 332-333, (Routledge: New Delhi, May 2009)
- “Mumbai Terrorist Attacks and Indo-Pakistan Relations,” (Co-authored), *Agni: Studies in International Strategic Issues*, Volume 12 (1), New Delhi, January-March 2009.
- “Talking to the Taliban: Will it ensure 'peace' in Afghanistan?” *Strategic Analysis*, Vol. 33, Issue. 2, pp. 254-272, (Routledge: New Delhi, March 2009).
- “Indo–US Counter Terrorism Cooperation,” *Strategic Analysis*, Volume 32, Issue 6, pp. 1067-1084, (Routledge: New Delhi, November 2008).
- “Unity of Effort’: The missing link in the Afghan Counter Insurgency Campaign,” *Strategic Analysis*, Volume 32, Issue 5, pp. 855-878, (Routledge: New Delhi, September 2008).
- “India’s Aid to Afghanistan: Challenges and Prospects,” *Strategic Analysis*, volume 31, Issue 5, pp. 833-842, (Routledge: New Delhi, September 2007).
- “US-Pakistan Counter-Terrorism Cooperation: Dynamics and Challenges,” *Strategic Analysis*, Vol. 30, No. 3, pp.525-561, (New Delhi: July-September 2006).

Book Reviews

- “Fountainhead of Jihad: The Haqqani Nexus, 1973-2012, by Vahid Brown & Don Rassler, (London: Hurst & Company, 2013) in *Contemporary South Asia*, Vol. 22, Issue. 2, (London: Routledge, 2014).
- “9/11 Wars” by Jason Burke, (New York: Columbia University Press, 2008), in *Small Wars & Insurgencies*, Vol. 23, No. 2, (UK: Routledge, May 2012).
- “Koran, Kalashnikov and Laptop: The Neo-Taliban Insurgency in Afghanistan,” by Antonio Giustozzi, (New York: Columbia University Press,

- 2008), in *Small Wars & Insurgencies*, Vol. 20, No. 2, (UK: Routledge, June 2009).
- “Negotiating Reconciliation in a Shrinking Political Space” reviews of Antonio Giustozzi, *Decoding The New Taliban: Insights From The Afghan Field* (London: C Hurst & Co, 2009, pp. 318) and Antonio Giustozzi, *Empires Of Mud: Wars And Warlords In Afghanistan*, (London: C Hurst & Co, 2009, pp. 332), *The Book Review*, Vol. 34, No. 8, (New Delhi: The Book Review Literary Trust, August 2010).
 - “Complex Realities” review of Martin Axmann, *Back to the Future: The Khanate of Kalat and the Genesis of Baloch Nationalism 1915-1955*, (Karachi: Oxford University Press, 2008, pp. xxiii+336), *The Book Review*, Vol. 34, No. 2, (New Delhi: The Book Review Literary Trust, February 2010).

Encyclopaedia/Regional Surveys

- Afghanistan: History, South Asia 2015, *The Europa Regional Surveys of the World*, Europa World, (Milton Park, Abingdon, Oxford: Routledge, October, 2014).
- Afghanistan: History, South Asia 2014, *The Europa Regional Surveys of the World*, Europa World, (Milton Park, Abingdon, Oxford: Routledge, October, 2013).
- Afghanistan: History, South Asia 2013, *The Europa Regional Surveys of the World*, Europa World, (Milton Park, Abingdon, Oxford: Routledge, October 4, 2012).
- Profiles of Indian political leaders and parties, {(Political Parties- Bahujan Samaj Party, Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK), Janata Dal (United), All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK), Rashtriya Janata Dal, Nationalist Congress Party, Shiromani Akali Dal, Lok Janshakti Party, Indian National Lok Dal). (Personalities- Mira Behn, Sushma Swaraj, Farooq Abdullah, Shibu Soren, Kamraj Kumaraswamy, M Karunanidhi, Chandrababu Naidu, Sharad Pawar, N T Ramarao, Sharad Yadav, Narendra Modi, Mangal Pandey, Yaswant Sinha, Jayaram Jayalalitha, Lalu Prasad Yadav, Mulayam Singh Yadav, Rajnath Singh, Mani Shankar Aiyar, Somnath Chatterjee, Najma Heptullah, Vasundhara Raje, Shashi Tharoor, Yaswantrao Chavan, P Chidambaram, Kapil Sibal, Prakash Singh Badal, Om Prakash Chautala, Ram Vilas Paswan, Naveen Patnaik)}, *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, 2013.
- “Terror in Mumbai” Special Report, *2009 Britannica Book of the Year*, Encyclopaedia Britannica, Inc, April 2009, pp 192-93.

Opinion-Editorials

- “A handshake with Hekmatyar could break new ground in Afghanistan”, *Indian Express*, June 16, 2017.
- “India's options in the Afghan matrix”, *Daily News & Analysis*, Mumbai, April 24, 2017.
- “Delhi must play in Kabul”, *Asian Age & Deccan Chronicle*, April 02, 2015.
- “Breaking ISIS web”, *Asian Age and Deccan Chronicle*, February 17, 2015.

- “Moving beyond the new deal in Afghanistan”, *Hindustan Times*, New Delhi, October 21, 2014.
- “The changing character of insurgency”, Op-Ed, *The Tribune*, Chandigarh, July 12, 2013.
- “A guide to Afghanistan in four scenarios”, OP-ED, *The Hindu*, New Delhi, June 12, 2013. (Republished in *The Bangladesh Today* (Dhaka) and *Eurasia Review*)
- Violence in Assam: Resource wars, Illegal Migration or Governance Deficit?” (Co-authored), *New Age*, Dhaka, September 11, 2012.
- “Window of opportunity opens for Afghanistan”, Op-Ed, *The Business Times*, Singapore, June 27, 2012.
- "The Changing face of the Taliban", *The Straits Times*, Singapore, March 14, 2012.
- “New Delhi-Kabul pact- A ground-level view”, OP-ED, *Business Standard*, New Delhi, October 23, 2011.
- “The Challenge of Reconciliation”, (Co-authored), *The Straits Times*, Singapore, September 16, 2011.
- “Anatomy of a deal still in the making”, OP-ED, *Business Standard*, New Delhi, August 28, 2011.
- “Balancing Interests in Afghan-US Ties”, *The Straits Times*, Singapore, August 3, 2011.
- “On the ground in Kabul, peace remains elusive", *The Straits Times*, Singapore, July 2, 2011.
- ‘The message from Kabul’, OP-ED, *Business Standard*, New Delhi, May 14, 2011.
- “Redefining the Af-Pak endgame”, (Co-authored), OP-ED, *Business Standard*, New Delhi, May 7, 2011.
- “TAPI - a pipeline of peace in South Asia?”, OP-ED, *Business Standard*, New Delhi, March 20, 2011.
- “Great game's endgame?” OP-ED, *Business Standard*, New Delhi, Oct 31, 2010.
- “Taleban gains from fraud-marred polls”, OP-ED, *The Straits Times*, Singapore, September 21, 2010.
- “India's Afghan gamble”, OP-ED, *Business Standard*, New Delhi, Aug 14, 2010.
- “India's Tripartite Plan for Afghanistan” *The Wall Street Journal*, August 9, 2010.
- "Mining the Maoist and Taliban Fights", (Co-authored), *The Wall Street Journal*, July 13, 2010.
- "Friends with benefits: Can India and Iran find common grounds in Afghanistan? *Indian Express*, New Delhi, July 13, 2010.
- “Afghanistan: Deminting A General's COIN”, OP-ED, *Business Standard*, New Delhi, July 4, 2010.
- "Red kitty and beyond", (Co-authored), *Business Standard*, New Delhi, May 20, 2010.
- “Opium, charity and Kabul's 'war economy', *Business Standard*, (New Delhi), October 30, 2009.
- “Securing India’s interest in Afghanistan,” *The Hindu* (New Delhi), Oct 23, 2009.

- “No winners in sight as Afghans vote today,” OP-ED, *Asian Age and Deccan Chronicle* (Reprinted), August 20, 2009.
- “Clueless India Fumbles Again,” OP-ED, *The Pioneer* (New Delhi), November 29, 2008.
- “Afghanistan: Another frontier of Indo-Pak rivalry?” *India Abroad*, New York edition, July 16, 2008.
- “Tension on Durand Line,” *The Pioneer*, OP-ED, June 21, 2008.
- “US Post Bhutto Pakistan Policy in Doldrums,” *Dainik Jagran* (Hindi), December 31, 2007.
- “Who's in charge of Pak nuclear arsenal?” *The Pioneer*, November 24, 2007
- “Mush-Bush ambushed?” *The Pioneer*, September 29, 2007.
- “War on drugs getting nowhere,” *Deccan Herald*, July 25, 2007.
- “How not to spend \$ 750 mn”, *The Pioneer*, July 21, 2007.
- “The New Great Game,” *The Pioneer*, July 7, 2007.

Policy Papers, Special Reports, Newsletters, & Web writings

- “Regional Power Play in Afghanistan and India’s Policy Options – Analysis”, *Eurasia Review*, June 9, 2017. (Republished in Live Encounters, June 2017)
- “India’s role in the economic stabilisation of Afghanistan”, A commissioned study based on field work in the provinces of Afghanistan, *Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung*, Kabul, November 2016.
- “Afghanistan’s Economic Imperative: Path to peace and stability”, *Live Encounters*, Online magazine, July 2016.
- “NATO Drawdown from Afghanistan: Can Regional Cooperation be a Game Changer?” *Huffington Post*, June 22, 2015.
- “Ghani’s India visit: A new chapter in India- Afghanistan relations?”, *South Asia Monitor*, Apr 27, 2015.
- “President Ghani’s visit to India: New Beginnings”, *Mantraya Analysis*, April 26, 2015.
- “Online Radicalisation and the Specter of Extremist Violence in India”, Institut für Strategie- Politik- Sicherheits- und Wirtschaftsberatung (ISPSW) Publications, in *International Relations and Security Network (ISN)* ETH Zurich, Switzerland, March 11, 2015. (Republished in Eurasia Review)
- “Obama's Challenge To Indians: Dare To Dream”, *Huffington Post*, February 9, 2015.
- “India in post 2014 Afghanistan: the need to revisit 'patterns of engagement', *ON LINE opinion*, Australia’s e-journal of social and political debate, April 3, 2014.
- “India needs a Plan B in post 2014 Afghanistan”, *The South Asia Channel, Foreign Policy*, Washington DC, March 31, 2014.
- “India in Post 2014 Afghanistan: Challenges and Opportunities”, *Asian Century Institute*, Toronto, March 28, 2014.
- “Afghanistan Transition pains”, *The Malaysian Insider*, Kuala Lumpur, November 20, 2013.
- “Indian Mujahideen as a terror model”, (Co-authored), *Asia Times Online*, November 12, 2013. (Republished in *The Malaysian Insider*, November 18, 2013)
- “Why is the Taliban talking?” *South Asia Monitor*, New Delhi, July 2013.

- “Afghanistan: Economic Transition - Path to Long-Term Stability”, *South Asian Outlook*, (Canada and India), vol.13, no.12, June 2013.
- “Transition in Afghanistan: A War of Perceptions”, *The Indian Panorama*, Vol. 7., Issue 23, (New York), June 7, 2013.
- “New Delhi's strategic dissonance in post-2014 Afghanistan”, Rediff, New Delhi, June 4, 2013. (Republished in *South Asian Outlook*, (Canada and India), vol.14, no.1, July 2013).
- Can India stay the course in Afghanistan?, *Asia Times Online*, November 30, 2012.
- Can India Stay The Course In Post 2014 Afghanistan?”, *Eurasia Review*, November 29, 2012.
- What does Obama’s re-election mean to South Asia?”, *The Malaysian Insider*, Kuala Lumpur, November 25, 2012.
- “What Does Obama’s Re-Election Mean to South Asia”, *Albany Tribune*, November 20, 2012.
- “India's COIN approach and Left-Wing Extremism” (Co-authored), *Open Security*, London, August 13, 2012. (Republished in *Eurasia Review*, August 14, 2012)
- “Building a narrative of 'opportunity' in Afghanistan”, *Rediff*, New Delhi, June 27, 2012.
- “Afghanistan: Cometh the Spring offensive?”, *Rediff*, April 20, 2012.
- “A new kind of Taliban: An interview with Maulvi Qalamuddin”, *The Af-Pak Channel, Foreign Policy*, Washington D.C., March 8, 2012.
- “Is Afghanistan, ‘Iraq, the sequel’?”, (Co-authored), *Open Democracy*, London, November 2011.
- “Kandahar’s transition woes”, *Open-democracy*, London, December 16, 2011. (Republished in *Eurasia Review*).
- “Indian-Afghan strategic partnership: perceptions from the ground”, *The Af-Pak Channel, Foreign Policy*, Washington DC, October 26, 2011. (Republished in *Eurasia Review*).
- “A Decade Later, Al-Qaeda Threat Real”, *The Diplomat*, Tokyo, September 2011.
- “Kabul not an easy target for Taliban any more? (Co-authored), *Rediff*, August 24, 2011.
- “Negotiating with the Taliban: Two steps backward for the Afghan women?”, *Al Arabiya* (Dubai), August 1, 2011. (Republished in *Albany Tribune*)
- “Are the US and Taliban ready to tango?”, *Al Arabiya*, July 31, 2011. (Republished in *Albany Tribune*)
- “Can the Diaspora help in the rebuilding war-ravaged Afghanistan?”, *Al Arabiya*, July 29, 2011.
- “What’s with the secrecy surrounding the US-Afghan strategic partnership?”, *Al Arabiya*, July 29, 2011. (Republished in *Albany Tribune*)
- “The killing spree in Afghanistan”, *Al Arabiya*, July 28, 2011.
- “President Karzai of Afghanistan wants tighter ties with neighboring Iran”, *Al Arabiya*, July 27, 2011. (Republished in *Albany Tribune*)
- “Winning hearts and minds and pockets of the Taliban by siphoning off US aid to Afghanistan”, *Al Arabiya*, July 27, 2011.
- “Norway’s Moment of Truth”, *Al Arabiya*, July 25, 2011.
- “Old War, New General in Afghanistan”, *Al Arabiya*, July 23, 2011,

- “Northern Distribution Network (NDN) and the Afghan Insurgency”, *Al Arabiya*, July 20, 2011.
- “Can India and US be partners in Afghanistan?”, *Al Arabiya*, July 19, 2011. (Republished in Albany Tribune)
- “Afghanistan’s killing fields: Will it lead to crisis of confidence for the ‘transition’? *Al Arabiya*, July 19, 2011.
- “Terrorists in Uniform: Tales of Infiltration and Killings by the Taliban”, *Al Arabiya*, July 16, 2011.
- “Drawdown of US Forces: A decade of shifting strategies in Afghanistan”, *Al Arabiya*, July 16, 2011. (Republished in Albany Tribune)
- “Murder in Mumbai: Will it derail the fragile Indo-Pak talks?”, *Al Arabiya*, July 14, 2011.
- “There’s \$1 trillion worth of untapped mineral resources in Afghanistan. So what to do about it?”, *Al Arabiya*, July 14, 2011.
- “The killing of Ahmed Wali Karzai: What now about the war in Afghanistan?”, *Al Arabiya*, July 13, 2011.
- “Is Pakistan becoming paranoid over Afghanistan?”, *Al Arabiya*, July 11, 2011.
- “Regional Perceptions of the US drawdown from Afghanistan”, *Al Arabiya*, July 9, 2011.
- “Shakila had to Die: Restoring family honor in Afghanistan”, *Al Arabiya*, July 8, 2011.
- “Does the road to Afghanistan have to pass through Kazakhstan?” *Al Arabiya*, July 5, 2011.
- “Changing Times for Women in Afghanistan”, *Al Arabiya*, July 4, 2011.
- “Music in Afghanistan: Battle for ‘hearts and minds’”, *Al Arabiya*, July 3, 2011.
- “Narratives of Afghan resilience amidst turbulence”, *Al Arabiya*, July 2, 2011.
- “How about telling the ‘good news’ of Afghanistan?”, *Al Arabiya*, July 1, 2011.
- ‘Setting the Agenda for India in Afghanistan’, *Eurasia Review*, May 11, 2011.
- ‘An agenda for the prime minister in Kabul’, *Rediff*, May 11, 2011.
- “The Persisting Relevance of Al-Qaeda?” *South Asia*, Issue No.17, Singapore, May –October 2011.
- ‘Bin Laden: The ‘Face’ Is Dead, The ‘Base’ Remains’, *Eurasia Review*, May 2, 2011.
- “Why Afghanistan could dominate talks with Obama?” *Rediff*, November 04, 2010.
- “Ray of hope as Afghanistan goes to polls”, *Rediff*, September 18, 2010.
- “Ballot, braving Taliban bullets”, *Rediff*, September 18, 2010.
- “Limitations of Operation Green Hunt”, *Rediff*, April 28, 2010, (Co-authored).
- “Withdrawal Symptoms”, *Pragati*, The Indian National Interest Review, No. 34, January 2010.
- “Obama’s Afghan strategy” *Rediff*, December 14, 2009.
- “Obama’s Afghan Strategy: Regional Perspectives,” *Atlantic Review*, Berlin, Dec 10, 2009.
- “What India needs to do in Afghanistan?,” *Rediff*, October 21, 2009.

- “Afghan polls: Democracy in difficult times,” *Rediff and India Abroad*, August 19, 2009.
- “Media and Counter-terrorism: A case study of the Mumbai attacks,” Perspectives on Terrorism: Views from the Near East and South Asia on Combating a Common threat, Workshop Policy Papers, *Regional Network of strategic studies Centers (RNSSC)*, Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESA) Center for Strategic Studies of the National Defense University, Washington D.C., July 10, 2009.
- “Deconstructing the Assam blasts,” *Rediff & India Abroad*, November 07, 2008.
- “Taking stock of the Afghan war, seven years on,” *Rediff & India Abroad*, October 10, 2008.
- “Hold steady in Afghanistan,” *Pragati*, No. 17, August 2008.
- “The ‘Taliban’ Factor in Pakistan-Afghanistan Relations,” *Peace & Conflict*, Article no. 2143, Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, New Delhi ,November 6, 2006.
- “After the Kabul embassy bombing: How should India respond?” *The Acorn*, July 2008.
- “Afghanistan: Another frontier of Indo-Pak rivalry?” *Rediff*, July 16, 2008.
- “Taliban back in bloody business,” *Asian Affairs*, July 2006.
- “United States-Afghanistan Strategic Partnership: Challenges Galore,” *Peace & Conflict* (New Delhi), Vol. 8, No. 6, June 2005.
- “Post-Afghan Elections: The Long Road Ahead,” *Peace & Conflict*, Vol. 7, No. 12, December 2004.
- “Afghanistan’s Tryst with Reality’, The Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi, December 04, 2003.
- Constitution making in Afghanistan: Hurdles galore, *Peace & Conflict*, Article no. 1239, Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, New Delhi , 10 December 2003.
- “Afghan Imbroglia’–Reconstructing a Disrupted State: The Case of Afghanistan,” Speaker Dr. William Maley, 17 November, 2000 at India International Centre, New Delhi, *IIC Diary*, vol.14, no.5&6, October-December 2000.

Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS) Research Papers, Singapore.

- “Threat of Indian Mujahideen: The Long View”, (Co-authored), ISAS Insights, No. 234, Singapore, November 28, 2013. (Republished in Eurasia Review, November 29, 2013).
- “Afghan Peace Talks and the Changing Character of Taliban Insurgency”, ISAS Brief, No. 291, Singapore, July 26, 2013.
- “Countering Left-Wing Extremism in India: Conceptual Ambiguity and Operational Disconnect”, (Co-authored), ISAS Insights, No. 213, Singapore, July 8, 2013. (Republished in Eurasia Review, July 9, 2013)
- “President Karzai’s Visit to India: Setting Policy Markers for post-2014 Afghanistan”, ISAS Insights, No. 207, Singapore, June 3, 2013. (Republished in Eurasia Review, June 3, 2013)

- “Afghanistan’s Economic Transition: Path to Long-Term Stability”, ISAS Brief, No. 274, Singapore, March 28, 2013. (Republished in Eurasia Review, May 7, 2013)
- “Media and Counter Terrorism Responses: Analysing the 2008 Mumbai Terrorist attacks”, ISAS Brief, No. 261, Singapore, December 14, 2012. (Republished in Eurasia Review, December 2012)
- “US-Pakistan Relations and the ‘End-Game’ in Afghanistan”, ISAS Brief, No. 259, Singapore, December 5, 2012.
- “What Does Obama’s Re-election Mean to South Asia”, ISAS Brief, No. 256, Singapore, November 21, 2012. (Republished in Eurasia Review, November 21, 2012)
- “Transition in Afghanistan: Winning the War of perceptions?”, ISAS Working Paper, No. 161., Singapore, October 30, 2012.
- “Violence in Assam: Resource wars, Illegal Migration or Governance Deficit?” (Co-authored), ISAS Brief No. 250, Singapore, September 11, 2012. (Republished in Eurasia Review, September 2012, CLAWS (New Delhi), Daiji World).
- “Delhi Investment Summit: Building on the Narrative of ‘Opportunity’ in Afghanistan”, ISAS Brief, No. 246, Singapore, June 25, 2012. (Republished in ISN, Zurich and Eurasia Review).
- “Taliban, Spring offensive and Transition in Afghanistan”, ISAS Brief, No. 237, Singapore, April 18, 2012. (Republished in Eurasia Review).
- “Is the US–Afghan Strategic Partnership in doldrums?”, ISAS Brief, No. 231, Singapore, March 23, 2012. (Republished in Eurasia Review).
- “Quran Copy Burning in Afghanistan and the US ‘Exit’ Strategy”, ISAS Insights, No. 158, Singapore, March 5, 2012. (Republished in Eurasia Review).
- India-Afghanistan Strategic Partnership: Beyond 2014? ISAS Insights, No. 142, Singapore, 24 October 2011.
- “The Persisting Relevance of Al-Qaeda?”, ISAS News letter, South Asia, Issue No.17. , Singapore, October 2011.
- Afghanistan in Transition: Will ‘Bonn II’ be a Game Changer?, ISAS Insights, No. 136, Singapore, 15 September 2011.
- “Al Qaeda, A Decade after the 9/11 Attacks”, ISAS Brief, No. 216, Singapore, September 8, 2011. (Republished in Eurasia Review and Albany Tribune)
- Iran, US and the Afghan Conundrum”, ISAS Insights, No. 132, Singapore, September 1, 2011.
- “The Emerging Faultlines of the US-Afghan Strategic Partnership”, ISAS Brief, No. 210, Singapore, August 10, 2011.
- “The Great American Debate: Is Drawdown Of Forces in Afghanistan a Realistic Option?”, *ISAS Insight*, No. 126, Singapore, June 23, 2011.
- “Post-Osama: Is it the Beginning of the ‘End’ in Afghanistan?”, ISAS Brief, No. 196, Singapore, May 9, 2011.
- ‘Prospects for ‘Transition’ in the Afghan Security Sector: A Reality Check?’ ISAS Brief, No. 195, Singapore, April 15, 2011.
- “The TAPI Pipeline: A Recipe for Peace or Instability?” *ISAS Brief*, No. 194, Singapore, April 1, 2011.
- “India, Afghanistan and the 'End Game'?” *ISAS Working paper*, No. 124, Singapore, March 14, 2011.

- “Parliamentary Elections in Afghanistan: Imperfect, Yet Necessary”, *ISAS Brief*, No. 171, Singapore, September 7, 2010.
- “The Afghan Peace Jirgah: Is an end in sight? *ISAS Insight*, No. 105, Singapore, July 5, 2010.
- “Karzai Visits the United States: A Mutual Opportunity to Bury Hatchets?” *ISAS Brief*, No. 162, Singapore, May 25, 2010.
- "Karzai's Balancing Act: Bringing 'China' In? *ISAS Insight*, No.98, Singapore, May 7, 2010.

ISAS Blogs

- “Musings from Kandahar: Impressions of a Field Visit”, South Asia Soundings, ISAS Blog, Singapore, November 2011.
- “What Rabbani’s Killing Means For Afghanistan?” South Asia Soundings, ISAS Blog, Singapore, September 24, 2011. (Republished in Eurasia Review)
- Ramadan Brings No Respite From Taliban Violence In Afghanistan, , South Asia Soundings, ISAS Blog, Singapore, August 5, 2011.
- Role of the Afghan Diaspora in the Rebuilding War-Ravaged Afghanistan, South Asia Soundings, ISAS Blog, Singapore, July 20, 2011.
- US Search for Alternatives: Northern Distribution Network and the Afghan War, South Asia Soundings, ISAS Blog, Singapore, July 8, 2011.
- ‘Building A Counter-Narrative: Untold Stories From The Afghan War Zone’, South Asia Soundings, ISAS Blog, Singapore, April 29, 2011.
- “The Great Afghan Dilemma: To Talk or Not to Talk?” South Asia Soundings, ISAS Blog, Singapore,, February 28, 2011.
- “One More Afghan Review, One More Exercise In Futility?” South Asia Soundings, ISAS Blog, Singapore, December 27, 2010.
- “Afghan Elections: Perceptions from the Ground”, South Asia Soundings, ISAS Blog, Singapore, October 22, 2010.
- “The Kabul Conference: A Fait Accompli?” South Asia Soundings, ISAS Blog, Singapore, July 21, 2010.

Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA) Strategic Comments/Web Writings

- “Obama’s Afghan Strategy: Surge or Retreat?” *Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA) Strategic Comment*, New Delhi, Dec 14, 2009.
- “US Policy towards Afghanistan under Obama Administration and possible Indian Responses,” *IDSA Occasional Paper series*, 2009.
- India-US Relations: The Need to Move Beyond Symbolism, *IDSA Strategic Comment*, December 3, 2009.
- “Afghan Elections and Af-Pak Strategy,” *IDSA Strategic Comment*, Sept 29, 2009.
- “Afghan Presidential Elections: The Quest for Change,” *IDSA Strategic Comment*, August 19, 2009.
- “NATO in Afghanistan: Fault lines in the transatlantic alliance?” *IDSA Special Feature*, April 02, 2009. (republished in World Affairs Journal, Washington DC)

- “The Pakistan Link to the Mumbai Terror Attacks,” *IDSA Strategic Comments*, December 05, 2008.
- “US Presidential Candidates Foreign Policy Positions,” *IDSA Occasional Paper*, November 3, 2008.
- “Should India Continue Its Present Course in Afghanistan?” *IDSA Strategic Comments*, July 9, 2008 (Also reprinted in *Afghanistan Conflict Monitor*, Kabul).
- “Negotiations with Insurgents in India’s Northeast,” *IDSA Strategic Comments*, June 19, 2008.
- “America’s Pakistan Policy in Disarray,” *IDSA Strategic Comments*, January 2, 2008.
- “Change the Pattern of Aid to Afghanistan,” *IDSA Strategic Comments*, June 28, 2007.
- “Border Management and India's North East,” *IDSA-Strategic Comments*, July 18, 2006.
- India's Role in Afghanistan: Need for Greater Engagement”, *IDSA-Strategic Comments*, May 04, 2006.

Paper Presentations in Seminars, Workshops, Guest Speaker, Lectures, Training, Briefings, Panel discussions, International interactions-

- Participated in the “*Second India Think Tank Forum: The Potential and Power of National, Regional and Global Partnerships*”, organised by McKinsey Global Institute, Observer Research Foundation & Think Tanks and Civil Societies Program, University of Pennsylvania, New Delhi from June 19-21, 2017.
- Participated in the “*Transforming India-Pakistan Relations: Third Security Seed Community Meeting*”, organised by Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Kathmandu, May 22, 2017.
- Guest speaker as a subject matter expert on “*TAPI- A Pipeline of peace: Can it be a ‘game changer’ for Afghanistan and Pakistan?*” at the working session on Economic Cooperation and Social Linkages: Expanding the Scope of Bilateral Connectivity for Progress at the Bilateral Reconciliation - Track II talks between Afghanistan & Pakistan, organised by the Regional Peace Institute, Islamabad and Royal Danish Defence College (RDDC), Denmark in Kabul, Afghanistan, May 16-17, 2017. (Presentation to be published as conference proceedings by the RDDC)
- Presentations on “*Islamic State in Africa, South and South East Asia*” and “*OBOR: China and Afghanistan*”, for the officials of Department of International Relations & Cooperation, Republic of South Africa, Pretoria, March 14-15, 2017.
- Presentation and discussion on “*Changing Geopolitics in Afghanistan*” at the National Security Council Secretariat, New Delhi, March 8, 2017.
- Presentation of a field study on “*India's Role in the Economic Stabilisation of Afghanistan*”, at a seminar on "India-Afghanistan relations" organised by Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), India International Centre (Annexe), New Delhi, December 14, 2016.

- Presented a paper on “*India’s role in the economic stabilisation of Afghanistan*” at a Regional Conference on “Afghanistan’s Region in Transformation”, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Berlin, December 1-3, 2016
- Participated in the “*second India-Pakistan seed community meeting*” organised by Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (India), Dubai, November 12, 2016
- Guest lecture on “*Afghan Insurgency and the Counter Insurgency campaign*” for the officers at Regional Maritime Security Course (RMSC), Naval War College, Goa, September 21, 2016.
- Participated in the “*first India-Pakistan seed community meeting*” organised by Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (India), Kathmandu, July 17, 2016.
- Guest lectures on “*Afghanistan, Regional Stability and Counter terrorism in South and Central Asia*”, Department of International Relations & Cooperation, Pretoria, South Africa, May 23-24, 2016.
- Presented a paper on “*Regional Coordination between Organisations*” at the 6th Regional Economic Cooperation Conference on Afghanistan (RECCA), Kabul, Afghanistan, September 3-4, 2015.
- Presented a paper on “*India in BRICS and Indo-GCC relations: Assessing Conflicts and Complementarities*”, Gulf Research Meeting (GRM), University of Cambridge, August 24-27, 2015. (Published as a chapter of edited book).
- Lecture on “*Rebuilding Afghanistan: Role for India*”, National Defence College, New Delhi, August 21, 2015. The participants included service officers from Indian Armed Forces, Civil Service, Foreign Service, Police and defence personnel from foreign countries.
- Presented a paper on “*The Jihadi landscape in Jammu & Kashmir*”, at the Jihadist Insurgency Conference, organised by International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation (ICSR) and TRENDS Research and Advisory (Abu Dhabi) at King's College, London, May 28-29, 2015. (Paper published in special issue of Small Wars & Insurgencies, June 2016).
- Presented a paper on “*International Intervention in Afghanistan: Prospects for peace and stability in the transformation decade*”, at the International Conference on NATO Drawdown from Afghanistan: Challenges and Opportunities, organised by the Department of Political Science, Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan, Pakistan, May 20-21, 2015. (Paper published as a journal article).
- Speaker and chair of a session titled, “*Challenges to Global Security*” at the international conference on Trends in Terrorism & Implications for Global Security, organised jointly by the Konard Adenauer Stiftung and the Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, New Delhi, May 16, 2015.
- Panel speaker on “*Vision 2020: The Future of India-Afghanistan Relations*”, organised by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung-India at the Indian International Centre Annexe, New Delhi, April 24, 2015.
- Speaker at a round table, “*Current Developments in Afghanistan : Policy Options for India*”, organised by the Society for Policy Studies, New Delhi in collaboration with India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi, April 22, 2015.
- Guest lecture on “*Afghanistan in the transformation decade: Prospects for peace and stability*”, South Asian University, New Delhi, March 12, 2015.
- Presented a paper on “*Pakistan and NATO: A Transactional Relationship or Enduring partnership?*” at an International Seminar on India, Europe And Pakistan, organised by JNU Jean Monnet Chair, UGC Europe Area Studies

Programme in association with Polish Institute, New Delhi, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, March 2, 2015.

- Panel speaker on the “*Future of Afghanistan: An Indian Perspective*” at a panel discussion on “New government- new chapter? The road ahead for Afghanistan”, organised by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), India International Centre, January 30, 2015.
- Guest lecture on “*Democratic Transition in Afghanistan, Institution-Building and Prospects for Stability*” at Centre for Afghanistan Studies, MMAJ Academy of International Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, November 11, 2014.
- Presented a paper on “*India’s post 2014 Afghanistan policy*” at an international seminar on *An Appraisal of India’s Neighbourhood Policy: Way Forward*, Maulana Abul Kalam Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS, Kolkata, November 6-7, 2014.
- Presented a paper on “*India’s Economic Intervention in Afghanistan*” at the workshop on Mobilizing the State: Indian Economic Diplomacy In The 21st Century, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, October 11-12, 2014. (To be published as a chapter of edited volume on Indian economic diplomacy).
- Participated in a program sponsored by the U.S. Embassy, New Delhi, to visit and interact with officials at the United States Mission to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (US NATO), Belgium and Netherlands, as part of group of policy makers and thought leaders from India, September 22-24, 2014.
- Guest lecture on “*Rebuilding Afghanistan Post 2014: Role for India*”, National Defence College, New Delhi, September 17, 2014.
- Presented a paper on “*India’s Economic Diplomacy in Afghanistan*” at the workshop on Mobilising the State: Indian Economic Diplomacy in the 21st century, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, June 5-6, 2014.
- Expert contributor at the “*8th Regional Workshop for Judges, Prosecutors and Police Officers in South Asia on Effectively Countering Terrorism*”, hosted by the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (UNCTED), and organized by the Global Center on Cooperative Security in association with the Institute of South Asian Studies of the National University of Singapore (ISAS), Singapore, April 15-17, 2014.
- Participated in the Strategic Studies Summit, Bangkok, Thailand, February 23-25, 2014
- Discussant for Panel on “*Traditional Threats within the Strategic Crossroads*” at the Central and South Asia Strategic Crossroads Conference, organised by the Near East South Asia (NESAs) Center for Strategic Studies, National Defence University, Washington DC and the School of Advanced International and Area Studies at East China Normal University, Shanghai , December 12-14, 2013.
- Participated and contributed to the workshop on ‘*Afghanistan 2020*’, supported by the Australian Department of Defence and organised in collaboration with the Lowy Institute for International Policy (Australia) and Chatham House (UK), Adelaide, South Australia, November 22, 2013. Attended by senior officials in Australia’s Defence, Foreign Service and Aid communities, it brought together a select group of international academic

- experts and practitioners in order to analyse different scenarios for Afghanistan following the end of the ISAF mandate in December 2014.
- Participated in “*India and the Peace-Building Process in Afghanistan*”, Joint Workshop of York Centre for Asian Research & South and Central Asia Project, York University, Toronto, October 18, 2013.
 - Presented a paper on “*India’s Aid policy and the Democratic Transition in Afghanistan*” at the International Conference on Promoting Democracy: What Role for the Emerging Powers?, jointly organized by the IDRC/ CRDI and Centre for International Policy Studies (CIPS), University of Ottawa, Canada, October 15-16, 2013.
 - Presented a paper on “*Afghanistan in India’s Strategic Calculus: Looking Beyond 2014?*” in a panel on India’s Security: Challenges and Opportunities at the Australian Political Studies Association (APSA) Annual conference, Perth, September 30-October 2, 2013.
 - Guest speaker on “*Afghanistan Post-2014: Prospects for Long-term Stabilisation*”, School of Management and Governance, Murdoch University, Perth, 27 September 27, 2013.
 - Invited as panellist to an academic summit “*The Heart of Asia, 2015 and Beyond*,” Islamabad, co-sponsored by the Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies, Washington DC and the Pakistan National Defence University, September 16-18, 2013.
 - Participated as a delegate in *The 12th IISS Asia Security Summit: The Shangri-La Dialogue*, Singapore, Friday 31 – June 2, 2013.
 - Presented a policy paper on “*De-Radicalisation Programme in Singapore: Lessons for Afghanistan*”, Annual Strategic Studies Network (SSN) Working Groups Meeting, organised by Near East South Asia (NESAs) Centre, National Defence University, Washington DC, Dead Sea, Jordan from May 18-19, 2013. (To be published as working group report)
 - Presented a paper on “*India’s Role in the Re-integration of Afghanistan into SAARC: Regional Cooperation, Trade, Transit and Connectivity*” at a Regional Conference on Afghanistan in SAARC: Towards Deeper Engagement in cooperation organised by the Centre for South Asian Studies (CSAS) and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS), Kathmandu from May 14-15, 2013. (Published as a chapter in an edited book).
 - Paper presentation on “*India’s Aid Diplomacy in Africa & Afghanistan: A Comparative Perspective*” at an international conference on “India in Africa: New Frontiers in South-South Relations”, organised by Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF), Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, March 14-17, 2013.
 - Paper presentation on “*Counter Terrorism and the Media: Analysing the 2008 Mumbai Terrorist attacks*” at the workshop on “The Role of the media in addressing terrorism and violent extremism in South Asia”, organised by the Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS), Singapore and Center on Global Counterterrorism Cooperation (CGCC), New York in Singapore, December 6-7, 2012. (Published as a report)
 - Participated in South Asia and Gulf Strategic Forum on “*The Challenges of Water and Energy Security in South Asia and the Indian Ocean Region*”, organised by Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESAs), organised by National Defense University, Washington DC in Bangkok, November 6-9, 2012.

- Panellist on ‘*Illicit Networks in the Af-Pak region*’, Strategic Studies Network Summit, Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESA), organised by National Defense University, Washington DC in Bangkok, November 3-6, 2012.
- Subject Matter Expert, Moderator and facilitator for the workshop on "Cyberia: Identity, Cyberspace& National Security", organised by the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS), Hawaii, for the policy makers and practitioners from South East Asian countries, Singapore, August 21-22, 2012.
- Participated as a delegate at the 11th IISS Asia Security Summit, the *Shangri-La Dialogue*, Singapore, June 1-3, 2012.
- Discussant on a panel- “*Preventive Action and Conflict Mitigation: Afghanistan*” in a workshop entitled “Armed Conflict in South Asia: Towards a Cooperative framework for preventive action”, organised by Regional Centre for Strategic Studies (RCSS), South Asian Regional Secretariat for the Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC), Colombo, Sri Lanka, May 3-4, 2012.
- Panel Speaker on “*Countering Violent Extremism (CVE)*” at the Workshop on “Promoting Regional Security Cooperation in South Asia: What Role for Civil Society?” Singapore, organised by Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS), Singapore and Center on Global Counterterrorism Cooperation, New York, April 26-27, 2012.
- Lead discussant on “*Trends in Indo-Afghan Relations and the Future of Afghanistan*” in a conference on “The Future of Asia”, Dubai, organised by RAND, USA, April 09-12, 2012.
- Speaker on " *ASEAN Experience of Effective Regional Cooperation: Relevance for SAARC*", at an international conference on Challenges and opportunities of Twenty First Century SAARC, organised by the Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BISS), Dhaka, April 03-05, 2012.
- Guest Speaker on “*Post Bonn analysis for an Effective Transition in Afghanistan – Role of Civil society Organisations (CSO’s)*”, organised by the Agency Coordinating Body for Afghan Relief (ACBAR) and ActionAid International Afghanistan, Kabul, February 2, 2012.
- Participated in the IISS South Asia Security Conference, in partnership with the Near East South Asia (NESA) Centre for Strategic Studies, Washington DC, in Muscat, Oman, December 12-14, 2011.
- Speaker on “*Afghan Peace Process*” at the 8th Annual RNSSC Plenary Meeting, in Istanbul, organised by the Regional Network of Strategic Studies Centers (RNSSC), Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESA), National Defense University (NDU), Washington DC, and the Center for Strategic Research (SAM), Ankara, Turkey, November 28 – December 1, 2011.
- Participated at the fourth India Forum, organised by the German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) and the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Stockholm, November 11-12, 2011.
- Presented paper on “*US-Afghanistan Relations*” at an international expert meeting on “Afghanistan on the Way to the Stable State and Society (2001-2011)”, Dubai (UAE),organised by the Ariana Afghan Center (Almaty,

Kazakhstan) the Polit Contact Center of Political Technologies (Moscow, Russia) and Afghanistan and Regional Studies Centre (Dushanbe, Tajikistan), November 8-9, 2011.

- Presented a paper on “*India’s Afghan policy: Is there a need for reformulation?*” at an international seminar on India’s Eurasian Endeavour: Rediscoveries and Reformulations’, India International Centre, New Delhi, organised by the Global India Foundation, in collaboration with Maulana Abul Kalam Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS), Kolkata and India-Central Asia Foundation (ICAF), New Delhi, September 29-30, 2011.
- Paper presentation on “*Drawdown of US Military Presence and Prospects for Stabilisation of Afghanistan*” at an international round table on Conflict and peace building in Afghanistan: current situation and prospects, Dushanbe, 5-6 July 2011.
- Participated at the 10th IISS Asia Security Summit, the Shangri-La Dialogue, Singapore, June 3–5, 2011.
- Participated in the “*US-South Asia Leader Engagement Program*” organised by the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University (Cambridge, Massachusetts) and the Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESAS), Washington, DC, May 14-26, 2011.
- Panellist Breaking News Dialogue on ‘*After Osama bin Laden: What Next?*’ Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore, May 6, 2011.
- Guest lecture on “*Counter Radicalization--with regard to AF/PAK issues*” in a conference on “The Security Sector’s Role in Reducing Violent Extremism,” PASOC 2011, organised for representatives from 23 Asian-Pacific nations, Pakistan, the United Kingdom, Canada, Germany and France, and two regional organizations, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) by the Pacific Area Special Operations Conference (PASOC) 2011, Honolulu, April 17-21, 2011.
- Guest Lecture on “*Regional dimensions on the Afghan conflict and Prospects for Regional cooperation*” at a round table organised by Action Aid Afghanistan, March 10, 2011.
- Lecture on “*Regional Cooperation: Long term Stabilization of Afghanistan*” at the National Center on Policy Research, Kabul University, Afghanistan, March 09, 2011.
- Guest lecture on “*Gender and Peace building*” at the Peace Building Symposium, organised by Development and Public Awareness (DPA), Kabul, Afghanistan, March 7, 2011.
- Presented a policy paper on “*India’s Afghan policy: Lessons for the International community?*” at the ‘Afghanistan in 2011: A Canada-India Policy Dialogue on Future Developmental Efforts’, India International Centre, New Delhi, March 1, 2011.
- Participated in the Reintegration, Reconstruction and Reconciliation (R3) Working Group Meeting of the Regional Network of Strategic Studies Centers (RNSSC) organised by Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies, National Defense University (NDU), Washington DC, Rome, Italy, February 9-11, 2011.
- Paper presented on “*International Community in Afghanistan: From a Stalemate to a Definition of Success*” at the International Conference on

Rethinking International Intervention In Afghanistan organised by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata and Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi at New Delhi, January 6-7, 2011. (Paper published as a chapter in an edited book).

- Briefing on “*India’s Role in Afghanistan: Perspectives from the field*” at the Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS), National University of Singapore, November 19, 2010.
- Participated in the Reintegration, Reconstruction and Reconciliation (R3) Working Group Meeting at the 6th Annual RNSSC Plenary Meeting organised by Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies, National Defense University, Washington DC, Dead Sea, Jordan, Nov 10-14, 2010.
- Presented a Policy paper on “*Nation building in Afghanistan and India’s national strategy*” at IDSA National Security Strategy Workshop, New Delhi, December 20-23, 2010. (Paper published as a chapter in an edited book).
- Presented a paper on “*India, Afghanistan, and the ‘End Game’?*” at the IFS-IDSA conference on ‘India’s grand strategic thought’, Oslo, 8-10 September 2010. (Paper published as a chapter in an edited book).
- Policy paper on “*Reintegration, Reconstruction and Reconciliation: Indian perspectives*” at the Reintegration, Reconstruction and Reconciliation (R3) Working Group Meeting of the Regional Network of strategic studies Centers (RNSSC), organised by Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies National Defense University, Washington DC in Istanbul, June 8-11, 2010. (Paper published as policy brief by the National Defense University, Washington DC).
- Briefing on “*Af-Pak strategy & Regional Implications*” for the Swedish delegation, Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS), Singapore, May 20, 2010.
- Guest Lecture on “*Women and Combating Terrorism: Traitors, Martyrs and Patriots*” at the APCSS South Asia Alumni Symposium on Combating Terrorism in Male, Republic of Maldives, organised by the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, Hawaii, May 24-27, 2010.
- Presented a paper on “*India’s role in post 9/11 Afghanistan and the Af-Pak strategy*” at a workshop on ‘Neighbours and Security in Afghanistan’ organised by the German Council on Foreign Relations at the German Marshall Fund of the United States, Washington DC, April 13, 2010.
- Participated in a panel discussion on “*Afghanistan-Pakistan & the implications for India’s security*”, S P Jain Institute of Management, Singapore, March 6, 2010.
- Participated in the Reintegration, Reconstruction and Reconciliation (R3) Working Group Meeting of the Regional Network of Strategic Studies Centers (RNSSC), organised by Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies National Defense University, Washington DC at Kathmandu, Feb 24-26, 2010.
- Briefing on “*India-Afghanistan relations after the London Conference- India’s long term view on Afghanistan*” organised by the Embassy of Netherlands, New Delhi, February 9, 2010.
- Guest lecture on ‘*Implications of New AF-Pak Policy*’ Bureau of Police Research & Development (BPR&D) sponsored Vertical Interaction Course for senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officers on the theme ‘National Security Challenges and Police Response’, New Delhi, February 04 - 10, 2010.

- “*India's role in Afghanistan & Af-Pak Strategy*”, IDSA Fellow’s Seminar, New Delhi, January 22, 2010.
- Briefing on “*Af-Pak Strategy: Indian Perspective*” Danish Ambassador’s Af-Pak Regional Meeting, Royal Danish Embassy, New Delhi, January 14, 2010.
- Discussant at Fellows’ Seminar on “*India – Afghanistan Relations during Soviet Intervention*” at the Centre for Air Power Studies, New Delhi, January 8, 2010.
- Participated in the Fifth Regional Network of Strategic Studies (RNSSC) Plenary Meeting, co-hosted by the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), New Delhi and Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESAS) Center for Strategic Studies of the National Defense University, Washington DC, at New Delhi, Nov 18-21, 2009.
- Guest lecture on “*Af-Pak Imbroglio: Future Trends and India’s Role*” at a seminar on “*Future National Security Challenges for India – Coping Strategies*”, organised by South Western Command, Indian Army, Kota, October 28-30, 2009.
- Nominated to participate in a three day regional conference entitled ‘*Countering Violent Extremism*’, by the U.S. Government in Dhaka, September 27-29, 2009.
- Talk on “*Afghanistan and South Asia: Prospects for Regional Cooperation*”, Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS), National University of Singapore, Singapore, October 8, 2009.
- Guest lecture on “*India’s role in Afghanistan and the Af-Pak Strategy*” at a seminar on “*The Geo-political Contest in Afghanistan and its Impact on India’s Interests*”, organised by Asia Centre, Bangalore and Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi at Bangalore, July 25, 2009.
- “*Strategic Communications- Media and Counter Terrorism: A Case Study of Mumbai Terrorist attacks*”, at Confronting Political Violence in the Near East and South Asia workshop, Near East South Asia Center For Strategic Studies (NESAS), Washington DC, July 6-10, 2009. (Policy paper published by *Regional Network of strategic studies Centers (RNSSC)*, Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESAS) Center for Strategic Studies of the National Defense University, Washington D.C.)
- Lead speaker at a Teleconference on “*The importance of good relations between Pakistan and Afghanistan – are they improving?*” The International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), London, July 2, 2009.
- Guest lecture on “*Mumbai bombing*” at "The International Combating Terrorism Fellowship Symposium," for the alumni of the Regional Defense Combating Terrorism Fellowship Program (CTFP) organised by the National Defense University’s College for International Security Affairs (CISA) and the Jordanian Armed Forces Directorate for Doctrine and Joint Training, Amman, Jordan, June 21-24, 2009.
- Participant in “*Finding Common Grounds for Peace*” at the Afghanistan-India-Pakistan Dialogue, Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace & Conflict Resolution, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi, June 6-8, 2009.
- Panellist on “*Afghanistan – A Frontier of Indo-Pak Rivalry?*” In Seeking Peace in Changing Worlds: Conflict Transformation and the New Geopolitics of Power Seventh Annual Conflict Transformation Workshop, Women in

Security, Conflict Management and Peace (WISCOMP), May 23, 2009, New Delhi, India.

- ‘*Strategies for inclusion of other neighbouring states and regional actors*’ in ‘A Strategy towards Afghanistan and Its Region’, Liechtenstein Institute on Self-Determination at Princeton University (LISD) Workshop, Triesenberg, Principality of Liechtenstein, May 7 -10, 2009. (Contributed to Policy paper entitled-“ A New” Strategy for Afghanistan and Its Region” available at http://www.princeton.edu/lisd/publications/triesenbergsummary_2009.pdf
- “*Afghanistan: Tipping Point*”, Armed Conflicts in South Asia 2009, Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies(IPCS) Workshop, New Delhi, 16 April 2009. (Paper published as a chapter in edited book)
- Briefing for defence attaches and diplomatic staff on “*Afghanistan – Obama Administration Approach to COIN and Indian Policy Options*”, South Asian Defence and Security, United Services Institution (USI) of India, New Delhi, March 25, 2009.
- Paper presentation on “*Media and Counter Terrorism: A Case Study of Mumbai Terrorist attacks*”, WMD & CT Working group, Regional Network of Strategic Studies Centres (RNSSC) Combating Terrorism Working Group Meeting, organised by Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESA), National Defence University, Washington D.C., in Istanbul, Turkey, 16-18 March 2009.
- “*The US Counter Insurgency Approach in Afghanistan under the Obama Administration: Does it portend ‘change’?*” IDSA Fellows Paper presentation, March 6, 2009
- Briefing for defence attaches on “*Afghan Insurgency: Lessons for NATO*”, Round Table on ‘Terrorism in South Asia: The Challenge Ahead’, Security-risks.com, USI of India, New Delhi, October 15, 2008.
- Panellist on “*Implications for Afghanistan and US War on Terrorism*”, at a panel discussion titled “Post Musharraf: Pakistan Regional Security”, Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS), New Delhi, August 27, 2008.
- “*Armed conflicts and Movements for Autonomy in India’s Northeast*”, paper presented at the International Workshop on Autonomy and Armed Separatism in South and Southeast Asia, jointly hosted by Asia Research Institute and Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, National University of Singapore and supported by The Asia Foundation and the Centre on Asia and Globalisation, Singapore, 26-27 June 2008. (Published as a chapter of an edited book)
- “*Student’s Islamic Movement of India (SIMI)*”, paper presented at the National Conference on Non-State Armed Groups and Indian Security in the 21st Century, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), New Delhi, 08-10 April 2008.
- “*Role of International Community in long term stabilisation of Afghanistan: A Critical Analysis*”, paper presented at the International Workshop on “Building Peace: Applying the Tswalu Protocol to Africa”, hosted jointly by the Brenthurst Foundation, Johannesburg, The Centre for Policy Research and Dialogue, Addis Ababa and the Commission of the African Union, Addis Ababa, March 15-16, 2008.
- Guest Discussant on “*Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Cooperation: Country Experiences and Prospects for Cooperation*” at an

international Seminar on “Asia-Pacific Security: Addressing the Challenges of a Changing World”, Chon buri, Thailand, March 2-5, 2008.

- “*Indo-US Counter Terrorism Cooperation*”, IDSA Fellows Paper presentation, February 23, 2008.
- “*Taking Stock of the Afghan Conflict: What Ails the Afghan Long Term Stabilisation Effort?*”, paper presented at the 10th Asian Security Conference on Asian Security in 21st Century, IDSA, New Delhi, February 5-7, 2008.
- “*Taliban-Al Qaeda: Ideological linkages*”, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA) -The Begin-Sadat Centre for Strategic Studies (BESA), Israel, Bilateral Dialogue on "Non-State Armed Groups and Asian Security in the 21st Century", IDSA, New Delhi, January 15-16, 2008.
- “*US & Taliban: From Friends to Foe*” at the International Conference on Crisis And Reconstruction In Afghanistan: Domestic, Regional And International Dimensions, organised by Jawaharlal Nehru University at the India International Centre, New Delhi, January 31-February 1, 2008.
- “*Unity of Effort’ and Counter Insurgency in Afghanistan: An Appraisal*” presented at IDSA Fellows Seminar, August 22, 2007
- Guest Lecture on “*Terrorism in J&K*”, Training Programme for Indian Foreign service (IFS) Probationers (Batch 2007), March , 2007, IDSA, New Delhi.
- Guest lecture on “*Indo-Afghan relations*”, Indian Army officers, Hissar, Haryana, February, 2007.
- “*US Counter Insurgency Approach in Afghanistan: A Reappraisal*” paper presented at IDSA Fellows Seminar, February 2, 2007.
- “*Global war on Terrorism in South Asia*” paper presented at the Academic Research Centre, Delhi University, February 1-2, 2007.
- Selected to attend ***International Summer School 2006***, University of Oslo, Blindern, Oslo, Norway, June 23-August 04, 2006, with full scholarship.
- “*US-Pakistan Counter-Terrorism Cooperation: Dynamics and Challenges*,” paper presented at IDSA Fellows Seminar, June 2006.
- “*Afghanistan in South Asia*” paper presented at a seminar on “A creative conceptualization of cooperation in our region”, Indian Council for South Asian Cooperation, New Delhi, March 10 -11, 2006.
- “*Challenges to Policy making in Afghanistan*” paper presented at ICAP, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, March 6, 2006.
- “*Afghanistan's South Asian Future*” paper presented at South Asia Studies, (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University, Washington DC, February 2, 2006.
- Participated in the Summer Workshop on ‘Defence Technology and Cooperative Security in South Asia’ organised by the Regional Centre for Strategic Studies, Colombo in Lahore, Pakistan, 24 February-05 March 2005.

Organisational tasks- Seminars, talks, round tables

- Organised a workshop on “*Afghanistan in Transition: Beyond 2014?*”, Institute of South Asian Studies, Singapore, January 9-10, 2012. (Proceedings and papers published as an edited book entitled- on “Afghanistan in Transition: Beyond 2014?”. (New Delhi: Pentagon Press, July 2012).
- Organised a talk on “*Militancy and Police Response in K.P.K and Tribal Areas*” by Mr Malik Naveed Khan, Inspector General of Police (Retd.)

- Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (K.P.K) Province, Pakistan, Institute of South Asian Studies, Singapore, January 19, 2011.
- Organised ISAS Public Lecture by Dr. Abdullah, Chief Executive, Afghanistan, former Chairman, Afghanistan National Alliance for Hope and Change and Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Afghanistan on “*Afghan Conflict: External-Internal Dimensions*”, Institute of South Asian Studies, Singapore, February 14, 2011.
 - Coordinator, Visiting Fellow’s Program, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), New Delhi, 2006-2010.
 - Coordinated and compiled a report of an interaction and briefing for the Visiting Singaporean Delegation -the 3rd India-Singapore Defence Working Group Meeting at the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi on July 15, 2008.
 - Organised a Round Table for Mr. John Schlosser on the topic “*Indo-US Nuclear & Defence Cooperation*”, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi, February 1, 2008.
 - Organised a Round Table for Prof. Walter Andersen, Associate Director of the South Asia Studies Program; SAIS, Johns Hopkins University on “*Indo-US Nuclear Deal*”, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi, January 11, 2008.
 - Organised a Talk for Daniel Pipes, Director of the Middle East Forum and specialist on the Middle East and Islam on the topic “*Radical Islam and the War on Terror*”, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi, January 17, 2008.
 - Organised a Round Table for Prof. Azar Gat, Professor and the incumbent of the Ezer Weitzman Chair for National Security in the Department of Political Science at Tel Aviv University, on “*Why democracies fail in Counter Insurgencies war?*”, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi, January 18, 2008.
 - Presentation on “*An Overview of IDSA’s Research activities*” at the “Regional Counterparts Collaboration” Workshop, Honolulu 14-16 November 2007, hosted by the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, Honolulu, Hawaii as a representative of the IDSA, New Delhi.

Consultancies, Resource Person, Project Co-ordinator, Outreach, Alumni & Professional Membership

- **Adviser**, Independent Directorate of Local Governance (IDLG), Government of Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Work Stream Short Consultancy-Downward Accountability (*Provincial Councillor Representational and Oversight Functions*), IDLG, Technical Assistance Project (IDLG II TA), Adam Smith International, Afghanistan, (DFID funded project), June 2015- March 2016. As Adviser, I worked on issues of subnational governance; strengthening downward accountability; developed guidelines and data collection instruments to enable provincial councillors improve service delivery in eight sectors -education, agriculture, health, roads, electricity, water and sanitation, security and legal services. I contributed to development and finalisation of the Provincial Council (PC) internal procedure and oversight regulatory authority; developed formal

internal procedures for channelling of PC reports to relevant line ministries at the centre (through the IDLG) and provinces (through the governor); Revised the reporting template for the PCs informing councillors of their mandates, legal and policy frameworks, minimum service delivery standards and constraints to effective service delivery. I also provided inputs for organisational restructuring and revising the terms of reference (ToR) for the staff at GDCLCA; provided assistance in the formulation long term operational plan (4 years), annual plan; developed ToR for the establishment of a Provincial Council Working Group and PC coordinator to coordinate PC activities with the donors. I provided assistance, training materials and manual for the conduct of consultative workshops, capacity building packages for provincial councillors and awareness workshop for female provincial councillors.

- ***International Election Observer***, Afghanistan, Short term consultancy services with The Asia Foundation, Afghanistan (USAID funded) on the International Election Observer (IEO) Project for the audit of Afghanistan's Presidential Runoff elections held on June 14, 2014. The tasks involved report writing, data entry and short-medium term observation of the audit and recount process.
- ***Senior Transition Consultant***, United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS), Afghanistan, September 11-22, 2013. I conducted extensive field analysis, interviews, focused group discussions with Afghan government officials, key policy makers, donors, non-governmental organizations, UN Mine Action personnel, de-miners, community elders, and other key stakeholders to review the mine action programme in Afghanistan in the light of the transition (*inteqal*) process and the evolving security, political and economic dynamics. The research design involved the use of primary and secondary sources to analyse issues of transition, funding, organisational functioning, national ownership, coordination, information flow, legislative framework, the role of stakeholders with the objective of mapping the role of key stakeholders in developing a viable mine action governance architecture. Case studies considered for the project included Cambodia, Laos, Liberia, South Sudan, Mozambique, Bosnia, Kosovo, Azerbaijan, Iraq, Colombia, Lebanon, Western Sahara, Mali, Ivory Coast, DRC, and Yemen. At the end of the field study, I presented the findings at a workshop in Kabul and submitted a report identifying options to locate responsibility for the mine action mandate within the Afghan government and key stakeholders with a list of “pros and cons” for each option and the steps required for implementation.
- ***Project Associate***, South and Central Asia Project (SCAP), Centre for International and Security Studies, York University, Toronto, Canada (2013-15)-The Project explored various aspects of new regionalism in Asia's Central Nexus.
- ***External Reviewer and Consultant*** for the country programme of ActionAid, Afghanistan (AAA), May-June 2011. I conducted programme and organizational review of AAA's programmes, project and functioning in Kabul and other provinces of Afghanistan. Submitted a detailed report titled “Country Programme Review” with key learning gaps to inform the management on the state of country programme as well as provided recommendations on future directions to guide the formulation of the next country strategy paper on developmental strategy and policy planning.

- **Contributor** on Afghanistan, *The Europa Regional Surveys of the World*, Europa World, 2013, 2014 & 2015, (Milton Park, Abingdon, Oxford: Routledge)
- **Contributor** to *Encyclopaedia Britannica* on India's security, prominent personalities, political leaders and parties.
- **Contributing Correspondent and Author**, *Eurasia Review*, (Spain, Germany & US) and *Albany Tribune*.
- **Reviewer** of applications for Fulbright-Nehru Doctoral Research Fellowships and Fulbright-Nehru Postdoctoral Research Fellowships, United States-India Educational Foundation in India (USIEF), New Delhi.
- **Reviewer** of book chapters, journal articles and research papers on security, politics and foreign policy in Afghanistan, India, South Asia, Central Asia and West Asia.
- External Reviewer for M.Phil dissertations, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.
- Member of Reintegration and Rehabilitation working group, Regional Network of strategic studies Centers (RNSSC), Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESAs), National Defense University, Washington D.C. Contributed policy paper on Reintegration and Rehabilitation: Case studies of Afghanistan, India and Singapore.
- Member of Reintegration, Reconstruction and Reconciliation (R3) Working Group, Regional Network of strategic studies Centers (RNSSC), NESAs, NDU, Washington D.C. Contributed to the Special Report on "Reintegration, Reconstruction, and Reconciliation: Recommendations from the Region", Kabul, October 2011.
- Member of Counter Terrorism & WMD Working Group, Regional Network of strategic studies Centers (RNSSC), NESAs, NDU, Washington D.C.
- Member of the International Studies Association (ISA), University of Arizona.
- Resource person on Afghanistan for teleconferencing with IISS, London.
- Founding member of Indo-Pakistan Fulbright Forum, Arizona, February 2006.
- Resource Person for the U.S. Educational Foundation in India (USEFI) Educational Open House Fulbright fellowship applicants, 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08.
- Part of the leadership, organisational and concept development team of the Second Jagran Public Policy Forum on 'Democracy and Conflict Resolution in Asia', Jagran Foundation, New Delhi, January 16, 2008.
- Part of organisational and resource team for Leadership Development Programme for Action Aid International, New Delhi, 20 September-1st October 31, 2004.
- Part of organisational team at the Third International Conference of UNESCO-MOST Project on Economic and Social Transformations connected with International Drug Problem, 1-5 November 1999, JNU, New Delhi.
- Member of Fulbright Alumni Association (Delhi chapter); Alumni Association of the South Asia Studies, (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University; Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies (NESAs) Center for Strategic Studies of the National Defense University, Washington DC; Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies, Hawaii.

Co-Curricular Honours

- Represented India at the *Indo-Canada Youth Exchange Programme*, National Cadet Corps (NCC) and Canada World Youth, Ontario-Rajasthan 1994-95.
- Adjudged the *Third Best Cadet* (Bronze Medallist) at All India Best Cadet Competition, NCC-Republic Day Camp, 1994, New Delhi.
- Represented Karnataka & Goa Directorate as the Senior Wing Best Cadet at the National Cadet Corps (NCC) *Republic Day Camp* (RDC) and the *Prime Minister's Rally*, New Delhi from January 05 -29, 1994.
- 'B' and 'C' Certificate, NCC, Air-Wing.
- Solo Certificate in Gliding and Parasailing, 6 Air Sqn, NCC, Mangalore, August 1993.

Community/ Social Service Activities

- Student coordinator, National Service Scheme, JNU, New Delhi, 1997-98.
- Counselling for the Mentally Challenged at Sudbury and District Association for Community Living, Canada, August-October 1994 and Women Victims of Violence at Sudbury Women's Centre, Canada, 1994.
- Counselling for the Patients at Drug De-addiction Centre, LINK-TRADA, Mangalore, 1993.

Media Interviews/Citations/writings- TV, Print International and National (English, Dari, Pushtu, French, Russian, Portuguese, Japanese, Hindi)

TV & Radio: Channel News Asia (Media Corp Singapore), Doordarshan (India), Lok Sabha TV (India), Rajya Sabha TV, DD Wide angle, Defence Watch (India), News X, Press TV, ANI, BBC world service station, Radio Free Liberty Europe (RFERL), Voice of America (Pushtu and Dari service), All India Radio, Media Corp 93.8 Live (Singapore), Radio France Internationale (Paris), China Radio International.

Newspaper: The Yomiuri Shimbun (Japanese), "O Estado de Sao Paulo", (Sao Paulo, Brazil), La Tercera Newspaper (Chile), Dainik Jagran (Hindi, New Delhi), Bloomberg, NATO Watch, Forbes (IBN Live), Deccan Chronicle (India), The Star (Malaysia), The Women's International Perspective, Inc. (The WIP-Monterey, CA), Reuters, Business Standard (India), The Albany Tribune (Madrid), Daily Star (Bangladesh), The New Statesman (UK), NATO Watch, Fergana (Russia), BD News 24 (Bangladesh), Sify, Thai Indian News, The Pioneer (Delhi), Rediff, The Business Times (Singapore), The Malaysian Digest, The Malaysian Insider, The Strait Times (Singapore), The Hindu (India), Indian Express, The Tribune (Chandigarh), Asia Times Online (Hong Kong), The Wall Street Journal, Al-Arabiya (Dubai), Daily News& Analysis (Mumbai), Business Standard(New Delhi).

Web platforms: Heinrich Böll Foundation (New Delhi), The Daily Outlook (Afghanistan), Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA), London School of Economics (LSE), Eurasia Review, Open Democracy (London), World Affairs Journal (Washington, D.C), Strategic Perspectives (RCSS, Colombo), Diplomat (Tokyo), The Indigenous Herald (Tripura), Control Risks/South Asia (London), The Strategy Channel (National Defense University, Washington D.C.), Afghan Zariza (Kabul), Anadolu Agency (Ankara), Live Encounters, Huffington Post.

Languages- English, Hindi, Urdu, Tamil, Konkani.