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## **DEGREES AND EDUCATION**

<b>Ph. D.</b> (West Asian Studies {Arab-Israeli Conflict}) Centre for West Asian & African Studies School of International Studies <b>Jawaharlal Nehru University</b> New Delhi	2002
<b>M. Phil.</b> (West Asian Studies) Centre for West Asian & African Studies School of International Studies <b>Jawaharlal Nehru University</b> New Delhi	1996
<b>M. A.</b> (International Relations) School of International Studies <b>Jawaharlal Nehru University</b> New Delhi	1994
<b>B. A. (Hons.)</b> (Political Science) Department of Political Science, Lady Shri Ram College <b>University of Delhi</b> , Delhi	1992 with Honours

## **PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT**

### **Current:**

*Assistant Professor* (since December 2005) at the **Centre for West Asian Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI)**, New Delhi.

### **Previous:**

*Visiting Faculty* (Dec 2004-05) at the **Centre for West Asian Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia**, New Delhi.

*Lecturer* (August –September 2000) in the **Department of Political Science, Indraprastha College for Women, University of Delhi**.

*Journalist* (Sept 2003 – Nov 2004) for the *Hindustan Times* (national daily), Chandigarh edition, Punjab, India.

*Journalist* (Feb – June 2002) for the *Times of India* (national daily), New Delhi.

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

My research interests primarily include politics and foreign policy of Iran, conflict and peace in West Asia, role of great powers in the region, foreign policy of West Asian states, India's relations with regional countries, democracy and civil society in the region, and encounters of Islam with modernity.

## **RESEARCH WORKS**

**Two-Year Research Project of the Indian Council for Social Science Research:** “*Indo-Iranian Relations in the post-Cold War Period: A (Neo) Realist Analysis*” (March 2011- February 2013)

**Research Project under Indo-French CEP:** “*A Comparative Analysis of the Approaches of India and France towards the Arab-Israeli Conflict: Deconstructing their ‘Pro-Arab’ Orientation*” (June 2009).

**Post-Doctoral Research:** “*Palestinian-Israeli Peace Process: A Comparative Analysis of the Position & Role of India and the EU*” (January-October, 2007).

**Research Project under Israeli Government Fellowship:** “*Religion and Politics in Turbulent Times: A Case Study of the Rise of Hamas during Intifada*” (October-May, 2002-03).

**Ph.D. Thesis:** “*Comprehending the Structures of Political Violence in Palestinian-Israeli Conflict*” (1996-2001).

**M. Phil. Dissertation:** “*The Politics of Shi'is in Ba'athi Iraq*” (1995-96).

## **AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS & HONOURS**

**Visiting Research Fellow**, Fellowship awarded by the *Government of Israel-Ministry of Human Resource and Development* (Government of India) for research at the Rothberg International School, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, October 2011-February 2012.

**Visiting Researcher**, Department of Indian Studies, Faculty of World Studies, *University of Tehran*, Iran, 3-20 September 2011.

**Grant-in-Aid** for a two-year Research Project awarded by the *Indian Council for Social Science Research*, March 2011- February 2013.

**Indian Council for Social Science Research Travel Grant** for participating in the 7th Pan-European International Relations Conference, Stockholm, 9-11 September 2010.

**Indo-French Cultural Exchange Programme Fellowship**, *Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme* and *University Grants Commission*, Paris, June 2009.

**Hermes Post-Doctoral Fellowship** awarded by *Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme*, Paris, January-October 2007.

**European Science Foundation Travel Grant** for International Workshop on Humanities and Social Sciences, Lisbon, 24-26 May 2007.

**Visiting Research Student**, Scholarship awarded by the *Government of Israel-MHRD* for research at the Rothberg International School, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel, September 2002-May 2003.

**Field Research Grant** by *Jawaharlal Nehru University* to undertake field trip to Israel, the West Bank, and the Gaza Strip, June-July 2000.

**Senior Research Fellowship for Doctoral Research** awarded by the *University Grants Commission*, May 1997-Dec 2000.

**Junior Research Fellowship for MPhil research** awarded by the *University Grants Commission*, Dec 1994-April 1997.

Passed **National Test for Eligibility for Lectureship (NET)** in Political Science conducted by the *University Grants Commission*, 1994.

## **PUBLICATION DETAILS**

### **Book(s)**

*West Asia: Civil Society, Democracy and State* (New Delhi: New Century Publications, 2010), edited.

### **Articles and Book Chapters**

“**India, Iran and the US Factor**”, in Priya Singh and Susmita Bhattacharya (ed.), *Perspectives on West Asia: The Evolving Geopolitical Discourses* (New Delhi: Shipra Publications, 2012), pp. 143-170.

“**Indo-Iranian Ties: Is there an Israel Factor?**” in Anwar Alam (ed.), *India and Iran: An Assessment of Contemporary Relations* (New Delhi: New Century Publications, 2011), pp. 175-192.

“**India-Iran Relations: Progress, Challenges and Prospects**”, *India Quarterly* (New Delhi: Sage Publications, 2010), Vol. 66, No. 4, December 2010, pp. 383-396.

“**Declaratory Diplomacy: Collective European Position on the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict**”, *South Asian Journal of Diplomacy* (School of International Relations and Politics, M.G. University, Kerala), 2010, pp. 69-84.

“**Flicker of Democracy in Iran? Assessing Freedom of Press under Khatami**”, in Gulshan Dietl (ed.), *Democracy and Democratisation in the Gulf* (New Delhi: Shipra Publications, 2010), pp. 173-190.

“**Development of Civil Society and Democratization of the Middle East**”, *Lex et Scientia International Journal (LESIJ)* (Bucharest), Vol. 2, No. 16, 2009, pp. 445-455.

“**Indo-Israel Relations and the Palestinian Issue: Perception of Gulf Monarchies**”, in I.P. Khosla (ed.), *India and the Gulf* (New Delhi: Konark Publications, 2009), pp. 187-203.

“**Indo-Iranian Relations: The Israeli Dimension**”, *Indian Journal of Politics and International Relations* (MG University, Kerala, India), Vol. 2, No. 2, July-December 2009, pp. 344-360.

**“Islam and Violence: An Uneasy Relationship”**, in Mushirul Hasan (ed.), *Islam in a Globalized World: Negotiating Faultlines* (New Delhi: ImprintOne, 2010), pp. 139-165.

**“Israel’s Perception of Iranian Nuclear Programme”**, in Anwar Alam (ed.), *Iran and Post-9/11 World Order: Reflections on Iranian Nuclear Programme* (New Delhi: New Century Publications, 2009), pp. 182-202.

**“One State Solution to the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict: Contemporary Debate”**, *Third Frame* (New Delhi: Cambridge University Press), Vol.1, No.4, October-December 2008, pp. 114-142.

**“ Hamas and Politics in Palestine: Impact on Peace-Building”**, in R.M. Abhyankar (ed.), *West Asia and the Region: Defining India’s Role* (Delhi: Academic Foundation, 2008), pp.463-489.

**“Palestinian-Israeli Peace Process in the ‘New Middle East’: Can India Have a Role to Play?”** in Anwar Alam (ed.), *India and West Asia in the Era of Globalisation* (New Delhi: New Century Publications, 2007), pp. 303-318.

**“Understanding Palestinian-Israeli Conflict through the Writings of Amos Oz”**, in *Notes on West Asia* (Chennai: Stella Maris College, February 2007), pp. 34 -46.

**“The Centrality of State in Islam and its Religious Roles: Discourse on the Caliphate/State from Early to Modern Islamic History”**, *Islam and the Modern Age* (Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi), Vol. xxxvii, No. 2, May 2006, pp. 112-139.

**“Sayyid Qutb’s Concept of *jahiliyya* as a Metaphor for Modern Society”**, *Islam and Muslim Societies* (New Delhi), Vol. 2, No. 2, February 2006, pp. 391-410. **Reproduced** in Nadeem Hasnain (ed.), *Beyond Textual Islam* (New Delhi: Serials Publication, 2008), pp. 143-172.

**“Significance of Pakistan-Israel Engagement”**, *South Asia Politics* (New Delhi), Vol. 4, No.7, November. 2005, pp. 11-13.

### **Online Publications**

**“India’s Iran-Israel Balancing Act”**, *e-International Relations*, <http://www.e-ir.info>, March 7, 2012.

**“India will tread a delicate path on Iranian oil trade”**, *Oxford Analytica*, March 28, 2012.

**“India’s Approach to Sanctions on Iran”**, *e-International Relations*, <http://www.e-ir.info>, April 29, 2012.

**“India-Iran oil trade continues within sanction regime”**, *Oxford Analytica*, August 13, 2012.

### **Book Review**

*India’s Foreign Policy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, V.D. Chopra, ed., Delhi: Kalpaz Publications and *India’s Foreign Policy: Continuity and Emerging Challenges* (New Delhi: Foundation for Peace and Sustainable Development, 2006), published in Indian Foreign Affairs Journal (New Delhi), vol. 1, no. 3, July-September 2006, pp. 131-34.

## **PAPERS PRESENTED AT NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS**

**“India-Iran Relations: Looking beyond Oil”**, Workshop on *The India-Gulf Strategic Partnership in a Pan-Asian Cooperative Paradigm*, Gulf Research Meeting, University of Cambridge, United Kingdom, July 11-14, 2012.

**“Iran-Israel Relations: Cooperation, Conflict and Future Scenario”**, National Seminar on *Contemporary Iran*, Gulf Studies Programme, Centre for West Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 30-31 March 2012.

**“Shi’is in Iraq and Iran: Cultural and Political Interplays”**, National Seminar on *Contemporary Iraq and Indo-Iraqi Relations*, Gulf Studies Programme, Centre for West Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 15-16 March 2012.

**“Iran in the Shadow of the Arab Spring”**, International Seminar on *Interpreting the Arab Spring: Significance of the New Arab Awakening*, **Maulana Azad Institute of Asian Studies**, Kolkata, 16-17 February 2012.

**“The Arab Spring: Consequences for Iran”**, The 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference in Political Science, International Relations and Public Policy in Memory of the later Yitzhak Rabin, The Leonard Davis Institute for International Relations, Workshop on *War and Peace in the New Millennium: The Interrelationships between an Emerging “New Middle East” and the Changing Global System*, **The Hebrew University of Jerusalem**, Jerusalem, December 14-16, 2011.

**“The Collapse of the ‘Doctrine of Periphery’: Options before Israel and Impact on the Middle East Peace Process”**, The tenth METU conference on International relations, *Rethinking International Relations: Theory and Practice*, Department of International Relations, **Middle East Technical University**, Ankara, June 15-17, 2011.

**“India, Iran and the ‘US Factor’”**, International Conference on *Perspectives in West Asia: Its Evolution As an Area of Study in the Changing Geopolitical Discourses*, **Maulana Azad Institute of Asian Studies**, Kolkata, January 17-18, 2011.

**“Between Peace-Building and Peace-Making: Assessing European Union’s Role in Middle East Peace Process”**, 7th Pan-European International Relations Conference, Stockholm, September 9-11, 2010.

**“Indo-Iran Relations: The Israeli Dimension”**, International Seminar on *India-Iran Relations in Contemporary Times (1979-2009)*, Centre for West Asian Studies, **Jamia Millia Islamia**, New Delhi, December 3-5, 2009.

**“The Shi’i Cultural Space between Iran and Iraq: Creation, Sustenance and Limits”**, Annual Conference of British Society for Middle Eastern Studies (BRISMES) on *Frontiers: Space, Separation & Contact in the Middle East*, **The University of Manchester**, United Kingdom, July 4-6 2009.

**“Development of Civil Society and Democratization in the Middle East”**, International Scientific Session on *Challenges of the Knowledge Society*, **Nicolae Titulescu University (NTU)**, Bucharest, and **University of Bucharest**, Bucharest, and held at NTU, June, 4-5, 2009.

**“Democratization of Palestinian Authority and Prospects for Palestinian-Israeli Peace Process”**, International Conference on *Change and Stability: State, Religion, and Politics in the Middle East and North Africa*, Department of Middle and Far East, **Jagiellonian University**, Krakow, Poland, May 28-29, 2009.

**“Flicker of Democracy in Iran? Assessing Press Reforms under Khatami”**, National Seminar on *Democratisation in the Gulf: Challenges Ahead*, Centre for West Asian and African Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, March, 27, 2009.

**“Democracy Constrained: Occupation and the Functioning of PNA”**, National Seminar on *Civil Society, Democracy and State in West Asia*, Centre for West Asian Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, January 21-22, 2009.

**“Iran and Israel in the Shadow of 9/11: India’s Perception and Response”**, International Conference on *India and the Major Powers in Central and West Asia: Challenges and Opportunities*, the Academy of Third World Studies and Centre for West Asian Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 22-23 October 2008.

**“Prospects of a Mediterranean Union: Implications for India”**, International Conference on *India and the Mediterranean Region*, the Centre for West Asian and African Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, March 18-20, 2008.

**“Indo-Israel Relations and the Palestinian Issue: Perception of Gulf Monarchies”**, Seminar on *India and the Gulf*, the Association of Indian Ambassadors, India International Centre, New Delhi, February 23, 2008.

**“Israel’s Perception of Iranian Nuclear Programme”**, Seminar on *Post 9/11 World Order and Iran*, organised by the Centre for West Asian Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, February 21, 2008.

**“Violence for Land: Evolution of Terrorism in Palestinian-Israeli Conflict”**, International Conference on *Evolution of Terrorism in XX/XXI Century*, University of Gdansk, Poland, October 11-12, 2007.

**“Prospect for Humanities in Concert with other Social Sciences and Society at large”**, International Workshop on *Disciplines and Borders: Humanities Research in the Age of Interdisciplinarity*, European Science Foundation Young Researchers’ Forum, Lisbon, Portugal, May 24-26, 2007.

**“Palestinian-Israeli Peace Process in the ‘New Middle East’: Can India Have a Role to Play?”** National Seminar on *India and WANA in the Era of Globalisation*, Centre for West Asian and African Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, November 9-10, 2006.

**“Understanding Palestinian-Israeli Conflict through the Writings of Amos Oz”**, Symposium on *Literatures of West Asia*, Department of English, Stella Maris College, Chennai, India, September 28-29, 2006.

**“ Hamas and Politics in Palestine: Impact on Nation-building and Peace ”**, National Conference on *West Asia and the Region: Defining India’s Role*, Centre for West Asian Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, August 21-22, 2006.

**“India-Israel Relations: From Conflict to Cooperation”**, National Seminar on *‘India-West Asia Relations: Change and Continuity*, Department of West Asian Studies, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh, January 18-19, 2006.

**“The UN in Gaza Strip: A Study of Humanitarian Assistance”**, National Seminar on *Experience of the UN in Recent Peace Management: Lessons for the Third World*, organised by the Academy of Third World Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, March 22-23, 2005.

### **INVITED LECTURES**

**“The Egyptian Revolution, 2011: Implications for the Region and Beyond”**, presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> Refresher Course in West Asian Studies, Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, February 26, 2011.

**“Core Issues in the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict”**, lecture delivered to IFS Probationers (2010 batch) at the Foreign Service Institute, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, February 14, 2011

**“Peace & Stability in the Middle East”**, lecture delivered at the Special Course for ASEAN Diplomats, Foreign Service Institute, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, September 7, 2010.

**“The Gaza Blockade”**, panel discussion held at the School of International Relations and Politics, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala, June 10, 2010.

**“The Middle East Peace Process”**, lecture delivered to IFS Probationers (2009 batch) at the Foreign Service Institute, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, April 19, 2010.

**“Civil Society and Democracy in West Asia”**, presented at the 5<sup>th</sup> Refresher Course in West Asian Studies, Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, March 5, 2010.

**“Occupation and Functioning of the Palestinian National Authority: A Political Economy Perspective”**, presented at the Centre for West Asian and African Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, August 27, 2009.

**“The Future of the Palestinian-Israeli Peace Process”**, presented at the 89<sup>th</sup> Orientation Programme for teaching faculty, Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, August 19, 2009.

**“Current Crisis in West Asia”**, presented at the 88<sup>th</sup> Orientation Programme for teaching faculty, Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, May 8, 2009.

**“Current Crisis in West Asia”**, presented at the 87<sup>th</sup> Orientation Programme for teaching faculty, Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, March 5, 2009.

**“Arab-Israeli Conflict and the Peace Process”**, presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> Refresher Course in West Asian Studies, Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, February 26, 2009.

**“The Middle East Peace Process”**, lecture delivered to IFS Probationers (2008 batch) at the Foreign Service Institute, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, February 5, 2009.

“**Israel’s Troubled Northern Border**”, Departmental Lecture Series, Centre for West Asian Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, Sept 20, 2005.

“**Ethnic Democracy in Israel: Implications for Arab Minority**”, Departmental Lecture Series, Centre for West Asian Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, July 27, 2005.

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

*International Relations and West Asia* [Optional course for M.Phil. Programme (Semester I; July-December)] in the Centre for West Asian Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia

*Introduction to West Asia* [Compulsory course for PhD programme; shared].

*The Dynamics of Arab-Israeli Conflict* [Optional course for M.Phil. Programme (Semester I; July-December)] in the Centre for West Asian Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia.

*Israel: Politics and Society* [Optional course for MPhil. Programme (Semester II; January-April)] in the Centre for West Asian Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia.

### **ACADEMIC SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Successfully completed the UGC-sponsored Orientation Programme, April 09-May 05, 2012 at the Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.

Organised a two-day National Seminar on *Civil Society, Democracy and State in West Asia*, Centre for West Asian Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, January 21-22, 2009.

Successfully completed a Refresher Course in *West Asian Studies*, March 2-24, 2006 at the Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.

Prepared the courses, *International relations and West Asia*, *Politics and Society in Israel* and *The Dynamics of Arab-Israeli Conflict*, for the MPhil programme of the Centre for West Asian Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.

Prepared the course (along with other faculty members), *Introduction to West Asia*, for the PhD programme of the Centre for West Asian Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.

### **MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS/ORGANISATIONS**

- Associate Member Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), New Delhi.

### **LANGUAGES KNOWN**

Hindi (*native*)

English (*near-native command*)

Urdu (*reading, writing and speaking fluency*)

Modern Persian (*reading and writing*)

Modern Arabic (*reading and writing*)

Modern Hebrew (*reading and writing*)