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EDUCATION	Massachusetts Institute of Technology , Cambridge, MA PhD, Political Science, 2025 (expected) —Committee: Barry Posen, Erik Lin-Greenberg, Nicholas L. Miller, Vipin Narang (chair) —Fields: Security Studies, International Relations Indian Institute of Technology , Kharagpur, India Bachelor of Technology (Honours), 2013 Metallurgical and Materials Engineering
ACADEMIC POSITIONS	Hebrew University of Jerusalem , Jerusalem, Israel Visiting Research Fellow, Fall 2023 Department of International Relations
DISSERTATION/ BOOK PROJECT	<i>Aborting the Bomb: Strategies of Counterproliferation and How States Choose Among Them</i>
WORKING PAPER	Job Market Paper: “Jaguars Over Kahuta Or Falcons Over Fordow? Explaining Two Contrasting Counterproliferation Campaigns” (<i>currently under review at International Security</i>)
PAPERS IN PROGRESS	“Subordinating Security Competition to Economic Cooperation: Explaining Variation in China’s Proliferation Assistance.” (<i>manuscript available upon request</i>) “Bastions are Safer for SSBNs: Visualizing a Future Strategic ASW Campaign in the Bay of Bengal.” (<i>manuscript available upon request</i>) “Cheap Thrills: Audience Costs in the Age of Social Media,” with Raymond Wang (<i>presented at ISA 2021 and APSA 2022; manuscript available upon request</i>) “Explaining North Korea’s Unlikely Success: Personalist Regimes, Weak State Capacity, and Nuclear Weapons Programs.” (<i>manuscript in progress</i>)
BOOK CHAPTER	“The Imperative for a Deeper India-US Strategic Partnership,” in <i>India’s Marathon: Reshaping the Post-Pandemic World Order</i> , ed. Pranay Kotasthane, Anirudh Kanisetti, and Nitin Pai (Bangalore, India: The Takshashila Institution, 2020).
POLICY WRITING AND SELECTED MEDIA PUBLICATIONS	“Indian MIRV-ed Missiles Augur Stability, Not Escalation” 9DashLine (2024). Link “Can a Credible Offer of Peace Come from Pak?,” <i>Hindustan Times</i> (2023). Link “Why the US Wants a Ban on ASAT Missile Testing,” <i>Hindustan Times</i> (2022). Link “The Limits of Military Coercion in Halting Iran’s Nuclear Weapons Programme,” ORF Issue Brief No. 486, August 2021, Observer Research Foundation. Link “Was Bangladesh or Bhutto Behind the Pakistani Bomb?,” <i>Hindustan Times</i> (2021). Link “What is Nuclear China up to?,” <i>Hindustan Times</i> (2021). Link

“The Message is Clear: China Pressing Forward to Create New Buffer Zones,” *Hindustan Times* (2020). [Link](#)

“The Big Picture After the Balakot Strikes: Does the Fate of F-16 Matter?,” *Hindustan Times* (2019). [Link](#)

“China’s Road in Doka La is headed for Thimphu,” *Mint* (2017). [Link](#)

**TEACHING
EXPERIENCE**

Intro to International Relations, Spring 2022
Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, MIT
Instructors: Richard Nielsen and Mariya Grinberg

Science, Technology, and Public Policy, Spring 2023
Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, MIT
Instructor: Kenneth Oye

**AWARDS AND
FELLOWSHIPS**

Visiting Research Fellowship, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (2023)
Dissertation Fellowship, MIT International Science and Technology Initiative (2023)
Summer Research Grant, MIT Center for International Studies (2023)
Mint Journalism Award for Editorial Writing (2016)

**PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE**

Hindustan Times, New Delhi, India
Staff writer, 2018-2019

Mint, New Delhi, India
Staff writer, 2015-2018

Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, India
Research Associate, 2014-2015

ZS Associates, Gurugram, India
Business Operations Associate, 2013-2014

FIELDWORK

India: New Delhi and Gurugram (*elite interviews in 2023*)

Israel: Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Karmei Yosef, Gedera, Ra’anana, and Ramat Hasharon (*elite interviews in 2023*)

PROGRAMMING

R, LaTeX, C, Java

**INVITED TALKS
AND
WORKSHOP
PARTICIPATION**

Speaker, Security Studies Seminar
Carnegie India, New Delhi, 17 August, 2023

Participant, Course Design Workshop
Department of Political Science, MIT, Cambridge, April-May 2023

Participant, Strategic Force Analysis Boot Camp
Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, 18-23 September, 2022

Speaker, Harvard Symposium on India

Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, 6 December, 2019

Speaker, International Young Scholars' Conference

The Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, 7-8 February, 2019

Delegate, Visiting Program on CSR and Social Startups in Germany

Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung für die Freiheit, Hamburg/Berlin, 2-9 June, 2016

Participant, Workshop on Strategic Studies

Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, 8-17 December, 2014

Participant, Public Policy Workshop

Office of Member of Parliament Bajiyant Panda, New Delhi, 31 August, 2014

Participant, Graduate Certification in Public Policy

The Takshashila Institution, Bangalore, February-April, 2014

**DEPARTMENT
AND SOCIAL
SERVICE**

Volunteer, MIT Political Science- Application Mentorship Program
MIT, 2020

Chair, Nuclear Weapons Working Group
Center for International Studies, MIT, 2021-2022

Member, First Year Undergraduate Advisory Committee
Office of Dean, Undergraduate Studies, IIT Kharagpur, 2009-2010

Volunteer, National Service Scheme
IIT Kharagpur, 2009-2011

REFERENCES

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and Technology, MIT
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