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Kunal Singh: CV

- 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** *Aborting the Bomb: Strategies of Counterproliferation and How States Choose Among Them*
- WORKING PAPER** **Job Market Paper:** “Jaguars Over Kahuta Or Falcons Over Fordow? Explaining Two Contrasting Counterproliferation Campaigns” (*currently under review at International Security*)
- PAPERS IN PROGRESS** “Subordinating Security Competition to Economic Cooperation: Explaining Variation in China’s Proliferation Assistance.” (*manuscript available upon request*)
“Bastions are Safer for SSBNs: Visualizing a Future Strategic ASW Campaign in the Bay of Bengal.” (*manuscript available upon request*)
“Cheap Thrills: Audience Costs in the Age of Social Media,” with Raymond Wang (*presented at ISA 2021 and APSA 2022; manuscript available upon request*)
“Explaining North Korea’s Unlikely Success: Personalist Regimes, Weak State Capacity, and Nuclear Weapons Programs.” (*manuscript in progress*)
- BOOK CHAPTER** “The Imperative for a Deeper India-US Strategic Partnership,” in *India’s Marathon: Reshaping the Post-Pandemic World Order*, ed. Pranay Kotasthane, Anirudh Kaniseti, 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?,” *Hindustan Times* (2023). [Link](#)
“Why the US Wants a Ban on ASAT Missile Testing,” *Hindustan Times* (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?,” *Hindustan Times* (2021). [Link](#)

“What is Nuclear China up to?,” *Hindustan Times* (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)

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
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LANGUAGES

Hindi (native), Urdu (conversational), Sanskrit (basic)

PROGRAMMING

R, LaTeX, C, Java

REFERENCES

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