

## Kunal Singh: CV

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<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</b> , Cambridge, MA PhD, Political Science, 2025 (expected) —Committee: Barry Posen, Erik Lin-Greenberg, Nicholas L. Miller, Vipin Narang (chair) —Fields: Security Studies, International Relations  <b>Indian Institute of Technology</b> , Kharagpur, India Bachelor of Technology (Honours), 2013 Metallurgical and Materials Engineering
<b>ACADEMIC POSITIONS</b>	<b>Harvard Kennedy School</b> , Cambridge, MA Stanton Nuclear Security Postdoctoral Research Fellow, starting July 2025 Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs  <b>Hebrew University of Jerusalem</b> , Jerusalem, Israel Visiting Research Fellow, Fall 2023 Department of International Relations
<b>DISSERTATION/ BOOK PROJECT</b>	<i>Nipping the Atom in the Bud: Strategies of Counterproliferation and How States Choose Among Them</i>
<b>WORKING PAPER</b>	<b>Job Market Paper:</b> “Varieties of Counterproliferation Strategies: Explaining Contrasting Counterproliferation Campaigns of India and Israel”
<b>PAPERS IN PROGRESS</b>	“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; accepted at ISA 2025</i> )
<b>BOOK CHAPTER</b>	“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).
<b>POLICY WRITING AND SELECTED MEDIA PUBLICATIONS</b>	“Indian MIRV-ed Missiles Augur Stability, Not Escalation” 9DashLine (2024). <a href="#">Link</a> “Can a Credible Offer of Peace Come from Pak?,” <i>Hindustan Times</i> (2023). <a href="#">Link</a> “Why the US Wants a Ban on ASAT Missile Testing,” <i>Hindustan Times</i> (2022). <a href="#">Link</a>

“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 Travel Grant, 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, Karmeit Yosef, Gedera, Ra’anana, and Ramat Hasharon (*elite interviews in 2023*)

## PROGRAMMING

R, LaTeX, C, Java

## INVITED TALKS

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

**AND  
WORKSHOP  
PARTICIPATION**

**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 Baijayant Panda, New Delhi, 31 August, 2014

**Participant, Graduate Certification in Public Policy**

The Takshashila Institution, Bangalore, February-April, 2014

**DEPARTMENT  
AND  
COMMUNITY  
SERVICE**

**Chair, Nuclear Weapons Working Group**

Center for International Studies, MIT, 2021-2022

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

**Member, First Year Undergraduate Advisory Committee**

Office of Dean, Undergraduate Studies, IIT Kharagpur, 2009-2010

**Volunteer, National Service Scheme**

IIT Kharagpur, 2009-2011

**REFERENCES**

**Prof. Vipin Narang**

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Security and Political Science, MIT

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**Prof. Barry Posen**

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Science, MIT

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**Prof. Erik Lin-Greenberg**

Leo Marx Career Development Associate  
Professor in the History and Culture of  
Science and Technology, MIT

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**Prof. Nicholas L. Miller**

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Dartmouth College

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