

## Kunal Singh: CV

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<b>CURRENT POSITION</b>	<b>Harvard Kennedy School</b> , Cambridge, MA Stanton Nuclear Security Postdoctoral Research Fellow Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs
<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</b> , Cambridge, MA PhD, Political Science, 2025 —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>PAST ACADEMIC POSITIONS</b>	<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 Select Among Them</i>
<b>PAPER UNDER REVIEW</b>	“Varieties of Counterproliferation Strategies and How States Select Among Them.”
<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>PAPERS IN PROGRESS</b>	“Explaining North Korea’s Unlikely Success: Personalist Regimes, Weak State Capacity, and Nuclear Weapons Programs.” “Nuclear Rivals and Conventional Conflicts: The Role of Precision Weaponry in India-Pakistan Crises,” with Yogesh Joshi “Subordinating Security Competition to Economic Cooperation: Explaining Variation in China’s Proliferation Assistance.” “Bastions are Safer for SSBNs: Visualizing a Future Strategic ASW Campaign in the Bay of Bengal.” “Cheap Thrills: Audience Costs in the Age of Social Media,” with Raymond Wang “How Regimes Select the Wars They Fight: A New Explanation for Democratic Peace.”
<b>POLICY WRITING AND SELECTED</b>	“Why You Can’t Always Trust the Intelligence on Nuclear Breakout,” <i>Bulletin of Atomic Scientists</i> (2025). <a href="#">Link</a>

<b>MEDIA PUBLICATIONS</b>	“Geopolitical Exposure: US-Russia-China Dynamics Have Spelt a Nightmare for India,” <i>Mint</i> (2025). <a href="#">Link</a>
	“Indian MIRV-ed Missiles Augur Stability, Not Escalation,” <i>9DashLine</i> (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. <a href="#">Link</a>
	“Was Bangladesh or Bhutto Behind the Pakistani Bomb?,” <i>Hindustan Times</i> (2021). <a href="#">Link</a>
	“What is Nuclear China up to?,” <i>Hindustan Times</i> (2021). <a href="#">Link</a>
	“The Message is Clear: China Pressing Forward to Create New Buffer Zones,” <i>Hindustan Times</i> (2020). <a href="#">Link</a>
	“The Big Picture After the Balakot Strikes: Does the Fate of F-16 Matter?,” <i>Hindustan Times</i> (2019). <a href="#">Link</a>
<b>TEACHING EXPERIENCE</b>	“China’s Road in Doka La is headed for Thimphu,” <i>Mint</i> (2017). <a href="#">Link</a>
	<b>Intro to International Relations</b> , Spring 2022 Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, MIT <i>Instructors:</i> Richard Nielsen and Mariya Grinberg
	<b>Science, Technology, and Public Policy</b> , Spring 2023 Teaching Assistant, Department of Political Science, MIT <i>Instructor:</i> Kenneth Oye
<b>AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS</b>	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)
<b>PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE</b>	<b>Hindustan Times</b> , New Delhi, India Staff writer, 2018-2019
	<b>Mint</b> , New Delhi, India Staff writer, 2015-2018
	<b>Centre for Policy Research</b> , New Delhi, India Research Associate, 2014-2015
	<b>ZS Associates</b> , Gurugram, India Business Operations Associate, 2013-2014
<b>FIELDWORK</b>	<b>India:</b> New Delhi and Gurugram
	<b>Israel:</b> Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Karmei Yosef, Gedera, Ra’anana, and Ramat Hasharon

<b>PROGRAMMING</b>	R, LaTeX, C, Java
<b>LANGUAGES</b>	Hindi (native), Urdu (conversational), Sanskrit (basic)
<b>INVITED TALKS</b>	<p><b>Speaker, Security Studies Seminar</b> Carnegie India, New Delhi, 17 August, 2023</p> <p><b>Speaker, Harvard Symposium on India</b> Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, 6 December, 2019</p> <p><b>Speaker, International Young Scholars' Conference</b> The Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi, 7-8 February, 2019</p> <p><b>Delegate, Visiting Program on CSR and Social Startups in Germany</b> Friedrich-Naumann-Stiftung für die Freiheit, Hamburg/Berlin, 2-9 June, 2016</p>
<b>WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION</b>	<p><b>Summer Workshop on Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS)</b> Organized by Columbia University, Hosted at Cornell University, Summer 2025</p> <p><b>Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program</b> MIT Teaching + Learning Lab, Cambridge, Spring 2025</p> <p><b>Grant Writing Training</b> MIT Career Advising &amp; Professional Development, Cambridge, Spring 2025</p> <p><b>Strategic Force Analysis Boot Camp</b> Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, 18-23 September, 2022</p> <p><b>Workshop on Strategic Studies</b> Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, 8-17 December, 2014</p> <p><b>Public Policy Workshop</b> Office of Member of Parliament Baijayant Panda, New Delhi, 31 August, 2014</p> <p><b>Graduate Certification in Public Policy</b> The Takshashila Institution, Bangalore, February-April, 2014</p>
<b>DEPARTMENT AND COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>	<p><b>Chair</b>, Nuclear Weapons Working Group Center for International Studies, MIT, 2021-2022</p> <p><b>Volunteer</b>, MIT Political Science- Application Mentorship Program MIT, 2020</p> <p><b>Member</b>, First Year Undergraduate Advisory Committee Office of Dean, Undergraduate Studies, IIT Kharagpur, 2009-2010</p> <p><b>Volunteer</b>, National Service Scheme IIT Kharagpur, 2009-2011</p>
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