

CURRENT POSITION	The University of Texas at Austin , Austin, TX Postdoctoral Fellow Clements Center for National Security
EDUCATION	Massachusetts Institute of Technology , Cambridge, MA PhD, Political Science, 2025 —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
PAST ACADEMIC POSITIONS	Harvard Kennedy School , Cambridge, MA Stanton Nuclear Security Postdoctoral Research Fellow, 2025-26 Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs Hebrew University of Jerusalem , Jerusalem, Israel Visiting Research Fellow, 2023 Department of International Relations
DISSERTATION/ BOOK PROJECT	<i>Nipping the Atom in the Bud: Strategies of Counterproliferation and How States Select Among Them</i>
PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	“Dear Leader, The Bomb Demands Your Attention: Personalist Regimes, Weak State Capacity, and Nuclear Weapons Programs.”(revise and resubmit from <i>Security Studies</i>) “Natural Allies? The Unrelenting Puzzle of Unmet Expectations in India-US Relations.”(revise and resubmit from <i>Asia Policy</i>)
PAPER UNDER REVIEW	“Varieties of Counterproliferation Strategies and How States Select Among Them.”
INVITED BOOK CHAPTERS	“The Processes and Structures of Nuclear Ordering: Counter-Proliferation,” with Reid B.C. Pauly in <i>Handbook on Nuclear Ordering: Politics and Perspectives</i> , ed. Carmen Wunderlich and Martin Senn (forthcoming, Edward Elgar). “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 Kaniseti, and Nitin Pai (Bangalore, India: The Takshashila Institution, 2020).
PAPERS IN PROGRESS	“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.”

“The Damage Limitation Debate: Underpinnings and Criticism of US Nuclear Strategy,” with Spenser Warren

“How Regimes Select the Wars They Fight: A New Explanation for Democratic Peace.”

**POLICY
WRITING AND
SELECTED
MEDIA
PUBLICATIONS**

“Practice Makes Deterrence: India’s Next Nuclear Challenge at Sea,” *War on the Rocks* (2026). [Link](#)

“Why You Can’t Always Trust the Intelligence on Nuclear Breakout,” *Bulletin of Atomic Scientists* (2025). [Link](#)

“Locking in the Gains of Operation Sindoor,” *Hindustan Times* (2025). [Link](#)

“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

**INVITED
TALKS**

Speaker, Carnegie Endowment South Asia Security Workshop

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington D.C., 20 May, 2026

Speaker, Stanton Nuclear Security Fellows Seminar

MIT Center for Nuclear Security Policy, Washington D.C., 5 November, 2025

Speaker, Security Studies Seminar

Carnegie India, New Delhi, 17 August, 2023

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

**AWARDS AND
RECOGNITION**

The Top 5 “Voices of Tomorrow” in 2025, *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*

Visiting Research Fellowship, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Dissertation Travel Grant, MIT International Science and Technology Initiative

Summer Research Grant, MIT Center for International Studies

Journalism Award for Editorial Writing, *Mint*

FIELDWORK

India: New Delhi and Gurugram

Israel: Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Karmei Yosef, Gedera, Ra'anana, and Ramat Hasharon

PROGRAMMING

R, L^AT_EX, C, Java

LANGUAGES

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

**WORKSHOP
PARTICIPATION**

Summer Workshop on Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy (SWAMOS)

Organized by Columbia University, Hosted at Cornell University, Summer 2025

Kaufman Teaching Certificate Program

MIT Teaching + Learning Lab, Cambridge, Spring 2025

Grant Writing Training

MIT Career Advising & Professional Development, Cambridge, Spring 2025

Strategic Force Analysis Boot Camp

Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, 18-23 September, 2022

Workshop on Strategic Studies

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

Public Policy Workshop

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

Graduate Certification in Public Policy

The Takshashila Institution, Bangalore, February-April, 2014

DEPARTMENT

Chair, Nuclear Weapons Working Group

Center for International Studies, MIT, 2021-2022

Volunteer, MIT Political Science- Application Mentorship Program

**AND
COMMUNITY
SERVICE**

MIT Political Science Department, 2020

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

Volunteer, National Service Scheme
IIT Kharagpur, 2009-2011

**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

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