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PROFILE

Research and Fellowship:

Arpita Basu Roy holds a Ph.D. degree awarded by the Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University, Kolkata on the theme: "*Consequences and Challenges of the Afghan Conflict: Situating Workable Response*". She was awarded an M.Phil. by the same Department on the theme *Issues Relating To Afghan Refugees in Iran*. She has been working on Central and South Asia, with Afghanistan being the area of her specific interest since 1998. She is the recipient of the 10th Wrangler Pavate Fellowship for International Studies (2010) awarded by the Pavate Foundation to Cambridge where she worked on a project entitled *Alternative Paradigms of Security in International Relations Theory and Its Relevance To South Asia*. She is also a Senior Member at the Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. She has been a Fellow (Sr.) at the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS), Kolkata and former Visiting Fellow at Department of Politics and International Studies (POLIS), University of Cambridge. She has contributed articles on population movement, gender issues, problems of transitional politics and regional cooperation to several research journals, edited books and encyclopaedia. She has been an invited speaker at various national and international seminars both in and outside the country including United Kingdom, Czech Republic, Russia, Vietnam, Iran, the Central Asian Republics, Pakistan and Sri Lanka and has also been to Afghanistan several times for research purposes..

Teaching and Research Guidance:

She is a Visiting Faculty at the Department of History (Contemporary South Asia), West Bengal State University, Barasat and Department of South and South-east Asian Studies, University of Calcutta, Kolkata and has supervised M.Phil students at the Institute of Foreign Policy Studies (IFPS), University of Calcutta in courses dealing with contemporary politics/South Asia.

Expertise

She is well-known as an expert on Afghan Studies and International Relations in India and has represented her country in several international fora and various track 2 initiatives. She has also been the country expert (Afghanistan) for the prestigious international project V- Dem (Varieties of

Democracy) conducted by University of Gothenburg, University of Notre Dam and the Hellen Kellog Institute of International Studies.

Collaborative Activities/Seminar Organisation/MOU facilitation

She has been instrumental in developing the Afghan Studies Programme at the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkatta and has promoted the understanding of the political, socio-economic and geo-strategic environment of the South Asian region. She has organised several international conferences/symposia/seminar, facilitated signing of MOUs, travelled as delegate to facilitate academic collaboration. She was in the editorial board of the Institutional Newsletter, *Asia Connect*.

Media:

She has also written editorial articles in major national dailies and has made several media appearances on issues related to international and national security in English (NDTV , South Asia TV)and Bangla News Channels (24 Ghanta and ABP Ananda) and the All India Radio.

Languages Known:

English, Bangla (proficient). Hindi, Urdu and Persian and Chinese (elementary level)

Publications:

She is the author of the following books:

Human Security in Afghanistan: Reconstructing Alternative Notion of Security for Afghanistan in the South Asian Security Paradigm (New Delhi : Pentagon Publishers, 2014)

Contemporary Afghanistan: Conflict and Peace-building, (New Delhi: Har Anand, Publications Pvt. Ltd., 2010)

Afghanistan: Towards A Viable State. (Delhi and London: Hope India Publications and Greenwich Millennium Press Ltd, 2002)

Monograph:

Alternative Paradigms of Security in International Relations Theory and Its Relevance To South Asia (University of Karnataka- Pavate Fellowship Monograph)

She has also edited:

Asia in Transition with Anita Sengupta, Suchandana Chatterjee and Priya Singh, (New Delhi: Knowledge World, 2016)

Political Future of Afghanistan: Issues and Perspectives with Srimanti Sarkar (New Delhi: Knowledge World, 2016)

India and South East Asia: States, Borders and Culture with Subhadeep Bhattacharya (New Delhi: Shipra, 2015)

Beyond Strategies: Cultural Dynamics in Asian Connections with Priya Singh, Suchandana Chatterjee, Anita Sengupta, (New Delhi: Knowledge World, 2014)

International Intervention in Afghanistan: Motives and Approaches, co-edited with Binoda K. Mishra and Aliva Mishra (New Delhi: Shipra Publications, 2012)

Paradigms of Security in Asia (Asia Annual 2009), (New Delhi: Manohar, 2011)

Reconstructing Afghanistan: Prospects and Limitations with Binoda Kr. Mishra, (New Delhi: Shipra Publications, 2011)

Challenges and Dilemmas of State-Building in Afghanistan (ed.), (New Delhi: Shipra Publications, 2008)

Political Roles of Religious Communities in India with Prof Jayanta Kumar Ray, (Sweden: Institute for Security and Development Policy, 2008)

Forthcoming Publication:

Afghanistan in 2014: National and Regional Dynamics, (New Delhi: Pentagon, 2015)

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PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE AS MAKAIAS FELLOW:

Term of the Project: April 2012- October 2015

Title of the Project: *Afghanistan in the Regional Security Framework: Charting a Workable Response for India*

Term of Project: December 2008- March 2012

Title of Project: *Human Security in Afghanistan and Strategies for Regional Cooperation*

Term of the Project: November 2005- November 2008

Title of the project: *Political transition and peace-building in contemporary Afghanistan (2001-2008)*

Term of the Project: September 2002- March 2005

Title of the Project: *Problems of Transition in Contemporary Afghanistan*

Term of the Project: September 2000- September 2002.

Title of the Project: *Afghanistan: Towards A Viable State*

Junior Research Fellow (JRF)

Term of the Project: September 1998-September 2000

Title of the Project: *Factors Influencing Refugee Flow From Afghanistan To Iran*

OTHER RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Foreign relations: Indian Foreign Policy (related to Pakistan, Afghanistan, Central Asia) Pakistan-Afghan relations, Sino- Pakistan alliance.

Area Studies: Afghanistan, Politics, Society and Foreign Relations of Afghanistan, Pakistan factor in Afghanistan-India dynamics.

Gender, Refugee Issues,

Security Studies and Human Security issues

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

List the courses taught at graduate / post-graduate levels

GUEST LECTURER AT:

West Bengal State University, Barasat

M.A. (History) Course on India and South Asia including India's foreign policy, Indo-Afghan Relations

Department of South and South-East Asian Studies, University of Calcutta

M.A. Course on South Asia with special reference to Afghanistan and Refugee Studies

Research Supervision:

Research Supervisor to students at Institute of Foreign Policy Studies, University of Calcutta

Guidance to students at the Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University, West Bengal State University, Barasat and Vidyasagar University.

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

Human Security in Afghanistan: Reconstructing Alternative Notion of Security for Afghanistan in the South Asian Security Paradigm (New Delhi : Pentagon Publishers, 2014)

Contemporary Afghanistan: Conflict and Peace-building, (New Delhi: Har Anand, Publications Pvt. Ltd., 2010)

Afghanistan: Towards A Viable State. (Delhi and London: Hope India Publications and Greenwich Millennium Press Ltd, 2002)

Monograph:

Alternative Paradigms of Security in International Relations Theory and Its Relevance To South Asia (University of Karnataka- Pavate Fellowship Monograph)

Edited Volumes:

Asia in Transition with Anita Sengupta, Suchandana Chatterjee and Priya Singh, (New Delhi: Knowledge World, 2016)

Political Future of Afghanistan: Issues and Perspectives with Srimanti Sarkar (New Delhi: Knowledge World, 2016)

India and South East Asia: States, Borders and Culture with Subhadeep Bhattacharya (New Delhi: Shipra, 2015)

Beyond Strategies: Cultural Dynamics in Asian Connections with Priya Singh, Suchandana Chatterjee, Anita Sengupta, (New Delhi: Knowledge World, 2014)

International Intervention in Afghanistan: Motives and Approaches, co-edited with Binoda K. Mishra and Aliva Mishra (New Delhi: Shipra Publications, 2012)

Paradigms of Security in Asia (Asia Annual 2009), (New Delhi: Manohar, 2011)

Reconstructing Afghanistan: Prospects and Limitations with Binoda Kr. Mishra, (New Delhi: Shipra Publications, 2011)

Challenges and Dilemmas of State-Building in Afghanistan (ed.), (New Delhi: Shipra Publications, 2008)

Political Roles of Religious Communities in India with Prof Jayanta Kumar Ray, (Sweden: Institute for Security and Development Policy, 2008)

Forthcoming Publication:

Afghanistan in 2014: National and Regional Dynamics, (New Delhi: Pentagon, 2015)

Book Chapters:

"Afghanistan in the South Asian Traditional and non-traditional security paradigm", Rajen Harshé and Dhananjay Tripathi (ed.), *Afghanistan Post – 2014 Power Configurations and Evolving Trajectories*, Routledge, New Delhi, London, New York, 2016 (ISBN: 978-1-138-95690-2)

"Introduction" in *Asia in Transition*, New Delhi: Knowledge World, 2016 (ISBN 978-93-83649-72-3)

"Introduction" in *Political Future of Afghanistan: Issues and Perspectives*, New Delhi: Knowledge World, 2016 (ISBN 978-93-83649-75-4)

"Afghanistan and Central Asian Security: Strategies for Global Concern" in Anita Sen Gupta and Suchandana Chatterjee's *Globalizing Geographies*, Knowledge World, 2014 (ISBN: 978-93-83649-29-7)

"Afghanistan's Energy Potential and its Implications", in Sreemati Ganguli (ed.), *Strategising Energy: An Asian Perspective*, Knowledge World Publishers, New Delhi, 2014, pp.133-150 (ISBN: 978-93-81904-93-0)

"Afghanistan beyond 2014: regional security concerns for India and Central Asia", in PL Dash, Anita Sengupta, Murat M. Bakhadirov (eds.), *Central Asia and Regional Security*, Knowledge World Publishers, New Delhi, 2014, pp.125-146 (ISBN:978-93-83649-07-5)

"Afghanistan: India's Strategic and Security Concerns" in Shekhar Adhikary and Sanjeev Bhadauria (eds), *India's National Security in the 21st Century*, Pentagon, New Delhi, 2013

"*Afghanistan in India- Central Asia Relations*", Rashpal Malhotra, Sucha Singh Gill and Neetu Gaur (eds), *Perspectives on Bilateral and Regional Cooperation: South and Central Asia*, CRRID, Chandigarh, 2013, pp.223-234 (ISBN: 81-85835-65-9).

"*Urban Vulnerabilities in 'post-conflict' Afghanistan*", in Kingshuk Chatterjee (ed), *Pakistan and Afghanistan, The (In) Stability Factor in India's Neighbourhood*, Knowledge World Publishers, New Delhi, 2013, pp.89-109 (ISBN:978-93-81904-62-6)

"*India- EU Co-operation on Afghanistan: Context, Prospects and Constraints*",

The EU-India Partnership: Time to go Strategic, eds. Louis Peral and Vijay Sakhuja, ICWA, New Delhi and European Union Institute for Security Studies, Sweden and, 2012

"Challenges to Peace in Contemporary Afghanistan", in Mondira Dutta (ed.), *Emerging Afghanistan in the Third Millenium*, Pentagon Press, New Delhi, 2009, pp.85-106 (ISBN 978-81-8274-388-5)

"Peace-building" in Contemporary Afghanistan", in Arpita Basu Roy (ed.), *Challenges and Dilemmas of State-Building in Afghanistan*, Shipra, New Delhi, 2008, pp. 29- 42. (ISBN 978-81-7541-464-8)

"The Uprooted Afghans: Consequences of An Unsettled Political Agenda" in Omprakash Mishra and Anindya J. Majumdar (ed.), *The Elsewhere People: Cross-border Migration, Refugee Protection and State Response*, Lancer, New Delhi, 2003.

"Position of Women in Afghanistan" in K. Warikoo (ed.), *The Afghanistan Crisis: Issues and perspectives*, Bhavana, New Delhi, 2002. (ISBN 81-86505-63-6)

"Afghanistan's Experiment with Democracy (2001-2009)", Partha Pratim Basu, Debi Chatterjee, Purusottam Bhattacharya, Shibashis Chatterjee (eds.), *Democracy and Democratization in the 21st Century: The South Asian Experience*, Har Anand, New Delhi, 2012. (ISBN 978-81-241-1662-3)

Papers Published In Peer-Reviewed and Indexed Journals

"Indo- Afghan Relations in the Contemporary Strategic Environment", *Dialogue Quarterly*, Volume 16, No. 4, April- June 2015 (ISSN: 0973-0095)

"Mass Attitude in Democracy Sustainment: A Case Study of Public Perceptions of Democracy in Afghanistan" in Priya Singh (ed.) *Democracy in Asia: Discourses and Counter-Discourses, Asia Annual 2011*, 2012, pp. 299-308 (ISBN 978-93-81904-30-5)

"Ethnicity and State-building in Afghanistan", Swarupa Gupta (ed.), *Nationhood and Identity Movements in Asia: Colonial and Post- colonial Times*, Asia Annual 2010, New Delhi: Manohar, 2012. (ISBN 978-81-7304-960-6)

"Global War on Terror: Af-Pak Strategy", *Defence and Security Alert (USA Special)*, Volume 2, Issue 3, December 2010. (ISSN 0976-206X)

"Contemporary World: New Paradigms", *Defence and Security Alert (Global Security Special)*, Volume 1, Issue 11, August 2010. (ISSN 0976-206X)

"Media Reconstruction and the Popular "Hindi Serial" Culture in Contemporary Afghanistan" *Asia Annual 2008*, New Delhi: Manohar, 2010. (ISBN 978-81-7304-844-9)

"The New Regional Approach Towards South and Central Asia: An Assessment", *Asia Annual 2007: Envisaging Regions*, H.S.Vasudevan (Editor in Chief) and Anita Sen Gupta (ed.), Manohar, New Delhi, 2008, pp. 99-116. (ISBN 978-81-7304-797-8)

"Problems of Political Transition in Contemporary Afghanistan", *Jadavpur Journal of International Relations, Volumes 11-12, 2006-2008*, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University, 2008, pp.213-227. (ISSN 0973-5984)

"The Political Process in Afghanistan (2001-06): Progress and Pitfalls", Suchandana Chatterjee (ed.), *Asia Annual 2006*, Standard Publishers, New Delhi, 2007, pp 165-192. (ISBN 81-87471-38-7)

"Afghan Women in Transition: A Critical Appraisal", *Asia Annual 2004*, Shipra, New Delhi, 2005. (ISBN: 81-7541-230-5)

"Modernisation in Afghanistan (1880-1901): Futile Experiments?" Mahavir Singh (ed.) *Asia Annual 2001*, Shipra, New Delhi, 2001. (ISBN:81-7541-095-7)

"Afghan Refugees: A Case Study of the Largest Refugee population in the World" in J.K. Ray (ed.) *Asia Annual 2000*, Shipra Publications, Delhi, 2000, pp.118-141. (ISBN:81-7541-062-0)

Articles in Books with International Publishers

"India- EU Co-operation on Afghanistan: Context, Prospects And Constraints",

The EU-India Partnership: Time to go Strategic, eds. Louis Peral and Vijay Sakhuja, ICWA, New Delhi and European Union Institute for Security Studies, Sweden and, 2012

"Women, Gender, Public Office: Afghanistan" in Suad Joseph (ed.), *Encyclopaedia for Women in Islamic Countries (EWIC)*, Volume II, Brill Academic Publishers, Netherlands, 2004

"Women, Gender, Stereotypes: Afghanistan", Suad Joseph (ed.), *Encyclopaedia for Women in Islamic Countries (EWIC)*, Volume II, Brill Academic Publishers, Netherlands, 2004.

Articles as Conference Proceedings

"Perspectives of Regional Economic Cooperation Involving Afghanistan", *Eurasia Regional Perspectives*, Towards Freedom, Kolkata, 2008, pp76-93. (ISBN:81-8206-018-4)

"Challenges of Political Transition in Central Eurasia in the Post- Soviet Period", *Siberia in Focus : Proceedings of the Conference Eurasia: Regional Perspectives*, June2-3,2007, Novosibirsk, Freedom House, Kolkata, 2007, pp.131-147. (ISBN:81-8206-014-1)

"Vyzovy politicheskikh transformatsii v Tsentral'noi Evrazii v postsovetskii period", *Evraziya Regional'nye Perspektivy*, RAS SB Institute of History/ Institut Istorii, Sibirskoe Nauchnoe Izdatel'stvo, Novosibirsk, 2007.

"The Taliban in Afghanistan (1996-2001): A Critical Assessment," *Proceedings of the First Biennial Conference*, 2002, Indian Association for Asian and Pacific Studies, (IAAPS), Progressive Publishers, Kolkata, 2004.

"Repatriation of Afghan Refugees: Issues and Challenges", *Proceeding Volume, Second Biennial Conference (Sambalpur Conference)*, Indian Association of Asian and Pacific Studies (IAAPS), Kolkata, 2006.

Newspaper Articles:

Afghanistan's Options, co-authored with Krishnan Srinivasan, *The Statesman*, May10, 2015

The Afghan Spring, co-authored with Krishnan Srinivasan, *The Telegraph*, April 26, 2012.

Spectator or Activist? Pakistan and Others Speculate on the Afghan End-Game, co-authored with Krishnan Srinivasan, *The Statesman*, July 31, 2012.

Other Articles:

"Recent Dynamics in Indo-Afghan Relations", in *Asia Connect*, Issue No. 1, January-March 2015.

"Refugees and the Stateless of Afghanistan", in *Asia Connect*, Issue no.3, July-September 2014.

"Iran's Afghan Policy and Imperatives for Cooperation", in *Asia Connect*, Issue no.3, July-September 2014.

"The Uzbekistan Reverie": Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary *Diplomatist, Special report, 2013*

"Afghanistan Beyond 2014", Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary *Diplomatist*, Vol. 1, Issue 8, November 2013, pp.38-40

PRESENTATIONS:

Papers in Conferences/ Seminars/workshops

International Level:

"Returnees in Afghanistan: Impediments to reintegration" on 17 March, 2015 at the **Research Workshop on the theme 'Interrogating Forced Migration'** in Kolkata in collaboration with Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata, Indian Council for Social Science Research and **TAFT Foundation**. Workshop dates: 16-21 March, 2015

"New dynamics in Indo- Afghan relations and the China factor" at the International conference on *India and its Neighbours: Policy priorities for the New Government* organised by Centre for South Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University in collaboration with Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata and ICSSR, New Delhi, March 24-25, 2015. Venue: Convention Centre, JNU

"*Gender and Human Security Issues in Afghanistan*" in the one day Workshop on Agenda for Social Science Research in Afghanistan organised by , Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi on 24 April 2014

"*The Vanished Gender of Afghanistan*" , in the international conference on Margins' and 'Marginal Communities' in the Asian Perspective: Identity and Resistance, MAKAIAS, 16 December 2013

Afghanistan and Eurasian Security in the International Conference on "Geographies of Globalisation in Eurasia", MAKAIAS, 30 September, 2013

"*The Greater Central Asia Partnership Initiative and its Contemporary Relevance*" International Conference on Cooperative Development, Peace and Security in Central Asia: Challenges and Prospects (29th June- 1st July 2013) organised by the Centre of Central Asian Studies, University of Kashmir (CCAS), Srinagar and the Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development CRRID, Chandigarh

"Afghanistan and Regional Security: Common Concerns for India and Central Asia" Roundtable on the theme –*"Central Asia and Regional Security: The Way Ahead"* on 4 April, 2013 at the University of World Economy and Diplomacy, Tashkent

"Human Security and Regional Cooperation: The Case of Afghanistan" – International Conference on *Changing Scenario in South Asia: Leveraging Economic Growth for Collective Prosperity*, Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development CRRID, Chandigarh, 30-31 March, 2013

"Conflict and Forced Migration in Post-conflict Afghanistan",

International Conference organised by the International Association for the Studies in Forced Migration (IASFM) and Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group (MCRG), Swabhumii, Kolkata, 09 January, 2013

"Urban vulnerabilities in 'post-conflict' Afghanistan", International conference on Urban History organised by the European Association for Urban History (EAUH), Prague, Czech Republic, 30 August-1 September 2012.

"Narrative of Opportunity" Vs. Narrative of Anxiety: Perspectives on Afghanistan', Round Table on Afghanistan organised by ICAF, India International Centre, New Delhi, 7 July 2012.

"Democracy and Democratisation in Contemporary Afghanistan", International Interdisciplinary Conference on Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Ideology and Socio-political Movements in Asia, organised by the Department of History, Abasaheb Garware College, University of Pune, 1-3 March, 2012

"Human Security Issues In Afghanistan's Reconstruction", International Seminar on *Indian and Central Asian Perspectives on Afghanistan*, organised by India-Central Asia Foundation, New Delhi, October 27-29, 2011

"India- EU Cooperation On Afghanistan: Context, Prospects And Constraints", INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON III INDIA-EU FORUM ON EFFECTIVE MULTILATERALISM 2011, Indian Council of World Affairs, Sapru House, New Delhi, 27-28 September 2011.

"Peace-Building In Afghanistan: India's Role And Concerns", International Conference on *Conflict and peace building in Afghanistan: Current Situation and Prospects*, organized by The Committee of Peace and Consent, Republic of Tajikistan (RT), Center of Political technologies, Moscow, Russian Federation, Center for research of Afghanistan and Adjacent Region, Dushanbe, RT held on 5-6 July 2011 in Dushanbe (Tajikistan)

"Afghanistan's Energy Potential and its Implications", International Conference on *Energy and Strategy: Contemporary Asia*, MAKAIAS and Institute of Foreign Policy Studies, University of Calcutta 07 September, 2011

Indo-Afghan Relations, Invited lecture at Special training programme for Afghan Officers, Session I, International Centre for Information Systems and Audit, Noida, UP, May 23, 2011

Shaping Democracy in Afghanistan: Indian Initiatives, Invited lecture at Special training programme for Afghan Officers, Session II, International Centre for Information Systems and Audit, Noida, UP, May 23, 2011

"Afghanising" Democracy in Afghanistan", International Seminar on Dynamics of Political Change in India's Neighbourhood, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata March 9-10, 2011

Peace-building Process in Afghanistan: London Conference and Beyond, Department of Politics and International Studies, University of Cambridge, 9 March, 2010.

Role and Position of Women in Afghanistan and India, India -Afghanistan Relations: A Frame work for Future Cooperation, A conference jointly organised by the Center for Strategic Studies (CSS), Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Afghanistan; Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), New Delhi and the Embassy of India in Kabul. May 31-June 1, 2008

Challenges of "Peace-Building" in Contemporary Afghanistan, School of International Studies (SIS), JNU, 2-day International Conference on "Afghanistan on the Cross Roads: The Way Forward." held in the ICSSR Conference Hall, 23-24 April, 2008.

Economic Cooperation in Central Asia Involving Afghanistan, International Seminar on Eurasia Regional Perspectives, Institute of World Economy and Policy, Almaty, Kazakhstan, 30 May 2007.

Central Eurasia in the post-Soviet period, International Seminar on Eurasia Regional Perspectives, Institute of History, Russian Academy of Sciences, Siberian Branch, Novosibirsk, Russia, 2-4 June, 2007.

Repatriation of Afghan Refugees: Issues And Challenges Second Biennial International Conference Of the Indian Association For Asian and Pacific Studies (IAAPS), Sambalpur, January 2004.

Failure of Central Authority in Afghanistan: Collapse of the Taliban in Afghanistan, International Seminar organized by the Indian Association For Asian and Pacific Studies (IAAPS), Calcutta University, Alipur Campus, March 1-3, 2002.

The Ethnic Factor in the Afghan Conflict, International Seminar on *The Afghan Crisis: Problems and Prospects of Peace* organized by the Himalayan Research and Cultural Foundation, India International Centre, New Delhi, 19-21 November, 2000.

The Homecoming of the Afghans: Problems and Prospects of Repatriation of Refugees to Afghanistan, International Roundtable on Afghanistan, ICSSR, New Delhi, 22 August, 2000.

National

"Common Concerns of India and Central Asia with Special Reference to Security Issues", National Conference on *Revitalizing Relations with 'Extended Neighbourhood: New opportunities and Future Directions for India's Foreign Policy*, October 30-31, 2015, (Lead Speaker for the session on *India and Central Asian countries: Towards a Common Agenda*)

"Understanding Conflict and Peace-building in Afghanistan", Research Methodology Course at MAKAIAS, June 24, 2015

"Afghanistan and Regional Security: Challenges for India" National Seminar on "The Neighbourhood Initiatives of the Modi Government: Challenges and road Ahead", Pondicherry University, April 21, 2015

"Looking into Conflict zone and Peacebuilding with special reference to Afghanistan" in the Workshop on *Research Methodology in Asian Studies* for WBSU, April 9, 2015

"Afghanistan and Regional Security: Challenges for India" at the National Seminar on "The Neighbourhood Initiatives of the Modi Government: Challenges and road Ahead", Pondicherry University, 21 April, 2015

"The Relevance of Alternative Paradigms of Security in the South Asian Context" at the Department of Political Science, Calcutta under the aegis of the ongoing UGC-DRS Phase II programme, March 4, 2015

"Afghanistan in the Regional Security Framework: Mapping the Interests and Policies of the Regional Actors" at MAKAIAS, Fellows' presentation Programme on 11 April, 2014

"Perspectives on Regional Security involving Afghanistan", National Seminar on Exchanges, Engagements and Encounters: Connecting India and Eurasia in Kolkata during 8-9 January 2014, Centre for Studies in International Relations & Development (CSIRD) and IFPS, University of Calcutta

"Afghan Women as Socially Excluded", Seminar on the *Politics of Exclusion*, Department of Political Science, Vidyasagar University, 19th February, 2014

"Regional Security involving Afghanistan: Indian and Chinese role and concerns" organised by International Centre Calcutta in collaboration with Jadavpur is organising a Seminar on *India and China in the Regional Security Context: Strategic Interests and Power Projection*

"The International Intervention (2001-12) in Afghanistan and the implications of a military withdrawal (2014)" –Delivered a lecture at the Refresher Course at the Department of History, University of Calcutta, 11, January, 2013

"Afghanistan as an element in India – Central Asia Cooperation", paper presented at the National Seminar on India and Central Asia: Perspectives on Bilateral and Regional Cooperation , organised by Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development, Chandigarh in collaboration with the Centre of Central Asian Studies (CCAS), University of Kashmir. VENUE: CRRID, Chandigarh, 17 October, 2012.

"Afghanistan's Future: Anxieties and Opportunities" paper presented at the Roundtable on *Afghanistan's Future: India's Options* in International Relations Scholastic Conclave, Jadavpur University, 10 October, 2012.

"Constructing a Human Security Paradigm for Afghanistan", National seminar on "Pakistan and Afghanistan: the Stability Factor in India's Neighbourhood", 9th March 2012 organised by Institute of Foreign Policy Studies, University of Calcutta.

Perspectives on Contemporary South Asia, Invited Lecture at a panel discussion on the mentioned theme, Department of History, West Bengal State University, Barasat, April 13, 2011

India's Engagement in Contemporary Afghanistan: Self-Perception Vs External Security, Seminar on Indian Foreign Policy: Major Issues and Challenges, The Department of Political Science, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, March 17, 2011.

Afghanistan: A Case of Conflictual Peace-building, Paper presented at a National Seminar on Afghanistan and Central Asia: Can the Shatterbelt be Transformed?, IR Department, Jadavpur University, 25th February, 2011.

Nation building and ethnicity in Afghanistan, National Seminar on Nationhood and Identity Movements in Asia: Colonial and Post- Colonial Times, MAKAIAS, October 5, 2010

Central Asia and Its Neighbourhoods: Afghanistan, Lecture at a summer course on Eurasia, MAKAIAS, June 24, 2010

Afghanistan-India-Pakistan Triologue: Finding Common Grounds for Peace, MAKAIAS, 25 June 2009.

Evolving Indo-Afghan Relations, MAKAIAS, 10 July, 2008

Key Issues in Contemporary Afghanistan, Findings from a study trip to Kabul, MAKAIAS, 26 December, 2007.

Political Reconstruction in Afghanistan: Issues and Challenges, Maulana Abul Kalam

Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS), 29 December, 2004

Afghan Women In Transition: A Critical Appraisal, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad

Institute of Asian Studies, April 23, 2004.

Reconstruction of Afghanistan: Issues and Challenges, MAKAIAS, June 2003

Afghanistan: Options and Challenges Ahead, MAKAIAS, March 20, 2002.

Failure of Reform and Centralisation in Afghanistan (1880-1979): Societal Dimensions, MAKAIAS, October 12, 2001.

Political Background to the Afghan Conflict, Panel Discussion on Refugee Situation in Afghanistan: Dimensions of Conflict, School of Refugee Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, October 3, 2001.

The Afghan Civil War and the Refugee Exodus, MAKAIAS, Kolkata, 7 March, 2000.

Central Asia: Ten Years of Independence, International Seminar organized by MAKAIAS and School of international Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India International Centre, New Delhi, 21-22 November, 2001.

South Asia Facing The New Millenium, Alumni conference of the RCSS organized by the Regional Centre for Strategic Studies (RCSS), Ahungalla, Sri Lanka, 21-23 September, 1999.

Defense, Technology and Cooperative Security in South Asia Summer Workshop organized by the RCSS, Ahungalla, Sri Lanka, 13-20 September 1999.

Other Academic Activities

Co-editor of MAKAIAS Newsletter Asia Connect

Organised MAKAIAS –WBSU collaborative MA course on South Asia: Delivered lectures to students of MA (History) on Afghanistan (2015, 2014, 2013, 2012)

Organised Workshop with West Bengal State University on *Research Methodology in Asian Studies* at MAKAIAS (9-10 July, 2015)

Visited Vietnam as part of a delegation to Vietnam Institute of Indian and South-west Asian Studies, for collaborative academic activities (17-21 January 2015)

MOU

Facilitated the signing of an MOU between MAKAIAS and Afghan Research and Evaluation Unit, Kabul (April 2015)

Organised International seminar on *An Appraisal of India's Neighbourhood Policy: Way forward* (6-7 November, 2015)

Delivered 2 lectures as Faculty for the Workshop on Research Methodology in Asia, 23-27 June, 2014

: *Introducing Research Methodology in Conflict Zones*

: *Importance and methodology of field trip- case study of Field trip to Afghanistan and Iran*

As part of the Afghan–Pakistan programme of the Azad Institute:

Asia Perspectives: The Asian Century (International Seminar)

Symposium: Afghanistan in 2014 and beyond: the national, regional and international dynamics.

Organized International Seminar on Afghanistan entitled "Bonn'01 to Bonn'11: Debating the Political Future of Afghanistan" in collaboration with Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi, 8-9 February, 2012 at Tagore Hall, JMIU.

Organized International Symposium on "War on Terror in the Post-Osama Phase" with Institute of Defence Studies and Analyses (IDSA), 10th February, 2012.

Organized International Seminar on Afghanistan entitled *Rethinking International Intervention in Afghanistan*, January 6-7, 2011 in collaboration with Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), New Delhi.

Organized International Symposium *Glimpses Of Contemporary Afghanistan*, India International Centre, New Delhi, January 7, 2011

Organized an international Seminar on the *Indigenisation of Afghan Reconstruction: Challenges and Opportunities* to be held at the Jamia Milia Islamia University, New Delhi on March 18-19, 2009.

Organized a Symposium at the India International Centre (IIC) *Remaking Afghanistan: Reconstruction and Social Development since 2002*, March 19, 2009.

Organized and undertook a field trip to Kabul, Afghanistan, October, 2007, (outcome of the trip- *Challenges and Dilemmas of State-building in Afghanistan*, Shipra, New Delhi, 2008).

ALSO

DELEGATE

Government of India delegate to Kabul. The delegation comprised of parliamentarians, journalists, entrepreneurs, bureaucrats and academics to Kabul, Afghanistan in May-June, 2008. Held discussions with Afghan counterparts at the Centre for Strategic Studies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kabul.

"Afghanistan: Good Neighbourly Relations", International meet (Track II initiative) comprising representatives of 10 countries organised by the Delhi Policy Group, Oberoi Hotel, New Delhi, 28-29 December, 2012.

JUDGE AT

International Relations Scholastic Conclave, Inter-University Debate on *India's Foreign Policy*, Jadavpur University, 11.10.2012

Evaluated presentations of participants at the Research Methodology Workshop, MAKAIAS, 23-27 June, 2014

ORGANIZED

International seminar with Institute of Security and Development Policy (ISDP), Sweden on the project on Political Roles of Religious Communities in South Asia held on 16-17 January 2008 at Vedic Village, Kolkata.

PARTICIPATED

2nd Regional Economic Cooperation Conference (RECC) on Afghanistan, Organized by MEA, India and the Foreign Affairs Ministry, Afghanistan. Seminar inaugurated by President Hamid Karzai and P.M. Manmohan Singh. *Objective of the conference* was to bring together the major players of Central and South Asian region and the G-8 and various international organizations to discuss issues of cooperation involving Afghanistan, New Delhi, Vigyan Bhavan (17-18 November 2006)

MEDIA APPEARANCE:

TV Channels: 24 Ghanta, NDTV (24X 7), ABP ANADA, MOHUA KHOBOR, SOUTH ASIA TV

RADIO: ALL INDIA RADIO –PROGRAMMES ON SOUTH ASIA