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Present Appointment

Currently working as Fellow at the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata. Title of the project is *The 'Turkish Model' and the Turkic world, A Study of Turkey's Political Culture from the 1990's and its impact on relations with the post Soviet Turkic regions.*

Editorial Experience

Review Editor of *Refugee Watch A South Asian Journal on Forced Migration*

Member of Advisory Board of *Strategic Foresight* a journal published by TASAM (Turkish Asian Centre for Strategic Studies) Istanbul

Member of Editorial Board of *International Research, Society, Politics Economics*, a journal published by the Institute of Socio-Political Research, published from Astana, Kazakhstan.

Referee panel of *Geopolitics* (Taylor and Francis)

Research work done: List of books, published articles and seminar papers

Books

- *Heartlands of Eurasia: The geopolitics of political space*, Lanham, Boulder, New York, Toronto, Oxford: Lexington Books (a member of the Rowman and Littlefield Publishing Group) 2009.
- *Russia, China and Multilateralism in Central Asia*, New Delhi: Shipra Publications, 2005.
- *The Formation of the Uzbek Nation-State: A Study in Transition*, Lanham, Boulder, New York, Toronto, Oxford: Lexington Books (a member of the Rowman and Littlefield Publishing Group) 2003.
- *Frontiers into Borders: The Transformation of Identities in Central Asia* (published for Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies) Delhi and London: Hope India Publications and Greenwich Millennium Press Ltd, 2002.

Edited Volumes

- Jyrki Kakonen, Sanjay Chaturvedi and Anita Sengupta, *Euro-Asia at Crossroads, Geopolitics, Identity and Discourse*, Delhi: Shipra, 2011.
- Suchandana Chatterjee and Anita Sengupta (eds) *Communities, Institutions and Transition in Post 1991 Eurasia*, Delhi: Shipra, 2011.
- Anita Sengupta and Suchandana Chatterjee (eds) *Demography and Migration: Issues and Debates*, Delhi: Shipra 2011
- Suchandana Chatterjee and Anita Sengupta (eds) *Contemporary Buddhism, Comparative Studies in Eurasia and South Asia*, Delhi: Shipra 2011
- Anita Sengupta and Suchandana Chatterjee, *Eurasian Perspectives In Search of Alternatives*, Delhi: Shipra, 2010
- Suchandana Chatterjee, Anita Sengupta and Susmita Bhattacharya (eds) *Asiatic Russia, Partnerships and Communities in Eurasia*, Delhi: Shipra, 2009

- Issue Editor of *Asia Annual 2007* Special Issue on ‘Envisaging Regions’, New Delhi: Manohar, 2008.

Edited Volumes (in collaboration with others for MAKAIAS)

- *Writing History in Eurasia, The Soviet State and After*, Kolkata: Towards Freedom, 2010
- *Globalization in Siberia and the Russian Far East*, Kolkata: Towards Freedom, 2010
- *Eurasia Regional Perspectives* Proceedings of a Indo-Kazakh Workshop organized by IWEP, Almaty and MAKAIAS, Kolkata: Towards Freedom, 2008.
- “*Globalization and the Turkic Connection*” *Indian Perspectives*, Kolkata: Towards Freedom, 2008.
- *Siberia in Focus: Proceedings of Conference on ‘Eurasia, Regional Perspectives’ June 2-3, 2007, Novosibirsk* Kolkata: Towards Freedom, 2008.

Refereed Articles, Book Chapters

- “Perceptions and Strategies: India’s Relations with the Central Asian region” in Marlene Laurelle and Sebastien Peyrouse (ed) *Mapping Central Asia : Indian Perceptions and Strategies*, Farnham UK: Ashgate 2011.
- “Geostrategic Perspectives on Eurasia: Towards Multilateralism in Central Asia”, in Jyrki Kakonen, Sanjay Chaturvedi and Anita Sengupta, *Euro-Asia at Crossroads, Geopolitics, Identity and Discourse*, Delhi: Shipra, 2011.
- “The Turkish Model and the Turkic World”, in Suchandana Chatterjee and Anita Sengupta (eds) *Communities, Institutions and Transition in Post 1991 Eurasia*, Delhi: Shipra, 2011.
- “Perspectives on Eurasia: Kazakh and Turkish Perceptions of Eurasia as a geo-cultural space”, in *Idei and Idealy* , (Moscow) No 3 (5) 2010.
- “A Regional Response to Global Challenges: An alternative response to the changing security landscape in Eurasia”, in K. Santhanam (ed) *Eurasian Security Matters*, New Delhi: Allied Publishers, 2010.
- “Modernity and the Uzbek State: The Writings of President Islam A. Karimov”, in Kausik Bandyopadhyay (ed) *Modernities in Asian Perspective*, Kolkata: Setu

Prakasani, 2010.

- “Alternative Boundaries in an Interconnected World: Exploring the Geopolitics of a Turkic World”, in “*Globalization and the Turkic Connection*” *Indian Perspectives*, Kolkata: Towards Freedom, 2008 republished in *Globalization and Turkic Civilization Third International Congress on Turkic Civilization*, Bishkek May 28-31, 2007, Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University Publication, 113, Bishkek 2009.
- “Globalization and Eurasian Geopolitical Discourses”, in Ajay Patnaik and Tulsiram (eds) *Globalization and Eurasia*, New Delhi: Knowledge World Publishers, 2009.
- “Encounters: Reflections on Culture and Identity in Post Soviet Uzbekistan”, Research Note in *Asia Annual 2008* New Delhi: Manohar, 2008.
- “Central Asia: Water as an apple of discord”, *World Focus* August 2009 special Issue on Central Asia: The Global Flashpoint.
- “The Indian ‘Trade Diaspora’ in Eurasia: Some Debates”, in Jayanta Kumar Ray (ed) *Interpreting the Indian Diaspora, Lessons from History and Contemporary Politics*, Vol X part 8 of D.P. Chattopadhyay (ed) *Project on the History of Science, Philosophy and Culture in Indian Civilization*, New Delhi: Centre for the Study of Civilizations, 2009.
- "India-Russia-China and the Multilateral Process in Central Asia", in Anjali Ghosh, Tridib Chakraborty, Anindyo Jyoti Majumdar and Shibashis Chatterjee (eds) *India's Foreign Policy*, Delhi, Chennai and Chandigarh: Pearson, 2009.
- “Reclaiming Eurasia: Eurasianism and Contemporary Kazakh Politics”, in *Democratic Processes in Central Asia*, edited by K Santhanam, Baizakova Kuralay Irtysovna and Kukeyeva Fatima Turarovna (a volume to be jointly published by India Central Asia Foundation, Indian Council of World Affairs and the Department of International Relations, Al-Farabi Kazakh National University, Almaty) New Delhi: Aryan Books, 2009.
- “9/11 and The “New” Strategic Environment in Central Asia”, in *Contemporary Indo-Uzbek Perspectives on Bilateral and Regional Issues* edited by K Santhanam, Abdusamat Khaydarov and Ramakant Dwivedi (Jointly published by the India Central Asia Foundation and the Tashkent State Institute of Oriental Studies) New Delhi: Anamaya Publishers, 2009.
- “Conceptualizing Eurasian Geopolitics: Debates and Discourses on the ‘Heartland’”, in Suchandana Chatterjee, Anita Sengupta and Susmita Bhattacharya (eds) *Asiatic Russia, Partnerships and Communities in Eurasia*, Delhi: Shipra, 2009. Also published in *Rossiya v Azii: Perspektivie Partnirstva i*

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- “Finding a Course: “Modernity” and Transition in Independent Turkmenistan”, in K Santhanam and Ramakant Dwivedi (eds) *India-Turkmenistan Relations*, New Delhi: Anamaya Publishers, 2007.
- “Imaginative Geography and Ambivalent Boundaries: Creating the *Nation of Desire* in Uzbekistan” in *Asia Annual 2006*, New Delhi: Standard Publishers, 2007.
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- “Halford Mackinder and the Grand-Chessboard: From Geopolitical Imagination to

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- "Between "Homeland" and Home: Russian Women in Uzbekistan", in Lipi Ghosh *et al* eds, *Women Across Asia: Issues of Identity*, New Delhi: Gyan Publications, 2006.
 - "Water Games: Environment and Politics in Central Asia", *The Journal of Central Asian Studies*, Vol. XV, No 1, 2004-2005 (published by the Centre for Central Asian Studies, University of Kashmir, Srinagar).
 - "Towards Constructive Strategic Partnership: Russia and China in Central Asia" in V. Nagendra Rao and Mohammad Monir Alam (eds) *Central Asia: Present Challenges and Future Prospects*, New Delhi: Knowledge World, 2005.
 - “9/11 and the Heartland Debate in Central Asia”, *Central Asia and the Caucasus* (published from Sweden and Azerbaijan) No 4(34), 2005, *Special Issue on the Centenary of Halford Mackinder’s Geographical Pivot of History*.
 - "The Post 9/11 Realignment of Regional Security in Central Asia," in Indranil Banerjee (ed) *India and Central Asia*, Northolt, Middlesex: Brunel Academic Publishers, 2004.
 - "In Search of Perfumed Lands: The Unchanging Face of Central Asia," in Anindyo Majumdar and Shibashis Chatterjee (eds) *Understanding Global Politics, Issues and Trends*, New Delhi:Lancers Books, 2004.
 - "The War Against Terrorism and Challenges for Regional Security Initiatives in Central Asia," in Mahavir Singh (ed) *International Terrorism and Religious Extremism:Challenges for Central and South Asia*, New Delhi: Anamika Publications, 2004. Reprinted in *Terrorism and Religious Extremism in Central and South Asia Collection of Essays of the International Seminar on Terrorism and Religious Extremism: Challenges for Central and South Asia*, translated into Chinese by Yang Shu, Lanzhou University Publication Department, 2003.
 - "Diasporas Along the Silk Road: The Indian Trader Communities in Central Asia," in Lipi Ghosh and Ramkrishna Chatterjee (eds) *Indian Diaspora in Asian and Pacific Regions: Culture, People, Interactions* (published by the Indian Association for Asia Pacific Studies and the Netaji Institute of Asian Studies) Jaipur and New Delhi: Rawat, 2004
 - "Water Games: Environment and Politics in Central Asia", abstract in *Proceedings of the First Biennial Conference of the Indian Association of Asian and Pacific Studies, University of Kolkata, Kolkata, 2002*, Progressive Publishers:Kolkata, 2004.
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- "The Islamic, the Pre-Islamic and the Modernist in Central Asian Religion," in Mahavir Singh (ed) *Asia Annual 2001*, New Delhi: Shipra, 2001.
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- "What is Central Asia to Russia? The Heartland Debates and Russia's Central Asian Policy," in Professor Shams-Ud-Din (ed) *India and Russia Towards Strategic Partnership*, New Delhi: Lancers, 2001
- "The Making of a Linguistic Identity: Language and the Formation of the Uzbek State," *Journal of Central Asian Studies* a publication of the Association for the Advancement of Central Asian Research, Volume III, No 2, Issue no Spring/Summer 1999 (published in June 2001).
- "An Enquiry into the Problematic of State Formation in Uzbekistan," in B.G. Gafurov, *Dialogue of Cultures and Civilizations*, (*B.G.Gafurov, Dialog Kultur i Civilizatsii*), a publication of the Embassy of the Republic of India in the Russian Federation, the Embassy of the Republic of Tajikistan in the Russian Federation with the participation of the Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow: 2000. Republished in *Contemporary Central Asia*, Vol III, No 2, August 1999.
- "Imperatives of National Territorial Delimitation and the Fate of Bukhara 1917-1924," *Central Asian Survey*, Vol 19, No 3 and 4, Dec 2000.
- "Negotiating Transitions: The New Uzbek State Confronts its Present," Special Lecture published as *Monograph of the Centre for Eurasian Studies*, University of Mumbai, No 2, November 2000.
- "Regional Gaze: Studies on Central Asia," *The West Bengal Political Science*

- Review*, (published by the West Bengal Political Science Association) Vol III, No 1, January-June 2000.
- "Geopolitics Or Geoculture: Redefining Pan-Turkism in the Central Asian Context," J.K. Ray (ed) *Asia Annual 2000*, Delhi: Shipra Publications, 2000.
 - "Decolonization, Transition and Imperatives of Territorial Delimitation in Central Asia," *Journal of the Central Asian Studies*, (published by the Centre of Central Asian Studies, University of Kashmir) Vol XI, No 1, 2000.
 - "The Making of a Religious Identity: Islam and the State in Uzbekistan," *Economic and Political Weekly*, December 25-31, 1999.
 - "Cultural Requirements of a Developmental Polity: The State and Language in Uzbekistan," in Professor Shamsuddin edited *Geopolitics and Energy Resources in Central Asia and the Caspian Sea Region*, New Delhi: Lancers Books, 1999.
 - "Soviet Politics in Uzbekistan: Extinct or Extant," in Professor Shamsuddin (ed) *Nationalism in Russia and the Central Asian Republics: Unfinished Democratic Revolution*, New Delhi: Lancers Books, 1999.
 - "Encyclopaedic Entry on Uzbekistan," *Azad Institute Paper 8*, 1998.
 - "Beyond Boundaries: Identity, Nationality, Consciousness in Central Asia," in *Contemporary Central Asia*, Vol 2, No 1, March 1998.
 - "Minorities and Nationalizing States in the Central Asia," *International Studies*, July-September, 1997.
 - "Unveiling Stereotypes- Transitional Politics and Gender in Central Asia," written jointly with S. Chatterjee and M. Majumdar, in Ranabir Samaddar (ed) *Women in Asia: Work Culture and Politics in South and Central Asia*, Vikas Publishers, New Delhi, 1997.
 - "Minorities and Nationalising States in Central Asia," *Azad Institute Paper 4*, 1996.
 - "After the Heartland and its Southern Rim - Central and South Asia Today," in Ranabir Samaddar (ed) *Cannons into Ploughshares - Militarization and Prospects of Peace in South Asia*, Asian-South Pacific Bureau of Adult Education and Lancer, New Delhi, 1995.

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- Book Review, *Securing the Indian Frontier in Central Asia :confrontation and negotiation 1865-1895*, *Central Asian Survey*, Vol 30, Issue 1, 2011

- Film Review, "The Other Silk Road", *Refugee Watch*, No 31, 2008.
- Review "A Right to Permanent Exile? Meskhetian Turks and Resettlement Policies" in *Refugee Watch*, No 29, 2007.
- "India's Central Asia Policy: Limitations vs Leverages," *Third World Impact*, September 2000.
- "India and Central Asia," *World Focus: Special Issue on Central Asia Today: Serious Difficulties Lie Ahead*, August 2000.
- "In Search of Homelands: Russian Women in Central Asia," *Refugee Watch*, No 10 & 11, July, 2000.
- Book Notice on "The Other Russians," *Refugee Watch*, No 9, March 2000.
- "Minorities and Nationalizing States in Central Asia," Abstract printed in *International Political Science Abstracts* published by the International Political Science Association, Paris.
- "Language and the Construction of the Uzbek State," abstract in English, Russian and Uzbek published in *South Asia and Central Asia: The Past and the Present*, a volume dedicated to the 50th Anniversary of the South Asian Languages Department, Tashkent Davlat Sharqshunoslik Institut, Tashkent, 1998.
- "Imperatives of National Territorial Delimitation and the Fate of Bukhara (1917-1924)," abstract published in *Scientific and Cultural Heritage of Mankind to the Third Millennium, Theses of Reports of the International Symposium Dedicated to the 2500 Anniversary of Bukhara and Khiva*, Tashkent: Uzbekiston, 1997.
- "New Borders, Old Ties: Ancient Emotions Emerge from the Ruins of the USSR. In Islam Lies Identity, in Tribes Rest Nations," *The Asian Age*, 22 May, 1996.

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- `Celebrating 2500 years of Bukhara and Khiva' 4(2-3)
- `Notes on the Functioning of a Substitute' 4(1)
- `The Politics of Transition'. 3(4).
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- `Usul-i-Jadid: The New Way in Central Asia today.' 2(3-4).

- 'Russians As Minorities in Central Asia.' 2(2).
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Forthcoming Publications

- "The Political Economy of Transition: The Uzbek State Confronts Problems of a Developmental Polity," in P.L. Dash (ed) *Economy of Central Asia and its Related Developments in Post-Soviet Times*.
- "Beyond Recreating Traditional Relationships: Reflections on the Development of Indo-Uzbek Relations," in a volume to be published by the Uzbek Ambassador to India, on the occasion of the *10th Anniversary of Independence of the Republic of Uzbekistan*.
- "Peoples, Nations, Identities and "Axe Type" Divisions," *Departmental Seminar Publication*, Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies, Calcutta University, Kolkata.
- "The *Recognition Game*: Russia and the United States in Central Asia", *Seminar Proceeding* to be published by the Centre for Russian, Central Asian and East European Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University.
- "Identities in Transition: The Making of National Identities in Central Asia", Aligarh University *Seminar on Central Asia: Land and People*.
- "9/11 and Russo-Sino-US Interaction in Central Asia", *Seminar Proceeding* to be published by the Centre for Defence and National Security Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh.

- "History, Historiography and Transition: The Uzbek State Confronts its Present", *Conference Proceeding of ESCAS VIII to be published by the European Society for Central Asian Studies*.
- "Conceptualizing Transition in the Central Asian Security Structure", *Seminar Proceeding of National seminar on Understanding Systemic Transition in Russia and the CIS, to be published by the Centre for Russian, Central Asian and East European Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi*.
- "Russia, China and the United States in Central Asia", *Proceedings of the Second Biennial Conference of the Indian Association of Asian and Pacific Studies, Kolkata*.
- "The Making of National Identities in Central Asia", *Seminar Proceeding of National Seminar on Identity and Geopolitics in Central Asia: 1991-2003 to be published by the Academy of Third World Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi: Manohar*.
- "Imperatives of the Nationalizing State in Uzbekistan", *Seminar Proceeding of National Seminar on Nation, State and Democracy: Global Politics in the 21st Century, to be published by the Department of International Relations in collaboration with the School of International Relations and Strategic Studies, Jadavpur University*.
- "The Reemergence of Pan-Turkism and Turkey's Relations with Central Asia", *Seminar Proceeding of International Seminar on India, Central Asia and Turkey --- Realities, Challenges, Opportunities, to be published by Academy of Third World Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi*.
- "The "Religious" and the "Ethnic" in Central Asian Conflicts", *Seminar Proceeding to be published by the Centre for South-Central Asian Studies, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar*.
- "Reexamining the "Centrality" of Central Asia: Outsider Descriptions and the Insider's Portrayal" in a *Seminar Proceeding to be published by the Centre for Central Asian Studies, SOS in Political Science and Public Administration, Jiwaji University, Gwalior*.
- "Russia-China-US: Three Bilateral Relations in Central Asia" in a bilateral *Seminar Proceeding to be published jointly by the Institute of Defence Studies and Analysis, New Delhi and the Institute for Strategic and Regional Studies, Tashkent, in English and Russian*.
- "Turkey's 'New' Central Asian Geopolitical Narrative" paper given for a seminar on *India, Central Asia and Turkey: Understanding Past Matrix and Present Realities* organized by Academy of Third World Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia,

New Delhi.

- “India and the New Great Game in Central Asia: A Critique” *Seminar Proceeding* of the 13th SPF Issyk-Kul Forum to be published by the Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Japan.
- “Eurasianism and the Geopolitics of Russian Identity”, *Seminar Proceeding* of conference on Russian Society, Culture and Identity to be published by the Eurasia Foundation.
- ‘Greater Central Asia’ or an expanded ‘South and Central Asia’? The remaking of geopolitical spaces and India’s engagement with the region” Seminar Proceeding to be published by the Academy of Third World Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
- “The Geopolitics of Borders and its Performative Role in Uzbekistan”, Seminar Volume of international conference on *Regional Cooperation as a Development tool in Eurasia*, India Central Asia Foundation.
- “Colour Revolutions and Constitutionalism : Constitutional reforms in Kyrgyzstan”, in a volume on *Kyrgyzstan* to be edited by Pinar Akcali and Cennet Engin-Demir, Routledge.
- “The Multilateral Process in Central Asia” in a seminar volume to be published by the Institute of International Studies, Fudan University, Shanghai and Association of Asia Scholars.
- “Multicultural Societies and Global Challenges: Post Soviet Uzbekistan and the ‘radical’ challenge” in Rashmi Doraiswamy (ed) *Perspectives on Multiculturalism: Soviet and Post Soviet Central Asia*
- “Modernity and Denial: The case of the Kurds in Turkey”, *Asia Annual 2011*.
- “Crossroads : Democracy and the Turkish Model”, *Asia Annual 2012*
- “The SCO as a ‘Regional’ Bloc: Debates on Expansion and Institutionalization” Seminar Volume of *India’s Eurasian Endeavour: Rediscoveries and Reformulations*, organized by the Global India Foundation.
- “Energy as Rhetoric: Geopolitical narratives of pipelines” Seminar Volume of Energy Security: India, Central Asia and the Neighbourhood, organized by the UGC Central Asian Studies Programme, JMI.

Seminar Papers and Lectures

- *Models in Transition :The Turkish Model and Central Asia Twenty Years After* at a seminar on **Post Soviet states: Two Decades of Transition and Transformation**, organized by the Centre for Russian and Central Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Nov 1-3, 2011
- *India and Central Asia* at the Convention on International Relations organized by the Jadavpur Association of International Relations, Jadavpur University Kolkata August 17-20, 2011.
- *The Performative State: Nation Building and Nationalist Discourse in Uzbekistan* at a seminar on **India and Central Asia in a Globalizing World** organized by the Nehru Centre, Mumbai, August 5-6, 2011.
- Participated in a Round Table on *India's Foreign Policy* organized by the Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata, May 11, 2011
- *Encounters in the 'Shatterbelt' Tradition, faith and the rhetoric of 'revival' in Uzbekistan*, at a seminar on **Afghanistan and Central Asia: Can the Shatterbelt be Transformed?** organized by the School of International Relations and Strategic Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, February 25, 2011.
- *Eurasianism or Neo-Ottomanism? The neighbourhood in Turkish foreign policy*, at a seminar on **India and the Middle East, Problems and Prospects**, organized by the Institute of Foreign Policy Studies, University of Calcutta , Kolkata, February 23, 2011.
- *Rethinking Regional Organizations: Turkey and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization*, at a **workshop on the Shanghai Cooperation Organization** organized by the Centre for South and Central Asian Studies, Stockholm University, Stockholm, December 16, 2010.
- *The 'Turkish Model' and the Turkic World* at the **Second Regional Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society** organized by the Centre for Black Sea and Central Asia, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, July 29-30, 2010.
- *A Regional Response to Global Challenges: An alternative response to the changing security landscape in Eurasia* in a seminar on **Changing Security Landscape of Eurasia, Role of Regional Groupings** organized by the India Central Asia Foundation, New Delhi, May 27-29, 2010.
- *The Multilateral Process in Central Asia*, in a seminar on **Debating Multilateralism: Exploring Consensus in Asian Perspectives**, co organized by the Institute of International Studies, Fudan University, Shanghai and Association

- of Asia Scholars, in Shanghai, April 5-6, 2010.
- Participated in a workshop on **Creating a Knowledge Platform on Central Asia, Turkey and the Caucasus**, organized by the Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education, at the City Conference Centre, Norra Latin, Stockholm, November 6, 2009.
 - Participated in a **meeting at the Stockholm University** for discussion of future research contacts and cooperation within the University's programme for promotion of Central Asian studies and discussing fields of research suited for joint activities between MAKAIAS and the Department of South and Central Asian Studies, Stockholm University, Stockholm, November 5, 2009.
 - *Political Geographies and the Geopolitics of Identities: Reexamining frontiers, borders and homelands in Central Asia* in seminar on **Geopolitics of Eurasia**, organized by the Association of Asia Scholars and Chuo University, Tokyo at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, October 30-31, 2009.
 - *Perceptions and Strategies, India's relations with the Central Asian region* at a seminar on **Central Asia, the new "Great Game" between the Emerging Powers of China and India**, organized by the Centre de Sciences Humaines, New Delhi, at the India International Centre, New Delhi, October 14-15, 2009.
 - '*Discourses on the Heartland: Studying Central Asia Through Narratives*' at the **ESCAS XI Conference 2009** on "Studying Central Asia: In Quest for New Paths and Concepts" organized by the Central European University September 3-5, 2009, Budapest, Hungary.
 - '*Strategizing Eurasia: Conceptualizing Transitions in Central Asian Regional Organizations*' at the **IVth International Turkish Asian Congress** on Regional Organizations in Asia; Institutionalization and Cooperation, organized by the Turkish Asian Centre for Strategic Studies on May 27-29, 2009 in Istanbul.
 - "*Studying Asia at the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies*", at a workshop on on **Trends of Asian Studies** organized by the Centre for South and South East Asian Studies, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, March 27, 2009.
 - "*A 'Central Asian' Geopolitics*, at an International Conference on **Central Eurasian Studies, Past, Present and Future**, jointly organized by the Maltepe University, Istanbul, University of Tokyo (Islamic Area Studies) and the University of Tsukuba at the Istanbul Marma Convention Centre, Istanbul, March 17-19, 2009.
 - '*Greater Central Asia' or an expanded 'South and Central Asia'?* *The remaking of geopolitical spaces and India's engagement with the region* in a seminar on **India and the Major Powers in Central and West Asia: Challenges and**

- Opportunities** organized by the Academy of Third World Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 22-23 October 2008.
- “*The Geopolitics of Borders and its Performative Role in Uzbekistan*”, paper presented in absentia in a international conference on **Regional Cooperation as a Development tool in Eurasia**, organized by India Central Asia Foundation, New Delhi, March 27-19, 2008.
 - “*Conceptualizing Eurasian Geopolitics: Debates and Discourses on the ‘Heartland’*”, in a seminar on **Russia in Asia: Envisaging Partnerships and Communities in Eurasia and Assessing the Role of Siberia**, jointly organized by MAKAIAS and the Institute of history, Academy of Sciences, Novosibirsk, Russia, Kolkata, February 13-15, 2008.
 - “*The Geopolitics of Political Space in Uzbekistan*”, paper presented in absentia at a Conference on **Central Asia Studies: History, Politics, Society**, organize by the University of Tsukuba, Tsukuba, Japan, December 14-16, 2007.
 - “*Eurasianism and the Geopolitics of Russian Identity*”, presentation at a conference on **Russian Society, Culture and Identity** organized by the Eurasia Foundation at the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, November 14-19, 2007.
 - “*India and the New Great Game in Central Asia*”, presentation at the 13th SPF Issyk-Kul Forum on **Central Asia and South Caucasus, Strategic Dimensions and Internal Situation**, organized by the Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Japan, Asian Dialogue Society and the International Centre Goa, at the International Centre Goa, on November 5-6, 2007.
 - *Imagining Central Asia: The Geopolitics of Naming*, paper presented at the **European Society for Central Asian Studies, Tenth Conference**, in Ankara September 12-15, 2007.
 - *Dreams of a Eurasian Heartland: The Geopolitics of Mackinder’s Geographical Pivot* paper presented in absentia in a seminar on **Eurasia: Regional Perspectives** jointly organized by the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies and the Russian Academy of Sciences, Siberian Branch, Institute of History, Novosibirsk, in Novosibirsk June 2-3, 2007.
 - *Restructuring Regional Alignments in Eurasia: The Emergence of a New Dialogue* in a Round Table on **Eurasia: Regional Perspectives** jointly organized by the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies and the Institute of World Economy and Politics under the first President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Almaty, in Almaty May 30, 2007.
 - *Alternative Boundaries in an Interconnected World: Exploring the Geopolitics of*

- a Turkic World* in the **Third International Congress on Turkic Civilization, Globalization and Turkic Civilization** organized by the Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency and the Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University Centre for Turkic Civilizational Studies, Bishkek, in Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan) May 28-31, 2007.
- *Russia-China-US: Three Bilateral Relations in Central Asia* in a bilateral seminar jointly organized by the Institute of Defence Studies and Analysis, New Delhi and the Institute for Strategic and Regional Studies, Tashkent, on **Emerging Geopolitical Dynamics in Central Asia: India-Uzbekistan Relations**, in New Delhi on April 11-12, 2007.
 - *Finding a Course: “Modernity” and Transition to Independent Statehood in Turkmenistan*, in a bilateral seminar organized by India-Central Asia Foundation in collaboration with Turkmen State University named after Magtumguli, Institute of History, Ashgabat and State Cultural Centre Heritage, MIRAS on **India and Turkmenistan: Retrospect and Prospect**, Ashgabat, in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan on April 2, 2007.
 - *Cubsiz Hayot Bol’mas (Without Water There Is No Life): Environmental Degradation, Resource Scarcity And Conflict in Central Asia*, in a National Seminar on **Energy and Resource Security: Challenges for the 21st Century** organized by the School of International Relations and Strategic Studies, and School of Energy Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata on 8-9 March, 2007.
 - *The Geopolitics of Political Space: Narratives and Counter-Narratives in Uzbekistan* in a two-day Tri-University Joint Area Studies Commemorative National Seminar on **Emerging Asia in Focus: Issues and Problems** organized by the Centre for Central Eurasian Studies, University of Mumbai, as part of the Sesquicentennial celebration of founding of the Universities of Mumbai, Calcutta and Madras in Mumbai on 6-7 March, 2007.
 - *Reexamining the “Centrality” of Central Asia: Outsider Descriptions and the Insider’s Portrayal* in a seminar on **India-Central Asia: Reinforcing Traditional Relationship Through Synergy of Culture and Energy**, organized by the Centre for Central Asian Studies, SOS in Political Science and Public Administration, Jiwaji University, Gwalior, 20-22 January, 2007.
 - *Geostrategic Perspectives in Eurasia: Towards Multilateralism in Central Asia* paper presented at symposium on **Perspectives on Eurasia** organized by the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Tampere, Tampere 4-5 September, 2006.
 - *The Indian Trader Communities in Central Asia* paper presented at a seminar on **Indian Diaspora Past and Present**, organized by the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata, 28-29 March, 2006.

- *Eurasianism and Russia's "Critical Space"*, paper sent to international seminar on **The CIS: Energy, Security and Development**, organized by the Centre for Russian and Central Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 16-17 February, 2006.
- *The "Heartland" in the Perception of Central Asians* paper presented at the international conference on **Revisiting Euro Asia, Cultures, Connections and Conceptualizations**, organized by the Centre for the Study of Mid West and Central Asia, Panjab University and Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence, University of Tampere, Finland, Chandigarh, 13-15 February, 2006.
- *The "Religious" and the "Ethnic" in Central Asian Conflicts* paper presented in absentia at a seminar on **Ethno-Nationalism in Post Soviet Central Asia** organized by the Centre for South-Central Asian Studies, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, 3-4 February, 2006.
- *The State and Performative Traditions: The Case of Uzbekistan*, at a seminar on **Performances and Cults: Ontology, Translation and Exchange**, organized by the Centre for European Studies, Jadavpur University, 25 and 27 January 2006.
- Participated in a round table discussion on **Central Asia in Transition Implications for Regional Peace and Security**, organized by the School of International Relations and Strategic Studies, Jadavpur University, 13 December 2005.
- *The Trader as a Diaspora: Indian Trader Communities in Central Asia* in a seminar on **Actors and Models of the Indian Diaspora in International Relations** organized by Centre de Sciences Humaines and India International Centre at India International Centre, New Delhi on 26th and 27th September, 2005.
- *Russo-Sino-US Interaction in Central Asia and the Transformation of Central Asian Security Structures in the post 9/11 Period*, lecture at a **Refresher Course on National and Global Politics: Issues and Trends**, organized by Academic Staff College and Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University, on 12 February, 2005.
- *Modernity and the Uzbek State in the Writings of President Islam A. Karimov*, paper presented in absentia at a seminar on **Articulating the Modern: Cultural Histories of Central Asia**, organized by the Academy of Third World Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 2-3 December, 2004.
- *Conceptualizing Transition in the Central Asian Security Structure*, at a seminar on **Understanding Systemic Transition in Russia and the CIS**, organized by the Centre for Russian, Central Asian and East European Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, March 23-24, 2004.

- *Regional Security in Central Asia: China, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and the Viability of Constructive Strategic Partnership*, at a seminar on **Central Asia in Transition: Dynamics of Political, Economic and Social Development**, organized by the Centre for Central Eurasian Studies, University of Mumbai, Mumbai, 10-11 March, 2004.
- *Imperatives of the Nationalizing State in Uzbekistan*, at a seminar on **Nation, State and Democracy: Global Politics in the 21st Century**, organized by the Department of International Relations in collaboration with the School of International Relations and Strategic Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, 9-10 March, 2004.
- *Russia-China-United States: Three "Bilateral Relations" in Central Asia*, at the **Second Biennial Conference of the Indian Association of Asian and Pacific Studies**, Sambalpur, 29-31 January 2004.
- *9/11 and Russo-Sino-US Interaction in Central Asia* (paper presented in absentia) at a seminar on **Mid West and Central Asia** organized by the Centre for Defence and National Security Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh, 21-23 January, 2004.
- *The Making of National Identities in Central Asia*, at a seminar on **Identity and Geopolitics in Central Asia: 1991-2003**, organized by the Academy of Third World Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 9-10 December, 2003.
- *The "Recognition Game": Russia and the United States in Central Asia*, at a seminar on **CIS: Emerging Geopolitical and Economic Issues** organized by the Centre for Russian, Central Asian and East European Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 27-28 March 2003.
- *The Emergence of "Ethnic" Conflict In Central Asia*, at a seminar on **Alternative Global Futures**, organized by the Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University 5-6 March, 2003.
- *Between "Homeland" and Home: Russian Women in Uzbekistan*, at a seminar on **Women Across Asia: In Search of Identity**, organized by the Indian Association for Asian and Pacific Studies in collaboration with Women's Study Research Centre, Calcutta University, Kolkata, 1 March 2003.
- *The War Against Terrorism and Challenges for Regional Security Initiatives in Central Asia*, at a seminar on **International Terrorism and Religious Extremism: Challenges for Central and South Asia** organized by the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, New Delhi, 31 January-1 February, 2003.
- *History, Historiography and Transition: The Uzbek State Confronts its Present*, (paper presented in absentia) **European Society for Central Asian Studies**

Conference, VIII, Bordeaux, September 25-28, 2002.

- *Water Games: Environment and Politics in Central Asia*, at the **First Biennial Conference of the Indian Association of Asian and Pacific Studies**, Kolkata, 1-3 March, 2002.
- *In Search of Perfumed Lands: The Unchanging Face of Central Asia*, at a DSA Programme seminar on **Recent Trends in International Relations Research**, organized by the Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, 31 January and 1 February, 2002.
- *Region, Regionalization, Regionalism: The "Myth" of Tsentralnaya Aziia Revisted*, at a seminar on **Central Asia: Ten Years of Independence**, organized by the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies and the Central Asian Studies Division, Jawaharlal Nehru University, at the IIC, New Delhi, on 21-22 November 2001.
- *The Refugee Situation in Afghanistan and the Central Asian Response*, at a panel discussion on **Refugee Situation in Afghanistan: Dimensions of Conflict** organized by The Centre for Refugee Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, on 3 October, 2001.
- *Diasporas Along the Silk Road: The Indian Trader Communities in Central Asia*, at a seminar on **The Indian Diaspora in the Asia Pacific Region**, jointly organized by the Indian Association for Asia Pacific Studies and the Netaji Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata, 21 July, 2001.
- *Peoples, Nations, Identities and "Axe Type" Divisions*, at a seminar on **Cross Border Migration and the Situation of Refugees in South Asia**, organized by the Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies, Calcutta University, Kolkata, 15-16 March 2001.
- Delivered a series of **lectures** on *State and Nation Building* at the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata, in January, 2001.
- *Negotiating Transitions: The New Uzbek State Confronts its Present*, lecture at the **Centre for Eurasian Studies**, University of Mumbai, 27 November, 2000.
- *What is Central Asia to Russia? The Heartland Debates and Russia's Central Asian Policy*, at a seminar on **Indo Russian Relations** at the Centre for Russian, Central Asian and East European Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 23-25 November, 2000.
- *State Formation In Uzbekistan*, **lecture** delivered at the Zentralasien Seminar, Humboldt University, Berlin, on 23 June 2000.

- *Recreating "Traditional Relationships": Reflections on Indian Policy in Central Asia*, at a seminar on **Indian Foreign Policy: Retrospects and Prospects** at the Department of International Relations and Strategic Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, 14-16 March, 2000.
- *China's Policy in Central Asia in the Wake of the Reemergence of "Turkestan"* at a seminar on **People's Republic of China at 50: Domestic Politics, Economy and Foreign Policy** at the Department of International Relations and Strategic Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, 14-15 December, 1999.
- *The Political Economy of Transition: The Uzbek State Confronts Problems of a Developmental Polity*, at a seminar on **Economy as a Strategic Factor in Central Asian Development**, at the Centre For Eurasian Studies, Mumbai University, Mumbai, 6-7 December 1999.
- *An Enquiry into the Problematic of State Formation in Uzbekistan*, at the seminar commemorating the **90th birth anniversary of Academician Babajan Gafurov**, organized by the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, in New Delhi, on 28-29 July 1999.
- *Cultural Requirements of a Developmental Polity: The State and Language in Uzbekistan*, at a seminar on **Geopolitics, Energy Resources and National Development in Central Asia and the Caspian Sea Region**, at the Centre for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 22-23 March 1999.
- *Language and the Construction of the Uzbek State*, at a seminar on **Society, Language, and Culture in Post Communist Russia and the Former Republics of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe**, presented on behalf of the author by Antony Qualin at Texas Tech University, 2-4 April 1998.
- *Soviet Politics in Uzbekistan: Extinct or Extant*, at seminar on **Nationalism in Russia and Central Asia**, Centre for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 11-13 February, 1998.
- *Imperatives of Territorial Delimitation and the Fate of Bukhara 1917-1924*, at the **International Symposium on "Scientific and Cultural Heritage of Humanity for the Third Millennium"**, held in Bukhara and Khiva, Uzbekistan, from 18-20th October, 1997.
- *Decolonisation, Transition and the Imperatives of Territorial Delimitation in Central Asia* at a seminar on **50 Years After: The Experience of Decolonisation, Partition and Independence-Bangladesh, India and Pakistan**, organized by the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata, on 12-14 March 1997.

- *Russians As Minorities in Central Asia* at a seminar on **Central Asian Geopolitics Tendencies and Transformations**, Centre for Geopolitics, Punjab University, Chandigarh, 3rd through 10th December, 1995.
- *Unveiling Stereotypes - Transitional Politics and Gender in Central Asia* paper presented (jointly) at a seminar on **Work, Culture and Politics: Women in Asia**, August 17-18, 1995, organized by the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata, at the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies.

