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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- ◆ Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India:
(August, 2006-December, 2008)

MPhil. In *European Studies*; Thesis Title: *Non-traditional Security Threats to the EU: A Case Study of Organized Crime*.

Supervisor – Prof. Ummu Salma Bava.

GPA: 7.8/9 (A+); Topper of MPhil. Batch 2006-2008, Centre for European Studies, School of International Studies.

- ◆ University of Sussex, Brighton, UK; (October, 2005 – September, 2006)

MA (Master of Arts) in *European Politics*.

Dissertation: *Immigration, Citizenship and*

Dynamics of inclusion and exclusion in the EU.

Supervisor – Dr. James Hampshire.

Degree with Distinction and Class Topper

- ◆ Calcutta University, Kolkata, India, (September, 2003 – August, 2005)

MA (Master of Arts) in *History*

Specialization: *Modern Europe*

First Class First.

University Topper & Gold Medalist

- ◆ Presidency College/Calcutta University; Kolkata, India;
(September, 2000 – June, 2003)

Bachelor of Arts (BA) with *Honors in History*

Major: *History* with Honors.

Minors/Subsidiary Optional: *Philosophy* and *English Literature*.

First Class First; University Topper.

◆ Sri Shikshayatan Girls High School: 1998-2000

West Bengal Board of Higher Secondary Education (+2)

High First Division with *Star Marks*.

5th State Rank Holder in *Humanities Stream* of the West Bengal Board of Higher Secondary Examination, 2000 Batch.

Secured record marks in *English (First Language)*.

Other/Relevant Professional Qualifications & Training

- ◆ Post-Graduate Advanced Diploma in '*Intelligence and Terrorism Studies*'; Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence, University of St. Andrews, UK. Distance Education Curriculum lectures and examinations to be conducted on interactive basis through cyber-conference modes. Course Duration: 1 Year (2 Semesters). **Course starts in September, 2011.**

Chosen Modules of Concentration: Aviation, Maritime and Cyber-Terrorism; Military Strategy of Suicide Bombing, Open Fire Assault And 'Long War'; Post-Attack Intelligence and Forensic Modus Operandi of State Combat Forces.

- ◆ Pre-Doctoral Certificate of Advanced Studies in *Global Governance, Regionalism and Theories of International Relations in a 'New World Order'* (2009); 8th GARNET PhD School of Advanced; EU GARNET Consortium of Research and Advanced Education, in association with Faculty of European Studies, Freie University of Brussels, Belgium.

- ◆ Post-Graduate Advanced Diploma Certificate in International and Strategic Studies (2009)

International Forum on Strategic Thinking, Robert Bosch Stiftung, *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Auswärtige Politik* (German Council of Foreign Relations in association with German Federal Ministry of Defence, 13th Intensive International Summer Course, 2009 on “Reconsidering Democratization and Security: Linkages, Lessons Learned and Prospects for the Future”, July, 2009, Berlin, Germany.

◆ Post-Graduate Diploma (2006) in ‘*Intelligence and Terrorism Studies*’; Faculty of Political Studies, Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence; Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany.

Areas of Specialization: Aviation, Maritime and Cyber-Terrorism; Military Strategy of Suicide Bombing, Open Fire Assault and ‘Long War’; Post-Attack Intelligence and Forensic Modus Operandi of State Combat Forces.

◆ Advanced Diploma Certificate in German Literature (2006).

Faculty of European Languages, Literature and Linguistics, Centre for Germanic Studies; University of Sussex, UK.

Specialization/Concentration: 19th Century German *Obscurantism*, *Dadaism* and *Neu-Friedlichkeit* in 20th Century German Literature; Philosophy of Conservatism in Friedrich Nietzsche, Walter Benjamin And Oswald Spengler.

◆ Kleines Deutsches Sprachdiplom (2008); Goethe Institute and Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Germany.

◆ Zentrale Mittelstufe Prüfung (ZMP) des Deutschen als Fremdsprache (2005): Intermediate Diploma in German, Level 2; Goethe Institut, Max Mueller Bhavan, Kolkata, India. Certificate awarded with Distinction/*Note-A-Eins*.

◆ Zertifikat Deutsch (ZD)/ Die Grundstufe Prüfung des Deutschen als Fremdsprache (2003): Diploma in German Language, Level 1; Goethe Institut, Max Mueller Bhavan, Kolkata, India. Certificate awarded with Distinction/*Note-A-Eins*.

Awards/Scholarships/Grants

- ◆ Chancellor's Merit Certificate: 2009
Jawaharlal Nehru University
As University Topper in MPhil. 2006-2008 batch

- ◆ Fellowship & Travel Grant for 13th German Council of Foreign Affairs (DGAP) International Conference & Summer School on 'Democracy & Security': July, 2009.
International Strategic Forum & German Council of Foreign Affairs (DGAP), Berlin, Germany.
Research Theme: *Intricacies of Imposed Democracy: US Foreign Policy and Concept of 'Democratic Realism'*.

- ◆ EU-GARNET Research Fellowship and Travel grant for 8th GARNET PhD School on 'Global Governance, Regionalism and role of the EU: Challenges and debates shaping IR theory in the early 21st Century': June, 2009 European Commission, GARNET Consortium for Education and Research & ULB. Brussels, Belgium.
The first ever Indian to have received GARNET-EU Fellowship.

- ◆ Certificate of Excellence as Joint Chair-holder of GARNET 8th PhD School on ‘Global Governance, Regionalism and the role of the EU: Challenges and debates shaping IR theory in the early 21st Century’: June, 2009. ULB, Brussels, Belgium.

- ◆ National Centre for Research on Europe Fellowship, University of Canterbury: April, 2009 (declined).

- ◆ Asia Europe Foundation Fellowship and Travel Grant for 2nd ASEM International Forum of Young Leaders:

- ◆ Asia Europe Foundation and National Centre for Research on Europe Travel & Research grants for the First Young Academic Scholar’s Workshop: September, 2008, College of Europe; Bruges, Belgium, EU Commission & European Council; Brussels, Belgium.

- ◆ President of India Gold Medal & Certificate of Excellence in Academics & General Proficiency, July, 2007.

- ◆ SSEASR Award & Certificate of Excellence for Outstanding Research Presentation: May, 2007, Bangkok, Thailand.

- ◆ Government of India National Merit Award & Certificate of Excellence: August, 2006, for securing highest marks in MA in History in 2005, Calcutta University.

- ◆ University of Sussex Chancellor's International Post-graduate Merit Scholarship, October, 2005 – September, 2006 for Masters of Arts in European Politics.

- ◆ Chandra Narayan Memorial Medal & Certificate of Excellence: December, 2005. For securing highest marks in MA in History in 2005, Calcutta University.

- ◆ Chatyagram Parishad Merit Award & Certificate of Excellence: March, 2006. For securing highest marks in MA in History in 2005, Calcutta University.

- ◆ Ashin Dasgupta Memorial Award for the Most Curious Student: 2004
 Department of History
 Presidency College/Calcutta University.

- ◆ Ashin Dasgupta Memorial Essay Award & Certificate of Excellence: October, 2004, Department of History, Calcutta University, Research Essay – “Ever since Darwin! Understanding Shifting Discursive Trends In Social Darwinism, Lamarckian Behavioralism and Eugenics in 21st Century”.

- ◆ Government of India National Merit Scholarship: 2003-2005, for securing highest marks in Bachelor of Arts in History (Hons.), 2003, Calcutta University.

- ◆ Kalyan Dasgupta Memorial Award: 2003-2005, Department of History, Calcutta University, for securing highest marks in Bachelor of Arts in History (Hons.), 2003.

- ◆ Government of India National Merit Scholarship: 2000
West Bengal Board of Higher Secondary Examination (+2/School leaving exam)

- ◆ Government of West Bengal Merit Award: 2000
West Bengal Board of Higher Secondary Education
For securing highest marks within the state in History, Philosophy & English in Higher Secondary Examination, 2000.

- Government of India National Merit Scholarship & Certificate of Excellence: 1998

For securing outstanding high marks in Indian Council of Secondary Education Examination (10th standard)

- Silver Medal & Certificate of Excellence: 1996

First runner up in All India National Merit Competition of Science (Category C), NCERT & National Council of Scientific Education and Research, Ministry of Education & Human Resource Development, Government of India.

- National Scholarship and Merit Award: 1995

Second runner up in National Mathematics & Physics Olympiad.

Professional/Research Experience

- ◆ June, 2009 – Present: *Research Fellow*, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies; Indian Ministry of Culture; Government of India; Kolkata, India. (Website: www.makaias.gov.in)

- ◆ March, 2008-December, 2009 – *Research Associate*; Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Indian Ministry of Culture, Government of India; Kolkata, India.

- ◆ May, 2009 – February, 2010: *Research Analyst* in Project '*EU through the Eyes of Asia*'; under the European Commission, National Council for Research on Europe and Asia Europe Foundation.

- ◆ September, 2008 – January, 2009: *Research Co-ordinator* of the pilot project '*EU through the Eyes of Asia*' in India; European Commission, Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF) and National Centre for Research on Europe (NCRE).

- ◆ May, 2007-January, 2008: Intern and Translator, Embassy of Federal Republic of Germany, New Delhi, India

- ◆ November, 2005 – June, 2006: Research Assistant, Dr. Daniel Hough, Sussex European Institute, University of Sussex, Brighton, UK.

- ◆ September, 2005 – December, 2007: Associate Consultant & International Liaison Officer, International Africa Academy, Cairo and Berlin. Also sub-editor of its trilingual (English, German and Arabic) quarterly journal Al Marifa., published from Alexandria and Cairo.

- ◆ April, 2004 – August, 2005: Junior Assistant to Education Counsellor, Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst (DAAD), German Academic Exchange Programme, Ministry of External Affairs and Intellectual Exchange, Goethe Institut, Max Mueller Bhavan, Kolkata, India.

Selected Publications

- ◆ Book

Co-authored with Dilip Banerjee, *In Search of ...the Hardcore Indian! A Visual Anthropological Approach to Human Security and Insurgency in Northeast India*, Pentagon Publishing House: New Delhi, London and Greenville; Forthcoming in November, 2011.

- ◆ Book Manuscripts in Progress

The Caucasian Gorgons: Interaction between Crime, Terror and Corruption in the Trans-Caucasus in the Post-9/11 Era.

Forgotten Melodies, Forgotten Memoirs: A Pictorial Journey through Nostalgic Trails of the 'Stilwell Road', (along with Dilip Banerjee).

'Afghanistan Unbound! Yesterday, Today...Tomorrow'

◆ Articles in International Academic Journals

‘Beyond *Capability-Expectation Gap*, Reformatting *Expectation Deficit* and Positing *Communication Deficit*: Re-conceptualizing EU’s External Image in Asia and Power-Role Misalignment’, *European Journal of International Relations*, 2011

‘Newer Clients, Older Patrons and the Criminal Lords of the Great Silk Road: Understanding 2010 Kyrgyz Crisis in the Broader Context of Narco-Terrorism’, forthcoming in *Central Asian Survey*

Hyper-puissance or *Verantwortungspolitik*? Bundeswehr and out-of-area operations in Afghanistan, forthcoming in *German Politics*, December, 2011

‘Two to Tango! Reappraising Crime-Terror Interaction as an Evolving Composite Security Threat in the Post-9/11 World’, forthcoming in September issue of *Journal of Politics and International Affairs*, 2011.

‘Ring-of-Friends’ or ‘Ring-of-Risks’? Revisiting Wider Black Sea Region (WBSR) as Emergent Transit Corridor of Narcotics-Trafficking To Post-Enlargement EU’, forthcoming in *Europe Asia Studies*, 2011.

‘From Geopolitics of Frozen Conflict to Geo-Narcotics of *Poppy Crime*: Revisiting Narco-Trafficking in Post-Soviet Eurasia’, *International Journal of Peace and Development*, Vol 3(2), 2010, pg. 113-45.

‘Revisiting Wider Black Sea Region as an ‘Emergent Hub’ of Narcotics-Trafficking To Post-Enlargement EU’, *Central European Journal of International and Security Studies*, 8(3), June, 2010.

‘Hidden Routes, Crouching Networks: Exploring Changing Routes and Shifting Trends in Human Trafficking from Eurasia to the post-Enlargement EU’, forthcoming in *European Security*, December, 2011

Immigrants, Criminals or *Crimmigrants*? Reappraising Criminalization of Immigration, Discourses on ‘Threat’ and Dynamics of Exclusion in Post-9/11 EU’, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, 25(3), 2010

A ‘Sharm’-less Retreat? Revisiting India’s Great-Power Dependency Syndrome in the Context of Evolving Trends in Post-26/11 US-India Relations’, *Indian Foreign Affairs Journal*, Vol 5 (4), October, 2010.

‘All for Brownie Points!: Reappraising the Corporate Media and the Media-Terrorism Nexus in the Context of Mumbai Attacks of 26/11’, *Asia Europe Journal*, Vol. 7, No. 3, September , 2009.

‘Information transmitter hijacked!: A Critical Appraisal of the Media-Democracy Conflict in the aftermath of the Mumbai Terror Attacks’, *Indian Journal of Political Science* Vol. 64: 3; December, 2009; pp.25-44.

“Thickening” the Thin Globalization! Globalization, Inequality and Human Insecurity in Sub-Saharan Africa’, *Global South*, 5(2), April, 2009. pp. 13-29.

‘Divided they Stand, United Might they Fall’, *Central European Journal of International and Security Studies*, Vol. 32 (3), July, 2008

Co-authored with Dr. Aksadul Alam; ‘Indianization or *Bengalization?* Contacts and Communications between Early Bengal and South-East Asia’, *Journal of South and South East Asian Studies in History and Religion*, Vol.2 No. 1, July, 2007; pp.107-141

‘Securitizing the Environment: Environment, Sustainable Development and Human Security in South Asia’, *Global South*, 4 (1), September, 2007; pp. 42-64.

◆ Chapters in Edited Volumes

‘Zukunft im Gegenwehrt! Wirtschafts-(un)-wunder, Terrorismus und die Zukunft der Transatlantische Beziehung’ (Present as the Future! Global Financial Meltdown, Terrorism and future of Transatlantic Relations) in Wolfgang Brix and Joachim Liebermann (ed), *Internationale Beziehung nach dem Wirtschaftliche Katastrophe 2008’* (International Relations after the 2008 Global Economic Crisis), Frankfurt: Gieselmanns, 2010.

'The Army of Medina: Rethinking Asymmetric Warfare in the Context of Hezbollah's Unity of Command in 2006 Lebanon War', forthcoming in Priya Singh (ed.), volume on Seminar Proceedings (Paper presented at West Asia Seminar on 17th January, 2011, Kolkata, before publication)

'From Enduring Freedom to Enduring Chaos: A Critical Reappraisal of Obama's Af-Pak Strategic Redux', forthcoming in Arpita Basuroy and Binoda K. Mishra (ed) volume of seminar proceedings; presented at Afghanistan Seminar on 6th January, New Delhi, 2011.

'One Size fits (Not) All! Decoupling Chechen Nationalism from Kremlin's Rhetoric of "War on Terror"', in Swarupa Gupta (ed.), *Asia Annual: Nations and Nationalism in Asia*, Forthcoming, New Delhi: Manohar Publishers. (Paper presented at Asia Annual Seminar, 5th October, 2010).

'Capability-Expectation Gap or Knowledge Deficit? Proposing a Revisionist-alternative Appraisal of the EU Image in the Media, Political and Public perception in India' in Martin Holland and Natalia Chaban edited, *Branding of the EU in Asia: Critical Insights into EU Images and Perceptions*; Nomos Publishers: Baden-Baden, December, 2009

Co-authored with Dr. Aksadul Alam, 'Historical Geography in Ancient Bengal', in *The Cultural Encyclopedia of Bangladesh*, Dhaka: University of Dhaka Publications, March, 2008; pp. 67-123

(In Bengali) 'Dokkhin Asiyo aancholic nirapotta shongothoner aaboshyikota o tar raajnaitik ebong arthanaitik protibondhokota: ekti shomanupatik bisleshan' (Political and Economical Challenges to the Imperative and Establishment of a South Asian Regional Security Organization: A Critical Appraisal), in Samsul Haq ed. 'Bishyayoner Juge Aanchalic Shahanubartita', (Regional Cooperation in an Age of Globalization), Dhaka University Publication: Dhaka, 2006.

◆ Papers in Progress/Under Review/Forthcoming Publications

‘Apocalypse of ‘Digital Fortresses’: Information Warfare, Cyber-(In)-Security and ‘Geo-Digital’ Vulnerabilities in “Wiki Leaks” Context’, forthcoming in *Asian Survey*

‘Brown Man’s Burden and *Slumdogging* the Orient: Re-branding Postcolonial Hegemonic Order in the Context of Slumdog Millionaire Debate’, accepted for publication in *Third World Quarterly*.

‘From *Homo-Sovieticus* to *Homo-Islamicus*? Revisiting Identity Issues, Jihad and Ethno-Separatist Conflicts in Post-Soviet Caucasus’, accepted for publication, *Harvard Quarterly*

‘Importing *Jihad* or Exporting *Umma*? Reappraising the Role of ‘Foreign Mujahideens’ and ‘EurAbian’ *Fidayees* in the Post-Soviet Caucasus’, under review, *Central Asia and Caucasus*.

‘The ‘Lions of Islam’: Revisiting Imported Jihad, Radical Islam and Foreign Jihad-is in Post-Soviet Eurasia’, under review *China and Eurasia Forum Quarterly*

‘*Unmanageability of the ‘Manageable Chaos’*: The 2010 Kyrgyz Crisis, Narco-Aggression and “New Lords” of Great Silk Route’, under review, *International Security*.

‘Stalin’s Zombies: A Case Study of State-Terrorism, Insurgency and Communist Party of India’s Private *Harmaad Army*’, under review, *International Studies*.

◆ Book Reviews

‘Indian Foreign Policy at Crossroads: The Twenty Year Progress’, J. K. Roy, Review forthcoming in *South Asian Survey*.

‘Indian Foreign Policy at Crossroads: The Twenty Year Progress’, J. K. Roy, Review in *Indian Foreign Affairs Journal*, Forthcoming in July, 2011.

India and the Gulf', *Indian Foreign Affairs Journal*, Vol. 4, No. 2, April, 2009; pp. 143-145. (New Delhi: Cambridge University Press)

Four Crises and a Peace Process: American Engagement in South Asia', *Indian Foreign Affairs Journal*, Vol. 3, No. 3, July-September, 2008; 151-153. (New Delhi: Cambridge University Press).

◆ Selected Research Commentaries/Policy Briefs

'*Pax Narcotika* or *Pax Warlordiana*? The Kyrgyz Crisis of 2010, Narco-Terrorism and Newer Lords of Great Silk Route', Issue Brief 32, German Council on Foreign Relations and International Strategic Forum Working Paper Series.

'Can Democracy be imposed?', Working Paper No. 18, in Kathrin Brockmann and Christian Achraimer (eds.) *International Forum of Strategic Thinking & German Council of Foreign Relations Conference Proceedings*, Berlin: Messedruck Leipzig.

'Grey Zones, Shadow Economies and Geo-Narcotics of 'Poppy Crime': Revisiting Narco-Trafficking in Post-Soviet Eurasia', *Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies Eurasian Summer Course Papers* July, 2010. Available at www.makaias.gov.in.

'Looking from 'Outside in': Deconstructing Perceptions and Representations of the EU in Indian Media', *ESiA-ASEF (European Studies in Asia Network) Research Paper* 13, June, 2008.

'Evolution of the Fourth Pillar: A Critical Reappraisal of the Evolving Trends in Indian Media and its Changing Role in Indian Democracy', *ESiA-ASEF (European Studies in Asia Network) Research Paper*, June, 2008.

Primed by the USA or Mutual Apathy? Locating the USA factor in evolving EU-India Strategic Partnership, National Centre for Research on Europe-European Studies in Asia Network; Issue Brief 15, September, 2008.

◆ Media Coverage

‘Mehr Demokratien Wagen? Taking a chance on more democracy?’; *Diplomatisches Magazin* (monthly publication reports from Ministry of Defense, Federal Government of Germany), September, 2009, available at :

http://www.diplomatischesmagazin.de/DM-mediadata/DM_09-09.pdf.

Media Reports on “Reconsidering Democratization and Security: Linkages, Lessons Learned and Prospects for the Future”; Conference and Proceedings at International Forum on Strategic Thinking and German Council on Foreign Relations, Berlin, 6-17 July, 2009. Available at the digital archives of German Council on Foreign Relations and German Ministry of Defense. Also available at:

<http://en.dgap.org/dgap/events/archive/between/2009-7-01/2009-8-01/>

◆ Un-Published Research Work/Dissertation

‘Non-Traditional Security Threats to the EU: A Case Study of Organized Crime’(2008), Centre for European Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University: New Delhi, (265 + i-xiii pgs). Research conducted in 2006-2008, under supervision of Prof. Ummu Salma Bava and Thesis submitted, in partial fulfillment for the Degree of *MPhil/Master of Philosophy*, on 21st July, 2008.

Seminar/Conference Presentations & Invited Talks

“The Soldiers of Caliphate: Revisiting Imported Jihad, Radical Islam and Foreign Jihad-is in Post-Soviet Eurasia’, forthcoming in Suchandana Chatterjee and Anita Sengupta (ed). *Revisiting Eurasia: Twenty Years after Soviet Downfall*, New Delhi: Manohar Publishers, March, 2012. (To be presented at International Eurasia Seminar, on 8th February, 2011, Kolkata, before publication)

‘The Army of Medina: Rethinking Asymmetric Warfare in the Context of Hezbollah’s Unity of Command in 2006 Lebanon War’, Paper presented at West Asia Seminar on 17th January, 2011, Kolkata, at Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies.

‘From Enduring Freedom to Enduring Chaos: A Critical Reappraisal of Obama’s Af-Pak Strategic Redux’, Paper presented at Afghanistan Seminar on 6th January, New Delhi, 2011

‘Infiltrating the ‘Digital Fortresses’: Conceptualizing Cyber-(In)-Security and India’s ‘Geo-Digital’ Vulnerabilities in an Age of Information Theft and Cyber-Terrorism’, invited presentation at Institute of European Studies, Brussels, 19th December, 2010.

‘One Size fits (Not) All! Decoupling Chechen Nationalism from Kremlin’s Rhetoric of “War on Terror”’, Paper presented at the **International Conference on Nationhood and Identity Movement in Asia: Colonial and Post-Colonial Times**, organized by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Ministry of Culture, Government of India, October 5, 2010, Kolkata.

‘Looking from ‘Outside in’: Deconstructing Perceptions and Representations of the EU in Indian Media’; paper presented at **Connections and Dialogue: European Union and the Asia Europe Perspectives, Perceptions and Policies**; Conference organized by the European Studies Association-Asia Pacific and Indian Association of European Studies, New Delhi, on 9th January, 2010; (invited). .

‘Degeneration or Redundancy?: Revisiting Neo-realism, European Foreign and Security Policy and Theories in International Relations’; GARNET PhD Seminar; 10th June, 2009, Institute for European Studies, ULB, Brussels (invited).

‘Heading for Divorce?: Reappraising Transatlantic Strategic Partnership in post-Iraq world’, Paper presented at School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 30 November, 2009

Opposition speaker in Debate with Mihai Carp, Chief of NATO Crisis Group Management on ‘**Should NATO pull out from Afghanistan?**’ German Council for Foreign Relations; Berlin, July, 12, 2009.

‘Evolution of the Fourth Pillar: A Critical Reappraisal of Indian Media and Media-Democracy Interaction in India’, Paper presented at **Asia Europe Institute, University of Malaya**, 21st June, 2009, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; (invited).

‘Primed by the USA?: Explaining the External Image Formation of the EU in Asia’, Paper presented at College of Europe, Bruges, 2nd September, 2008; (invited).

‘Non-Traditional Security Threats in South Asia in the Age of Terrorism’, paper presented at **International Conference on Regional Security**, Department of Political Science and International Studies, University of Dhaka, 22nd December, 2007, (Invited).

‘Non-Traditional Security Threats in South Asia in the Age of Terrorism’, paper presented at **Bangladesh Institute of Strategic Studies**, Dhaka, 28th December, 2007, (Invited).

Securitizing the Environment: Environment, Security and Sustainable Development in South Asia; paper presented at Department of History, Calcutta University, 19th December, 2007 (invited).

‘Contacts and Communications between Early Bengal and South East Asia’, **Second Annual Conference on South and South East Asian Studies in Religion and History**, Mahidol University, Bangkok, 24th May, 2007; (invited).

‘Role of Nation States and National Contextual Factors in shaping the public perception on the EU’; Paper Presented in Research in Progress Seminar, University of Sussex; 23rd March, 2006, Room A23.

‘Germany after re-unification: *Realpolitik* or *Civilianpolitik*?’; Paper presented at German Council for Foreign Policy, 3rd March, 2006.

‘Ever since Darwin: Revisiting Social Darwinism, Eugenics and Pathology of Hatred in 19th and early 20th century Europe’; paper presented at Department of History, Calcutta University. 21st October, 2004.

Relevant Professional Skills

◆ Quantitative (Methodology) Skills:

Proficiency with **R**, Probability, Ordinary Least Squares, Game Theory and Maximum Likelihood Models; Intermediate Statistics; Econometrics; Permutation; Simple and Differential Calculus.

◆ Language proficiency:

English (fluent), Bengali (native speaker), Dutch (fluent), German (fluent), Spanish (highly proficient), Hindi (fluent), Sanskrit (advanced), Urdu (fluent), Persian (proficient and in further progress), Russian (in progress).

◆ IT & Software Skills:

MS Office (Word, Excel and PowerPoint); Complex Spread-sheets; Audio-Visual Multimedia Graphics and Animation; Advanced Photoshop; Basic Java Script; Web-Designing; Advanced Windows Moviemaking; Internet.

◆ Research Interests

International Security; Terrorism and Organized Crime; Critical Geopolitics.

Non-Academic/Extra-Curricular Awards

- Certificate of Excellence in Performance Art & special jury award for performance in the role of *Haashu* in *Padma Nadir Maajhi*; *Srishti Group of Theater & Performance Art* in association with Ministry of Culture, Government of Bangladesh.
- International Competition in Wildlife Photography, 2006. Jointly hosted by UNICEF and University of Sussex: First Runner Up.

- International Competition in Creative Writing on *Deutschlernen als Fremdsprache* (Learning German as a Foreign Language), 2004; Hosted by *Goethe Institute* in association with *Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst* (*German Academic Exchange Council*): Winner.
- *Indian Vedantic Association of Cultural and Sanskrit Studies*: Gold Medalist & National Winner in National Examination in *Anta* (Advanced Level) in 1994. First Runner Up in *Madhya* (Intermediate Level) National Examinations in 1990.
- *West Bengal Inter-State Junior Swimming Championship*: Silver-medalist and First Runner Up, 1992.
- *All Bengal Nehru Memorial Competition in Creative and Fine Arts, Group B* (10-14 years age group), 1994.

Extra-Curricular Interests/Hobbies/Associations

- *Nehru Institute of Mountaineering*: Former trainee and Life Member.
- Theater & Performance Art: Formerly associated with *Chaarbak Theater Group*, Kolkata and *Trinity College of Performance Art*. Attended a short-term course and several workshops on performance art at Institute of Film Studies, Pune. Trained in Contemporary Free Style Dance Form.
- Kick-boxing and Martial Art.
- *Indian Association of Adventure Sports and Wildlife Photography*: Board Member of Central Executive Committee.
- *Government of India 'Save our Tigers' Project, Ministry of Environment and Forestry* – Fund-raiser and campaigner.
- *All India Association of Reiki & Alternative Healing*: Certified Practitioner.

