

# RESUME

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**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.

She has also edited:

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

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

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**Previous Experience:**

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**Title of the project:** *Political transition and peace-building in contemporary Afghanistan*
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### **Other Research Interests:**

Area Studies: South and Central Asia : Afghanistan, Pakistan, Politics, Society and Foreign Relations of Afghanistan, Gender and Refugee Issues, Security Studies.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Books and Edited Volumes:**

*Contemporary Afghanistan: Conflict and Peace-building*, Har-Anand Publications Private Limited, New Delhi, 2010.

*Challenges and Dilemmas of State-Building In Afghanistan: A Report of a Study Trip to Kabul*, Shipra Publications, New Delhi, 2008.

Jayanta Kumar Ray and Arpita Basu Roy (eds), *Political Roles of Religious Communities in India*, Asia Paper, November 2008, Institute for Security and Development Policy, Sweden, 2008.

*Afghanistan: Towards A Viable State*, Hope India and Greenwich Millenium, Haryana and London, 2002.

#### **Articles in Journals**

“The Socio-Cultural Issues In Afghan Nation-Building”, *Dialogue*, Volume 11 No.1, New Delhi, 2009

“Media Reconstruction and the Popular “Hindi Serial” Culture in Contemporary Afghanistan” *Asia Annual 2008*, New Delhi: Manohar, 2009

“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.

“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.

“The Political Process in Afghanistan (2001-06): Progress and Pitfalls”, Suchandana Chatterjee (ed.), *Asia Annual 2006*, Standard Publishers, New Delhi, 2007, pp.165-192.

“Afghan Women in Transition: A Critical Appraisal”, *Asia Annual 2004*, Shipra, New Delhi, 2005.

“*Modernisation in Afghanistan (1880-1901): Futile Experiments?*” Mahavir Singh (ed.) *Asia Annual 2001*, Shipra, New Delhi, 2001.

“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.

“Afghan Women in Iran”, *Refugee Watch*, July 2000, Nos. 10 and 11.

“The Taliban: Shelter Seekers or Refugee Warriors”, *Refugee Watch*, June 1999, Nos. 5 and 6.

#### **Articles in Edited Volumes:**

“Challenges to Peace in Contemporary Afghanistan”, in Mondira Dutta (ed.), *Emerging Afghanistan in the Third Millennium*, Pentagon Press, New Delhi, 2009, pp.85-106

“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.

“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.

#### **Articles as Encyclopaedic Entries:**

1. “Women, Gender, Public Office: Afghanistan” (pp. 677-678)

2. “Women, Gender, Stereotypes: Afghanistan”(pp.752-753)

in 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.

“Challenges of Political Transition in Central Eurasia in the Post- Soviet Period”, *Siberia in Focus : Proceedings of the Conference Eurasia: Regional Perspectives, June 2-3, 2007*, Novosibirsk, Freedom House, Kolkata, 2007, pp.131-147.

Also translated into Russian as “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.

#### **Articles in e-journals/websites:**

“Peace building” in Contemporary Afghanistan, Website of *Baccha Khan Center of Peace and Conflict Resolution, Kabul, Afghanistan, 10/12/2009*.  
<[www.bcpcr.com/en/fullstory.php](http://www.bcpcr.com/en/fullstory.php)>

#### **Book Review**

Book Review: *The rise and fall of the Pahlavi Dynasty: Memoirs of former General Hussain Fardust, Kalyan Bharati*, Motilal Banarasidas, *Delhi, 1999, Volume 4, 2000*.

### **Forthcoming Publications**

#### **Books and Edited Volume:**

Arpita Basu Roy (ed.), *Indigenisation of Afghan Reconstruction: Issues and Challenges, Edited Volume*, New Delhi: Har Anand Publishers, 2010.

Arpita Basu Roy (ed.) *Asia Annual 2009*, New Delhi, Manohar, 2010 (tentative year of publication)

#### **Articles:**

“The democratic experiment in contemporary Afghanistan”, Partha Pratim Basu (ed.), *Democracy and Democratization in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: South Asian Experience*.

### **SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS**

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

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

***Evolving Indo- Afghan Relations***, Report on a Trip to Kabul as a Government of India delegate, MAKAIAS, 10 July, 2008

***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.

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

***Challenges of political transition in 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.

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

***Security challenges in Afghanistan***, Seminar on “Emerging Asia in Focus: Issues and Problems”, Centre for Central Eurasian Studies, University of Mumbai, 2-day Tri-University Joint Area Studies Commemorative National Seminar, 6-7 March 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.

Participated at the National Seminar on ***India And The Global Order: Security And Diplomacy In The 21<sup>st</sup> Century***, Department Of International Relations, Jadavpur University, 5-6 February 2004.

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

International seminar on ***Facilitation Of Trade And Transport Cooperation Between China and India*** organised by the South Asia Research Society in association with MAKAIAS at Park Hotel, Kolkata, 27-28 November 2003.

National seminar ***Indian Nationalism: Re-examinations of its concept and relevance in the present context*** organised by the Institute in Kolkata on 11-12 November 2003.

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

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

*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.

*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.

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

*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*, ICSSR, New Delhi, 22 August, 2000.

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

## **SIGNIFICANT CONFERENCES ATTENDED**

1. *Afghanistan-India-Pakistan Dialogue: Finding Common Grounds for Peace, June 6-8, 2009*, „Jamia Millia Islamia University and the India International Centre, Delhi Policy Group: Peace and Conflict Program
2. *Russia in Asia: Envisaging Partnerships and Communities in Eurasia Assessing the Role of Siberia*. Organised by MAKAIAS, Kolkata and the Institute of History, Academy of Sciences, Novosibirsk, Russian Federation, Kolkata, 13-15 February, 2008.
3. *Political Roles of Religious Communities in South Asia: Pakistan Chapter*, Islamabad, Pakistan, Jointly organized by Institute for Security and development Policy, Sweden and Islamabad Policy Research Institute, Islamabad, November 2007.
4. III International Congress on Turkic Civilization on *Globalization and Turkic Civilization*, May 28-31 2007 at the Kyrgyz-Manas University, Centre for Turkic Civilization Studies, Jal Campus, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.
5. *SAARC: Accelerating Cooperation through Connectivity*, Organised by MEA-FICCI-RIS-GIF, Park Hotel, Kolkata, 1-2 September 2007.
6. *Away but not Apart: Evolving Relationship between India and her Diaspora*, International Conference with participation from the Indian diasporic community, Organised by MAKAIAS, Kolkata, 11-13 January, 2007.
7. **2<sup>nd</sup> 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)
8. International Seminar on *Central Asia: Ten Years of Independence*, Organized by MAKAIAS and School of international Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India International Centre, New Delhi, 21-22 November, 2001.
  9. *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.
  10. Participated in a Summer Workshop on *Defense, Technology and Cooperative Security in South Asia* organized by the RCSS, Ahungalla, Sri Lanka, 13-20 September 1999.

### **Other Significant Academic Activities**

1. Organized an International Seminar on the “Indigenisation of Afghan Reconstruction: Challenges and Opportunities” held at the Jamia Milia Islamia University, New Delhi on March 18-19, 2009.
2. Organised a Symposium at the India International Centre (IIC) *Remaking Afghanistan: Reconstruction and Social Development Since 2002*.
3. Organized the 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.
4. Organised and undertook a field trip to Kabul, Afghanistan, October, 2007, (Report of the trip in the publication: *Challenges and Dilemmas of State-building in Afghanistan*, Shipra, New Delhi, 2008).
5. Represented the academia in a Government of India delegation comprising 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.

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