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Associate Professor (UK: Senior Lecturer) of International Relations, King's College London, 2013-Present
Senior Fellow, South Asia Program, EastWest Institute, New York, 2020-Present
Visiting Scholar, Center for the Advanced Study of India, University of Pennsylvania, 2014-Present
Associate Fellow, Asian Security, Royal United Services Institution, 2012-Present

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Merton College, University of Oxford, United Kingdom
Doctor of Philosophy—International Relations

Woodrow Wilson School of Public & International Affairs, Princeton University, New Jersey
Masters in Public Affairs

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California
Bachelor of Arts Degree in Economics and International Relations

Books:

Indian Defense Policy in the 21st Century, with Anit Mukherjee, book manuscript in progress.

The Forgotten Front: Patron-Client Relations in Counterinsurgency, (Cambridge University Press, 2017).

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles:

“Executive Particularism and Ministerial Selection in India,” *Legislative Studies Quarterly* (forthcoming)

Co-editor special issue on the U.S.-India Partnership in Asia, *Asia Policy*, Vol. 14, No. 1 (January 2019). (with Anit Mukherjee).

“India and the United States: The Contours of an Asian Partnership” (with Anit Mukherjee).

“Sailing Together or Ships Passing in the Night? India and the U.S. in Southeast Asia,” (with Anit Mukherjee).

“Influencing Clients in Counterinsurgency: U.S Involvement in El Salvador’s Civil War, 1979-1992,” *International Security*, Vol. 41, No 1 (Summer 2016), pp. 99-146.

“Indian Military Modernization and Conventional Deterrence in South Asia,” *Journal of Strategic Studies*, Vol. 38, No. 5 (July 2015), pp. 729-772.

“A Neo-Nixon Doctrine for the Indian Ocean: Helping States Help Themselves,” *Strategic Analysis*, Vol. 36, No. 3 (May 2012), pp. 384-399.

“India and Military Power Projection: Will the Land of Gandhi Become a Conventional Great Power?” *Asian Survey*, Vol. 50, No. 6 (November/December 2010), pp. 1162-1183.

“Diego Garcia and America's Emerging Indian Ocean Strategy,” *Asian Security*, Vol. 6, No. 3 (September 2010), (with Andrew Erickson and Justin Mikolay), pp. 214-237.

“Delhi’s Pacific Ambition: Naval Power, ‘Look East,’ and India’s Emerging Role in the Asia-Pacific,” *Asian Security*, Vol. 5, No. 2 (June 2009), pp. 87-113.

“A Cold Start for Hot Wars? An Assessment of the Indian Army’s New Limited War Doctrine,” *International Security*, Vol. 32, No. 3 (Winter 2008), pp. 158-190.

“Supporting Allies in Counterinsurgency: Britain and the Dhofar Rebellion,” *Small Wars & Insurgencies*, Vol. 19, No. 1 (February 2008), pp. 62-88.

“Training Foreign Police: A Missing Aspect of U.S. Security Assistance to Counterinsurgency,” *Comparative Strategy*, Vol. 26, No. 4 (November 2007), pp. 285-293.

Chapters in Edited Volumes:

“Strengthening Partners to Keep the Peace: A Neo-Nixon Doctrine for the Indian Ocean” in Peter Dombrowski and Andrew C. Winner, eds., *The Indian Ocean and US Grand Strategy Ensuring Access and Promoting Security* (Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2014), pp. 25-44.

“When the Police are the Problem: The Philippine Constabulary and the Huk Rebellion” in C. Christine Fair and Sumit Ganguly, eds., *Policing Insurgencies: Cops as Counterinsurgents* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2014), pp. 20-45.

“The Military Geography of Diego Garcia: Future Implications for U.S. Power Projection in the Indian Ocean,” in Carnes Lord and Andrew S. Erickson, eds., *U.S. Basing and Presence in the Asia-Pacific* (Newport, RI: Naval Institute Press, 2014), with Andrew S. Erickson and Justin D. Mikolay, pp. 131-180.

“Drivers of Indian Naval Expansion,” in Harsh Pant, ed., *The Rise of the Indian Navy: Problems and Prospects* (Ashgate, 2012), pp. 19-40.

“Looking East 2 (East Asia/Australasia)” in David Scott, ed., *A Handbook of India's International Relations* (London: Routledge, 2011), pp. 143-155.

“Insights from the Northeast: Counterinsurgency in Nagaland and Mizoram” in David P. Fidler and Sumit Ganguly, eds., *India and Counterinsurgency: Lessons Learned* (London: Routledge, 2009), pp. 45-62.

Publications in Policy Journals

“Friendly Persuasion is Not Enough: The Limits of the Lansdale Approach,” *Texas National Security Review* (April 2018).

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“Power Projection in the Indian Context,” *Journal of the Center for Land Warfare Studies* (Winter 2009), pp. 33-37.

“Indian Military Doctrine and Warfighting: The Challenge of Change,” *Seminar*, No. 596 (June 2009), pp. 33-37.

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“The Best Defense is Dialogue,” *New York Times*, September 27, 2012.

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“India's Unfinished Asia Pivot,” *Wall Street Journal*, January 25, 2012.

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“Cameron’s Afghan Challenge,” *Wall Street Journal*, July 26, 2010.

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Media:

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Quoted in Adnan R. Khan, The New Nuclear Threat, *Maclean’s*, December 4, 2014.

Appearance on BBC 4’s World News Today to discuss Chuck Hagel’s resignation, November 24, 2014.

Appearance on The BBC World News Channel’s *The Hub* to U.S. drone strikes in Pakistan, September 25, 2012.

Quoted in Tom Coghlan, “Britain is one of ‘Five Eyes’ looking for the terrorists” *The Times*, September 18, 2012.

Appearance on BBC 4’s *World News Today* to discuss President Obama’s Afghan drawdown plan, June 22, 2011.

Appearance on The BBC World News Channel’s *The Hub* to discuss Indo-Afghan Relations, May 12, 2011.

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Quoted in Sandeep Unnithan, “Fast and Furious,” *India Today*, April 7, 2008.

Academic Awards, Research Grants and Fellowships:

Teaching Excellence Award, Faculty of Social Science & Public Policy (nominated), 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019.

Young Strategists Forum, German Marshall Fund of the United States, 2017.

Smith Richardson Foundation Research Grant, 2015-2017, \$45,000.

Four articles/book chapters identified as “must read” in Shashank Joshi, “So You Want to be an Indian Armed Forces Expert?” *War on the Rocks*, June 23, 2015.

Philip Merrill Center for Strategic Studies Teachers’ Workshop, Johns Hopkins University, June 2014.

John Fell OUP Research Fund, 2013, £5,000.

FCO/DFID/MOD “Conflict Pool” grant for trilateral engagement with UK, China and India on issues of maritime security, environmental security and the future of Afghanistan, 2012, £300,000.

International Studies Association, Overseas Travel Grant, 2011 and 2012.

Trans-Atlantic Post-Doctoral Fellowship in International Relations and Security, 2009-2011 (declined).

Summer Research Associate, RAND Corporation, 2009, \$12,500.

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research, Syracuse University, May-June, 2009.

Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, Miller Center for Public Affairs, University of Virginia, 2008-09, \$20,000.

World Politics and Statecraft Fellowship, Smith-Richardson Foundation, 2008, \$7,500.

Dissertation Research Grant, Cyril Foster Fund, University of Oxford, 2008.

Dissertation Research Grant, Pavry Fund, University of Oxford, 2007.

Political Studies Association Overseas Conference Grant, 2007.

Domus A Scholar, Merton College, University of Oxford, 2005-08.

Summer Workshop on Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy, Columbia University, July-Aug 2003.

John Parker Compton Memorial Fellowship in International Relations, Princeton University, 2001-03.

Courses Taught:

“Statecraft, War and Diplomacy”	Undergraduate	KCL	Dept of War Studies	2014-Present
“History of the International System”	Undergraduate	KCL	Dept of War Studies	2013-Present
“Development of the Int’l System”	Graduate	Oxford	Department of Politics and IR	2013
“MPhil Research Seminar”	Graduate	Oxford	Department of Politics and IR	2012
“Irregular Conflict in South Asia”	Undergraduate	Oxford	Stanford in Oxford	2012
“Introduction to International Security”	Undergraduate	Oxford	St. Catherine’s College	2011
“International Terrorism”	Undergraduate	Oxford	St. Catherine’s College	2011
“Insurgency and Counterinsurgency”	Undergraduate	Oxford	Lady Margaret Hall	2009
“International Terrorism”	Undergraduate	Oxford	Oxford Overseas Studies	2008

Academic Activities and Affiliations:

Post-graduate Certificate in Academic Practice in Higher Education (PGCAPHE), King’s College London, 2016.

Manuscript reviewer for *International Security*, *Asian Survey*, *Journal of Strategic Studies*, *Security Studies*, Oxford University Press, Cornell University Press, Stanford University Press, Michigan University Press, and CRC.

Member, International Studies Association, 2006-Present.

Previous Experience:

- 2012-2013 Departmental Lecturer, International Relations, University of Oxford.
- 2010-Present Contributor, Oxford Analytica Oxford, UK.
- Leverages South Asia expertise to provide briefing memos for clients in government, industry and the financial services fields.
- 2009- 2010 Adjunct Scholar, Rand Corporation Washington, D.C. and New Delhi.
- Researcher on a U.S. government funded project assessing the future prospects for U.S.-Indian strategic relations.
- 2006 Acting Political-Military Officer, Political Section, U.S. Embassy London.
- Filled the role of a full-time Foreign Service Officer, including drafting cables and representing the embassy at meetings with the Foreign Office regarding Afghanistan, NATO and Central Asia.
- 2005 USPACOM Coordinator, Counterterrorism Fellowship Program, Department of Defense Washington, D.C.
- Coordinated all activities related to USPACOM for the Counterterrorism Fellowship Program (CTFP), a \$20 million DoD security cooperation program that provides tailored education and training programs to selected partner countries designed to build counterterrorism capabilities in their militaries and civilian agencies responsible for fighting terrorism.
- 2003- 2005 Associate, Government Services, DFI International Washington, D.C.
- Conducted a study for the Office of the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Strategy that analyzed the effects that moving to a new global force posture would have on the ability of the DoD to respond to lesser contingencies worldwide.
 - Authored profiles of over thirty terrorist groups and individuals for the Terrorism Knowledge Base (TKB.org), an on-line system that provides in-depth research and analysis of terrorist incidents, terrorism related court cases and terrorist organizations. Research focused on South Asian separatist groups and the 1996 World Trade Center bombing conspirators.
- 2002- 2003 Researcher, Sierra Leone Working Group, Princeton, NJ and Freetown, Sierra Leone
- Analyzed the United Nations' plan to drawdown the armed peacekeeping force in Sierra Leone.
 - Conducted field research and interviews in Sierra Leone, New York City and Washington, DC.
 - Briefed findings to the United Nations' Under-Secretary General for Peacekeeping, the National Security Advisor of Sierra Leone, the U.S. Ambassador to Sierra Leone, and State Department Representatives of the Bureau of African Affairs and the Bureau of International Organizations.
- 1998-2000 Associate, Law and Economics Consulting Group (LECG), Los Angeles, California
- Analyzed economic issues in anti-trust, commercial damage and litigation consulting engagements in the advertising, computer hardware, pharmaceutical, and telecommunication industries.

Personal:

President, University of Southern California Alumni Club of London, 2012-Present
President, Merton College Middle Common Room, University of Oxford, 2006-07
Board Member, Merton Global Directions Group, 2006-2009
Varsity Athlete, Track and Field, University of Southern California, 1994-96
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