

## Curriculum Vitae

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### PREVIOUS POSITIONS

- Visiting Professor, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Republic of Korea, (July 2022-September 2022)
- Research Fellow, Indian Council of World Affairs (May 2017- June 2022)
- Assistant Professor, Christ University, Bangalore, India (2016- 2017)
- Post-Doctoral Fellow, Centre for East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi (2015-2016)
- Visiting Fellow (February -May 2015), Center for Security Studies, National Chengchi University, Taiwan
- Visiting Associate Fellow (2013- 2014), Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, India
- Visiting Researcher (February -July 2012), Center for International Studies, Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea
- Pre-Doctoral Fellow (July 2010- January 2011) Academy of Korean Studies, Seoul, South Korea

### EDUCATION

- PhD (2014), Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- M.Phil(2009), Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi
- MA Politics and International Relations(2005- First Class): School of Politics and International Relations, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam,Kerala
- BSc Physics (2003- First Class), Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala
- Korean Language (Intermediate Level), Sejong Institute, Korean Cultural Center, New Delhi, 2013- 2014.
- Chinese Language (Basic), Institute of Chinese Language, National Chenchi University, Taipei, Taiwan, 2015

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books/Monograph

- Jojin V John (coedited with Nutan Kapoor Mahawar) (2023), [Seventy Years of India-Japan Diplomatic Relations: Reflections and Way Forward](#), New Delhi: Knowledge World
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- Mikyoung Kim and Barry Schwartz *Northeast Asia's Difficult Past: Essays in Collective Memory in China Report*, 50 (1): 82-86, 2014

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (Selected)

- “India-Korea Relations in the Indo-Pacific: An Economic Security Perspective”, International Conference Organised by CPAS, New Delhi and ISDP, Sweden, CAPS New Delhi, August 25, 2023.
- “International Order Transition, Indo-Pacific and Middle Power (Re)Alignment: A Case of India-South Korea Relations”, ISA Asia Pacific Conference, Waseda University, Japan on August 8-10, 2023.
- “Globalising the Region: India’s Vision of Indo-Pacific and the Quest for Indo-Pacific”, ISA Asia Pacific Conference, Waseda University, Japan on August 8-10, 2023.
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- “LOOKING SOUTH: COMPARING THE REGIONAL POLICIES OF SOUTH KOREA” organised by Universiti Malaya and Royal Society for Asian Affairs, UK on November 15, 2022
- “India-Japan Relations: Mapping the Shared Indo-Pacific Agenda”, at an International Conference, “The Evolving Idea of the Indo-Pacific Region: Issues, Challenges and Responses” organised by Department of Geopolitics and International Relations (DGIR), MAHE, Manipal on 23 June 2023
- India-Japan Third Country Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific, International Conference “Seventy years of India-Japan relations” organized by ICWA, May 19, 2022.
- “Taiwan’s Approach to COVID 19”, in “Responses to Covid-19 and Northeast Asia's Geopolitics" Webinar organised by ICWA on May 21, 2020.
- “India and Indo-Pacific”, international seminar on The Geopolitics of Indo-Pacific: Perceptions, Opportunities and Challenges, 11-13, December 2019, at the University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India
- “Understanding South Korea’s Strategic Ambiguity on Indo-Pacific: Engaging without Endorsing”, international seminar on The Geopolitics of Indo-Pacific: Perceptions, Opportunities and Challenges, 11-13, December 2019, at the University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India
- “Indian foreign policy in Asian Century”, Engaging Asia: India’s Foreign Policy in the 21st Century, 20- 21 September, 2019 Kolkata
- “Exploring India-South Korea Relations in the Emerging Regional Context: ‘Act East’ Meets ‘New Southern Policy’”, World Congress Korea 2019, Organised by Korean Political Science Association, Konkuk University, Seoul, June 24-26, 2019
- South Korea's 'New Southern Policy' and its Implications: India-Korea Relations: Context, Convergence and Challenges, Institute of Chinese Studies, 19 December 2018
- “Political and Economic Trends in India-Korea Relations”, India & Republic of Korea

(RoK) in Asia & Beyond, IDSA-Sejong Institute-Korea Foundation Interaction, IDSA, New Delhi, November 12, 2018

- “Developments in the Korean Peninsula”, in Challenges and Opportunities for India in the Indo-Pacific Region, Seminar organised by the Institute of Social Sciences and Centre for Vietnam Studies, New Delhi, October 8, 2018
- “India-South Korea Relations under Special Strategic Partnership’: A Critical Evaluation”, India-East Asia Relations: South Korean Perspective, International Seminar, Organised by Christ University, Bangalore, July 30, 2018
- “Developments in India- Korea Relations”, ICWA-KNDA Annual Dialogue, Seoul, May 28, 2018
- “South Korean Approach to North Korea under President Moon Jae-in”, Workshop on Major Powers and Korean Peninsula: Policies, Politics and Perspectives, IDSA, New Delhi May 10, 2018
- “Indian Foreign Policy under “Strategic Partnership” Paradigm, Paper presented in “India and New World Order in Global Politics”, International Conference, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak, March 20-21, 2018
- “South Korea’s Middle Power Foreign Policy: Mapping Agency, Identity, and Diplomatic Practices”, The World Congress for Korean Politics and Society 2017 organized by the Korean Political Science Association, Yonsei University, Seoul, Republic of Korea, June 22-24, 2017
- "India-Korea Relations under Modi and Park: Understanding Special Strategic Partnership" in an *International conference on Korea's Foreign Relations in the Era of Turbulence*, Organised by Chinese Association for Korean Studies and Academy of Korean Studies, National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan December 10, 2016
- “Neoliberalism, National Identity and the Evolution of Brand State: Understanding the Politics of Nation Branding”, Paper Presented in *International Studies Association Asia Pacific Conference*, City University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, June 25-27, 2016
- “Mapping South Korea in India’s East Asian Engagement:From ‘Look East’ to ‘Act East’” in India-Korea Relations: Forging a Multidimensional Partnership in the 21st Century, *International Conference organised by* Researcher’s Association for the Study of Korea (RASK)in collaboration with Centre for East Asian Studies, JNU, April 18-19, 2016, Convention Centre, JNU New Delhi.
- “Mapping the Protest Politics of New Social Movements” in *New Social Movements: Questions of Marginality and the Future of Democratic Politics*, National Seminar Organised by Political Science Department, Govt. College, Kottayam, Kerala, October 15, 2015
- “Inter-State to Inter-cultural Relations: Legend of Ayodhya Princess and the Cultural Narrative of India-Korea Relations”, in *Shared Heritage as a New Variable in the Indo-Korean Relations: Historicizing the Legend of Ayodhya and its Legacy*”, International Conference organized by ICCR in Association with India International Centre, IIC, New Delhi, July 14-15, 2015.

- “Sub-regionalism in Indian Foreign Policy: A Case Study of BCIM”, in *North Bay of Bengal As a Region*, International Conference Organised by Center for North Bay of Bengal Studies and Global Association of Indo-ASEAN Studies, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Seoul, Korea, June 12, 2015
- “From Look East to Act East: Continuity and Changes in India’s East Asian Engagement”, in *Indian Foreign Policy Under NaredraModi*, Academic Workshop Organised by Centre for Security Studies in Association with Centre for Indian Studies, National Chengchi University, Taipei, Taiwan, April 24, 2015.
- “Korean Unification: An Indian Perspective”, *International Academic Conference: Unified Korean Peninsula, New World*, Organised by Institute of Unification Education and Korean Foundation, Plaza Hotel, Seoul, South Korea, July 8, 2014.
- “Bilateral Relations under ‘Strategic Partnership’ Paradigm, India-South Korea Relations in 21st Century”, *Deepening India-Korea relations: Towards Sustainable Future, International Conference organised by* Researcher’s Association for the Study of Korea (RASK)in collaboration with Centre for East Asian Studies, JNU, March 21-22, 2014, Convention Centre, JNU New Delhi.
- “Perspectives on Energy, Security and Foreign Policy Linkages: South Korea’s Foreign Energy Relations”, *Korean Studies in India: Status, Prospects and Challenges*, Academic Workshop, March 12, 2014, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi.
- “Obscurity to Global leadership: South Korea’s Emerging Role in International Affairs” in *Emerging Security Architecture in East Asia*, IPCS in collaboration with Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi, New Delhi, 30 September 2013
- “Quest for Energy Security: South Korea’s Energy Diplomacy towards Africa and Central Asia”, ICS WEDNESDAY SEMINAR, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, 24 July 2013
- “Between Geopolitics and Sustainability: South Korea’s Energy Diplomacy”, paper presented in the 7<sup>th</sup> *Research Scholars International Seminar on Korean Studies on “Growing Synergy after 40 years of India-Korea Diplomatic Relations”*, March 22-23, 2013, New Delhi
- “Globalisation, National Identity Dynamics and South Korean Foreign Policy: Evolution of Middle Power Strategy”, Paper Presented in International Workshop *Beyond Borders: Connectivity and Identities of Change in East Asia*, University Sains Malaysia, Penang, Malaysia, December 13-14, 2012
- “Middle Power Diplomacy: South Korea’s Foreign Policy in the Emerging International Order”, *Second Korea Foundation Research Scholars Forum*, Seoul, June 28, 2012
- “Theory and Practice of ‘Nation Branding’- Revisiting Public Diplomacy”, *Public Diplomacy in Theory and Practice: Culture, Information and Interpretation in Australian-Indian Relations*, India International Centre, New Delhi, April 8-9, 2011
- “Balancing the Dragon? Assumed and Expected Role of an “Emerging India” in East Asia”, Paper Presented at International Conference: *Emergence of India as a Global Player*, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India, March 24-26, 2011



- “South Korea’s Energy Security”, Paper Presented in *AKS Colloquia*, Seoul, South Korea, January 11, 2011
- “Building to Branding Nations: South Korea's Overseas Image Management”, Paper presented at the *5<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Korean Studies*, Taipei, October 25-28, 2010
- “Experiencing Democracy in South Korean and Taiwan: Changing Approaches to the Question of Reunification”, paper presented at international conference, *Taiwan as a factor in the Emerging Asian Security Architecture*, Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi, February 6-7, 2009
- “Political Economy of Science and Technology Policy in South Korea: Transforming Industrial to Knowledge Economy”, presented at *Contemporary Development in East Asia*, organized by Centre for East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, August 13, 2008.
- “South Korea's Foreign Policy Challenges”, *Fourth Biennial International Conference of Indian Association for Asian & Pacific Studies*, Viswabharati University, Santiniketan, August 22-24, 2008

## AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Taiwan Fellowship, 2023
- Korea Foundation Field Work Fellowship 2020
- Taiwan Fellowship, 2019 (Declined due to COVID travel restriction)
- Korea Foundation Visiting Fellow, Seoul National University, 2012
- Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Academy of Korean Studies, 2010
- Tagore Award for the Best Korean Studies Scholar at Jawaharlal Nehru University, 2008
- S. Radhakrishnan Post-Doctoral Fellowship (UGC- Gov India), 2015

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