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Dr. Priya Singh is Associate Director and Programme Coordinator at Asia in Global Affairs, Kolkata (AGA). Priya has a PhD from the Women's Studies Research Centre, University of Calcutta. Her thesis, *Jewish and Democratic: Ethnicity, Gender and the Israeli State*, mapped the intersectionality of ethnicity, gender and marginality situated in a receding democratic space. Priya did her Masters in Political Science at the University of Calcutta .

Priya has been Fellow at the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata, an autonomous institute under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India (2002-2016). She has been a Researcher at the Calcutta Research Group, for a Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung project on 'Asian Connectivity.' (2017-2018). Priya is a political scientist with a linguistic understanding of some of the regions she covers. Her research encompasses issues pertaining to nationalism and post-nationalism, identity, state formation, ethnicity, gender, migration, marginalization, indigenous and minority communities, and linkages as well as disconnects in West Asia in particular, but also in a wider Asian context. Her research work has also been published in peer reviewed journals and as book chapters. She is a member of the editorial board of the *Journal of Indo-Judaic Studies* and is a reviewer, for the *Contemporary Review of the Middle East* (SAGE, UK). She has been a reviewer for the *Routledge Series on Middle Eastern Studies* as well the Routledge journal on cultural studies, *Soccer and Society*, and has contributed to national newspapers such as *The Telegraph* and *The Statesman*. She has been part of the editorial team of the peer-reviewed South Asian journal on forced migration, *Refugee Watch*.

As part of her research, Priya has done extensive fieldwork, be it Tel Aviv, Jaffa, Jerusalem, Haifa, Beersheba, Ashdod/Ashkelon, Gaza and the West Bank. She has been a participant of the prestigious annual Tel Aviv University (TAU) workshop, which enabled her to travel extensively in different parts of Israel. In connection with her project, she has visited Turkey (Ankara and Istanbul) and has been to Egypt after the protests in Taksim and Tahrir Square, covering Cairo, Alexandria and Luxor. She has visited Kabul as part of an academic delegation to Afghanistan. During the course of her research on Asian connectivity at the Calcutta Research Group, she has participated and presented at the ESCASS conference at Bishkek, 2017 and in a GPPAC workshop in Colombo, Sri Lanka in 2018.

As Fellow at the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata, Priya has also been the programme coordinator of the West Asia programme and has organized various international seminars in collaboration with and active participation from the University of Cairo, the American University of Cairo, the American University of Beirut, Haigazian University of Beirut, University of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv University, the Ben Gurion University, the University of Haifa, the Open University of Israel and the Zirve

University, among others. In addition to being the principal coordinator of the West Asia programme at the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, she along with her colleagues has been part of the core coordination team for the annual conference of the Institute, *The Asia Perspectives*. Priya is proficient in English, Hindi and Bengali and has knowledge of Urdu and Hebrew as well as basic Arabic and Farsi.

Priya taught at Loreto College, Kolkata (non-UGC post) from 1998-2001. She has also taken special lectures on gender for M.Phil students at the University of Burdwan, and on various issues in the Asian context at the Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies at the University of Calcutta, the Institute of Foreign Policy Studies (IFPS) at the University of Calcutta, the West Bengal State University, Barasat, the Vidyasagar University, Midnapore, and at the Hacettepe University at Ankara, Turkey. She has participated in workshops on research methodology in area studies, as a resource person.

- **Language Skills**

- Proficient in English, Hindi and Bengali
- Working knowledge of Urdu and Hebrew
- Elementary knowledge of Arabic and Farsi

- **Work Experience**

- Researcher for Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung and Calcutta Research Group Project on 'Asian Connectivity,' (From January 2017 -December 2018))
- Fellow at Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata (March 2002-April 2016)
- Lecturer (Non UGC post) at Loreto College, Kolkata (1998-2001)

- **Courses Taught (PG and MPhil)**

- Feminism and Postfeminism
- Post Modernism and Critiques of Modernity
- Major Theories of Postcolonialism-Subaltern Studies
- Nationalism: Theories and Debates
- Citizenship: Theories and Issues
- Populism and Populist Politics in India
- Identities in the Age of Globalization
- Globalization and Civil Society in South Asia
- Pan Asianism and the Great Powers
- Connectivity in the Asian Context: The Belt and Road Initiative

- **Courses Taught (UG)**

- Global Politics:
- Identity and Culture
- Global Inequalities
- Violence: Conflict, War and Terrorism
- Global Environment
- Global Civil Society

- **Publications**

- Books (Authored, Edited and Co-edited)**

- *China in India's Neighbourhood: Shifting Regional Narratives* (Co-edited with Anita Sengupta) London: Routledge 2024 (Forthcoming)
- *Conceptualizing Mass Violence: Representations, Recollections and Reinterpretations*, (Co-edited with Navras J.Aafreedi), New York, London: Routledge 2021
- *Corridors of Engagement*, Swaran Singh, Anita Sengupta and Priya Singh. ISBN: 978-93-87324-97-8 (New Delhi: Knowledge World Publishers, 2019)
- *Protest and the State in Eurasia and West Asia*, Priya Singh, Anita Sengupta and Suchandana Chatterjee. ISBN: 978-93-83649-98-3 (New Delhi: Knowledge World Publishers, 2016)
- *Re-envisaging West Asia: Looking Beyond the Arab Uprisings*, Priya Singh. ISBN: 978-81-7541-870-7 (New Delhi: Shipra Publishers, 2016)
- *Asia in Transition*, Arpita Basu Roy, Anita Sengupta, Suchandana Chatterjee, Priya Singh. ISBN: 978-93-83649-72-3 (New Delhi: Knowledge World Publishers, 2015)
- *Beyond Strategies: Cultural Dynamics in Asian Connections*, Priya Singh, Suchandana Chatterjee, Anita Sengupta and Arpita Basu Roy. ISBN: 978-93-83649-04-4 (New Delhi: Knowledge World Publishers, 2014)
- *The Dilemma of Popular Sovereignty in the Middle East: Power from or to the People?* Kingshuk Chatterjee and Priya Singh. ISBN: 9789383649112 (New Delhi; Knowledge World Publishers, 2014)
- *Interpreting the Arab Uprisings: Significance of the New Arab Awakening?* Priya Singh and Kingshuk Chatterjee. ISBN: 9789381904466 (New Delhi: Knowledge World Publishers, 2013)
- *Democracy in Asia: Discourses and Counter-Discourses*, Priya Singh. ISBN: 9789381904305 (New Delhi: Knowledge World Publishers, 2012)
- *Perspectives on West Asia: The Evolving Geopolitical Discourses*, Priya Singh and Susmita Bhattacharya. ISBN: 9788175416376 (New Delhi: Shipra Publishers, 2012)
- *Foreign Policy Making in Israel: Domestic Influences*, Priya Singh. ISBN: 817541242 (New Delhi: Shipra 2005)

- **Book Chapters/Essays in Edited Volumes**

- "Humanitarianism, Development and Peace: A Southern Perspective" (Priya Singh and Paula Banerjee) in the *Handbook on Humanitarianism and Inequality*, Edited by Silke Roth, Bandana Purkayastha and Tobias Denskus, ISBN: 978 1 80220 654 8, (Northampton: Massachusetts: Edward Elgar, February 2024)
- "Connectivity, Capital and Culture: China in Pakistan," in Anita Sengupta and Priya Singh (Edited) *China in India's Neighbourhood: Shifting Regional Narratives*, (London: Routledge 2024 (Forthcoming))

- “Reframing the Refugee Crisis: Resistances and Solidarities,” in Paula Banerjee (Edited) *On the Margins of Protection*, (Orient Black Swan Private Limited, 2024, (Forthcoming)
- “Public Spaces and the Arab Uprisings: Sites of Contention,” in Mujib Alam and Sujata Ashwarya (Eds) *Arab Spring and its Legacies*, ISBN:978 93 94915 -20-2 (New Delhi: Knowledge World Publishers, 2023)
- “Cartographies of Connectivity in Asia,” in Ranabir Samaddar and Anita Sengupta (Eds) *Global Governance and India's Northeast: Logistics, Infrastructure and Society*, ISBN: 978-1-138-34270-5 (hbk) ISBN: 978-0-429-28614-8 (ebk) (London, New York and New Delhi, Routledge, 2019)
- “Contesting the Arab Revolts: The “New’ Egypt,” in Sujata Ashwarya Cheema and Mujib Alam (Edited) *Contemporary West Asia: Perspectives on Change and Continuity*. ISBN: 9780367343378 & 9780429325083 (London, New York, New Delhi, Routledge, 2019)
- “Transcending Post-Colonial Frontiers: Re-envisaging the Grand Trunk Road,” in Swaran Singh, Anita Sengupta and Priya Singh(Eds) *Corridors of Engagement*, ISBN: 978-93-87324-97-8 (New Delhi: Knowledge World, 2019)
- “Contesting the Arab Revolts: The “New’ Egypt,” in Sujata Ashwarya Cheema and Mujib Alam (Edited) *Contemporary West Asia: Perspectives on Change and Continuity*. ISBN 9789386288042 (New Delhi: Knowledge World Publishers, 2017)
- “Reconceptualising West Asia,” (Introduction) in Priya Singh (Edited) *Re-envisaging West Asia: Looking Beyond The Arab Uprisings*. ISBN :978-81-7541-870-7 (New Delhi: Shipra Publishers, 2016)
- “Israel-Palestine: Revisiting the Bi-National state,” in Priya Singh (Edited) *Re-envisaging West Asia: Looking Beyond the Arab Uprisings*. ISBN :978-81-7541-870-7 (New Delhi: Shipra Publishers, 2016)
- “Israel and Turkey: Revisiting the Alliance?” in Mujib Alam (Edited) *Perspectives on Turkey's Multi-Regional Role in the 21st Century*. ISBN: 9789383649556 (New Delhi: Knowledge World Publishers, 2015)
- “The Shift: Israel in the 1990s and Beyond,” in *The Dilemma of Popular Sovereignty in the Middle East: Power from Or to the People?* Kingshuk Chatterjee and Priya Singh (Edited) ISBN: 9789383649112 (New Delhi; Knowledge World Publishers, 2014)
- “Introduction,” in Priya Singh and Kingshuk Chatterjee (Edited) *Interpreting the Arab Uprisings: Significance of the New Arab Awakening?* ISBN: 9789381904466 (New Delhi: Knowledge World Publishers, 2013)
- “Exploring the Role of Civil Society in the Israel-Palestine Conflict,” in Shantanu Chakrabarti (Edited) *Searching for Non-Western Roots of Conflict Resolution: Discourses, Norms and Case Studies*, ISBN: 978-93-81904-71-8(New Delhi: Knowledge World Publishers, 2013)
- “Introduction” in Priya Singh (Edited) *Democracy in Asia: Discourses and Counter-Discourses*, ISBN: 9789381904305 (New Delhi: Knowledge World Publishers, 2012)
- “Comparing Zionism with European Nationalisms,” in Swarupa Gupta(Edited) *Nationhood and Identity Movements in Asia: Colonial and Postcolonial Times*, ISBN:978-81-7304-960-6 (New Delhi: Manohar Publishers, 2012)

- “Reflections on Domestic Politics and Foreign Policy in Israel,” in Kingshuk Chatterjee (Edited) *India and the Middle East: Problems and Prospects*, ISBN:9789381904077 (New Delhi: Knowledge World Publishers, 2012)
- “Zionism: A Modernizing Discourse,” in Kausik Bandyopadhyay (Edited) *Modernities in Asian Perspective*, ISBN:9789380677026 (Kolkata: Setu Prakasani, 2010)
- “Nation-Building and Ideology, Zionism to Post-Zionism: From a Jewish State to an Israeli Nation? In Suranjan Das and Shantanu Chakraborti (Edited) *Challenges of Nation-Building in Developing Societies*, ISBN:978-81-7074-315-6 (Kolkata:KP Bagchi, 2009)
- “Retelling the Holocaust in Film and Literature” in Kaushik Bandyopadhyay (Edited) *Understanding Popular Culture*, ISBN: 9788173048449 (New Delhi: Manohar Publishers, 2009)
- “From Eretz Yisra'el to Medinat Yisra'el,” in Anita Sengupta (Edited) *Envisaging Regions*, ISBN: 8173047978 (New Delhi: Manohar Publishers, 2008)
- “The Afghanistan Research and Evaluation Unit (AREU) and Gender Studies,” in Arpita Basu Roy (Edited) *Challenges and Dilemmas of State Building in Afghanistan: Report of a Study Trip to Kabul*, ISBN: 9788175414648 (New Delhi: Shipra Publishers, 2008)
- “Israelis, Palestinians and the Search for Peace: An Analysis of the Road Map,” in Suchandana Chatterjee (Edited) *Asia Annual 2006*, ISBN:81-87471-38-7 (New Delhi: Standard Publishers, 2007)
- “The Unresolved Issue of Jerusalem,” in Mahavir Singh (Edited) *Asia Annual 2004*, ISBN: 8175412305 (New Delhi: Shipra Publishers, 2005)

● Working Paper/Monograph

- “Reframing the Refugee Crisis: Resistances and Solidarities,” in the Working Paper Series of the Calcutta Research Group, *Policies and Practices*, No 105, December 2018, ISSN 23480297
- “Representations of Connectivity: The Politics and Economics of Routes in the Asian Context,” in the Working Paper Series of the Calcutta Research Group, *Policies and Practices*, No 84, December 2017, ISSN 23480297

● Others (Journals, Newspapers, Newsletters, Blogs)

- Transcending Postcolonial Frontiers: Re-envisaging the Grand Trunk Road" (Russian) *Ideas and Ideals*, Vol 47, issue 1, part 2, 2021. <http://ideaidealy.nsuem.ru/.../preodolevaya...>
- “India and Israel: From an Interloper to an Insider,” *Journal UNISCI/Revista UNISCI n°49* (Enero/January 2019), Madrid: University of Madrid, Special Issue on Indian Strategic and Foreign Policy Making.
- “Rhetoric and Politics in the Arab Uprisings: The Egyptian Chapter,” *Punjab University Journal Social Sciences*, 2018, ISSN: 0251-348X
- “ Holy three times over: Crucible of contestation”, (With Krishnan Srinivasan) *The Telegraph*, 31 January, 2018

- “A Colonial and Urban Interface: Jaffa and the Politics of Exclusion,” in *Refugee Watch* December 2017, ISSN: 2347-405X
- “Brexit and Academics: Research Potentialities between United Kingdom and Australia,” in *Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary: Diplomatist*, July 2017, ISSN 2349 557X
- “India-Germany: an unwavering bond albeit with the occasional hiccup,” in *Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Diplomatist*, May 2017, ISSN 2349 557X
- “India-Portugal: Myriad Possibilities,” in *Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Diplomatist*, April 2017, ISSN 2349 557X
- “A Global Britain in the Brexit World,” in *Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Diplomatist*, February 2017, ISSN 2349 557X
- “Indians in Saudi Arabia: Reinforcing the Cultural Connect,” in *Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Diplomatist*, Indi-Saudi Arabia Special January 2017, ISSN 2349 557X
- “Politics and Policy: Syrian Refugees and the European Union,” in *Refugee Watch* December 2016, ISSN: 2347-405X
- “The Haifa Port: A Mediterranean Gateway,” in *Refugee Watch Online*, November 2016
- “Arab Jews: The Eternally Displaced,” in *Refugee Watch Online*, December 2016
- “Engaging Iran,” in the Centre for Studies in International Relations and Development (CSIRD) Opinion Article, May 2016.
- “Israel and the ‘New’ Middle East” in the *Foreign Policy Research Centre (FPRC), Studies on Israel*, Volume 5, July 2015. ISSN: 2277 – 2464
- “A Syrian Exodus: The Case of Lebanon and Jordan,” *Refugee Watch* 45, June 2015, ISSN: 2347-405X
- “India and Jordan: Enhancing Well-Established Ties,” in *Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Diplomatist*, Middle East Special 2015, Vol 3, Issue 2, February 2015, ISSN 2349 557X
- “A Winter of Discontent,” in *Asia Connect* (Newsletter of the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies), Issue No.1, January-March 2015.
- “Palestinians as Stateless” in *Asia Connect* (Newsletter of the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies), Issue No. 1, July-September 2014.
- “In an Enclave Existence: Israel’s Palestinians,” in *Refugee Watch* 43 & 44, June & December 2014, ISSN: 2347-405X
- “Cairo to Egypt: A glimpse into post-revolutionary Egypt,” in the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, *Newsletter*, No.1, 2014.
- “Arab Spring: The Syrian Chapter,” in the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, *Newsletter* No.1, 2013.
- “Iran and Israel: Construing the Past and Envisaging the Future,” in *The IUP Journal of International Relations* Vol. VIII No.3, July 2013, ISSN: 0973-8509

● **Reflections for AGA website:** www.asiainglobalaffairs.in

- The ‘New’ Normal, December 9, 2019:
<https://www.asiainglobalaffairs.in/reflections/the-new-normal/>
- Ram Rajya, November 25, 2019:
<https://www.asiainglobalaffairs.in/reflections/ram-rajya/>
- Corridor of Faith, November 19, 2019:

- <https://www.asiainglobalaffairs.in/reflections/corridor-of-faith/>
- Arab Spring: Revisiting the Syrian Chapter:
<https://www.asiainglobalaffairs.in/reflections/arab-spring-revisiting-the-syrian-chapter/>
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- The Myth of Security, March 31, 2019
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- Cairo to Luxor: A Glimpse into post-revolutionary Egypt, March 3, 2019
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- Brexit in Transit, December 15, 2018
<https://www.asiainglobalaffairs.in/reflections/brexit-in-transit/>
- Infrastructure, Governance and the People, October 2, 2018
<https://www.asiainglobalaffairs.in/reflections/infrastructure-governance-and-the-people/>
- Reading the Indian Ocean, September 9, 2018
<https://www.asiainglobalaffairs.in/reflections/reading-the-indian-ocean/>
- Nurturing a New 'Nakba'? May 27, 2018
<https://www.asiainglobalaffairs.in/reflections/nurturing-a-new-naqba/>
- Borochoy and Marxist Zionism, May 14, 2018
<https://www.asiainglobalaffairs.in/reflections/borochoy-and-marxist-zionism/>
- Revisiting the 'Tahrir Moment,' March 25, 2018
<https://www.asiainglobalaffairs.in/reflections/revisiting-the-tahrir-moment/>
- Palestinians in a Jewish state: An addendum, January 28, 2018
<https://www.asiainglobalaffairs.in/reflections/palestinians-in-a-jewish-state-an-addendum/>
- Jerusalem: The Contested Frontier, January 14, 2018
<https://www.asiainglobalaffairs.in/reflections/jerusalem-the-contested-frontier/>
- Rereading Diaspora and Cities, December 26, 2017
<https://www.asiainglobalaffairs.in/reflections/rereading-diaspora-and-cities/>
- Balfour at Hundred, December 10, 2017
<https://www.asiainglobalaffairs.in/reflections/balfour-at-hundred/>

- Mosul and the Islamic State: Repercussions and Resistance, October 7, 2017
<https://www.asiainglobalaffairs.in/reflections/mosul-and-the-islamic-state-repercussions-and-resistance/>
- A Catch 22-Situation, September 20, 2017
<https://www.asiainglobalaffairs.in/reflections/a-catch-22-situation/>
- Rekindling the Bi-national Option, August 20, 2017
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- Looking Back: Reading the Arab Uprisings, August 5, 2017
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- Modi in Israel: Uncovering the Veil, July 23, 2017
<https://www.asiainglobalaffairs.in/reflections/modi-in-israel-uncovering-the-veil-continued/>
- Modi in Israel: Uncovering the Veil, July 9, 2017
<https://www.asiainglobalaffairs.in/reflections/modi-in-israel-uncovering-the-veil/>
- Bene Menashe: The 'Lost Jews' of the Northeast ? July 2, 2019
<https://www.asiainglobalaffairs.in/reflections/bene-menashe-the-lost-jews-of-the-northeast/>
- Of North Field and Al Jazeera!!! June 12, 2017
<https://www.asiainglobalaffairs.in/reflections/of-north-field-and-al-jazeera/>
- China and the Middle East, June 4, 2017
<https://www.asiainglobalaffairs.in/reflections/china-and-the-middle-east/>
- Resisting from the Margins, May 21, 2017
<https://www.asiainglobalaffairs.in/reflections/resisting-from-the-margins/>
- A Rethink or Much Ado About Nothing? May 6, 2017
<https://www.asiainglobalaffairs.in/reflections/a-rethink-or-much-ado-about-nothing/>

Book Reviews

- Julia Egorova and Shahid Perwez, *The Jews of Andhra Pradesh: Contesting Caste and Religion in South Asia*, (London/New York/New Delhi:OUP, 2013) for the *Journal of Indo-Judaic Studies*, No 14, 2014, Florida International University, pp.135-137, ISSN:1206-9330
- Robert O. Freedman, *Israel and the United States: Six Decades of US-Israeli Relations*, (Boulder: Colorado, WestviewPress,2013) for *Insight Turkey*, Vol. 16 No. 4 2014, p. 247, ISSN: 1302-177X
- Tamir Sorek, *Arab Soccer in a Jewish State: The Integrative Enclave* (Cambridge University Press, 2007) for *Soccer and Society* (Routledge) Vol.12, Issue 2, March 2011. ISSN:1466-0970print/ISSN 1743-9590 online

- Donna Woodhouse & John Williams, *Offside? The position of Women in Football* (South Street Press, 1999) for *Soccer and Society* (Routledge) Vol.11, Issue 3, 2010. ISSN:1466-0970print/ISSN 1743-9590 online
- Dina Siegel, *The Great Immigration: Russian Jews in Israel*, (Berghahn Books, 1998) for the *Refugee Watch*, No.33, June 2009. ISSN: 2347-405X
- *Ferenc Puskas: Captain of Hungary* (An Autobiography) (Tempus Publishing Ltd 2007) for *Soccer and Society* (Routledge) Vol.10, Issue 2, March 2009. ISSN:1466-0970print/ISSN 1743-9590 online
- “Can We Compare recent Jewish and Palestinian Migrations?,” A Book Review of Daniel J. Elazar and Morton Weinfeld, Eds, *Still Moving: recent Jewish Migration in Comparative Perspective* (Transaction Publishers, 2000) & Julianne Hammer, *Palestinians Born in exile: Diaspora and the Search for a Homeland*(University of Texas Press, 2005) for the *Refugee Watch*, No.27, June 2006

• Editorial Positions

- Member of the editorial board of the *Journal of Indo-Judaic Studies*, a journal of the International University of Florida. ISSN:1206-9330
- Has been member of the editorial team of *Refugee Watch*, ISSN: 2347-405X
- Has been on the editorial board of the annual journal of the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, *The Asia Annual*.

• Programme Coordinator

- Has been the coordinator of the segment on “Popular Movements in West Bengal and Bihar of the larger Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, South Asia and Calcutta Research Group project on *Social and Political Mapping of Popular Movements, Logistical Vision and Infrastructure of India* during her tenure as researcher at the Calcutta Research Group(2017-2018)
- Has been the principal coordinator of the following International seminars during her tenure as Fellow at the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata. (2002-2016)
 - *Understanding the Israel/Palestine Question: Resonances in the Politics of West Asia* (December 18, 2009) & Roundtable/Symposium *Resonances in the Politics of West Asia*.
 - *Perspectives on West Asia: It’s Evolution as an Area of Study in the Changing Geopolitical Discourses* (January17-18, 2011) & Roundtable/Symposium *Perceiving West Asia*.

- *Interpreting the Arab Spring: Significance of the New Arab Awakening?* (February 16-17, 2012) & Roundtable/Symposium *The Arab Spring: An Arab (Re) Awakening? Rethinking West Asia: Moving Beyond the Revolutions* (March 19-20, 2014) & Roundtable/Symposium *Corollaries of the Arab Uprisings & the Necessity to Reassess the Region*.

Has been the co-coordinator of the following International seminars:

- *Protest and the State in Eurasia and West Asia* (26-27 November 2014) & Roundtable on *Can Protests be Replicated*. Coordinator for the West Asia Segment
- *The Asian Century*, (January 14-15 2014) Coordinator for the West Asia Segment
- *Beyond Strategies: Cultural Dynamics in Asian Connections* (March 2013) Coordinator for the West Asia Segment

• Guest Lectures

- "Palestinian Women and the National Movement," at Vidyasagar University, January 24, 2018.
- "Studying West Asia/Middle East," & "The Israel-Palestine Conflict," for M.Phil students at the Institute of Foreign Policy Studies,(IFPS) University of Calcutta, November 2017
- "West Asia/Middle East and North Africa after the Arab Uprisings of 2011: Its Implications," for M.Phil students at the Institute of Foreign Policy Studies,(IFPS) University of Calcutta, December 16, 2016
- "Studying West Asia/Middle East," for M.Phil students at the Institute of Foreign Policy Studies,(IFPS) University of Calcutta, December 5, 2016
- "The Israel-Palestine Conflict," for M.Phil students at the Institute of Foreign Policy Studies,(IFPS) University of Calcutta, November 11, 2016
- "Palestinian Women and the National Movement," at the Vidyasagar University, Refresher Course for Lecturers, January 19, 2016
- "Researching the Middle East/West Asia," at the Workshop on Research Methodology in Asian Studies, at the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata in collaboration with the west Bengal State University, Barasat, April 9-10, 2015.
- "Political Developments in Israel-Palestine since 1967," at the Department of South and South East Asian Studies, University of Calcutta, February 10, 2015
- "Imagining and Re-Imagining West Asia/Middle East" in the Research Methodology Workshop in Asian Studies, 23 - 27 June, 2014, at the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata.
- "Expressions of Resistance: The Language of the Arab Spring," at Hacettepe University, Ankara, December 7, 2014
- "West Asian Studies in India," at the Gazi University, Ankara, December 8, 2014.

- “Israel Studies” in the *Workshop on Area Studies* at the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata in collaboration with the Swedish Research Institute during September 2012
- “Gender Studies in West Asia,” (Israel) for M.Phil students at Burdwan University, November 2007 to December 2007

• Presentations

- “Public Spaces and the Arab Uprisings: Sites of Contention,” in the international seminar on “ Turmoil and Instability in West Asia: Implications for India’s Look West Policy,” at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, January 27-29, 2021
- "Deconstructing Left-Wing Antisemitism in Post-Colonial India" as part of the ISGAP (The Institute for the Study of Global Antisemitism and Policy, New York) webinar series "Antisemitism in South Asia in Comparative Perspective" 4 March 2021
- Discussant in a panel discussion (webinar) on the book, *Syria: The Tragedy of a Pivotal State* (Rajendra Abhyankar, Singapore: Palgrave Macmillan, 2020) at the Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi February 17, 2021.
- “Cartographies of Connectivity in Asia” at the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung-Calcutta Research Group Report Release event for the project on *A Social Mapping of Infrastructure, Logistics and India's Look East Policy*, Salt Lake, Kolkata, December 21, 2018.
- “Transcending Post-Colonial Frontiers: Re-envisaging the Grand Trunk Road,” in a Workshop on Corridors of Engagement, West Bengal State University, Barasat, March 27, 2018.
- The continuing “Indian” Connect” in an International Conference on *India China Cultural Resonance*, Cheena Bhavana, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan, November, 03-04, 2017
- “Representations of Connectivity: The Politics and Economics of Routes in the Asian Context,” at the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung and Calcutta Research Group Workshop on Social Mapping of Infrastructure, logistics and India’s Look East Policy,” on September 6, 2017 at Swabhumi, Kolkata.
- “The politics of routes: reconstructing the ‘connects’ in the central Asian neighbourhood,” ESCAS conference at Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, June 29-July 2, 2017.
- Participated and spoke in roundtable on the “Turkish Referendum and its aftermath,” organised by *Asia in Global Affairs* and the *Institute of Foreign Policy Studies* (IFPS), University of Calcutta on April 27, 2017.
- Participated and presented in an international conference at Presidency University, Kolkata, on "South Asia: Past, Present and Future." (February 15, 2017). The title of the paper was “A Subcontinental Connect: Revisiting the Grand Trunk Road.”
- “Diaspora as Deterrent: Indians in West Asia,” at the International Conference “*New Indian Migrants” and the “Indentured Diaspora”:* *Emerging Opportunity for Indian Foreign Policy*, Centre for Studies in International Relations and Development,(CSIRD) November 3-4, 2016.

- “Contesting the Arab Revolts: The ‘New Egypt,’” at the International Conference on *West Asia: Between turbulent present and Uncertain Future*, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, March 18-19, 2015.
- “The Syrian Migration to Lebanon and Jordan,” at the *Interrogating Forced Migration* Workshop at the Maulana Abul kalam Azad Institute of Asia Studies, Kolkata in collaboration with the Calcutta Research Group (CRG) during March 16-21, 2015.
- “The Rhetoric of the Arab Spring,” Occasional Lecture Series: *Rhetoric and Politics*, Swedish Research Institute, Istanbul, December 11, 2014
- “Turkey and Israel,” at a Roundtable at the Strategic Research Centre, Hacettepe University, Ankara on *Turkey in Regional and International Affairs*, December 7, 2014.
- “Israel-Palestine: Revisiting the Bi-National State,” in The International Seminar, *Rethinking West Asia: Moving Beyond the Revolutions* at the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata, March 19-20, 2014.
- “Israel and the Diaspora,” at the National Seminar on *The Jewish Community of Calcutta: Archives and Memories* at The School of Cultural Texts and Records, Jadavpur University, March 10, 2014.
- “Israel and Turkey: Revisiting the Alliance,” at the International conference “*Perspectives on Turkey’s Emerging Multi-Regional Role*” on November 21-22, 2013 at The Academy of International Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi.
- “Palestinians as Stateless,” in *Borders, States and Statelessness*, a roundtable, as part of the 11th Annual Orientation Programme on Forced Migration, organized by Calcutta Research Group (CRG) in collaboration with UNHCR, ICSSR, British Deputy High Commission (Eastern India) and the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, December 12, 2013.
- “Israeli Perspective on the Nuclear Deal,” in the Roundtable on *Implications of the Iranian Nuclear Deal* at the Institute of Foreign Policy Studies, (IFPS) University of Calcutta, December 16, 2013.
- “Consigned to the Margins: The Bedouins of the Naqab/Negev,” in The Asia Annual 2013 International Conference on ‘*Margins*’ and ‘*Marginal communities*’ in the Asian Perspective: *Identity and Resistance*, December 17-18, 2013 at the Maulana Abul kalam Azad Institute of Asia Studies, Kolkata.
- “The Israeli State and Society in Transition: An Overview,” at the International Conference on *Hebrew Language and Culture: Reception, Self –Conception and Intercultural Relations*, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, January 28-30, 2013.
- “Israel’s Palestinians: In an Enclave Existence” at the 14th Conference of the International Association for Studies in Forced Migration, Kolkata, January, January 6-9, 2013.
- “Exploring the role of Civil Society in the Israel-Palestine Conflict” in the International Conference on *Searching for non-western roots of conflict resolution: Discourses, Norms and Case Studies*, The Institute of Foreign Policy Studies, (IFPS) University of Calcutta, January 30-31, 2012.
- “The Partition of Palestine: Political and Cultural Dimensions,” *International Conference on Trajectories of Partition in South Asia and the*

Middle East: Comparative Historical Perspectives, New Delhi, September 2-4, 2011.

- **Field Trips/Workshops**

- As a Researcher at the Calcutta Research Group, participated in the Global Partnership for Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC), South Asia, workshop on “Trends in Youth Radicalisation in South Asia,” at Colombo, Sri-Lanka, June 2018.
- As Fellow at the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, undertook several field trips to Israel. These trips consisted of visits to the Tel Aviv University, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, the Bar-Ilan University at Ramat Gan, the Ben Gurion University at Beersheba, the University of Haifa, the Central Zionist Archives and *The Israel Democracy Institute* at Jerusalem. Interviewed resource persons at the universities and participated in discussions.
- Participant at the *Sixth Annual Tel Aviv University Workshop on Israel and the Middle East*, which was organized by the S.Daniel Abraham Center for International and Regional Studies and was held from 3rd July 2011 to 14th July 2011. Presented on “Process of evolution of the State of Israel in terms of a transition from a nation-state to a state-nation?”
- Undertook field trip to Egypt post ‘Arab Spring.’ (October 2013) Travelled through Cairo, Giza, Alexandria and Luxor. Visited the University of Cairo and the American University of Cairo.
- Visited Ankara and Istanbul (December 2014). Delivered Lectures and participated in roundtable discussions at various universities and research centres such as the Hacettepe University, the Gaza University, Ankara and the Swedish research Institute, Istanbul.
- Visited Kabul, Afghanistan (October 2007). As a member of an academic team from the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, visited several research institutes and various UN agencies with the aim of exploring the key issues in contemporary Afghanistan, procuring relevant study material for research work in some of the key areas and with the objective of facilitating further collaboration between some of these institutes and the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies.

- **Collaborations**

- Initiated Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Open University of Israel, IPEK University, Ankara and the University of Cairo for Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, as Fellow specializing in West Asian Studies.
- Initiated Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Loreto College, Kolkata and Asia in Global Affairs, as Associate Director.
- Initiated Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SNTD University and Asia in Global Affairs as Associate Director.

Supervisor

- Co-supervisor for Arpita Bera, (M.Phil), Department of History, University of Calcutta, 2013.
- Supervisor for Ashish Singh, (M.Phil), Institute of Foreign Policy Studies, University of Calcutta, 2018.
- Co-supervisor for Aishik Bagh, (M.Phil), Institute of Foreign Policy Studies, University of Calcutta, 2019.

Referees

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