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American University
School of International Service

EDUCATION

American University, School of International Service (SIS)

Ph.D. Candidate in International Relations 2015 - Present

M.Phil. in International Relations 2020

Field Concentration: Security, Comparative Politics, Civil-Military Relations

Dissertation in Progress: “Do they Really have a ‘Right to be Wrong’? Military Response to Undemocratic Civilian Leadership”

Nanyang Technological University, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies

M.Sc. in Strategic Studies 2011

Certificate in Terrorism Studies 2011

Dissertation: “India’s Counter-Terrorism Policy: Through the Lens of Federalism”

Luther College

B.A. in Political Science and Economics 2010

Thesis: “The AFPAK Quagmire and the India Solution”

Conferred with Induction to Omicron Delta Epsilon (International Economics Honors Society)

PUBLICATIONS

Ramkumar, M. “Channelizing Strong Defense Cooperation,” *The Diplomatist*, August 2014

Ramkumar, M. “India’s Foreign Policy under BJP: Pragmatism and Proactive Diplomacy?” *RSIS Commentary* 094/2014, 20 May 2014. ([Link](#))

Ramkumar, M. “Defense Procurement in India: Implications of Finmeccanica Scandal,” *RSIS Commentary* 039/2013, 5 March 2013. ([Link](#))

Ong, W.C., **Ramkumar, M.** “Operations Other Than War (OOTW) in a Coalition Environment: Opportunities and Challenges for Modern Armed Forces,” *Pointer: Journal of the Singapore Armed Forces* 38, No. 3, 1 October 2012. ([Link](#))

Works in Progress

“Cursed Inheritance? Problems with Postcolonial Democratization”

“Militarism, Military Defeats, and Unconventional Warfare: Explaining Pakistan’s Conflicts with India”

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"India's Blue Helmets: Ticket to Permanent UNSC Seat?"

International Studies Association Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD, February 2017

"India's Counter-Terrorism Policy: Through the Lens of Federalism."

Sixth Oceanic Conference on International Studies, University of Melbourne, July 2014

"Conscript Military and Peacekeeping Operations: A Case Study of the Singapore Armed Forces."

Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces and Society, Chicago, IL, October 2013

"Chinese Defense Industry Reforms and Civil-Military Integration: The Role of the General Armaments Department (GAD)."

International Society of Military Sciences, Royal Military College of Canada, October 2012

HONORS AND AWARDS

Adel Ait-Ghezala Graduate Research Fellowship, American University	2020 - 2021
SIS Summer Research Award, American University	Jun-Aug 2020
Summer Seminar in History and Statecraft, Clements Center for National Security (Postponed due to COVID-19)	July 2020
SIS Doctoral Assistantship, American University	2015 – 2019
Summer Methods Funding, Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research	June 2018
Summer Institute for Conducting Archival Research (SICAR), Wilson Center	June 2018

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

American University, Washington D.C., USA 2017 - 2019

Teaching Assistant, School of International Service

- Taught 80 first year undergraduate students the fundamental concepts of international relations in "SISU 105: World Politics" - Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2019
- Conducted exam study sessions, and provided one-on-one feedback on coursework assignments

The Mahindra United World College of India, Pune, India Aug 2018 – Jan 2019

Global Politics Teacher, Department of Individuals and Societies

- Taught 74 Grade 11 and 12 students Global Politics in the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program. Topics included Power and Sovereignty, Peace and Conflict, Development
- Provided pastoral care and advised 7 students in a residential school setting
- Supervised 'Global Affairs' activity, as part of IB's Creation Action Service (CAS) requirements
- Supervised Extended Essay research project 7 Grade 12 students

Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
Associate Research Fellow, Military Studies Program
Senior Analyst, Military Studies Program

2011 - 2015

- Developed and taught course material, (including lecture slides, case studies, simulation exercises, and exam work) for Professional Military Education of Singapore Armed Forces (teaching ranks from conscripts to colonels)
- Courses Taught: Air Force Advanced Course (AFAC), Tri-Service Warfighters' Course, Command and Staff College Course - Campaign and War Studies, Undergraduate Professional Military Education and Training (UGPMET), Air Force Foundation Leadership Course (AFFLC)
- Course topics covered Southeast Asian Geopolitics, History of War (WWI, WWII, Cold War, Vietnam War, Gulf War I & II), Maritime Security (South China Sea), and other topics relevant to the military

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

American University, Washington D.C., USA
Research Assistant, School of International Service

2015 - Present

- Stephen Tankel, Jan – May 2019, June – Aug 2020
- Boaz Atzili, Aug – Dec 2019
- Chuck Call, Aug 2016 – May 2017
- Adam Auerbach, Aug 2015 – May 2016
 - Created lecture material for Masters course “Peacebuilding Theory & Organization”
 - Assisted in administering Masters course “Territorial Conflicts – War, Peace, and the Politics of Borders”
 - Conducted literature review for book project on Proxy Warfare
 - Helped organize workshop on “Methodological Innovations in Urban Political Research in the Developing World”

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Brainy Education Center, Toronto, Canada
Instructor

June 2020 - Present

- Developed and taught course material on Academic Reading and Writing to 11 high school sophomores and juniors
- Developed and taught course material on Current Affairs to middle school and high school students on Climate Change, Space, and Model UN simulation on Militarization of Space

Drum Cussac Asia, Singapore

2011

Research Analyst to Director of Information Services

- Composed situation reports, incident analysis and threat mitigation advice to update company's Global Situation Alerts
- Updated Country Risk Reports for clientele

SERVICE AT AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

Panel Discussant on Foreign Policy & National Security - Undergraduate Research Symposium, 2019

Faculty Review Lunches with Job Talk Candidates – 2016-2017

SIS PhD Admissions Committee Member –2016

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

International Studies Association, 2016 - Present

American Political Science Association, 2016 – Present

SKILLS AND LANGUAGES

Language Proficiency: English (Native), Tamil (Native), Hindi (Native), Russian (Intermediate), French (Beginner)

Technical Skills: MS Office (Word, Excel, Powerpoint, OneNote), Interview coding (NVIVO), Archive Management (Tropy), Bibliography Management (Zotero)

REFERENCES

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