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Anita is a graduate of Political Science from Presidency College and a post graduate of Jawaharlal Nehru University. She was awarded her PhD in Political Science from the University of Calcutta on the theme "*Language, Religion and State Formation in Central Asia - A Case Study of Uzbekistan*" in January 2001. She has traveled and done fieldwork in most of the Central Asian states which includes working with archival material in Tashkent. She has collaborated with scholars in a number of Universities and Institutes in Tashkent, Bishkek, Almaty, Ankara, Istanbul, Sweden, Berlin, Washington and been invited to participate in events organized in the region. She has been a visiting scholar in Humboldt University, is part of the Swedish International Programme on Central Asia (SIPCAS) and the Nordic Network for Research on Migration, Identity, Communication and Security (MICS).

She has contributed articles on boundaries and state formation, the question of minorities and minority identity, gender, geopolitics, migration, problems of transitional politics and culture in the Central Asian region to several national and international research journals such as the *Central Asian Survey*, *Journal of Central Asian Studies* and *Central Asia and the Caucasus*. Her articles and books have been cited in a number of writings and translated and published in Russian and Chinese. Dr. Sengupta has been an invited speaker at various national and international seminars in a number of Eurasian countries.

Anita is proficient in Russian with particular emphasis on translating of Russian material into English. She is also conversant with modern Turkish and underwent primary level Turkish language training.

She has coordinated numerous international seminars and workshops on Eurasia. This has involved both academic conceptualization as well as administrative organization. She was actively involved in designing an intensive course on *Studying Eurasia* which has been attended by post graduate students doing MPhil and PhD on Eurasia. She has lectured in various Universities in India, like Calcutta University, Jadavpur University, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Mumbai University and the Naval War College on Central Asia and has taught courses at workshops and study courses.

She has written four books on Central Asia, two of which have been published by Lexington Books, USA. She is the author of *Heartlands of Eurasia: The Geopolitics of Political Space*,

(Lanham, Boulder, New York, Toronto, Oxford: Lexington Books July 2009); *Russia, China and Multilateralism in Central Asia*, (New Delhi: Shipra Publications, 2005); *The Formation of the Uzbek Nation-State: A Study in Transition*, (Lanham, Boulder, New York, Toronto, Oxford: Lexington Books, 2003) and *Frontiers into Borders: The Transformation of Identities in Central Asia*, (Delhi and London: Hope India Publications and Greenwich Millennium Press Ltd, 2002). Her books have been reviewed in international journals like *Central Asian Survey*, *Nationalities Papers*, *Geopolitics and Europe Asia Studies*. Her book *Heartlands of Eurasia: The Geopolitics of Political Space* published in 2009 was selected by the Oxford Bibliographies Online in 2011 as a must read on the section *Geopolitics and Geo-strategy*. Her most recent publication is *Myth and Rhetoric of the Turkish Model: Exploring Developmental Alternatives* (New Delhi, Heidelberg, New York, Dordrecht, London: Springer 2014). Her book *Symbols and the Image of the State In Eurasia* is due to be published by Springer in 2016.

She has been involved with editing publications on Eurasia and has co-edited more than fifteen books and five monographs. She has co-edited books with Eurasian scholars the most recent of which is *Insights and Commentaries, South and Central Asia*, (New Delhi: Knowledge World, 2015), co edited with Mirzokhid Rakhimov (Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan) She has about fifteen published articles in national and international journals, more than thirty published articles in national and international seminar volumes, about twenty five book chapters in national and international volumes and has published numerous shorter pieces in web journals, book reviews and current affairs pieces. She has been issue Editor for the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute's annual journal *Asia Annual*. She has also been a part of the editorial team of the Institute's annual publication and the *Newsletter* of the Institute.

She is the book review editor of *Refugee Watch* and has recently guest edited a Special Issue of the Journal on West and Central Asia. She is member of Advisory Board of *Strategic Foresight* a journal published by TASAM (Turkish Asian Centre for Strategic Studies) Istanbul and member of Editorial Board of *International Research, Society, Politics, Economics*, a journal published by the Institute of Socio-Political Research, published from Astana, Kazakhstan. She also peer reviews for journals like *Geopolitics*, *Cambridge Central Asia Review* and *Asian Ethnicity*. She has been an evaluator for MPhil and PhD theses on Central Asia at JNU. She is a contributor to *DNA Edit* columns.

She is a governing body member of a Track II organization, *India Central Asia Foundation*, and has travelled to the region with this team.

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- 'Fragments from a Dastan.' 1(3).
- 'Electoral process in Central Asia.' 1(2).
- 'Remembering Togan--a civilizational approach to Turkestani political culture.' 1(2).
- 'Central Asia--beginnings of a new great game?' 1(1).

### **Teaching Experience in refresher courses and workshops**

Lecture on regions, Regional Organizations and Central Asia in a one day workshop on Central Asia: Past and Present at the West Bengal State University, Barasat on 12 April 2016.

Lecture on *The Emerging Areas of Research in Area Studies in the Global Context*, Research Week Programme, Rabindra Bharati University, August 10-14, 2015.

Lecture on "The Importance of "Absence": The Indian Trade Diaspora in Eurasia" during the *Research Methodology Course in Asian Studies 2015* organised by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS), June 18, 2015

Lecture on "Studying Central Asia" at the Workshop on *Research Methodology in Asian Studies* organized by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS) in collaboration with West Bengal State University, Barasat, April 09 – 10, 2015.

*The 'Migration State' and Labour Migration in Central Asia*, Workshop on *Interrogating Forced Migration* jointly organized by CRG and MAKAIAS, Azad Bhavan, Kolkata, March 17, 2015.

- Lecture on *Approaching Central Asia as a field of Study* , PhD Coursework 2014 lecture at the Department of Political Science, Rabindra Bharati University, March 21, 2014.
- Lectures on The Indian Trade Diaspora in Eurasia and Connecting India and Central Asia at the UGC refresher Course organized by the Academic Staff College, University of Mumbai on February 24, 2014.

- Lectures on *Central Asia and the SCO* and *Security Issues in Central Asia* at PG Diploma Course conducted by the Department of Civics and Politics, University of Mumbai on February 23, 2014.
- Lecture on *Pan Turkism, Eurasianism or Neo-Ottomanism: reflections on Turkish Foreign Policy*, at the University of World Economy and Diplomacy, Tashkent, April 5, 2013.
- Lecture on *The Indian Trade Diaspora in Eurasia: Some Debates* at a Refresher Course organized by the Administrative Staff College, Calcutta University on India and Her Extended Neighbourhood at the University of Calcutta, January 5, 2013.
- Lectures on *India and Central Asia* and the *Shanghai Cooperation Organization* at the PG Diploma and PG course at the Department of Civics and Politics, Mumbai University, 7-8 October 2012.
- Lectures at the National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata.
- Refresher Courses at the Jadavpur University on Central Asian security.
- Tutor for Summer Course on *Studying Eurasia, Issues, Trends and Debates* organized by the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies.

### ***Seminar Presentations and Lectures (within India)***

The Migrant as a Political Object, at a seminar on **Migration and Citizenships**, May 30-1 June, 2016, Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla,

Markets and Migrants, at a seminar on **Central Asia, China and India: Historical, Economic, Political and Cultural Relations**, organized by the MMAJ academy of International Studies, UGC Central Asian Studies Programme, Jamia Milia Islamia, 3-4 February, 2016.

Presentation on Looking Ahead at the concluding seminar of a MEA Project on **Cooperative Development, Peace and Security in South and Central Asia** organized by the Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development, Chandigarh, September 30 and October 1, 2015.

India and Eurasia at a seminar on **India and the Global Balance of Power: Strategic Implication**, organized by the Global India Foundation, Kolkata, August 6, 2015.

Panel Discussion on *Future Areas of Research on the Study of Borders* at a seminar on **Centering Borders: Explorations in South Asia and Latin America**, Department of Comparative Literature and Maulana Abul Kalam azad Institute of Asian Studies, Jadavpur University, 7-8 January, 2015.

*Enclaves in the Ferghana* in a seminar on **Exchanges, Engagements and Encounters: Connecting India and Central Asia**, organized by the CSIRD, IFPS and MEA, at the University of Calcutta Alipore Campus, January 8-9, 2014.

*The State and Its Margins: Changing Notions of Marginality in Turkey*, at a seminar on **Margins and Marginal Communities in the Asian Perspective: Identity and Resistance**, at Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, December 17-18, 2013.

*States, Borders and Statelessness* at a Panel Discussion organized as part of the **7<sup>th</sup> Winter Course on Forced Migration** organized by the Calcutta Research Group at the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, December 12, 2013.

*The Arab Spring and the Turkish Model* at a seminar on **Perspectives on Turkey's Emerging Multi Regional Role** organized by MMAJ Academy of International Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 21-22 November, 2013.

- Presentation on *Enclaves in the Ferghana Valley* in a Round Table on **Problems Related to Enclaves** organized by the Institute of Foreign Policy Studies, University of Calcutta, July 2, 2013.
- *Traders and Travelers: Debates on the Silk Road Trade*, at a seminar on **Central Asia and South Asia: Economic Development and Socio-Cultural Linkages**, organized by the UGC Central Asian Studies Programme, Academy of International Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, March 19-20, 2013.
- *India and Central Asia: Challenges and Imperatives*, **Address at the 25<sup>th</sup> Naval Higher Course organized by the Naval War College**, Goa on January 23, 2013.
- *The Arab Spring and the Turkish Model* at a seminar on **India Turkey relations in a Changing Regional Scenario**, organized by the ICWA, Sapru House New Delhi, January 21, 2013.
- *Borders and Movements, People at the Margins*, at the **International Association for the Study of Forced Migration** 14, Kolkata, January 6-9, 2013.
- Lecture on *The Indian Trade Diaspora in Eurasia: Some Debates* at a Refresher Course organized by the Administrative Staff College, Calcutta University on **India and Her Extended Neighbourhood** at the University of Calcutta, January 5, 2013.
- *Eurasianism in Eurasian Politics* at a seminar on **Eurasian Politics: Ideas, Institutions and External Relations**, organized by the centre for Russian and Central Asian Studies, SIS, JNU, November 1-2, 2012.
- *The Centrality of Central Asia*, at a seminar on **India and Central Asia: Perspectives on Bilateral and Regional Cooperation**, organized by CRRID Chandigarh, October 17-19, 2012.
- Lectures on *India and Central Asia* and the *Shanghai Cooperation Organization* at the **PG Diploma and PG course at the Department of Civics and Politics, Mumbai University**, 7-8 October 2012.



*Negotiating Encounters: Classical Eurasianism and its Kazakh Variants*, at a seminar on **The Russian Factor in Central Asian Culture** organized by the Academy of International Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi February 28-29, 2012,

*Models in Transition :The Turkish Model and Central Asia Twenty Years After* at a seminar on **Post Soviet states: Two Decades of Transition and Transformation**, organized by the Centre for Russian and Central Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Nov 1-3, 2011

*India and Central Asia* at the **Convention on International Relations** organized by the Jadavpur Association of International Relations, Jadavpur University Kolkata August 17-20, 2011.

*The Performative State: Nation Building and Nationalist Discourse in Uzbekistan* at a seminar on **India and Central Asia in a Globalizing World** organized by the Nehru Centre, Mumbai, August 5-6, 2011.

Participated in a **Round Table on India's Foreign Policy** organized by the Calcutta Research Group, Kolkata, May 11, 2011

*Encounters in the 'Shatterbelt' Tradition, faith and the rhetoric of 'revival' in Uzbekistan*, at a seminar on **Afghanistan and Central Asia: Can the Shatterbelt be Transformed?** organized by the School of International Relations and Strategic Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, February 25, 2011.

*Eurasianism or Neo-Ottomanism? The neighbourhood in Turkish foreign policy*, at a seminar on **India and the Middle East, Problems and Prospects**, organized by the Institute of Foreign Policy Studies, University of Calcutta , Kolkata, February 23, 2011.

*A Regional Response to Global Challenges: An alternative response to the changing security landscape in Eurasia* in a seminar on **Changing Security Landscape of Eurasia, Role of Regional Groupings** organized by the India Central Asia Foundation, New Delhi, May 27-29, 2010.

*Political Geographies and the Geopolitics of Identities: Reexamining frontiers, borders and homelands in Central Asia* in seminar on **Geopolitics of Eurasia**, organized by the Association of Asia Scholars and Chuo University, Tokyo at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, October 30-31, 2009.

*Perceptions and Strategies, India's relations with the Central Asian region* at a seminar on **Central Asia, the new "Great Game" between the Emerging Powers of China and India**, organized by the Centre de Sciences Humaines, New Delhi, at the India International Centre, New Delhi, October 14-15, 2009.

- *"Studying Asia at the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies"*, at a workshop on **Trends of Asian Studies** organized by the Centre for South and South East Asian Studies, University of Calcutta, Kolkata, March 27, 2009.

- *'Greater Central Asia' or an expanded 'South and Central Asia'? The remaking of geopolitical spaces and India's engagement with the region* in a seminar on **India and the Major Powers in Central and West Asia: Challenges and Opportunities** organized by the Academy of Third World Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 22-23 October 2008.
- *"The Geopolitics of Borders and its Performative Role in Uzbekistan"*, paper presented in absentia in a international conference on **Regional Cooperation as a Development tool in Eurasia**, organized by India Central Asia Foundation, New Delhi, March 27-19, 2008.
- *"Conceptualizing Eurasian Geopolitics: Debates and Discourses on the 'Heartland'"*, in a seminar on **Russia in Asia: Envisaging Partnerships and Communities in Eurasia and Assessing the Role of Siberia**, jointly organized by MAKAIAS and the Institute of history, Academy of Sciences, Novosibirsk, Russia, Kolkata, February 13-15, 2008.
- *"Eurasianism and the Geopolitics of Russian Identity"*, presentation at a conference on **Russian Society, Culture and Identity** organized by the Eurasia Foundation at the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, November 14-19, 2007.
- *"India and the New Great Game in Central Asia"*, presentation at the 13<sup>th</sup> SPF Issyk-Kul Forum on **Central Asia and South Caucasus, Strategic Dimensions and Internal Situation**, organized by the Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Japan, Asian Dialogue Society and the International Centre Goa, at the International Centre Goa, on November 5-6, 2007.
- *Russia-China-US: Three Bilateral Relations in Central Asia* in a bilateral seminar jointly organized by the Institute of Defence Studies and Analysis, New Delhi and the Institute for Strategic and Regional Studies, Tashkent, on **Emerging Geopolitical Dynamics in Central Asia: India-Uzbekistan Relations**, in New Delhi on April 11-12, 2007.
- *Cubsiz Hayot Bol'mas (Without Water There Is No Life): Environmental Degradation, Resource Scarcity And Conflict in Central Asia*, in a National Seminar on **Energy and Resource Security: Challenges for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century** organized by the School of International Relations and Strategic Studies, and School of Energy Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata on 8-9 March, 2007.
- *The Geopolitics of Political Space: Narratives and Counter-Narratives in Uzbekistan* in a two-day Tri-University Joint Area Studies Commemorative National Seminar on **Emerging Asia in Focus: Issues and Problems** organized by the Centre for Central Eurasian Studies, University of Mumbai, as part of the Sesquicentennial celebration of founding of the Universities of Mumbai, Calcutta and Madras in Mumbai on 6-7 March, 2007.
- *Reexamining the "Centrality" of Central Asia: Outsider Descriptions and the Insider's Portrayal* in a seminar on **India-Central Asia: Reinforcing Traditional Relationship Through Synergy of Culture and Energy**, organized by the Centre for Central Asian Studies, SOS in Political Science and Public Administration, Jiwaji University, Gwalior, 20-22 January, 2007.

- *The Indian Trader Communities in Central Asia* paper presented at a seminar on **Indian Diaspora Past and Present**, organized by the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata, 28-29 March, 2006.
- *Eurasianism and Russia's "Critical Space"*, paper sent to international seminar on **The CIS: Energy, Security and Development**, organized by the Centre for Russian and Central Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 16-17 February, 2006.
- *The "Heartland" in the Perception of Central Asians* paper presented at the international conference on **Revisiting Euro Asia, Cultures, Connections and Conceptualizations**, organized by the Centre for the Study of Mid West and Central Asia, Panjab University and Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence, University of Tampere, Finland , Chandigarh, 13-15 February, 2006.
- *The "Religious" and the "Ethnic" in Central Asian Conflicts* paper presented in absentia at a seminar on **Ethno-Nationalism in Post Soviet Central Asia** organized by the Centre for South-Central Asian Studies, Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, 3-4 February, 2006.
- *The State and Performative Traditions: The Case of Uzbekistan*, at a seminar on **Performances and Cults: Ontology, Translation and Exchange**, organized by the Centre for European Studies, Jadavpur University, 25 and 27 January 2006.
- Participated in a round table discussion on **Central Asia in Transition Implications for Regional Peace and Security**, organized by the School of International Relations and Strategic Studies, Jadavpur University, 13 December 2005.
- *The Trader as a Diaspora: Indian Trader Communities in Central Asia* in a seminar on **Actors and Models of the Indian Diaspora in International Relations** organized by Centre de Sciences Humaines and India International Centre at India International Centre, New Delhi on 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2005.
- *Russo-Sino-US Interaction in Central Asia and the Transformation of Central Asian Security Structures in the post 9/11 Period*, lecture at a **Refresher Course on National and Global Politics: Issues and Trends**, organized by Academic Staff College and Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University, on 12 February, 2005.
- *Modernity and the Uzbek State in the Writings of President Islam A. Karimov*, paper presented in absentia at a seminar on **Articulating the Modern: Cultural Histories of Central Asia**, organized by the Academy of Third World Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 2-3 December, 2004.
- *Conceptualizing Transition in the Central Asian Security Structure*, at a seminar on **Understanding Systemic Transition in Russia and the CIS**, organized by the Centre for Russian, Central Asian and East European Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, March 23-24, 2004.

- *Regional Security in Central Asia: China, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization and the Viability of Constructive Strategic Partnership*, at a seminar on **Central Asia in Transition: Dynamics of Political, Economic and Social Development**, organized by the Centre for Central Eurasian Studies, University of Mumbai, Mumbai, 10-11 March, 2004.
- *Imperatives of the Nationalizing State in Uzbekistan*, at a seminar on **Nation, State and Democracy: Global Politics in the 21st Century**, organized by the Department of International Relations in collaboration with the School of International Relations and Strategic Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, 9-10 March, 2004.
- *Russia-China-United States: Three "Bilateral Relations" in Central Asia*, at the **Second Biennial Conference of the Indian Association of Asian and Pacific Studies**, Sambalpur, 29-31 January 2004.
- *9/11 and Russo-Sino-US Interaction in Central Asia* (paper presented in absentia) at a seminar on **Mid West and Central Asia** organized by the Centre for Defence and National Security Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh, 21-23 January, 2004.
- *The Making of National Identities in Central Asia*, at a seminar on **Identity and Geopolitics in Central Asia: 1991-2003**, organized by the Academy of Third World Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, 9-10 December, 2003.
- *The "Recognition Game": Russia and the United States in Central Asia*, at a seminar on **CIS: Emerging Geopolitical and Economic Issues** organized by the Centre for Russian, Central Asian and East European Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 27-28 March 2003.
- *The Emergence of "Ethnic" Conflict In Central Asia*, at a seminar on **Alternative Global Futures**, organized by the Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University 5-6 March, 2003.
- *Between "Homeland" and Home: Russian Women in Uzbekistan*, at a seminar on **Women Across Asia: In Search of Identity**, organized by the Indian Association for Asian and Pacific Studies in collaboration with Women's Study Research Centre, Calcutta University, Kolkata, 1 March 2003.
- *The War Against Terrorism and Challenges for Regional Security Initiatives in Central Asia*, at a seminar on **International Terrorism and Religious Extremism: Challenges for Central and South Asia** organized by the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, New Delhi, 31 January-1 February, 2003.
- *Water Games: Environment and Politics in Central Asia*, at the **First Biennial Conference of the Indian Association of Asian and Pacific Studies**, Kolkata, 1-3 March, 2002.
- *In Search of Perfumed Lands: The Unchanging Face of Central Asia*, at a DSA Programme seminar on **Recent Trends in International Relations Research**, organized by the Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, 31 January and 1 February, 2002.

- *Region, Regionalization, Regionalism: The "Myth" of Tsentralnaya Aziia Revisited*, at a seminar on **Central Asia: Ten Years of Independence**, organized by the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies and the Central Asian Studies Division, Jawaharlal Nehru University, at the IIC, New Delhi, on 21-22 November 2001.
- *The Refugee Situation in Afghanistan and the Central Asian Response*, at a panel discussion on **Refugee Situation in Afghanistan: Dimensions of Conflict** organized by The Centre for Refugee Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, on 3 October, 2001.
- *Diasporas Along the Silk Road: The Indian Trader Communities in Central Asia*, at a seminar on **The Indian Diaspora in the Asia Pacific Region**, jointly organized by the Indian Association for Asia Pacific Studies and the Netaji Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata, 21 July, 2001.
- *Peoples, Nations, Identities and "Axe Type" Divisions*, at a seminar on **Cross Border Migration and the Situation of Refugees in South Asia**, organized by the Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies, Calcutta University, Kolkata, 15-16 March 2001.
- Delivered a series of **lectures** on *State and Nation Building* at the West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata, in January, 2001.
- *Negotiating Transitions: The New Uzbek State Confronts its Present*, lecture at the **Centre for Eurasian Studies**, University of Mumbai, 27 November, 2000.
- *What is Central Asia to Russia? The Heartland Debates and Russia's Central Asian Policy*, at a seminar on **Indo Russian Relations** at the Centre for Russian, Central Asian and East European Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 23-25 November, 2000.
- *Recreating "Traditional Relationships": Reflections on Indian Policy in Central Asia*, at a seminar on **Indian Foreign Policy: Retrospects and Prospects** at the Department of International Relations and Strategic Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, 14-16 March, 2000.
- *China's Policy in Central Asia in the Wake of the Reemergence of "Turkestan"* at a seminar on **People's Republic of China at 50: Domestic Politics, Economy and Foreign Policy** at the Department of International Relations and Strategic Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, 14-15 December, 1999.
- *The Political Economy of Transition: The Uzbek State Confronts Problems of a Developmental Polity*, at a seminar on **Economy as a Strategic Factor in Central Asian Development**, at the Centre For Eurasian Studies, Mumbai University, Mumbai, 6-7 December 1999.
- *An Enquiry into the Problematic of State Formation in Uzbekistan*, at the seminar commemorating the **90th birth anniversary of Academician Babajan Gafurov**, organized by the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, in New Delhi, on 28-29 July 1999.
- *Cultural Requirements of a Developmental Polity: The State and Language in Uzbekistan*, at a seminar on **Geopolitics, Energy Resources and National Development in Central Asia and the**

**Caspian Sea Region**, at the Centre for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 22-23 March 1999.

- *Soviet Politics in Uzbekistan: Extinct or Extant*, at seminar on **Nationalism in Russia and Central Asia**, Centre for Russian, East European and Central Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 11-13 February, 1998.
- *Decolonisation, Transition and the Imperatives of Territorial Delimitation in Central Asia* at a seminar on **50 Years After: The Experience of Decolonisation, Partition and Independence-Bangladesh, India and Pakistan**, organized by the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata, on 12-14 March 1997.
- *Russians As Minorities in Central Asia* at a seminar on **Central Asian Geopolitics Tendencies and Transformations**, Centre for Geopolitics, Punjab University, Chandigarh, 3rd through 10th December, 1995.
- *Unveiling Stereotypes - Transitional Politics and Gender in Central Asia* paper presented (jointly) at a seminar on **Work, Culture and Politics: Women in Asia**, August 17-18, 1995, organized by the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata, at the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies.

### ***Seminar Presentations and Lectures (International)***

*The Invisible Migrants: Afghans in Central Asia*, at a seminar on **Afghan Migration: Aspiration, Movements, Integration and Return** organized by the Centre For Demography, Australian National University, College of Arts and Social Sciences, Canberra, Australian Department of Immigration and border Protection and Sir Roland Wilson Foundation, at The Australian National University, Canberra, 23-24 March 2016.

*Studying Contemporary History of Central Asia from an Indian Perspective*, at a conference on **Contemporary History: Methodology Approaches and Concepts**, organized by The Institute of History of the Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan, Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Central Asia and the Centre for Contemporary History of Uzbekistan, Tashkent, Uzbekistan 14 September.

Lecture on “The Politics of Exclusion: Rhetoric, Symbolism and Gezi Park” at a Workshop on *In the Aftermath of Gezi, From Social Movement to Social Change*, organised by the Nordic Research Network, MICS, at the Swedish Research Institute, Istanbul, May 4-5, 2015.

Lecture on *Rhetoric and Politics* at the Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul, Istanbul on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Lecture on *Eurasian and Central Asian Studies in India*, Gazi University, Ankara, December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The lecture may be viewed at <http://youtu.be/2MkklI2FkA0>

*India and Central Asia*, lecture at the Strategic Studies Centre, Hacettepe University, Ankara on December 9<sup>th</sup> 2014.

*Turkey and Central Asia* in a Joint Round Table on **Turkey in Regional and International Affairs**, organized by the Strategic Studies Centre, Hacettepe University, Ankara on December 8<sup>th</sup> 2014.

*Myth and Rhetoric of the Turkish Model: Changing Notions of Marginality in Turkey*, Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, The Central Asia Programme, Elliot School of International Affairs, George Washington University, Washington DC, May 30, 2014.

*Connecting India and Central Asia: Challenges and Security Imperatives*, at a Round Table on the theme **Central Asia and Regional Security: The Way Ahead**, University of World Economy and Diplomacy, Tashkent, April 4, 2013.

Lecture on *Pan Turkism, Eurasianism or Neo-Ottomanism: reflections on Turkish Foreign Policy*, at the **University of World Economy and Diplomacy, Tashkent**, April 5, 2013.

*Perspectives on Indian Studies on Central Asia* at a the University of Turan Regional Seminar for Excellence in Teaching Project on **Writing History From Below: The New Social History of Central Asia**, Altyn Kargaly Sanatorium, Almaty, Kazakhstan, July 28, 2012.

*Maps of Meaning: The Eurasia Discourse in Central Asia* in a seminar on the **The Eurasia Discourse** organized by the Stockholm International Programme for Central Asian Studies, at the Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul, May 31, 2012. Also participated in the 50 Anniversary celebrations of the Swedish Research Institute in Istanbul and in a workshop on SRIL as a **Multidisciplinary Research Forum—Eurasian Perspectives** on June 1-2, 2012.

- *Rethinking Regional Organizations: Turkey and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization*, at a **workshop on the Shanghai Cooperation Organization** organized by the Centre for South and Central Asian Studies, Stockholm University, Stockholm, December 16, 2010.
- *The 'Turkish Model' and the Turkic World* at the **Second Regional Conference of the Central Eurasian Studies Society** organized by the Centre for Black Sea and Central Asia, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, July 29-30, 2010.
- *The Multilateral Process in Central Asia*, in a seminar on **Debating Multilateralism: Exploring Consensus in Asian Perspectives**, co organized by the Institute of International Studies, Fudan University, Shanghai and Association of Asia Scholars, in Shanghai, April 5-6, 2010.
- Participated in a workshop on **Creating a Knowledge Platform on Central Asia, Turkey and the Caucasus**, organized by the Swedish Foundation for International Cooperation in Research and Higher Education, at the City Conference Centre, Norra Latin, Stockholm, November 6, 2009.

- Participated in a **meeting at the Stockholm University** for discussion of future research contacts and cooperation within the University's programme for promotion of Central Asian studies and discussing fields of research suited for joint activities between MAKAIAS and the Department of South and Central Asian Studies, Stockholm University, Stockholm, November 5, 2009.
- *'Discourses on the Heartland: Studying Central Asia Through Narratives'* at the **ESCAS XI Conference 2009** on "Studying Central Asia: In Quest for New Paths and Concepts" organized by the Central European University September 3-5, 2009, Budapest, Hungary.
- *'Strategizing Eurasia: Conceptualizing Transitions in Central Asian Regional Organizations'* at the **IVth International Turkish Asian Congress** on Regional Organizations in Asia; Institutionalization and Cooperation, organized by the Turkish Asian Centre for Strategic Studies on May 27-29, 2009 in Istanbul.
- *"A 'Central Asian' Geopolitics,* at an International Conference on **Central Eurasian Studies, Past, Present and Future**, jointly organized by the Maltepe University, Istanbul, University of Tokyo (Islamic Area Studies) and the University of Tsukuba at the Istanbul Marma Convention Centre, Istanbul, March 17-19, 2009.
- *"The Geopolitics of Political Space in Uzbekistan"*, paper presented in absentia at a Conference on **Central Asia Studies: History, Politics, Society**, organize by the University of Tsukuba, Tsukuba, Japan, December 14-16, 2007.
- *Imagining Central Asia: The Geopolitics of Naming*, paper presented at the **European Society for Central Asian Studies, Tenth Conference**, in Middle Eastern Technical University, Ankara September 12-15, 2007.
- *Dreams of a Eurasian Heartland: The Geopolitics of Mackinder's Geographical Pivot* paper presented in absentia in a seminar on **Eurasia: Regional Perspectives** jointly organized by the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies and the Russian Academy of Sciences, Siberian Branch, Institute of History, Novosibirsk, in Novosibirsk June 2-3, 2007.
- *Restructuring Regional Alignments in Eurasia: The Emergence of a New Dialogue* in a Round Table on **Eurasia: Regional Perspectives** jointly organized by the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies and the Institute of World Economy and Politics under the first President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Almaty, in Almaty May 30, 2007.
- *Alternative Boundaries in an Interconnected World: Exploring the Geopolitics of a Turkic World* in the **Third International Congress on Turkic Civilization, Globalization and Turkic Civilization** organized by the Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency and the Kyrgyz-Turkish Manas University Centre for Turkic Civilizational Studies, Bishkek, in Bishkek (Kyrgyzstan) May 28-31, 2007.
- *Finding a Course: "Modernity" and Transition to Independent Statehood in Turkmenistan*, in a bilateral seminar organized by India-Central Asia Foundation in collaboration with Turkmen



State University named after Magtumguli, Institute of History, Ashgabat and State Cultural Centre Heritage, MIRAS on **India and Turkmenistan: Retrospect and Prospect**, Ashgabat, in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan on April 2, 2007.

- *Geostrategic Perspectives in Eurasia: Towards Multilateralism in Central Asia* paper presented at symposium on **Perspectives on Eurasia** organized by the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, Department of Political Science and International Relations, University of Tampere, Tampere 4-5 September, 2006.
- *History, Historiography and Transition: The Uzbek State Confronts its Present*, (paper presented in absentia) **European Society for Central Asian Studies Conference, VIII**, Bordeaux, September 25-28, 2002.
- *State Formation In Uzbekistan*, **lecture** delivered at the Zentralasien Seminar, Humboldt University, Berlin, on 23 June 2000.
- *Language and the Construction of the Uzbek State*, at a seminar on **Society, Language, and Culture in Post Communist Russia and the Former Republics of the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe**, presented on behalf of the author by Antony Qualin at Texas Tech University, 2-4 April 1998.
- *Imperatives of Territorial Delimitation and the Fate of Bukhara 1917-1924*, at the **International Symposium on "Scientific and Cultural Heritage of Humanity for the Third Millennium"**, held in Bukhara and Khiva, Uzbekistan, from 18-20th October, 1997.

### ***Editorial Experience***

- Review Editor of *Refugee Watch A South Asian Journal on Forced Migration*
- Part of the editorial team for *MAKAIAS Newsletter* between 1994- 1998 and also since November 2013
- Member of Advisory Board of *Strategic Foresight* a journal published by TASAM (Turkish Asian Centre for Strategic Studies) Istanbul
- Member of Editorial Board of *International Research, Society, Politics, Economics*, a journal published by the Institute of Socio-Political Research, published from Astana, Kazakhstan.
- Member of Referee panel of international peer reviewed journals like *Geopolitics*, *Cambridge Central Asia Review* and *Asian Ethnicity*.