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BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

Mirza Zulfiqur Rahman holds a PhD in Development Studies from the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Guwahati, Assam. He completed his Masters of Philosophy from the Diplomacy and Disarmament Division, Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; his Masters in International Relations from the School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and his Bachelors in Political Science Honours from Hindu College, Delhi University. His areas of interests include research on Northeast India, mainly on issues relating to transboundary water sharing and hydropower dams, roads and connectivity infrastructures, conflict and insurgency, peace building, development politics, migration and cross border exchanges. His research specialization is on border studies in Northeast India and transboundary water sharing and management issues between China, India and Bangladesh. He is committed to grassroots based alternative community work and development models. He has travelled extensively in parts of Northeast India for research work. He has led research teams in Northeast India, and has travelled parts in China, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Thailand and Myanmar for research. He has worked as a consultant on many research projects in Northeast India. He has teaching experience as Visiting Faculty, and has participated in several workshops and academic conferences. He is an avid photographer and traveller.

ACADEMIC PROFILE

PhD. in Development Studies, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Guwahati, Assam, India (PhD thesis submitted in August 2017, defended and awarded in February 2018). **Dissertation:** '*Waters of Conflict or Waters of Cooperation?: Geopolitics of Sino-Indian transboundary water management in the Yarlung Tsangpo and the Brahmaputra*'.

M.Phil. in Diplomacy and Disarmament Studies, Diplomacy and Disarmament Division, Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India (2008-2010). **Dissertation:** '*India's Look East Diplomacy: An Analysis of Myanmar and Northeast India*'.

M.A. in Politics with specialization in International Relations, Centre for Politics and International Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India (2006-2008).

B.A. in Political Science Honours, Hindu College, University of Delhi, New Delhi, India (2002-2005).

Higher Secondary School Leaving Certificate in the Humanities and Arts Stream, Assam Higher Secondary Education Council (AHSEC), Cotton College, Guwahati, Assam, India (2000-2002).

High School Leaving Certificate, Secondary Education Board of Assam, Don Bosco School, Dibrugarh, Assam, India (1999).

Passed the National Eligibility Test (NET) in the year 2007 and in 2009 in the subject International and Area Studies, and is qualified to teach in any university in India as per UGC regulations.

RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Visiting Faculty, Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Guwahati Campus, Assam, India, teaching a total of 45 hours of classes comprising 3 credits of the course titled '*Territory, Border and Conflict*', in the Masters Programme of the Peace and Conflict Studies (PaCS) for one semester (December 2016 to May 2017). Continuing in the semester of December 2017 to May 2018 (International Relations)

Visiting Scholar, Guest Lecture and Seminar on the topic '*Water Energy Developments in Developing Societies*', for the English language Graduate course titled 'Non-Traditional Security Studies, during 15-19 November 2016 (Fall Semester 2016) at the Graduate Institute of International Politics, National Chung Hsing University, Taichung City, Taiwan (R.O.C.).

Liaison Officer, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi, for the *Third Meeting of the Joint Study Group of the Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar (BCIM) Economic Corridor Project* for a period of one month (15 April 2017 to 14 May 2017), involving tasks of research, administrative organizing, documentation, liaising and communication. The conference was held at Kolkata, India during 25-26 April 2017 organized by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India in association with Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi and Confederation of Indian Industry, Eastern Region, India.

Manuscript Reviews for Eurasia Border Review, Slavic Research Centre, Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan; and China Report, Sage Publications, Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS), Delhi, India.

Consultant for a workshop and stakeholders interviews based project on Regional Outlook on Cooperation in Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation in the Brahmaputra River Basin, by Aaranyak, Guwahati, Assam, India, supported by The Asia Foundation, in October 2017.

Consultant for a qualitative field research interviews based project on Women Narratives on Transboundary Rivers, with focus on the Brahmaputra and its tributaries (Arunachal Pradesh component), supported by South Asia Consortium for Interdisciplinary Water Resources Studies (SaciWATERS), Hyderabad, India, and The Asia Foundation, during March-May 2017 (3 months).

Consultant for a qualitative field interviews based research project titled 'Forced Labour in Global Supply Chains in India, with specific focus on the tea industry in Assam' by the Department of Politics, Faculty of Social Science, University of Sheffield, United Kingdom, funded by the UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC), during February 2017.

Organizing Committee Member, *Brahmaputra River Symposium 2017*, held at New Delhi during 25-26 September 2017, jointly organized by Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati (IIT-G), SaciWaters, Hyderabad, TERI, New Delhi and The World Bank.

Consultant for Field Research Interviews and FGD's for a project titled '*Retrospective Case Study of ICT and Maternal Health Activities Conducted by Nazdeek in Tezpur and Sonitpur, Assam*' conducted by Nazdeek, New Delhi, India and Columbia University, New York, United States of America, during October, November and December 2015 (3 months).

Organizing Committee Member, *International Workshop on Border Studies in Northeast India titled 'Living between the Rolling Hills and the High Himalayas: Understanding Borders and Spaces in*

Northeast India, held at Guwahati, Assam, India on 2 March 2015, organized jointly by the Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS), Delhi and the Association of Borderlands Studies (ABS), Joensuu, Finland.

Rapporteur and Final Rapporteur's Report Preparation for the *Stakeholder's Consultative Workshop on the Role of the Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar (BCIM) Economic Corridor in Regional Integration: Perspectives from Northeast India*, held at Guwahati, Assam, India, during 18-19 July 2014, organized jointly by the Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS), Delhi, Confederation of Indian Industry (CII), Eastern Region, Observer Research Foundation (ORF), New Delhi, and the North Eastern Council (NEC), Shillong.

Consultant for a survey project titled 'Complainant Satisfaction Survey on the functioning of the Police Complaints Authority in Assam', under the Police Reforms Programme, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI), New Delhi, India, during 16 December 2013 to 15 April 2014 (4 months).

Consultant for a National Geographic Magazine project on Nagaland, India, assisting in field research to Mark Leong (photographer), Brook Larmer (writer) and Pailin Wedel (videographer) for 'Can India's Land of Former Headhunters Make Peace?' during August 2013 to August 2015.

Rapporteur and Final Rapporteur's Report Preparation for *The Eleventh Meeting of the Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar (BCIM) Forum for Regional Cooperation, 'Recent Developments in BCIM Countries: New Opportunities and New Challenges for BCIM Cooperation'*, held at Dhaka, Bangladesh during 23-24 February 2013.

Senior Researcher (Assam) for an intensive field interviews and data analysis based research project (both qualitative and quantitative) titled '*Central Funding and the North East: Assam and Mizoram, Gaps in the Drinking Water and Sanitation Sectors: The Growth of Poverty?*' by the Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research, New Delhi, with support from the Heinrich Boll Stiftung, New Delhi, India, during December 2012 to November 2013 (12 months).

Consultant for a field interviews based research project titled 'Systems of Innovation for Inclusive Development' for the Northeast India component of the project, under the supervision of Dr. Nimmi Kurian, Associate Professor, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, India, and funded by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Canada, during May-August 2012 (4 months).

Rapporteur and Final Rapporteur's Report Preparation (final report prepared jointly with Ambuj Thakur) for *The Tenth Meeting of the Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar (BCIM) Forum for Regional Cooperation, 'Promoting Multi-Sectoral Sub-regional Cooperation'*, held at Kolkata, India during 18-19 February 2012.

Researcher for a Independent Short-Term Research Project titled 'Territory, Tribes, Turbines: An Analysis of Indian Infrastructure Building in Arunachal Pradesh and its Impact on Local Populations', funded by the Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS), Delhi, India, under the supervision of Dr. Jabin T. Jacob, Assistant Director, ICS, Delhi, during 15 November 2011 to 30 March 2012 (4 months 15 days).

Consultant for a Psephology research project, '*Election Data and Trends Analysis and Media Reports Monitoring and Analysis for the 2011 Elections in India for Assam, Kerala, Puducherry, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal State Legislative Assemblies*' for GFK-MODE, New Delhi, India, during December 2010 to May 2011 (6 months).

Senior Researcher (Assam) for an intensive field interviews and FGD's based research project titled '*Bearing Witness: A Report on the Impact of Conflict on Women in Nagaland and Assam*' by the

Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research, New Delhi, with support from the Heinrich Boll Stiftung, New Delhi, India, during September 2009 to August 2010 (12 months).

Consultant for a Psephology research project, '*Election Data and Trends Analysis and Media Reports Monitoring and Analysis for the 2009 Parliamentary General Elections in India*' for GFK-MODE, New Delhi, India, during August 2008 to November 2008 (4 months).

Research Assistant, Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS), New Delhi, India for a period of 8 (Eight) months, from August 2007 to March 2008.

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters & Journals

'Powering or Sharing Water on the Brahmaputra River Basin', co-authored with Anamika Barua and Sumit Vij, International Journal of Water Resources Development (2017). DOI: 10.1080/07900627.2017.1403892. URL: <https://doi.org/10.1080/07900627.2017.1403892>

'Border Layers: Formal and Informal Markets along the India-Bangladesh Border', co-authored with Edward Boyle, in *Borders and Mobility in South Asia and Beyond* (forthcoming Fall 2018), Reece Jones and Md. Azmeary Ferdoush (eds.), Amsterdam University Press.

'Geopolitics of Sino-Indian Transboundary Water Management in the Yarlung Tsangpo and the Brahmaputra', *Mondes En Developpement*, Vol. 45-2017/1-No. 177. DOI: 10.3917/med.177.0063. (2017).

'China-Vietnam Interactions on the Mekong: Institutional Arrangements, National Priorities and Regional Implications', co-authored with Panchali Saikia, in *China and its Neighbourhood: Perspectives from India and Vietnam* (2017), Jabin T. Jacob and Hoang The Anh (eds.), Pentagon Press: New Delhi. ISBN: 978-93-86618-14-6.

'Arunachal Pradesh in India's Look East Policy: Of the Stilwell Road and Still Waters', *Man and Society: A Journal of North-East Studies*, Volume XIII, Summer 2016, Indian Council of Social Science Research: North Eastern Regional Centre, Shillong, Meghalaya, India. ISSN: 2229-4058.

'Northeast India: Bordering on Renewed Conflict or Building on the Peace?', in *Armed Conflict, Peace Audit and Early Warning 2014: Stability and Instability in South Asia* (2015), D Suba Chandran and P R Chari (eds.), Sage Publications: New Delhi.

'Territory, Tribes, Turbines: Local Community Perceptions and Responses to Infrastructure Development along the Sino-Indian Border in Arunachal Pradesh', Institute of Chinese Studies Occasional Paper Series, No. 7, June 2014, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi, India. URL: <http://www.icsin.org/uploads/2015/04/12/dc44619f98243f09109da6867923a56a.pdf>

'Territory, Roads and Trans-boundary Rivers: An Analysis of Indian Infrastructure Building along the Sino-Indian Border in Arunachal Pradesh', *Eurasia Border Review*, Vol.5, No. 1, Spring 2014. ISSN: 1884-9466.

'Northeast India: Politics of Conflict, Ethnic Contestations and Peace Processes', in *Armed Conflicts in South Asia 2013: Transitions* (2014), D Suba Chandran and P R Chari (eds.), Routledge India: New Delhi.

‘Book Review: Pahi Saikia. 2011. Ethnic Mobilisation and Violence in Northeast India, New Delhi: Routledge’, in Journal of South Asian Development Vol.8 No.1 (2013): 133-136, Sage Publications.

‘Northeast India: Meandering Pathways of Peace, Reconciliation and Development’, in Armed Conflicts in South Asia 2012: Uneasy Stasis and Fragile Peace (2013), D Suba Chandran and P R Chari (eds.), Routledge India: New Delhi.

‘Northeast India: Turn Towards Sustainable Peace?’, in Armed Conflicts in South Asia 2011: The Promise and Threat of Transformation (2012), D Suba Chandran and P R Chari (eds.), Routledge India: New Delhi.

‘India’s Look East Policy: Focus on Northeast India’, in India’s Foreign Policy: Old Problems, New Challenges (2011), D Suba Chandran and Jabin T Jacob (eds.), MacMillan: New Delhi.

‘Tension in the Rolling Hills: Burmese Population and Border Trade in Mizoram’, co-authored with Julien Levesque in An Alternative Strategy for Southeast Asia: Looking through India’s Northeast (2011), D. Suba Chandran, Tuli Sinha and Harnit Kaur Kang (eds.), Samskriti: New Delhi. ISBN: 978-81-87374-68-8.

‘Northeast India: Protracted Conflicts and Protracted Peace Processes’, in Armed Conflicts in South Asia 2010: Growing Left-Wing Extremism and Religious Violence (2011), D Suba Chandran and P R Chari (eds.), Routledge India: New Delhi.

‘The Water Issue in India: Emerging Transboundary Aspects’, in La Renaissance de L’Inde, Societe de Strategie, France, AGIR No 44, December 2010. ISBN: 2-91431-9-37-1. URL: <http://www.societestrategie.fr/pdf/agir43txt10.pdf>

‘Border State and Look East Policy: Opportunities and Challenges in Mizoram’, co-authored with Julien Levesque in Beyond Borders: Look East Policy and North East India (2010), Dilip Gogoi (ed), DVS Publishers: Guwahati and New Delhi. ISBN: 978-81-86307-36-6.

Magazine & Newspaper Articles

‘Bridges and Roads in Northeast India may drive small tribes away from development’, *The Conversation*, 6 June 2017. URL: <https://theconversation.com/bridges-and-roads-in-north-east-india-may-drive-small-tribes-away-from-development-78636>

‘Dalai Lama at the Namami Brahmaputra River Festival in Assam: Mixed Signals for India-China Relations’, Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS) Delhi Blog, 3 April 2017. URL: <https://icsdelhiblogs.wordpress.com/tag/brahmaputra/>

‘The fire-fighting children of the Khasi Hills and the decline of traditional farming in Northeast India’, *The Conversation*, 15 March 2017. URL: <https://theconversation.com/the-fire-fighting-children-of-the-khasi-hills-and-the-decline-of-traditional-farming-in-north-east-india-74126>

‘The abandoned route through India, Myanmar and China: why the Stilwell Road should be restored’, *The Conversation*, 11 October 2016. URL: <https://theconversation.com/the-abandoned-route-through-india-myanmar-and-china-why-the-stilwell-road-should-be-restored-65497>

‘China, India must stop using rivers as taps to make political statements’, Hindustan Times, 4 October 2016. URL: <http://www.hindustantimes.com/analysis/china-and-india-must-stop-using-frontier-rivers-as-taps-to-make-political-statements/story-OpeqFgSpmTtyOSPxljqMAO.html>

‘China and India’s race to dam the Brahmaputra river puts the Himalayas at risk’, *The Conversation*, 26 September 2016. URL: <https://theconversation.com/china-and-indias-race-to-dam-the-brahmaputra-river-puts-the-himalayas-at-risk-65496>

‘India-China Transboundary Water Cooperation: Challenges and Opportunities’, ENVIS Newsletter on Himalayan Ecology, Vol. 13 (3) 2016. ISSN: 2277-9000 (Print) and 2455-6823 (Online). URL: [http://gbpihedenvi.nic.in/ENVIS%20Newsletter/Envis_newsletter13\(3\)_2016/ENVIS_newsletter13\(3\)_Website.pdf](http://gbpihedenvi.nic.in/ENVIS%20Newsletter/Envis_newsletter13(3)_2016/ENVIS_newsletter13(3)_Website.pdf)

‘We need to talk about the Brahmaputra’, co-authored with Anamika Barua, *The Hindu*, 27 October 2015. URL: <http://www.thehindu.com/opinion/columns/world-view-column-we-need-to-talk-about-the-brahmaputra/article7806587.ece>

‘There are Many Indias (and Many Borders): A Call for Collaborations and Comparative Research’, co-authored with Kathleen Staudt, *La Frontera: Association for Borderlands Studies Newsletter*, 35 (2), Spring 2015, Joensuu, Finland. URL: http://absborderlands.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/La-Frontera_V35.2_Spring-2015_low-res.pdf

‘Dans Les Meandres Du Brahmapoutre’, co-authored with Brian Orland and Franck Vogel (Photos), *Geo*, France Edition, No. 432, February 2015.

‘Reassess NE Bordering on Strife’, *The New Indian Express*, 02 January 2015. URL: <http://www.newindianexpress.com/opinions/2015/jan/02/Reassess-NE-Bordering-on-Strife-700588.html>

‘AFSPA: the audacious law’, *The Assam Tribune*, 18 November 2014.

‘Turmoil in Bangladesh’, *The New Indian Express*, 14 March 2013. URL: <http://www.newindianexpress.com/opinions/2013/mar/14/turmoil-in-bangladesh-458360.html>

‘A Parliament for the North East’, co-authored with Jabin T Jacob, *Assam Tribune*, 20 June 2010.

‘A few surrenders of ULFA cadres mean little’, *The Indian Express*, 29 November 2007. URL: <http://archive.indianexpress.com/news/a-few-surrenders-of-ulfa-cadres-mean-little/244483/>

‘Secret Killings, Open Truths?’, *Mainstream*, Vol. XLVI, No 11, 1 March 2008. URL: <https://www.mainstreamweekly.net/article550.html>

‘Gross National Happiness and Bhutan Elections’, *Epilogue*, Vol. 2, Issue 4, April 2008.

‘Is the Famine Coming? Mautam in the Rolling Hills’, *Epilogue*, Vol. 2, Issue 3, March 2008.

‘ULFA: Surrendering Faith?’, *Epilogue*, Vol. 1, Issue 12, December 2007.

FIELD TRIPS

Arunachal Pradesh, in May 2017, with Dr. Suparana Katyaini, Nancy Frida Lakra and Kanu Priya, for field interviews for a research project on Women Narratives on Transboundary Rivers, with focus on the Brahmaputra and its tributaries, supported by South Asia Consortium for Interdisciplinary Water Resources Studies (SaciWATERS), Hyderabad, India, and The Asia Foundation.

Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Meghalaya, in January-February 2016 and January 2017, with Edward Boyle for research on border flows and exchanges in Northeast India, supported by Kyushu University Border Studies (KUBS) Programme, Kyushu University, Fukuoka, Japan.

Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar, in September-October 2014, interviews and field visits to the Mekong River Commission, Ubon Ratchathani University and other institutes for PhD research.

Assam, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh, in May 2013 with Ashok Gurung, Partha Mukhopadhyay and Nimmi Kurian of the India China Institute, The New School, New York, USA, and the Centre for Policy Research, focusing on the Indo-Myanmar and Sino-Indian borderlands.

Assam, through November 2012 to May 2013 on a project focusing on aspects of rising poverty and the state of sanitation and water supply with the Centre for Northeast Studies and Policy Research, New Delhi, a project funded by the Heinrich Boll Stiftung, New Delhi, India.

Bangladesh, in February 2013 on an independent research project on Bangladesh-Myanmar borderlands, during the peak of the Shahbagh protests, in Dhaka, Chittagong and Cox's Bazaar.

Mizoram, in December 2012 and January 2013 with Jabin T Jacob on a research project on the Kaladan Multi-Modal Transport Project in Mizoram-Myanmar border, funded by the Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, under the Bangladesh China India Myanmar (BCIM) initiative.

Arunachal Pradesh, in April and October 2012 on a border research project with the Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, focusing on local perceptions on Indian infrastructure building.

Thailand and Myanmar, in July-August 2011 with Jabin T Jacob and Brian Orland on an independent research project focusing on the Thai-Myanmar border exchanges and politics.

Arunachal Pradesh, in March 2011, with Jabin T Jacob and Namrata Goswami, IDSA, focusing on road and dam building infrastructure development in Arunachal Pradesh.

Assam and Nagaland, through 2009-2010 on a project titled Impact of Armed Conflict on Women in Assam and Nagaland with the Centre for Northeast Studies and Policy Research, New Delhi, a project funded by the Heinrich Boll Stiftung, New Delhi, India.

Bhutan, in October 2009, October-November 2010, April 2011, October 2011, May 2012 focusing on general politics, local perceptions and infrastructure building and big dams in Bhutan.

Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Nagaland and Manipur, in December 2008 with Jabin T Jacob, independent research trip focusing on Northeast India borders and governance issues.

Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Nagaland, in June-July 2008 with Seth B Cohen of Intercultural Peacebuilders of New Mexico, USA, focusing on traditional community models of peacebuilding.

Mizoram, in December 2007, with Julien Levesque, independent research trip focusing on the Chin migrant community and border trade and exchanges in the state of Mizoram.

CONFERENCE/SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS AND WORKSHOPS

10-11 November 2017- Workshop Participant, Group Work Coordinator and Presentation with Partha Jyoti Das and Jayanta Kumar Sarma on **‘Charting a Roadmap for a Regional Outlook on the Brahmaputra’**, at the Regional Consultation on Cooperation in Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation in the Brahmaputra River Basin, at Guwahati, Assam, India, organized by Aaranyak, Guwahati, Assam and The Asia Foundation.

30-31 October 2017- **‘Institutions around the River: The Brahmaputra Experience’**, at Flowing Boundaries: Conversations between the Brahmaputra and the Mekong, Shillong, Meghalaya, India, organized by Asian Confluence, Shillong and Heinrich Boll Stiftung, New Delhi, India.

13 October 2017- Discussant- **Roundtable on Northeast India: Water Governance**, Shillong, Meghalaya, organized by Asian Confluence, Shillong and Heinrich Boll Stiftung, New Delhi, India.

13-14 June 2017- Workshop Participant and Presentation on **‘Transboundary Water Discussions: Significance of Dialogue and Negotiations’**, at Developing Skill and Knowledge: Training Workshop on the Transboundary Brahmaputra River, Guwahati, Assam, India, organized by South Asia Consortium for Interdisciplinary Water Resources Studies, Hyderabad and CNES, Guwahati, Assam.

13 February 2017- Guest Lecture- **Fieldwork Tools and Research Methodology in Social Sciences**, at Tezpur Law College, Tezpur, Assam, India, organized and supported by Nazdeek, New Delhi, India.

30-31 January 2017- Roundtable Discussant- **DPG Roundtable on Advancing BBIN Sub-regional Cooperation on Waterways Connectivity**, Guwahati, Assam, India, organized by Delhi Policy Group (DPG), New Delhi, India and The Asia Foundation.

20-22 November 2016- **‘Territory, Roads and Transboundary Rivers: Indian Infrastructure Development in Arunachal Pradesh’**, at the First Brahmaputra Knowledge Exchange Programme, at Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, organized by South Asia Consortium for Interdisciplinary Water Resources Studies (SaciWATERs), Hyderabad, India.

15 November 2016- **‘New Southbound Policy: Views from India’**, at the Central Taiwan International Affairs Forum of 2016, Center for Studies on South Asia and the Middle East, National Chung Hsing University, Taichung, Taiwan (R.O.C.).

11 November 2016- Paper Discussant- **DPG Roundtable Discussion on Bangladesh-Bhutan-India-Nepal (BBIN) on Water**, at New Delhi, India, organized by Delhi Policy Group (DPG), New Delhi, India and The Asia Foundation.

31 August 2016- Guest Lecture/Presentation- **‘Territory, Roads and Trans-boundary Rivers: An Analysis of Indian Infrastructure Building along the Sino-Indian border in Arunachal Pradesh’**, at the Research Institute for Indian Ocean Economies (RIIO), Yunnan University of Finance and Economics, Yunnan, Kunming, People’s Republic of China.

27-30 August 2016- **‘India’s Look East Policy and Act East Engagement: Opening the Stilwell Road’**, at the Second International Conference of Political Geography on Migration and Borders 2016, Kunming, Yunnan, People’s Republic of China, organized by Yunnan Normal University, Kunming;

Beijing Normal University, Beijing; Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada; and the Borders in Globalization Project (BIG).

6-8 April 2016- **‘Prospects of Pilgrimage Tourism Development across Eastern Himalayan borders: Local aspirations and perceptions to such development’**, at the 2016 Center for South Asian Studies Annual Symposium, Borders and Mobility, organized by the Center for South Asian Studies, University of Hawai’i at Manoa, Honolulu, Hawai’i, United States of America.

31 March-3 April 2016- **‘India’s Look East Policy, Myanmar and Southwest China: The Stilwell Road and Development of the Sub-Region’**, at the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference 2016, Seattle, Washington, United States of America.

15-24 December 2015- Study Tour Delegation Participant- **Series of seminars on political, economic and strategic engagement aspects between China and India**, at the Institute of Asian Studies at the China Foreign Affairs University, Beijing; China Institute of International Studies, Beijing; Department of Asian Affairs, Department of International Economic Affairs and Department of Policy Planning at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, People’s Republic of China, Beijing; China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations, Beijing; Institute of Modern International Relations at Tsinghua University, Beijing; Shanghai Institute for International Studies, Shanghai; and the School of International Studies, Fudan University, Shanghai, organized and hosted by the China Foreign Affairs University, Beijing and the Embassy of China, New Delhi, India.

5-7 November 2015- **‘On the prospects of regional and sub-regional multilateral dialogue on the Brahmaputra River Basin’**, at the 8th All India Conference of China Studies, Sikkim University, Gangtok, Sikkim, organized by Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi; Department of Chinese, Sikkim University, and supported by Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), New Delhi, India.

20-21 May 2015- **‘Territory, Tribes, Turbines: Local Community perceptions and responses to Indian Infrastructure Building along the Sino-Indian border in Arunachal Pradesh’**, at the SASNET International Conference on the Transformation of South Asia 2015, Lund, Sweden, organized by Swedish South Asian Studies Network (SASNET), Lund University, Lund, Sweden.

25-26 March 2015- **‘Waters of Conflict or Waters of Cooperation?: Geopolitics of Sino-Indian transboundary water management in the Yarlung Tsangpo and the Brahmaputra’**, at a seminar on Voices from Arunachal: India China Border Problems and Related Arunachal Folklore, Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, India, organized by Research Centre for Eastern and North Eastern Regional Studies, Kolkata; Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute for Asian Studies, Kolkata; and Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh, India.

16-17 March 2015- Participant and Discussant- **Shared Rivers in South Asia: Challenges and Prospects in Lower Riparian States**, at Tezpur University, Tezpur, Assam, India, organized by Centre for Development and Peace Studies (CDPS), Guwahati, Assam and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS), Kolkata, West Bengal, India.

2 March 2015- **‘The Brahmaputra Dialogue: Some Reflections’**, at the International Workshop on Border Studies in Northeast India titled ‘Living between the Rolling Hills and the High Himalayas: Understanding Borders and Spaces in Northeast India’, Guwahati, Assam, India, organized by Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi and Association for Borderlands Studies, Joensuu, Finland.

4-6 February 2015- **‘Prospects of Tourism and Pilgrimage Development in Western Arunachal Pradesh: Local aspirations and perceptions to such development’**, at the International Conference on Reimagining India’s North East: Networks, Narratives and Negotiations, New Delhi, India,

organized by Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research (CNESPR), Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi, India.

15-19 December 2014- Research Methodology Winter Course Participant- **Roots and Bridges: Practicing Interdisciplinarity in Research on Northeast India**, Annual Winter Course on Research Methodology, organized by Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) Guwahati Campus, Assam, India; Center for South Asia, Stanford University, USA; Department of Development Studies, University of New South Wales, Australia; and Department of Social Anthropology, Stockholm University, Sweden.

4-7 November 2014- **‘Waters of Conflict or Waters of Cooperation?: Geopolitics of Sino-Indian trans-boundary water management’**, at the XIV International Scientific Meeting of the Border Regions in Transition (BRIT), Borders: A Source of Innovation, Arras and Lille (France) and Mons (Belgium), organized by Universite d’Artois, Arras (France), Universite de Lille 1 Sciences Et Technologies, Lille (France) and University Catholique de Louvain, Mons (Belgium).

20 August 2014- Workshop Participant and Discussant- **Policy Dialogue on Operationalizing Adaptive Governance in India**, New Delhi, India, organized by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi, India and the Asia Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN-GCR).

7-8 August 2014- **‘A Clean View through the Clouds?: Challenges to Community Participation and Impact of Tourism and Development in Cherrapunjee and Mawlynnong’**, at the International Seminar on Green Economics: The Road to a Healthy and Balanced Economy, organized by the Meghalaya Economic Association, Shillong, Meghalaya, India, and the Rajiv Gandhi Indian Institute of Management (IIM), Shillong, Meghalaya, India.

17-18 June 2014- **‘Territory, Roads and Trans-boundary Rivers: An Analysis of Indian Infrastructure Building along the Sino-Indian border in Arunachal Pradesh’**, at the International Studies Association (ISA) PDG-Collegium Civitas Joint Eurasia Conference, Eurasia-Defining and Crossing Barriers, Warsaw, Poland.

9-13 June 2014- **‘Arunachal Pradesh in India’s Look East Policy: Of the Stilwell Road and Still Waters’**, at the Association of Borderlands Studies First World Conference, Joensuu (Finland) and St. Petersburg (Russia), organized by the Association of Borderlands Studies (ABS), Joensuu, Finland.

26-29 March 2014- **‘Territory, Roads and Trans-boundary Rivers: An Analysis of Indian Infrastructure Building along the Sino-Indian border in Arunachal Pradesh’**, at the International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention 2014, Toronto, Canada.

20 March 2014- Workshop Participant- **Transnational Policy Dialogue for Improved Water Governance in Brahmaputra River: Joint India-Bangladesh Dialogue**, held at Dhaka, Bangladesh, organized by South Asian Consortium on Interdisciplinary Studies on Water, Hyderabad, India; Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, Dhaka, Bangladesh; The Asia Foundation; and Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, Assam, India.

3-4 January 2014- **‘Waters of Conflict or Waters of Cooperation?: Geopolitics of Sino-Indian trans-boundary water management’**, at the National Seminar on Environment and Development: New Frontiers of Research in Northeast India, organized by the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, Assam, India.

20-21 December 2013- **‘Armed Conflicts in South Asia: Annual Review of Northeast India’**, at the Armed Conflicts in South Asia Eighth Annual Conference, New Delhi, India, organized by Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, New Delhi and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, New Delhi, India.

11-14 December 2013- **‘Rise of the Citizen Journalist in Northeast India’**, at the Humanitarian Disasters, Human Rights Violations and Social Media Journalism Media Workshop, Kolkata, West Bengal, India, organized by the Mahanirban Calcutta Research Group (MCRG), Kolkata and the British Deputy High Commission, Eastern India.

15-19 November 2013- Workshop Participant- **Water Futures: A Dialogue for Young Scholars and Professionals in India and Bangladesh**, Guwahati, Assam, India, organized by International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), New Delhi, India; Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research, New Delhi and Guwahati, Assam, India; University of Dhaka, Bangladesh.

28 October 2013 and 11 November 2013- Panel Discussions and Presentations in Guwahati and New Delhi respectively on **Central Funding and the Northeast: Gaps in the Drinking Water and Sanitation Sectors in Assam, the growth of poverty**, organized by Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research (C-NES), New Delhi, India and the Heinrich Boll Stiftung, New Delhi, India.

10 September 2013- Workshop Participant and Organizing Committee Member- **Transnational Policy Dialogue for Improved Water Governance in Brahmaputra River: Country Level Dialogue, India**, held at Guwahati, Assam, India, organized by Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, Assam, India; South Asian Consortium on Interdisciplinary Studies on Water, Hyderabad, India; Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology, Dhaka, Bangladesh; and The Asia Foundation.

4-6 July 2013- **‘A ‘Clean’ view through the clouds? Challenges to community participation and impact of tourism and development in Cherrapunjee and Mawlynnong’**, at the International Conference on Negotiating Ethnicity: Politics and Display of Cultural Identities in Northeast India, at University of Vienna, Austria, organized by the Phonogrammarchiv and Institute of Social Anthropology, Austrian Academy of Sciences; Department of History, School of Asian and African Studies, University of London; and the Department of Social and Cultural Anthropology, University of Vienna, Austria.

22 March 2013- **‘Arunachal Pradesh in India's Look East Policy: Of the Stilwell Road and Still Waters’**, at the International Seminar on India's Look East Policy and the North Eastern Region: Strengthening the Continental Route, held at the North East Council, organized by Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), North East Regional Centre, Shillong, Meghalaya, India.

28-31 January 2013- Workshop Participant and Discussant- **Capacity Building Workshop on Systems Thinking and Adaptive Governance: The Context of Flood in Lakhimpur District, Assam**, at Guwahati, Assam, India, organized by The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI), New Delhi, India and the Asia Pacific Network for Global Change Research (APN-GCR).

18-19 January 2013- Panel Discussant- **Spectacles of Blood: Ethnic Violence in Assam**, at the Cultures of Peace: Festival of the Northeast, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, India, organized by Zubaan in collaboration with Khublei, and supported by Heinrich Boll Stiftung, New Delhi, India.

1-2 December 2012- Workshop Participant- **India's Northeast: The Bridgehead between Myanmar and India**, Kohima, Nagaland, India, organized by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata, India, and Ministry of Trade and Commerce, Government of Nagaland, India.

13 November 2012- **‘Territory, Tribes, Turbines: Local Community Perceptions and Responses to Indian Infrastructure Building along the Sino-Indian Border in Arunachal Pradesh’**, at the XII International Scientific Meeting on Border Regions in Transition (BRIT), held at Fukuoka International Congress Centre, Fukuoka, Japan and Dongseo University, Busan, South Korea.

2 November 2012- **‘Geopolitics of Sino-Indian transboundary water management in the Yarlung Tsangpo and the Brahmaputra’**, at the Second Annual Interdisciplinary Emerging Scholars Symposium on China India Studies, Delhi University, organized by India China Institute, The New School, New York, USA, in association with Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi, India.

25 September 2012- Roundtable Event Discussant- **Improving the linkages between disadvantaged groups and local communities with employment opportunities in the tourism sector**, at Bengaluru, Karnataka, India, organized by Equations, Bengaluru, Karnataka, India.

3 September 2012- Roundtable Event Discussant- **Discussion on Situation in Assam**, organized by the Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research (CNESPR), MMAJ Academy of International Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia University, New Delhi, India.

23-24 July 2012- **‘Resource Governance and Inclusion in India's Northeast’**, at the Systems of Innovation and Rural Transformation in China and India International Workshop, New Delhi, India, organized by Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi; India International Centre, New Delhi; NISTADS, New Delhi; CDS, Trivandrum; GIDR, Ahmedabad and the University of Hyderabad, India.

13-14 January 2012- **‘Tourism and Pilgrimage Development in Western Arunachal Pradesh’**, at the XIIth Conference of Indian Congress of Asian and Pacific Studies (ICAPS)- China-India Historical Linkages and Future Partnerships: Implications for Cooperation between South and Southeast Asia, Doon University, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India, organized by Association of Asia Scholars (AAS), Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi and Doon University, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India.

September and October 2011- A series of panel discussions and presentations in New Delhi, Chennai, Mumbai and Guwahati on the outreach and dissemination programme on the Centre for North East Studies and Policy Research (CNES), New Delhi project on **Impact of Armed Conflict on Women in Assam and Nagaland**, supported by the Heinrich Boll Stiftung, New Delhi, India.

03 December 2010- **‘Border populations and border exchanges: Case study of Chin migration from Myanmar and economic exchanges in the border province of Mizoram, India’**, in the GCOE Pre-symposium Seminar for Young Researchers 2010 at the Slavic Research Center, Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Hokkaido Island, Japan.

18-19 December 2009- **‘India’s Look East Policy: Broad Policy and Governance Aspects in Northeast India’**, at the 11th Annual Conference of the North Eastern Economic Association, IIT Guwahati, Assam, India, organized by the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Guwahati, Assam, India.

27 March 2008 – **‘India’s Look East Policy in Myanmar: Opportunities, Shortcomings and Challenges’**, co-presented with Julien Levesque at Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, Delhi.

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