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Teaching Interests: International Business, Geopolitics, Global Business Environment, International Political Economy, WTO Issues, Business in Asia-Pacific, Emerging Market MNEs

Research and Consulting Areas: Global Value Chains, Emerging Market MNEs, International Business and Geopolitics, China Affairs, Mega-Free Trade Agreements (RCEP, CPTPP), Global South

Publications: In Journals indexed in ABDC-A&B, ABS, Q1/Q2, Scopus and Web of Science; Authored and Edited Books published by Routledge (Taylor and Francis) and PHI; Book Chapters published in Routledge and Springer

Qualification: Ph.D. Economics (International Trade), April 2010, Udaipur; Master of International Business Management, 2003, Aligarh; Executive Certification in Geopolitical Analysis, 2017, Geneva

Current Role: Professor, International Business Area

Outreach Role: Active Member of Track-II diplomacy delegations to China since 2018. Articles published in leading newspapers such as The Times of India, and The Korea Times, South China Morning Post, and others on global issues. Appeared as an Expert on global business and geopolitics in national and international media.

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Books

1. Alexandre Lambert and Faisal Ahmed (August 2025). “India’s Geopolitical Gravity: The 21st Century Gamechanger” (Authored Book) (978-3-031-98272-9), Springer Nature Switzerland AG.
2. Faisal Ahmed and M. Absar Alam (July 2025: 4th edition; 2021 3/e, 2017 2/e, 2014 1/e) “Business Environment: Indian and Global Perspective” (Authored-Textbook) (ISBN: 978-93-544-3897-4), New Delhi: PHI (Prentice-Hall of India) Publishing.
3. Faisal Ahmed and Mohd Faheem (May 2025). “Climate Change in the Indo-Pacific: Developmental and Geopolitical Dimensions” (Edited Book) (ISBN: 978-1-032-52188-6), New York/ London: Routledge (Taylor and Francis).
4. Faisal Ahmed and Arbuda Sharma (December 2022). “Geo-economic Perspectives in the Global Environment” (Edited Book) (ISBN: 978-1-032-30902-6), New York/Oxon: Routledge (Taylor and Francis).
5. Faisal Ahmed and Alexandre Lambert (November 2021). “The Belt and Road Initiative: Geopolitical and Geoeconomic Aspects” (Authored Book) (ISBN: 978-10-321-5449-7), New York/Oxon: Routledge (Taylor and Francis).
6. Faisal Ahmed and Mohd Faheem (2019). “India-ASEAN Engagements: Economic and Social Dimensions” (Edited Book) (ISBN: 978-81-7708-482-5), New Delhi: New Century Publications.

7. Faisal Ahmed and Suresh Kumar (2016). “Foreign Policy of India: West Asia and North Africa (WANA)” (Edited Book) (ISBN: 978-81-770-8406-1), New Delhi: New Century Publications.

Monographs

8. Faisal Ahmed (2019). “EEZ and UNCLOS: Geopolitics of Delimitations” (Authored-Monograph), published by UGC Centre for Maritime Studies, Pondicherry University, India. (ISBN: 978-81-940322-8-1)
9. Faisal Ahmed and P.C. Jena (2012). “India’s Experiences on Preferential Trade Agreements” (Authored-Monograph), published by CUTS International, March 2012. (ISBN: 978-81-8257-162-4).
10. Faisal Ahmed and Anutosh Biswas (2011). “Grassroots Reachout of India’s Foreign Trade Policy Evidence from Indian states” (Authored-Monograph) published by CUTS International with support from Norwegian Embassy and Oxfam, Monograph. (ISBN: 978-81-8257-156-3)

Research Publications: Journal Papers (ABDC, ABS, Web of Science, SCOPUS)/ Chapters in Edited Book (Springer, Routledge-Taylor & Francis)

1. Tiwari, Soumya; Ahmed, Faisal; Kaurav, RPS (2026). “Toward a deeper discourse on political risk”, *Management Review Quarterly*, doi: 10.1007/s11301-026-00607-y (Springer Journal indexed in ABDC-B, ABS-1, Scopus, Q1, IF: 7.6, h-index: 54).
2. Ahmed, Faisal and Anand, Vinod (2025). Region Building in BIMSTEC: Understanding the Geo-economics of Trade and Connectivity, in: *Beyond Boundaries: Cooperation in the BIMSTEC Framework* (ed.), Pentagon Press.
3. Tiwari, Soumya, and Ahmed, Faisal (2025). Maritime Security in BIMSTEC: Navigating Complexities for Stability and Resilience in the Region, in: *Beyond Boundaries: Cooperation in the BIMSTEC Framework* (ed.), Pentagon Press.
4. Pushp, Pushkar; Ahmed, Faisal (2024). “Toward a future discourse on global value chains”, *Critical Perspectives on International Business*, Vol. 20, No. 3, pp. 378-407 (*Emerald Journal* indexed in ABDC-B, ABS-2, Clarivate-Web of Science, and SCOPUS).
5. Pushp, Pushkar; Sharma, Arbuda; and Ahmed, Faisal (2024). “Flexibility in the WTO: Navigating the Dynamics of Multilateralism Using Grounded Theory”, *Global Journal of Flexible Systems Management*, Vol. 25, pp. 805-823 (*Springer Journal* indexed in ABDC-A, ABS, and SCOPUS).
6. Pushp, Pushkar; Ahmed, Faisal (2023). “The global value chains: challenges faced by ASEAN least developed countries”, *Journal of Policy Modeling*, Vol. 45, No. 6, pp. 1223-1245 (*Elsevier Journal* indexed in ABDC-A, ABS, SSCI and SCOPUS).
7. Dan, A; Raj, A., Kumar, P; Singh, RK and Ahmed, F. (2023). “Risk analysis of adopting the circular economy practices: a perspective of resource-dependent theory”, *Supply Chain*

Forum: An International Journal, Vol. 25, No. 4, pp. 504-521 (Taylor & Francis Journal indexed in Q1. ABS, Clarivate-Web of Science, and SCOPUS).

8. Alkhalaf, T.; Durrah, O.; Almohammad, D.; and Ahmed, Faisal. (2022). "Can entrepreneurial knowledge boost the entrepreneurial intent of French students? The mediation role of behavioral antecedents", *Management Research Review*, Vol. ahead-of-print No. ahead-of-print. <https://doi.org/10.1108/MRR-06-2021-0432> (Emerald Journal indexed in ABDC, ABS, SCOPUS and Clarivate-Web of Science).
9. AlMohammad, D.; Durrah, O.; Ahmed, Faisal (2021). "Deciphering the motives, barriers and integration of Syrian refugee entrepreneurs into Turkish society: A SEM Approach", *Digital Policy, Regulation and Governance*, Vol. 23, No. 1, pp. 59-76 (Emerald Journal indexed in ABDC, ABS, Clarivate-Web of Science, and SCOPUS).
10. Hammami, S.M.; Ahmed, Faisal; Johny, J.; Sulaiman, M.A.B.A. (2021). "Impact of Knowledge Capabilities on Organisational Performance in the Private Sector in Oman: An SEM Approach Using Path Analysis", *International Journal of Knowledge Management*, Vol. 17, No.1, pp. 15-32 (IGI Global Journal indexed in ABDC, SCOPUS and Clarivate-Web of Science).
11. Ahmed, Faisal and Gupta, H. (2021). "Business Diplomacy and Lobbying During Pandemic", in: Kumar, V. and Gupta, G. (eds.) *Strategic Management During a Pandemic*, New York: Routledge (Taylor and Francis), pp. 31-58.
12. Ahmed, Faisal (2021). China's growing engagement in South Asia: Indian perspectives" in Nian Peng et al. (eds.) *Crossing the Himalayas: Buddhist Ties, Regional Integration and Great-Power Rivalry*, Singapore: Springer, pp. 59-76.
13. Ahmed, Faisal; Gharib, M.N.; Durrah, O; Mishra, V. (2020). "Social well-being and livelihood challenges in conflict economies: A study of Syrian citizens' perception of geopolitical fragility", *International Journal of Happiness and Development*, Vol. 6, No. 2, pp. 143-161 (Inderscience Journal indexed in Clarivate-Web of Science)
14. Ahmed, Faisal and Mishra, V. (2020). "India's Ocean Diplomacy in the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) of the Indo-Pacific: Modelling the Enablers using Fuzzy AHP", *Pacific Business Review International*, ISSN 0974-438X, Vol. 12, pp.60-73 (Journal indexed in Clarivate-Web of Science)
15. Ahmed, Faisal and Mishra, V. (2020). "Estimating the Relative Immediacy of Water-related Challenges in Small Island Developing States (SIDS) of the Pacific Ocean using AHP Modeling, *Modeling Earth Systems and Environment*, Vol. 6, No. 1, 201-214 (Springer journal indexed in SCOPUS and Clarivate-Web of science)
16. Ahmed, Faisal and Kaur, S. (2019). "India's Export Potential with the Arctic Council Countries: A Gravity Model Estimation", *Pacific Business Review International*, Vol.11, No.11, pp. 72-85 (Journal indexed in Clarivate-Web of science)
17. Ahmed, Faisal and Kumar, P. (2018). "Toward a National Participation Index for Developing Countries in the Global Value Chains: A Graph Theoretic Modelling Approach", *Journal of Modelling in Management*, Vol. 13, No. 2, pp.475-494 (Journal Indexed in ABDC, SCOPUS and Clarivate-Web of Science).

18. Kumar, P.; Ahmed, Faisal; Singh, RK; Sinha, P. (2018). "Determination of hierarchical relationships among sustainable development goals using interpretive structural modeling", *Environment, Development and Sustainability*, Vol. 20, No. 5, pp. 2119-2137 (Journal indexed in SCOPUS and Clarivate -Web of Science/SCI Exp)
19. Ahmed, Faisal (2018). "Preparedness and Integration in Africa: A Study with reference to APRM", *African and Asian Studies* Vol. 17, No. 3, pp. 205-254 (Journal indexed in SCOPUS and Clarivate -Web of Science/ SSCI).
20. Singh, VK and Ahmed, Faisal (2016). "Econometric Analysis of Financial Cointegration of Least Developed Countries (LDCs) of Asia and the Pacific", *China Finance Review International*, Vol. 6, No. 2, pp. 208-227 (Journal indexed in Clarivate-Web of Science, SCOPUS, ABDC and ABS).
21. Ahmed, Faisal and Singh, VK (2016). "Financial Integration in RCEP (ASEAN+6): Evidences from Stock and Forex Markets", *South Asian Journal of Management*, Vol. 23, No. 1, pp. 164-188 (Journal Indexed in ABDC).
22. Faisal Ahmed and M. Absar Alam (2016). "India's Economic Engagement with the *Maghreb*" in Faisal Ahmed and Suresh Kumar (Eds.) *Foreign Policy of India: West Asia and North Africa (WANA)*, New Century Publications (ISBN: 978-8177084061).
23. Faisal Ahmed and M.A. Alam (2016). "Understanding Trade Competitiveness of the Indian Ocean Countries: Statistical Appraisal" in D. Gopal and Dalbir Ahlawat (Eds.) 'Indo-Pacific: Emerging Powers, Evolving Regions and Challenges to Global Governance' (ISBN: 978-93-500-2401-0), Aakar Books, New Delhi.
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25. Ahmed, Faisal. (2014). "The Jewel of Muscat: Reviving the ancient Indo-Arab Maritime heritage", in AK Pasha (ed.) *India and GCC states: historical, geopolitical and strategic perspectives*; ISBN: 978-93-81505-68-7; Wisdom Publications, Delhi.
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29. Ahmed, Faisal and Alam, MA (2013). "Bilateral Engagement amid geopolitics: A Case of India and Iran", *Romanian Economic Journal*, Vol. 16, pp. 55-82.
30. Ahmed, Faisal (2012). "Perspectives on the geopolitical positioning of Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and the case for India-GCC FTA" in J. Ahmad and D. Alam (ed.) WTO,

India and Regionalism in World Trade (ISBN: 978-81-7708-321-7), New Delhi: New Century Publications.

31. Ahmed, Faisal (2011). "India and the GCC-Trade and Geopolitical Engagements" in Anwar Alam (ed.) India, Global Powers and West Asia: Political and Economic Dynamics, 2011, New Delhi: New Century Publications.
32. Ahmed, Faisal (2010). "From Resource to Trade Diplomacy-Revealing the Hierarchical Nature of Geopolitics", *Romanian Economic Journal*, Vol. 13, No. 1, pp. 3-33.
33. Ahmed, Faisal (2009). "India-GCC Relation: Geo-economics and Trade Intensity Analysis", *Asia-Pacific Journal of Management Research and Innovation*, Vol. 5, No. 2, pp.116-125 (Sage Publication).

Newspaper Articles

1. "To trump Trump's tariffs, Modi must think big", *The Times of India*, February 14, 2025
2. "Is China replacing the US as a geostrategic security guarantor in the Indo-Pacific?", *The Korea Times*, August 9, 2023
3. "On mega-regional trade agreements - why they make sense", *The Korea Times*, May 4, 2023.
4. "Russia needs India, China in post war scenario", *The Hindu Business Line*, June 29, 2023.
5. "Geopolitical propositions for multinational firms: 5-point agenda", *The Korea Times*, August 17, 2022
6. "United States still searching for a regional role", *The Daily Guardian*, August 10, 2022
7. "China's - not US's - plan offers big deal for SMEs", *The Korea Times*, August 5, 2021
8. "Amid China-India tensions, Bollywood and cinema can help bridge divides", *South China Morning Post*, February 27, 2021
9. "Amid Geopolitical Shifts, who will rule the Indian Ocean?", *The Hindu Business Line*, June 15, 2020
10. "Technology and Policy Preparedness must for Education Sector", *Education Times, The Times of India*, June 14, 2020
11. "Sino-India: More Convergence than Divergence", *The Hindu Business Line*, December 25, 2018
12. "Politically milder yet socially assertive approach can resolve South China Sea dispute", *Capital Cambodia, The Khmer Times*, November 29, 2019 (with Vinod Anand)
13. "Trumponomics is winning and global supply chains feel the pain", *South China Morning Post*, August 6, 2018
14. "Not a Trade War, but Trump's Style", *The Straits Times (Singapore)*, April 14, 2018
15. "India and Vietnam must create greater synergies", *The Statesman*, February 9, 2018
16. "Doklam dispute is far from settled", *The Hindu Business Line*, November 9, 2017
17. "With Doklam tension eased, China and India can build dialogue and focus on diplomacy", *South China Morning Post*, August 29, 2017
18. "For APEC: No geopolitics this time, only region-building", *The Santiago Times (Chile)*, November 16, 2016
19. "Indian Ocean Region targets increased integration", *Bangkok Post*, October 27, 2016
20. "G20 Needs to Get Pragmatic", *The Economic Times*, November 14, 2015
21. "Easing geo-economic tensions in the South China Sea", *The Financial Express*, November 14, 2014

22. “Enough Global Problems for G8 and G20”, *The Economic Times*, May 17, 2012
23. “It’s not Climate versus Trade”, *The Economic Times*, March 27, 2012
24. “Let China Join the Party” (TPP should include China), *The Economic Times*, January 7, 2012
25. “The Global South needs a Multilateral Approach”, *Business Standard*, 2011

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1. Podcast on BRICS by Times of India, September 11, 2026
2. **Several others interviews not listed/updated here.. to be done.**
3. Invited by DD Urdu for discussion on India’s Export Competitiveness in Textile and Apparel Sector (December 23, 2025)
4. Interviewed by BBC Hindi Bulletin (Podcast) on President Trump’s speech regarding the benefits accruing from Tariffs. (December 18, 2025)
5. Interviewed at FORE School of Management on issues related to Indo-Pacific, China and the US, India-China engagements (November 6, 2025)
6. Interviewed by the BBC Hindi (Podcast of daily news bulletin) on US and China imposition of fee on each other’s ships and its impact on global supply chains and trade cost, on October 14, 2025.
7. Participated in a LIVE debate on DD Urdu on Trump’s Tariffs and India’s Response (September 9, 2025).
8. Interviewed by BBC Hindi Podcast on Prime Minister Modi’s Japan Visit (August 29, 2025)
9. Interviewed by the UNI News Agency on PM Modi’s Japan Visit (August 27, 2025)
10. Opinion quoted by BBC Hindi on the issue of imposition of additional tariff on India by President Trump, on August 7, 2025.
11. Interviewed by NewsX TV on tariff imposition by President Trump on India, and the issue of Russian oil imports, on August 2, 2025.
12. Interviewed by Vietnam TV on Trump’s tariff and implication of India-U.S. trade deal, July 18, 2025.
13. Opinion quoted by UNI News Agency on India-China dialogue with reference to the visit of Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar to China, on July 17, 2025.
14. Opinion quoted by the BBC Hindi (Podcast) on the Benefits for India from the tussle between China and the United States of America, on March 7, 2025.
15. Interviewed by the BBC Hindi (Podcast) on Trump Tariff, on February 3, 2025.
16. Opinion quoted by the BBC Hindi on Trump’s sanctions on Chabahar Port (Iran), and implications for India-given India’s strategic investments in Chabahar on February 8, 2025.
17. Opinion quoted in Business World on Iran-Israel conflict and its impact on trade on April 16, 2024.
18. Opinion quoted on the BBC Podcast on Prime Minister Modi’s meeting with President Trump in Washington on February 14, 2025.
19. Opinion quoted by the BBC Hindi on Indo-American Oil deal on February 17, 2025.
20. As a Panelist on Doordarshan TV – DD Urdu on PLI Scheme on December 4, 2024.
21. Opinion quoted by the Economic Times on India’s interests in controlling the Mongla Port in Bangladesh and its geoeconomic benefits and implications on July 18, 2024.
22. Opinion quoted by The Economic Times on Chabahar-INSTC inter-linkages, May 15, 2024

23. Interviewed LIVE by Russia Today – RT on India-China trade as China replaces the United States to become India's largest trading partner, May 13, 2024
24. Opinion quoted by BBC on China replacing the United States as India's largest trading partner, May 15, 2024
25. Opinion quoted in Business World magazine on impact of Iran-Israel conflict on international trade, April 16, 2024
26. Opinion quoted by BBC Uzbek on the U.S. Presidential elections, April 12, 2024
27. Interviewed by BBC on China's macroeconomic status. The interview was broadcasted by NDTV India on January 10, 2024
28. Interviewed by Vietnam TV on macroeconomic issues and India-Vietnam relations. It was broadcasted by VTV on December 31, 2023
29. Interviewed by the Russian TV – RT on day 1 of the G20 Summit in a LIVE broadcast from New Delhi. Spoke on issues pertaining to Global South, joining of the African Union, China-US geopolitics, and India's strong push for inclusive multilateralism.
30. Interviewed by BBC in a LIVE program on the G20 Summit and India's Presidency, on September 8, 2023.
31. Interviewed by the BBC on China's sluggish growth and implications for India and the world, broadcasted on NDTV on July 13, 2023.
32. Opinion quoted by the BBC Hindi on the issue of Taiwan opening its new trade office in Mumbai, and implications for India-China relations, on July 7, 2023.
33. Opinion quoted by BBC on Secretary Blinken's visit to China, on June 21, 2023.
34. Interviewed by Vietnam TV on BRICS and Global Governance Architecture, June 7, 2023
35. Opinion quoted by the BBC on Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO), on April 28, 2023.
36. Interviewed by Russia Today TV (RT) on March 23 on multilateralism and geopolitics, March 23, 2023
37. Interviewed by ANI News Agency on February 25, 2023 on German Chancellor's Visit to India
38. Opinion on the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on India-China Border Affairs (WMCC) was quoted by the BBC on February 23, 2023
39. Opinion on China's debt-trap issue quoted by BBC Hindi on January 15, 2023
40. Opinion on Chinese politics and India-China relations quoted by the BBC Hindi on October 27, 2022
41. Interview on Vietnam TV on October 16, 2022 on IMF forecasts on India, and the potential for economic growth amid geopolitical challenges
42. Interviewed on Vietnam TV on September 14, 2022 on SCO Summit
43. Opinion on challenges related to the IMF and World Bank quoted by BBC Hindi on April 14, 2022
44. Opinion on way ahead for India-China trade quoted by BBC Hindi, April 29, 2022
45. Opinion on India-China trade relations quoted by BBC Chinese on May 1, 2022
46. Opinion quoted in the BBC Digital Bulletin (Podcast) on India-China relations, March 24, 2022
47. Invited as a Panelist in the Urban Debate on Mirror Now TV on the issue of geopolitics around the Winter Olympics in China on January 20, 2022
48. Interviewed by Vietnam TV on the socialist market economy structure followed by Vietnam on July 18, 2021

49. Opinion quoted in the BBC Digital Bulletin (Podcast) on Indian Ocean security, June 14, 2021.
50. Opinion on India-China Trade Relations quoted by a BBC Hindi story on February 24, 2021, and in a BBC Urdu story on February 26, 2021.
51. Invited as a Panelist on News18 Urdu TV on President Biden's role and possible stances in the Indo-Pacific trade and geopolitics on January 20, 2021.
52. Opinion on Amtanirbharta and Make in India quoted by a BBC Hindi story on January 30, 2021.
53. Invited as a Panelist on News18 Urdu TV on US Presidential Elections and its impact on November 5, 2020. Spoke on impact of a possible Biden's win and mega-regionalism, supply chain disruptions, China and regional security.
54. Interviewed by the BBC Hindi TV on China-US role in the world order, and broadcasted on NDTV India on July 9, 2020.
55. Interviewed by the BBC Hindi TV on Chinese economy in a post-pandemic scenario, and broadcasted on NDTV India on July 16, 2020.
56. Opinion on India-China trade quoted in a BBC Hindi story on August 10, 2020.
57. Interviewed by Radio Mirchi on GDP and economic issues on September 3, 2020.
58. Opinion on China's forex reserves and US-China rivalry, quoted in a BBC Hindi story on September 10, 2020.
59. Opinion quoted by BBC Hindi on the challenges facing the QUAD and Supply Chain Resilience on October 6, 2020.
60. Interviewed by Vietnam TV on June 25, 2020 on RCEP issues on the occasion of 36th ASEAN Summit hosted virtually by Hanoi. It was broadcasted on Vietnam TV on June 26.
61. Interviewed by Vietnam TV on global preparedness related to Covid-19, on June 20, 2020.
62. Opinion on digital currency and Digital Yuan quoted in a BBC Hindi story, May 25, 2020.
63. Opinion on China's economic role in a post-pandemic world quoted in a BBC Hindi story on May 2, 2020.
64. Opinion on China related economic issues quoted in a BBC Hindi story on May 1, 2020.
65. Invited as a Panelist on Rajya Sabha TV (RSTV) (channel of the Upper House of the Parliament of India) in a Panel Discussion on the role and importance of Indian Diaspora. The debate was held on September 19, 2019 and broadcasted on RSTV at 2015 hours.
66. Interviewed by Vietnam TV on February 26, 2019 on the possible outcome of Trump-Kim second meeting in Vietnam.
67. As a Panelist in the Prime Time LIVE show (9:00PM) of News18 Urdu TV on the issue of Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) invitation to India on February 28, 2019.
68. Interviewed by Vietnam TV on the occasion of the visit of President Ram Nath Kovind to Vietnam. It was held on November 17, 2018.
69. Interviewed by the BBC Radio as an Expert on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to China. It was relayed on Radio on April 23, 2018.
70. Interviewed by the BBC on India-China relations and the larger Indo-Pacific region. It was relayed on BBC Hindi TV channel on April 27, 2018.
71. Interviewed by Viet Nam TV which was broadcasted on January 25, 2018 in Hanoi. Was interviewed as an Expert on India-Vietnam Relations on the occasion of Vietnamese Prime Minister's Visit to New Delhi.
72. Invited as a Panelist in a LIVE Debate on Times Now TV channel on September 4, 2017, to discuss on Prime Minister Modi's visit to China for the BRICS Summit.

73. Opinion quoted by newspapers Business Standard, Al-Arabiya English and Gulf News.
74. Interviewed by Viet Nam TV which was broadcasted in 2016. Was interviewed as a Trade & Geopolitical Expert on India-Vietnam Relations on the occasion of Indian Prime Minister's Visit to Vietnam.
75. Article on my interview to Vietnam TV: "Indian Scholar talks about Vietnam-India Relations", Voice of Vietnam (portal), January 30, 2018.

Invited Talks/ Track II Diplomacy Delegations/ Special Lectures/ Events Organised

Frequently invited as a speaker and expert by think tanks, chambers of commerce, universities, Embassies and other professional bodies:

1. Invited as a Speaker in India-Nepal-China Trilateral Dialogue, 2026
2. Invited as a Speaker on China-South Asia Seminar organised by the Govt of Yunnan Province, China PR, and Ministry of Commerce of China PR, 2026
3. **Few other invited talks to be updated here...**
4. Invited by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China, New Delhi and Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Govt. of China PR, and CIIS Beijing as part of a Track-II delegation to visit China from September 18-25, 2025. Participated in various meetings and discussion on contemporary trade and geopolitical issues pertinent to India-China relations across Ministry, universities and think-tanks in Beijing, Tianjin, and Shanghai.
5. Invited as a Speaker on China-South Asia Seminar organised by the Govt of Yunnan Province, China PR, and Ministry of Commerce of China PR from 17-20 June, 2025.
6. Invited by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China, New Delhi and Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Govt. of China PR, and CIIS Beijing as part of an Indian Think-Tank Track-II delegation to visit China from September 17-26, 2024. Deliberated on the contemporary trade and geopolitical issues pertinent to India-China relations across universities and think tanks in Beijing, Lijiang, Dali, and Kunming.
7. Invited as a Project Consultant to conduct a training workshop for Customs and Trade officials from 10 ASEAN members and the Hong Kong SAR, all of whom are party to the ASEAN-Hong Kong FTA. This project is implemented by the International Institute for Trade and Development, in coordination with The ASEAN Secretariat. The event was on August 5-8, 2024.
8. Invited by the Academy of International Business (AIB) to Chair a competitive track on strategy, organization, and value chains, in its Annual Conference in Seoul, South Korea on July 4, 2024.
9. Invited by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China, New Delhi and Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Govt. of China PR, and CIIS Beijing as part of an Indian Think-Tank delegation to visit China from November 1-9, 2023. Delivered a series of presentations/ discussion on future possibilities of enhanced India-China cooperation, across universities and think tanks in Beijing, Qingdao and Shanghai.
10. Invited by the Embassy of China PR on China's 74th National Day at Taj Palace in New Delhi, on September 25, 2023. The Jt. Secretary from the Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India graced the occasion with his Chinese counterpart.
11. Invited to deliver a guest lecture on Supply Chains and Technology: A Geopolitical Perspective at the Department of Mechanical Engineering, AMU, Aligarh, on August 31, 2023.

12. Invited as a Speaker in a panel discussion on “G20 and Inclusive Multilateralism” organised by the Faculty of Social Sciences, AMU, Aligarh, on August 31, 2023.
13. Invited to delivered a talk in an International Symposium on the theme of G20, Management Education and Industry 4.0, at the Department of Business Administration, Faculty of Management Studies and Research, AMU, Aligarh, on September 2, 2023.
14. Approved as an Expert by UN/CEFACT, an intergovernmental body of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), on July 28, 2023.
15. Appointed as a Member of the International Advisory Council at the Centre for China-Africa Policy, Nairobi, Kenya, on August 9, 2023.
16. Invited as a Speaker in webinar on “Decoupling or Bridging Civilisations: Call for Global Civilisation Initiative” by BRIX, a think-tank in Stockholm, Sweden, on June 28, 2023.
17. Invited to deliver a guest session on “Development Policies: perspectives from the global South”, to the SIT Study Abroad program on Global Health and Development Policy organised at Geneva, on June 13, 2023. Delivered the session in online mode, for the participating students from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Yale University, University of Arkansas, University of Pittsburgh, and, San Diego State University, among others.
18. Profile featured in the India Today magazine (May 8, 2023 issue) among Top 8 Emerging Indian Personalities.
19. Delivered a lecture on “G20, Geoeconomics and the Emerging World Order” at Department of International Business, ITM, Navi Mumbai, in online mode, on May 2, 2023.
20. Invited to deliver an online lecture at SIT international programs in Geneva on the theme of “Development Cooperation in the Global South” on June 13, 2023.
21. Invited to deliver an online lecture to students at N. L. Dalmia Institute of Management Studies and Research (affiliated to University of Mumbai) on “Geopolitical Contexts in International Business” on December 27, 2022.
22. Invited as a Speaker in a Talk Program on Geopolitics on July 14, 2022. The program was organised by India Factoring, a leading financial consulting firm.
23. Invited as a Speaker in Asia-Pacific Economic Integration Forum organised by EDI and Thammasat University, on July 21, 2022
24. Invited to deliver a Public Lecture on “Geopolitics and Geo-economics of the Indo-Pacific” by Bournemouth University, UK in online mode on November 3, 2021.
25. Invited as a Speaker on India-China economic and trade cooperation in a seminar organized by Jinjiang College, Sichuan, China on October 20, 2021.
26. Invited as a Panelist on India-China Relations in a discussion with academics from NUS Singapore and John Hopkins China organized by Jaipuria Institute of Management Jaipur on October 1, 2021.
27. Invited as a Speaker by the Consulate General of India, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam to deliver an address on “Geo-economics of India-Vietnam Engagement: Future Prospects” on September 27, 2021. More than 300 Vietnamese students and academics participated in it.
28. As Program Director, organized two Faculty Development Programs (FDPs) in September 2021 on (a) Teaching Geopolitics in Management Curriculum (September 9-11), and (b) Teaching and Research in International Business (September 23-25). Delivered 4 to 5 sessions in each of these FDPs.

29. Invited as a Speaker in India-ASEAN Engineering Partnership Summit on August 27, 2021. The summit was organized by Engineering Export Promotion Council (EEPC India) and was supported by Ministry of External Affairs & Ministry of Commerce & Industry, GOI.
30. Invited as a Speaker at the India Global Dialogue, a webinar organized by The Diplomatist on January 28, 2021. Spoke in the session on India-GCC relations.
31. As Conference Convenor, organized a 2-day FORE International Business Conference (FIBC) 2020 on the “Future of Business in the New Global Realities”, organized by FORE School of Management, New Delhi, India on November 27-28, 2020 (in Virtual Mode).
32. Invited by Oil and Natural Gas Commission (ONGC) Ltd. to judge the Annual Business Games (Case Study) competition for their professionals on December 3, 2020.
33. Invited to deliver an online address to the students of Indian Studies at Thammasat University, Thailand on the topic “India and the United States: Geopolitics and Geo-economics” on September 1, 2020.
34. Invited as a Speaker in a webinar organized by Nepal Institute of International Relations and Water Policy Centre; spoke on climate change and ocean diplomacy in South Pacific islands on August 29, 2020.
35. Invited as a Speaker in a webinar organized by BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry; spoke on policy aspects of social well-being and the world of work during the times of pandemic, on July 18, 2020.
36. Invited by the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China, New Delhi and Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Govt. of China PR as part of an Indian Think-Tank delegation to visit China from November 30 to December 8, 2019. Delivered a series of presentations/ discussion on India-China geo-economics, trade war, RCEP and Indo-Pacific issues, across universities and think tanks in Beijing, Chengdu and Kunming cities.
37. Invited as a Speaker on Economic Dimensions of the South China Sea during an international seminar on South China Sea organised by O.P. Jindal Global University on November 30, 2019.
38. Invited as a Panelist to deliberate on the issue of Vulnerabilities in the South China Sea during a seminar on India-Vietnam Maritime Relations organised by the National Maritime Foundation, New Delhi on September 9, 2019. Spoke on geopolitical vulnerabilities, the interpretations of United Nations Convention on Law of Sea, and the way ahead.
39. Invited as a Panelist in a Panel Discussion on "Indian Ethos in Management" organised by Vivekananda International Foundation, New Delhi on September 19, 2019.
40. Meetings attended at the following ASEAN and Asia-Pacific Embassies:
 - Meeting with H.E. Mr. Bounneme Chouanghom, Ambassador of the Lao People's Democratic Republic at the Laos Embassy in New Delhi on August 29, 2019. Discussed on India's engagements with Laos, CLMV and ASEAN. Dr Ahmed presented a copy of his book "India-ASEAN Engagements: Economic and Social Dimensions" (edited by Faisal Ahmed and Mohd Faheem) to Ambassador Chouanghom.
 - Invited by the Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, to participate in Vietnam’s National Day celebrations, in New Delhi on August 30, 2019.
 - Invited by the New Zealand High Commission in New Delhi to participate in the event “Namaste Pacific” organised by the High Commissions of Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, and some other Pacific Island Countries at the New Zealand High Commission in New Delhi on August 30, 2019.

- Meeting with H.E. Mr. Dato' Hidayat Abdul Hamid, High Commissioner of Malaysia at the Malaysian High Commission in New Delhi on September 12, 2019. They discussed on India's engagements with Malaysia, ASEAN and the Indo-Pacific. Dr Ahmed presented a signed copy of his book on India-ASEAN Engagements to Ambassador Hamid.
41. Invited as a Speaker in the International Seminar on Ocean Governance organized by the UGC Centre for Maritime Studies, Pondicherry University on February 23, 2019.
 42. Invited as Guest of Honour in Inaugural Session of a National Seminar on “Industry 4.0: Ecological, Ethical, Social and Cultural Concerns”, organised by Poona Institute of Management Studies and Entrepreneurship, Pune on February 15, 2019.
 43. Co-chaired a technical session in the International Conference on “Global Water Crisis: Agriculture and Food Security in the era of Climate Change” organised by Department of Geography, AMU, Aligarh (December 1-3, 2018).
 44. Invited by the Embassy of PR China, New Delhi and Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs as part of an Indian Scholars delegation to visit China from November 18-24, 2018. Delivered a series of presentations/ discussion on India-China geo-economic issues across universities and think tanks in Beijing, Haikou and Guangzhou cities.
 45. Invited as a Keynote Speaker in an international seminar on India-Vietnam Relations organised by the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics in Hanoi, Vietnam on August 24, 2018.
 46. Invited as an Expert by the Centre for Asian Strategic Studies India, a global foreign policy think-tank to deliver a Lecture on “Regional Trade Blocs in Asia and Africa” on November 22, 2017. The participants who attended the lecture included officials from the Embassies of Norway and the Netherlands, and senior officials from Foreign Ministry of few African countries.
 47. Invited as a Panelist in a Panel Discussion on “Indo-U.S. Trade Relations” organised by Usha & Lakshmi Mittal Institute of Management, New Delhi on November 18, 2017.
 48. Invited as a Panelist in a Roundtable Discussion on WANA organized by the Centre for West Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi on August 17, 2017.
 49. Invited as a Panelist in a Panel Discussion on “India, GCC States and Israel: Emerging Contacts” organized by the UGC Area Studies Program, Gulf Studies Program, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi on 12 October, 2017. I spoke on India's Engagements with GCC and Israel.
 50. Invited as Panelist in a Round Table Discussion organized by Centre for Asian Strategic Studies, a foreign policy think tank on South China Sea issues and the role of ASEAN, on 15 July 2016 at Le Meridian, New Delhi. Spoke on the economic implications of this conflict for India, China and other regional and multilateral stakeholders.
 51. Invited to lecture on “India’s Look West Policy and Emerging Role in Africa” by the CASS India as part of 10-day International Training Program. Participants included the officials of Foreign Ministry of six countries from Africa, Middle East and SE Asia, on 21 November 2014.
 52. Invited to deliver Keynote Address on ‘Geopolitics and International Trade’ in National Conference on Emerging Issues in International Trade and Finance organized by Deen Dayal Upadhyay College, University of Delhi.

53. Invited for a meeting on macro-economic issues and emerging economy with the Economic Chief of the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi on 25 September 2014.
54. As Speaker in WTO conference organized by Shanghai WTO Consultation Centre in Shanghai, China, on the occasion of 10 years of China's accession to the WTO, 2011.
55. As Discussant in International Conference on America & Asia: Perspectives on Peace, Security & Development organized by American Studies Programme of JNU in collaboration with Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi.
56. As a Delegate in UNCTAD XIII United Nations Conference in Doha, Qatar.
57. As a Panelist in Round Table Discussion on Democratisation of Myanmar and its implications for India at the Centre for Joint Warfare Studies (CENJOWS), a think tank under the aegis of Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India
58. As a Speaker/ Resource Person in Laos Trade Research Forum, ERIT, Ministry of Industry and Commerce, Govt. of Lao PDR
59. As a Panelist in Round Table on New Maritime Challenges to Asia Pacific & Security Architecture organised by the Centre for Asian Strategic Studies, New Delhi.
60. As a Speaker in ARTNeT-UNESCAP Conference on Empirical and Policy Issues of Integration from 1-2 November 2012 at Colombo, Sri Lanka.
61. As Speaker in International Seminar on Rural India: Potential Hub for FDI organized by ASSOCHAM in collaboration with DIPP, Ministry of Commerce & Industry.

Magazine Article/ Online

1. "Why WTO's Abu Dhabi package must deliver pragmatic outcomes", Trade Promotion Council of India, February 25, 2024
2. "Why WTO must deliver on trade-distorting cotton subsidies?", *The Diplomatist*, February 24, 2024
3. "The clock is ticking. WTO must act on fisheries subsidies agreement without delay", *ABP News*, February 24, 2024
4. "Key Propositions for Sino-US Relations of the Future" published on March 23, 2023 in the *TI Observer*, *Taihe Institute*, a leading think tank with research centres in China, the United States and Germany
5. "Resolving Israel-Palestine Conflict Key to India's Geopolitical Gravity in the Middle East", *Modern Diplomacy*, May 18, 2021
6. "Unlike Trump, Biden all set for a bigger role in the Indo-Pacific", *The Diplomatist*, November 18, 2020
7. "Digital Yuan will dent the Dollar", *Modern Diplomacy*, EU, May 14, 2020
8. "Vietnam Integral to ASEAN and Reliable for Indo-Pacific", *Vivekananda International Foundation*, May 1, 2020
9. "Who can guarantee Geopolitical Isostasy: United States or China?", *Modern Diplomacy*, EU, April 24, 2020
10. "Is the United States Losing its Position of Strength", *The Diplomatist*, April 24, 2020.
11. "Indo-Pacific Faces Critical Trade-Related Challenges Amid Pandemic", *The Diplomatist*, April 13, 2020
12. "Are Germs the New Deterrent?", *Centre for Security and Strategy Studies*, April 6, 2020
13. 2019: "Sino-India Engagement: Not Symbolism but Strategic Depth Needed", *India-China Chronicle* (March-April issue).

14. 2019: "India-Angola Energy Diplomacy: New Heights and the Way Ahead", *Diplomatist*, September issue, pp. 54-56.
15. 2019: "India and South Africa at Multilateral Fora: Deciphering the Stances", *Diplomatist* Special Report 2019 on India-South Africa (April).
16. 2018: Geopolitical Instruments of U.S.-India Stances in the Indo-Pacific, Policy Note#6, November, published by *CUTS Washington D.C.*
17. 2018: Geo-economics key to India-Canada talks, *International News and Views Corporation (INVC News)*, February 23, 2018.
18. 2018: India's Pacific islands diplomacy can redefine Indo-Pacific architecture, *INVC News*, November 13, 2018 (with Farhan Alam)
19. 2018: Let Geo-economics Drive Port Moresby's APEC summit preparations (with Jestin Johny), *INVC News*, July 6, 2018.
20. 2017: India-Bahrain Geo-Economic Engagements: From History to Possibilities, published as a special report *Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Diplomatist* (September issue).
21. 2017: Enhancing India-Oman Economic Engagement: Four Promising Initiatives, *Middle East Institute (MEI)*, Washington D.C.
22. 2017: Deliverables needed to restore confidence in WTO negotiations, *International News and Views Corporation*, December 9, 2017.
23. 2016: India-Oman Relations: Attaching the Priority it Deserves, *Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Diplomatist*, (published in collaboration of Gulf Division of Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India)
24. 2016: "BRICS and the GCC: Deciphering Avenues for Engagements", *Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary Diplomatist*, Vol. 4, No. 4 (April 2016).
25. 2015: India-Oman Geo-Strategic Engagements: Exploring Potential (*Diplomatist*)
26. Indonesia: A Story of Resilience and Gravity (*Diplomatist*)
27. Engagement with Afghanistan and Central Asia, A geo-economic perspective (*Strategic Affairs*)
28. World Economic Forum 2013 and its Resilient Dynamism (*Diplomatist*)
29. Eighth WTO Ministerial and the Way Ahead (*Diplomatist*)
30. Asian Development Bank – Preparing for Development through Empowerment (*Diplomatist*)
31. UNCTAD XIII and the Development-centred Globalisation (*Diplomatist*)
32. BRICS and Africa: Partnership for Development, Industrialisation and Integration (*Diplomatist*)
33. World Economic Forum on India: From Deliberation to Transformation (*Diplomatist*)

Courses Taught/ Teaching at Masters/Doctoral levels

Business in Asia-Pacific, Trade and Geopolitics, Global Business Environment, WTO and International Policies, Commercial Geography, International Trade, International Business Law, Cinema Global Business and Film Diplomacy, Emerging Market MNEs and Political Risk, Global Value Chains

Consulting Assignment

- Project Consultant on “Enhancing AHKFTA Utilisation through Harmonised and Sustainable Operations in the Digital Era”, appointed by International Institute for Trade and Development- ITD Thailand, in coordination with the ASEAN Secretariat.
- Convergence between India’s Industrial Policy and International Trade, supported by DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Govt. of India (granted to CUTS)
- India’s Ocean Diplomacy with the Indo-Pacific SIDS, FORE Seed Money Project
- India’s experiences on Preferential Trade Agreements (PTAs), supported by CUTS International
- Rule-making on New Issues in International Trade and Possible Common Position of BRICS, supported by CUTS International, also by Shanghai WTO Affairs Consultation Center (SCC-WTO), Shanghai, China
- Assessing Feasibility of a Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) between India and Belarus-Kazakhstan-Russia Customs Union (BKRCU), supported by the Ministry of External Affairs and Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India
- Prospects of South-South and Triangular Cooperation in the Arab Region, supported by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (UNESCWA), and Individual Consultant
- Economic cost of conflict in the Middle East, supported by Strategic Foreign Group

Conference Presentations

1. Paper on political risks for MNEs, co-authored and presented by research scholar at the Academy of International Business (AIB) Annual Conference 2025 in Louisville, USA from June 30-July 2, 2025.
2. Paper on global value chains presented at the Academy of International Business (AIB) Annual Conference 2024 at Seoul, South Korea from July 2-6, 2024.
3. “Climate-related Challenges in the GCC: A Fuzzy AHP Modelling Approach”, Paper presented at the Academy of International Business (AIB), MENA Chapter conference at the Mohammad Bin Rashid School of Government Dubai from December 12-14, 2022.
4. “Biden in the Indo-Pacific: A Geo-economic Perspective”, Paper presented in an international conference (virtual mode) organized by the UGC Centre for Southeast Asian and Pacific Studies, and Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences, Hanoi, Vietnam on June 21, 2021.
5. “Drivers of India’s Ocean Diplomacy in the Small Island Developing States (SIDS) of the Indo-Pacific: A Fuzzy AHP Modeling Approach”, Paper presented in a conference at BI-Norwegian Business School, Oslo, Norway on October 19-20, 2019.
6. “Enablers of ASEAN Centrality in the Indo-Pacific: Assessing the Geo-Economic Stakes of India vis-à-vis China and the United States”, Paper presented in the international conference on Indo-Pacific: Emerging Trends, UGC Centre for Maritime Studies, Pondicherry University, India on February 21-22, 2019.
7. “Water-related Challenges of Climate Change: A Case of Small Islands of the Pacific SIDS”, by Faisal Ahmed and Farhan Alam during the International Conference on “Global Water Crisis: Agriculture and Food Security in the era of Climate Change” organised by Department of Geography, AMU, Aligarh on December 1-3, 2018).

8. "The Geo-economics of India-Vietnam Engagements in the Indo-Pacific region", Paper presented at the Vietnam-India Development Cooperation in Economy, Defense, Security in context of Free and Open Indo-Pacific region organized by the Ho Chi Minh National Academy of Politics, Govt. of Vietnam, Hanoi on August 24, 2018.
 9. "A Gravity Model Estimation of India's Export Potential to the Arctic Council Countries" Presented Paper at IJAS International Conference organised in the University of Freiburg, Germany from November 28 to December 1, 2017.
 10. "Directions in Economic Integration in the Indian Ocean Rim: Some Empirical Evidences", Presented paper in International Conference on New Directions in Indian Ocean Studies organized by OUCIP (UGC Centre for Indian Ocean Studies), Osmania University from 26-28 February 2015.
 11. "Geo-economic significance and financial integration of RCEP (ASEAN+6): Some empirical evidences", 9th Annual London Business Research Conference at Imperial College, London, UK, 4-5 August 2014.
 12. "An Indian Model of Aid: Revisiting Policy Perspectives", International Conference on India and Development Partnerships in Asia and Africa: Towards a New Paradigm organised by Symbiosis International University and Public Diplomacy Division, Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India in Pune, 14-15 December 2013.
 13. "Prospects of intra-regional investments in the least developed countries (LDCs): A case of Asia and the Pacific", UNESCAP/ADB ARTNeT Conference on Empirical and Policy Issues of Integration at Colombo, Sri Lanka, 1-2 November 2012.
 14. "Rule-making on New Issues and Possible Common Position of BRICS", Presented in BRICS Trade and Economics Research Network Conference, organized by CUTS International and supported by South African Institute of International Affairs in New Delhi, 27 March 2012.
 15. "India's experiences on PTAs", Presented in Launch Meeting of BRICS Trade and Economics Research Network in Shanghai, China organized by Shanghai WTO Affairs Consultation Center in Shanghai, China, 19 November 2011.
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