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PERSONAL INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

2024-present: Doctorate with Degree Examination, Major: Political Science, Heidelberg University, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, Department of Political Science, South Asia Institute, Germany. Doctoral Research Supervisor: Professor Dr Rahul Mukherji. Dissertation Topic: “*Tracing the Evolution and Operational Dynamics of Clientelism in the Political Process of India: The Case Study of West Bengal from a Comparative Prism.*”

2019-2021: Jadavpur University, Department of International Relations, Kolkata, India. Master of Arts (M.A.) in Political Science with International Relations. First Class; CGPA: 9.89.

2020: University of Oxford, Department of Continuing Education: International Labour Migration: Economics, Politics and Ethics. FHEQ Level: 4. Credits: 10 CATS Points.

2016-2019: Jadavpur University, Department of International Relations, Kolkata, India. Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) with Honours in Political Science. First Class; CGPA: 9.60.

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

Guha, A. (2023) ‘Beyond the Epistemological Vagaries of Gender in Critical Geopolitics: Navigating the Feminist Foreign Policy Odyssey’, *PostScriptum: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Literary Studies*, Special Issue on: “The Geography of Gender: Place, Space and Contexts”, Vol. VIII, No. I, January 2023 Issue, pp. 78-90, ISSN: 2456-7507. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.8400470>

Guha, A. (2022) ‘Decoding the Paralysis of the De Facto Liberal International Order: Is Plurilateralism the Way Forward?’, *TRIVIUM: A Multidisciplinary Journal of Humanities of Chandernagore College*, Vol. 6, No. 1, Issue 10, pp. 72-91, ISSN: 2583-0422, E-ISSN: 2583-0120. Available at: <https://trivium-journal.in/article.php?article=4ebc093fea4527967aa82d8fedffb05d>

Guha, A. (2022) ‘Untangling India’s Non-Traditional Security Challenge of Climate Change: Is Soft Power Diplomacy a Panacea for Anthropocentric Abuses?’, *Electronic Journal of Social and Strategic Studies*, Vol. 3, Issue 1, April-May 2022, pp. 66-86, ISSN (Online): 2582-9645. DOI URL: <https://doi.org/10.47362/EJSSS.2022.3105>

Guha, A. (2021) ‘Re-Contextualizing India in the Indo-Pacific: Decrypting the Evolution, Emerging Dynamics, and Navigating the Way Forward in a Post-Pandemic International System’, *Electronic Journal of Social and Strategic Studies*, Vol. 2, Issue 3, Dec 2021-Jan 2022, pp. 353-375, ISSN (Online): 2582-9645. DOI URL: <https://doi.org/10.47362/EJSSS.2021.2305>

Guha, A. (2021) 'Deconstructing the New Normal: An Eclectic Account of the Strategic, Geopolitical, Security Architecture of the Post-Pandemic World Order', *Social Science Researcher: A Peer Reviewed Interdisciplinary Journal of Social Sciences*, Vol. 7, No. 1, March 2021, pp. 6-19, ISSN: 2319-8362.

Guha, A. (2020) 'Reimagining the Geopolitical Landscape: Halfway House between Post-Pandemic Perestroika and Conformity from India's Perspective', *TRIVIUM: A Multidisciplinary Journal of Humanities of Chandernagore College*, Vol. 4, No. 2, Issue 7, pp. 1-16, ISSN: 2583-0422, E-ISSN: 2583-0120. Available at: <https://trivium-journal.in/article.php?article=e6d4af959f0bc9a44040484300c2d324>

BOOK CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES

Guha, A. (2025) 'Deprivation, Defencelessness, Elusive Human Rights: Canvassing the Chronicle and Impact of Political Violence on the Children of West Bengal, India' in Tshabangu, I. and Aluko, O. (ed.) *Global Perspectives on Violence Impacting Children and Youth: Trends, Dimensions and Prospects*, Palgrave Macmillan, London, UK (Forthcoming).

Guha, A. (2025) 'Vagaries of India-China Cyber Quagmire: Mapping India's Quest for Cyber Deterrence' in Kaunert, C. and Stoddart, K. (ed.) *Hybrid Warfare Resilience in the West*, Marine Corps University Press: Quantico, Virginia, USA (In Press).

Guha, A. (2025) 'Pursuit of Blue Economy: Dissecting the Vagaries of India-Bangladesh Maritime Cooperation' in Vidanage, H. and Jaiswal, P. (ed.) *Small States in South Asia: Power Rivalries, Pandemic Politics and Security Aspirations*, Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement (Forthcoming).

Guha, A. (2024) 'Nation and Migrant Workers in Keynesian Tailspin: Deconstructing the Multidimensionality of Post-COVID Humanitarian Catastrophe' in Ray Chowdhury Dutt, P. (ed.) *Vulnerable Groups and Human Rights*, R.P. Publishing House: New Delhi, India (Forthcoming).

Guha, A. (2023) 'Re-Assessing the India-EU Collaborative Canvas: Vagaries of Data Protection, Regulation and Navigating the Way Forward' in Sharma, S. (ed.) *Institutions, Practices and Digital Transformation in India and Europe*, Associated Publishing House: Agra, India (Co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union), pp. 75-90, ISBN: 978-93-81778-21-0.

Guha, A. (2023) 'Rohingyas, Hyper-Securitization and Paradox of State-Based Protection' in Mahendru, V. and Jaiswal, P. (ed.) *Recentring the Global South in Migration Studies*, Adroit Publishers: New Delhi, India, pp. 145-161, ISBN: 978-81-956542-8-4.

Guha, A. (2023) 'Decrypting the Vicissitudes of Sino-Indian Bilateral Relations: Changing Geopolitical Dynamics and the Indo-Pacific Odyssey' in Nandi, A. and Roy, R. (ed.) *An Anthology of Socio-Political Issues: Some Insights on Critical Thinking*, Atlantic Publishers and Distributors Pvt. Ltd.: New Delhi, India, pp. 260-278, ISBN: 978-81-269-3835-3.

Guha, A. (2022) 'Dissecting the Emerging Dynamics of the India-European Union Engagement in the Indo-Pacific Geopolitical Theater: Anatomization of the Contemporary Trends in a Fragmented World Order' in Sharma, S. and Sukula, S.K. (ed.) *Cyberspace, Energy & Information Practices: Footprints and Strategic Trends in India and Europe*, Ess Ess Publications: New Delhi, India (Co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union), pp. 1-23, ISBN: 978-93-92594-04-5.

Guha, A. (2022) 'Dialectical Interplay of Perestroika and Conformity: Unscrambling the Post-Covid Geopolitical Alphabet from India's Perspective' in Behera, B. and Ghosh, B. (ed.) *South Asia and Covid-19: Challenges and Way Out*, Kunal Books: New Delhi, India, pp. 20-36, ISBN: 978-93-91908-62-1.

ONLINE ARTICLES AND COMMENTARIES

'Navigating the Way Forward for the Quadrilateral Security Dialogue in the Indo-Pacific Theatre', IAIS, 7th October

2021. Available at: https://iais.org.in/view_commentary.php?commentary_id=4&page=commentary

‘Wolf-Warrior Diplomacy and its Bleak Global Ramifications in an Age of Fractured Geopolitics’, Khabarhub.com, 29th September 2021. Available at: <https://english.khabarhub.com/2021/29/211574>

‘Decoding the Post-Pandemic Geopolitical Jigsaw Puzzle: A Macroscopic Insight from an Indian Perspective’, NIICE Nepal, 10th September 2020. Available at: <https://niice.org.np/archives/5958>

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Best Paper Presentation Award for the paper on: ‘Beyond Axiological Paradox: An Epistemological Re-Examination of the Marxian Perspective on Human Rights’, at one-day *International Interdisciplinary Webinar on DEMOCRACY, EDUCATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS DISCOURSES: DEBATES AND DILEMMAS*, 5th November 2022, Department of Political Science, Muralidhar Girls’ College & SPARSH (Society for Promotion of Activities for Social and Human Development), New Delhi and Kolkata, India.

- Best Paper Presentation Award for the paper on: ‘Decrypting the Chinese Cyberspace Menace: Emerging Dynamics of India’s Cybersecurity Challenges in an Age of Grey-Zone Warfare’, at the *IIRF Webinar on Grey Zone Warfare*, 9th December 2021, Indus International Research Foundation.

- Indu Bhusan Putatunda & Shanti Sudha Putatunda Memorial Award 2018 in the form of gold medal for securing the highest marks in the Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University.

- Secured the highest marks in 1st Year 1st Semester, 2nd Year 1st Semester, 2nd Year 2nd Semester, 3rd Year 1st Semester in the Bachelor of Arts Political Science Honours Examination during 2017-2018, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University.

- Represented India in the realm of theatre and performing arts as a Cultural Ambassador at the World Performing Arts Festival, Lahore, Pakistan and at the Biennale Bonn Festival, Bonn, Germany through Spandan: Docu Theatre Group.

- Thespian associated with Spandan for more than a decade, performed globally and nationally ranging from New Delhi’s National School of Drama’s (NSD) Bharat Rang Mahotsav to the Deutsche Welle Radio.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Guha, A. (2023) ‘Cyber Warfare Amenability and the Pursuit of India’s Cyber Offensive Strategy: Tracing the Contours of Sino-Indian Cyber Conundrum’, at the *Hybrid Warfare Security Conference*, 5th June 2023, Swansea University, University of South Wales, & Online, Singleton Park, The United Kingdom.

Guha, A. (2022) ‘The COVID-19 Catalyst and the Chronicle of Rohingya Crisis: Re-Assessing the Multifaceted Repercussions of a Humanitarian Tragedy’, at the *IASA 10th World Congress: 10th International American Studies Conference: Matters of Life: Human Scapes and Scopes*, 22nd-24th November 2022, International American Studies Association & Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University, New Delhi, India.

Guha, A. (2022) ‘Beyond Axiological Paradox: An Epistemological Re-Examination of the Marxian Perspective on Human Rights’, at one-day *International Interdisciplinary Webinar on DEMOCRACY, EDUCATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS DISCOURSES: DEBATES AND DILEMMAS*, 5th November 2022, Department of Political Science, Muralidhar Girls’ College & SPARSH, New Delhi and Kolkata, India.

Guha, A. (2022) ‘Situating the Emerging Dynamics of EU-India Climate Diplomacy on a Collaborative Canvas: Bilateral Bonhomie, Contemporary Challenges, Key Drivers, and Navigating the Way Forward’, at the *6th edition of the international conference “EUROPE AS A GLOBAL ACTOR”*, 5th May 2022, ISCTE – University Institute of Lisbon, Lisbon, Portugal.

Guha, A. (2022) 'Re-Assessing the Protean Contours of Sino-Indian Regional Power Dynamics in the Indian Ocean: Challenges, Opportunities, and Blue Economy's Teleological Quest', at the *IAPSS 2022 Virtual World Congress: Rethinking Political Science, Remaking Global Politics*, 28th April 2022, the International Association for Political Science Students (IAPSS).

Guha, A. (2022) 'Re-Assessing the India-EU Collaborative Canvas: Vagaries of Data Protection, Regulation, and Navigating the Way Forward', at the *International Conference on 'Socio-economic and Digital Transformation in Contemporary India and Europe'*, 21-22nd April 2022, JNU Jean Monnet Module, Centre for European Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in collaboration with Department of Education, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya (A Central University) Bilaspur, Migration and Diaspora Institute & Indian Centre for Cultural Diplomacy, India. (Also appears in book form)

Guha, A. (2021) 'Decrypting the Chinese Cyberspace Menace: Emerging Dynamics of India's Cybersecurity Challenges in an Age of Grey-Zone Warfare', at the *IIRF Webinar on Grey Zone Warfare*, 9th December 2021, Indus International Research Foundation.

Guha, A. (2021) 'Decrypting India's Multidimensional Facets of Climate Diplomacy: Emerging Dynamics, Challenges, and Future of Mitigating Climate Change in the Pathway towards Green Recovery', at the *AAS International Online Conference on Political Economy of Climate Change*, 25th-27th November 2021, Association of Asia Scholars.

Guha, A. (2021) 'Dissecting the Emerging Dynamics of the India-European Union Engagement in the Indo-Pacific Geopolitical Theatre', at '*Global Dynamics and Contemporary Challenges: Europe and India International Conference*, 20th-21st October 2021, JNU Jean Monnet Module, Institution, Diversity & Change in the European Union, Centre for European Studies, JNU & Jean Monnet Network-REACTIK, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in collaboration with Indian Centre for Cultural Diplomacy (ICCD), Organisation of Diaspora Initiatives (ODI) & Central University of Gujarat, India. (Also appears in book form)

Guha, A. (2021) 'COVID-19 and the Multifaceted Aspects of India's Vaccine Diplomacy: Anatomizing the Emerging Dynamics of India's Foreign Policy Dispensation', at the *One Day International Webinar on "Society and Polity in India in the Present Day Scenario"*, 4th October 2021, Department of Political Science, Kanchrapara College & the IQAC, Kanchrapara College, West Bengal, India.

Guha, A. (2021) 'Amalgamation of Indo-Pacific and Asia-Pacific Vision: Re-Contextualizing Post-COVID India-Japan Conviviality Against Chinese Hegemony', at the *International e-Conference "VIJIGISHU-2021: Delineating Global Power Dynamics in Asia Pacific"*, 22nd-24th September 2021, Amity University Uttar Pradesh, Amity Institute of International Studies in collaboration with Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement (NIICE).

Guha, A. (2021) 'Quadrilateral Security Dialogue and Re-Invigorating the Democratic Dream: Panacea for Chinese Expansionism in the Indo-Pacific,' at the *International Web Conference on "Democracy and Governance in the 21st Century"*, 11th September 2021, Bengal Institute of Political Studies (BIPS), West Bengal, India.

Guha, A. (2021) 'Political Alchemy of Rejuvenating Democratic Ethos: Lessons from the Indian Farmers' Movement of 2020-21 as an Antidote to Majoritarian Aggressive Nationalism', at '*The State We're In: Democracy's Fractures, Fixes, and Futures*' International Online Conference, 9th September 2021, CANRAD, Nelson Mandela University, South Africa.

Guha, A. (2021) 'Wolf-Warrior Diplomacy and its Bleak Global Ramifications in an Age of Fractured Geopolitics', at the *NIICE International Studies Convention 2021*, 29th August 2021, Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement (NIICE), Kathmandu, Nepal. (Also appears in article form)

Guha, A. (2021) 'Re-Contextualizing the Correlation of Eviscerating Multilateralism and Proliferating Plurilateralism in a Post-COVID International System: Emerging Trends and the Future of Global Governance Architecture' at the *JAIR Students' Conference 2021*, 28th-29th August 2021, The Jadavpur Association of International Relations (JAIR), West Bengal, India.

Guha, A. (2021) ‘Global Democratic Breakdown and Ultrationalist Levitation: The Experience of Evolution of an Electoral Autocracy During the Heyday of Contemporary Hindu Nationalism’, at the *International Conference on Law, Management, Humanities, Science and International Relations 2021*, 9th April 2021, School of Law, Sushant University, Gurugram, India.

Guha, A. (2021) ‘Democratic Recession, Authoritarian Populism and Religious Majoritarianism: The Genesis of Indian Kafkaesque Kakistocracy in a Dialectical Encounter between Homogenized Hindutva and Neo-Liberalism’, at the *IAPSS 2021 Virtual World Congress: Democracy, Identity, and Power*, 11th-14th May 2021, the International Association for Political Science Students (IAPSS).

Guha, A. (2020) ‘Nation and Migrant Workers in Keynesian Tailspin: Deconstructing the Multidimensionality of Post-COVID Humanitarian Catastrophe’, in the Panel: *Vulnerability of Migrants and Refugees* at the “*International Webinar on Vulnerable Groups and Human Rights*”, 3rd-10th December 2020, Department of Human Rights and Human Development along with the Department of Disability Studies, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata, India. (Also appears in book form)

Guha, A. (2020) ‘Dialectical Interplay of Perestroika and Conformity: Unscrambling the Post-COVID Geopolitical Alphabet from India’s Perspective’, at the *One Day International Webinar on “South Asian Democracy in the COVID 19 Era: Challenges and Way-out”*, 17th October 2020, Department of Political Science, Kanchrapara College, West Bengal, India and SPARSH (Society for Promotion of Activities for Social and Human Development), New Delhi, India. (Also appears in book form)

Guha, A. (2020) ‘Decoding the Post-Pandemic Geopolitical Jigsaw Puzzle: A Macroscopic Account from India’s Perspective’, at the *International e-Conference “VIJIGISHU 2020: Reimagining South Asia: Multilateralism in the Post COVID World”*, 28th-30th September 2020, Amity University Uttar Pradesh, Amity Institute of International Studies (AIIS) in collaboration with Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement (NIICE), Moolya Foundation and at the *International Young Scholars’ Summit*, 12th-14th September 2020, Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement (NIICE), Kathmandu, Nepal. (Also appears in article form)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Distributive Politics, Populism, Indian Political Process, Politics of South Asia, India’s Foreign Policy, Democracy and Governance, Comparative Political Systems, Maritime Studies, Environmental Politics.

ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

International Political Science Association (IPSA) – Global South (Student): Research Committee (RC) 41 on Geopolitics

The International Association for Political Science Students (IAPSS)

CERTIFICATIONS

University of London and SOAS University of London x Coursera: Understanding Research Methods – June 24 2023 (Grade Achieved: 100%)

University of Copenhagen x Coursera: The Sustainable Development Goals - A global, transdisciplinary vision for the future - September 10 2020 (Grade Achieved: 100.00%)

University of Yale x Coursera: Moral Foundations of Politics - July 26 2020 (Grade Achieved: 98.30%)

University of London x Coursera: Global Diplomacy – Diplomacy in the Modern World – July 21 2020 (Grade Achieved: 100.00%)

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

IT Skills: Proficient in MS Word, Excel, Power Point, LaTeX, Adobe Photoshop
Elementary proficiency in SPSS
Basic Knowledge of STATA

Language Skills:

Bengali (mother tongue)
English (native)
Hindi (proficient)
German (basic proficiency)

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION/ATTENDANCE

- Participated as a discussant and questioner in the International Conference on Global Risks and Security Challenges, 10th March 2024, Nagasaki University, STAR Research Platform for Collective Survival in the Anthropocene (NURECSA), Zayed University, and University of Rosario, FCPRRII together with International Political Science Association Research Committee on Security, Conflict and Democratization (RC44) and Research Committee on Climate Security and Planetary Politics (RC52).
- Participated as a discussant in the three days Virtual Conference on ‘India-Japan Relations at 70: Introspection, Insights and Initiatives’, 20th- 22nd September 2022, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies (SIS), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) and Japan Foundation.
- Attended as a participant in the one day webinar on “The Future of India-China Relations”, 16th May 2022, Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement (NIICE).
- Participated as an IPSA member and questioner in the webinar on ‘Pandemic Politics: What have we learned?’, 24th November 2021, International Science Council (ISC) and International Political Science Association (IPSA).
- Participated as a discussant in the two-day International Web-Based Symposium on “BIMSTEC: A VEHICLE FOR GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT”, 25th-26th October 2021, Institute of Social & Cultural Studies, India in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.
- Participated as a discussant and questioner in the One-Day National Webinar on Global Climate Change: Responses and Solutions, 19th September 2021, IQAC in collaboration with Seminar Sub-Committee, Government Girls’ General Degree College, Ekbalpur, Kolkata, India.
- Attended as a participant in the ‘NIICE Global Conclave’, 25th-27th June 2021, Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement (NIICE).
- Participated as a discussant in the One Day International Web Conference on “The Changing Role of the State Amidst New Global (Dis)Order”, 12th September 2020, Bengal Institute of Political Studies (BIPS), Kolkata, India.
- Participated in the deliberations in the Webinar on “The Making of India’s Foreign Policy in the Post-Covid World Order: Issues, Challenges and Prospects”, 30th August 2020, Department of Political Science, Heramba Chandra College in collaboration with IQAC.
- Attended as a participant in the International Webinar on “The Emerging Pandemic Crisis: Physiological and Socio-environmental Imperatives”, 3rd August 2020, Department of Physiology, Sister Nibedita Government General Degree College for Girls in association with IQAC.
- Participated in the deliberations in the webinar program titled “India-Indonesia Relations: The Andaman-Aceh Perspective”, 29th July 2020, Asian Confluence in collaboration with ASEAN-India Centre, RIS, India and Pondicherry

University, India.

- Participated in the deliberations in the inaugural webinar of the NADI Conversation Series on “Emerging Contours of Indo-Bangladesh Cooperation in Inland Waterways Development: An enabler of inclusive and climate smart economic growth”, 15th July 2020, Asian Confluence, India.

- Attended as a participant in the One Day National Webinar on “Lessons of the Pandemic: Value of Life and Migrant Labour”, 11th July 2020, Department of Sociology and IQAC of Vivekananda College for Women, Kolkata, West Bengal, India.

- Participated as a discussant in the Annual Jayantanuja Bandyopadhyaya Memorial Lecture 2017 on “Unity or Partition: Mahatma Gandhi’s Last Stand – 1945 to 1948”, 13th April 2017, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University in collaboration with the School of International Relations and Strategic Studies, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India.

- Participated as a discussant in the lecture on “Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Inquiry and Academic Freedom in India and West”, 9th February 2017, Department of English, Jadavpur University, School of Cultural Texts Records, Jadavpur University, and the Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Theatre and social activist while being an active member of Spandan, the only Documentary Theatre group of India focusing on Anti-Terrorism theme, performed more than 500 theatre shows, workshops, symposiums, seminars on a regular basis across the globe in multiple productions like ‘Ground Zero’, ‘16 Millimeter’, ‘Operation Flush’, ‘Istishadi-The Suicide Squad’, ‘Anticlock’, ‘Fingerprints- 26/11’, ‘Rape Particle.’

- Head of Sponsorship, Executive Committee, International Relations Scholastic Conclave (IRSC) 2019, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India.

- Worked for the Public Relations (PR) and outreach of Jadavpur University Model United Nations (MUN) 2017, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India.

- Participated in the Crisis Group Simulation event at the International Relations Scholastic Conclave (IRSC) 2016, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India.

- Worked as the Public Relations (PR) and outreach of International Relations Scholastic Conclave (IRSC), Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India.

- Regularly participated in theatre activities and worked for the outreach at Jadavpur University as a member of the Jadavpur University Drama Club (JUDC).