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Research and teaching interests

Nuclear nonproliferation, international security, international institutions, South Asia

Higher Education

PhD: “Regimes at Work: The Nonproliferation Order and Indian Nuclear Policy”
Department of Government, Cornell University, awarded May 2006

Chair: Peter J. Katzenstein

Committee Members: Mary Fainsod Katzenstein, Dietram Scheufele, Christopher R. Way

MPhil, Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 1999

MA (French), English and Foreign Language University (formerly Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages), Hyderabad, India, 1998

MA (International Politics), School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, 1997

BA (Political Science, Economics and Public Administration), St. Francis College for Women, Hyderabad, India, 1995

Previous Positions

Senior Lecturer, Government Department, Suffolk University, Boston, Summer 2009

Program Associate, American Academy of Arts and Sciences, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 2008-2009

Associate, International Security Program, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 2008- 2009

Postdoctoral Fellow, Simons Centre for Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Research, Liu Institute for Global Issues, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, 2006-08

Predoctoral Fellow, Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University, 2004-05

Work in progress

(with Christopher R. Way) "Paper Tigers or Barriers to Proliferation: What Accessions Reveal about NPT Effectiveness" [Resubmitted at *International Studies Quarterly*]

"India and Iran in the Global Nuclear Order." [Under review at *Defence Studies Journal*]

Journal Articles

Sasikumar, Karthika. "State Agency in the Time of the Global War on Terror: India and the Counter-Terrorism Regime." *Review of International Studies*, forthcoming.

Kitchen, Veronica, and Karthika Sasikumar. "Canada (En)Counters Terrorism: US-Canada Relations and Counter-Terrorism Policy." *Terrorism and Political Violence*, 21. No.1 (2009).

Rusko, Christopher, and Karthika Sasikumar. "Economic Engagement between India and China: Implications for Stability." *Asian Perspective* (2008).

Sasikumar, Karthika. "India's Emergence as a "Responsible" Nuclear Power." *International Journal* 62, no. 4 (2007).

Book Chapters

Sasikumar, Karthika. "In Deterrence We Trust: Learning to Play the Nuclear Game in South Asia." In *A Decade of Nuclear Learning: Ten Years After the South Asian Nuclear Tests*, edited by Feroz Khan and Chris Clary. Forthcoming.

Sasikumar, Karthika. "Mobility and Identity: India, the United States, and Cross-Border Flows in a Time of Terrorism." In *Security and Insecurity: Community, Citizenship, and the 'War on Terror'* edited by Jef Huysmans and Patricia Noxolo. Basingstoke, Hampshire: Palgrave, 2009.

Sasikumar, Karthika, and Christopher R. Way. "Testing Theories of Proliferation: The Case of Nuclear South Asia." In *Inside Nuclear South Asia*, edited by Scott D. Sagan. Stanford CA: Stanford University Press, 2009.

Sasikumar, Karthika. "Crisis and Opportunity: The 1990 Nuclear Incident in South Asia." In *Nuclear Proliferation in South Asia: Crisis Behaviour and the Bomb* edited by Sumit Ganguly and S. Paul Kapur. London: Routledge, 2008.

Sasikumar, Karthika, and Wade Huntley. "India, the Global Nuclear Order and Canadian Policy Options." In *Canadian Policy on Nuclear Co-Operation with India: Confronting New Dilemmas*, edited by Karthika Sasikumar and Wade Huntley, 137-51. Vancouver BC: Simons Centre for Disarmament and Non-proliferation Research, 2007.

Chyba, Christopher F., and Karthika Sasikumar. "A World of Risk: The Current Environment for U.S. Nuclear Weapons Policy." In *U.S. Nuclear Weapons Policy: Confronting Today's Threats*,

edited by George Bunn and Christopher F. Chyba, 1-33. Washington DC: Brookings Institution Press, 2006.

Sasikumar, Karthika. "Nuclear Cooperation with India: Summary and Conclusions." In *Nuclear Cooperation with India: New Challenges, New Opportunities*, edited by Wade Huntley and Karthika Sasikumar, 67-75. Vancouver BC: Simons Centre for Disarmament and Non-proliferation Research, 2006.

Sasikumar, Karthika. "Paradox Compounded: Stability, Instability, and the India-Pakistan Rivalry." In *Terrorism in South Asia*, edited by Dipankar Sengupta and Sudhir K. Singh. New Delhi: Authors' Press, 2004.

Book reviews and other publications

Sasikumar, Karthika. "There's still reason to worry about nuclear energy's expansion." *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, 1 December 2009.

Sasikumar, Karthika. "India's Debated Nuclear Policy: A Review Essay." *India Review*, 8, no.3 (2009). Review of Karsten Frey, *India's Nuclear Bomb and National Security*, Routledge Advances in South Asian Studies; 4. London ; New York: Routledge, 2006; and Bharat Karnad, *India's Nuclear Policy*. Westport, Conn.: Praeger Security International, 2008.

Sasikumar, Karthika. "Apprentice Sorcerers and the March of Folly." *Nonproliferation Review* 15, no. 1 (2008). Review of Richard Rhodes, *Arsenals of Folly: The Making of the Nuclear Arms Race*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2007.

Siegel, Scott N., Ariel Ahram, Julie Azari, Ashwini Chhatre, Bridget Coggins, Jana Grittersova, Matthew Ingram, Matthew Lieber, Claire Metelits, Tom Pepinsky, Andrew Pieper, Karthika Sasikumar, and Perna Singh. "Trends in Multi-Method Research: Sailing Ahead, Reckoning with Old Risks and New." *APSA Qualitative Methods Section Newsletter* 5, no. 1 (2007): 24-29.

Kitchen, Veronica, and Karthika Sasikumar. "Air India's Lesson for Promoting Security at Home." *Globe and Mail*, 14 May 2007.

Sasikumar, Karthika. *India and Israel: A Tale of Two Responses*. theyee.ca, 24 July 2006.

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Nguyen, Lien-Hang, and Karthika Sasikumar. "Analogies at War: Iraq and Vietnam." *San Jose Mercury News*, 2 May 2005.

Sasikumar, Karthika. "Riding the Tiger." *Critical Asian Studies* 36, no. 2 (2004): 316-19. Review of Meera Nanda, *Prophets Facing Backward : Postmodern Critiques of Science and Hindu Nationalism in India*. New Brunswick, N.J.: Rutgers University Press, 2003.

Sasikumar, Karthika. "South Asia: A Geopolitical Concept? ." *South Asia* 27, no. 3 (2004): 293-94. Review of Graham Chapman, *The Geopolitics of South Asia*. Aldershot, Hampshire: Ashgate, 2003.

Sasikumar, Karthika, and Govind Nayak. "The Global Politics of Power, Justice and Death." *International Studies* 36, no. 3 (1999): 299-302. Review of Peter J. Anderson, *The Global Politics of Power, Justice and Death*. New York: Routledge, 1996.

Teaching experience (as instructor)

Globalization, San Jose State University, Spring 2010

Asian Politics, San Jose State University, Fall 2009

Introduction to International Relations, San Jose State University, Fall 2009 and Spring 2010

Security Studies, University of British Columbia (co-taught), Spring 2007

Militaries and Societies in the Modern Age, First Year seminar, Cornell University, Fall 2001

Presentations

Invited talks

"Investigating Foreign Policy Attitudes Among Children of Immigrants," Workshop on Immigration, Silicon Valley Center for Global Innovation and Immigration, January 29-31, 2010.

"In Deterrence We Trust: Learning to Play the Nuclear Game in South Asia," A Decade of Nuclear Learning: Ten Years after the South Asian Nuclear Tests, Conference organized by the US Naval Postgraduate School, Honolulu, February 12-13, 2009.

"Mobility and Identity: India, the United States, and Cross-border Flows in a Time of Terrorism," Workshop on Aid, Security and Civil Society in the Post-9/11 Context, London School of Economics, London, June 28-29, 2007.

"India Emerging: Implications for Canada," Canadian Institute of International Affairs, Ottawa, December 1, 2006.

"Regimes at Work: India and the Nonproliferation Regime," Social Science Seminar, CISAC, Stanford University, April 7, 2005.

(with Lien-Hang Nguyen), "Lessons from History: Iraq and Vietnam," Palo Alto High School International Week Seminar Series, Palo Alto, CA, March 8, 2005.

(with Christopher R. Way) “Testing Theories of Proliferation: Lessons from South Asia,” Conference on South Asia and the Nuclear Future, Stanford University, June 4-5 2004.

“Conducting Elite Interviews in Fieldwork,” Government Department Training Colloquium, Cornell University, September 19, 2003.

“Stability, Instability, and the India-Pakistan Rivalry,” Seminar on Terrorism in South Asia, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, November 16, 2002.

“India in the War Against Terrorism,” Forum on Second-Tier States and the Coalition Against Terrorism, Einaudi Center for International Studies, Cornell University, November 2001.

“India’s Doctrine of Deterrence,” Women in International Security Summer Symposium, Annapolis, MD, June 2001.

Invited participant

Conference on Controlling Civil Conflict and Nuclear Weapons – Exploring the Connections, Center for International and Security Studies at Maryland, Queenstown, MD, June 29-July 1, 2008.

New Approaches to Co-operative Security Workshop, Center for International and Security Studies at Maryland, Queenstown, MD, June 29-July 1, 2004.

Workshop on Nuclear Stability in South Asia, Social Science Research Council, Washington DC, January 15-17, 2004.

Conference Papers

(with Gilles Verniers) “The Indian Debate over the Civilian Nuclear Agreement with the United States: Premises and Portents,” Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, Philadelphia, March 2010.

“India and Iran in the Global Nuclear Order,” Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, February 2010.

“India and Iran in the Global Nuclear Order,” International Security Studies Section Conference, Monterey, October 2009.

(with Hisham Zerriffi) “Blasts from the Past: Discourses on Nuclear Power over Six Decades,” Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, New York City, February 2009.

“Weapons of the Weak(er): Deploying Norms in International Relations,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Boston, August 2007.

(with Christopher R. Way) “Paper Tigers or Barriers to Proliferation: What Accessions Reveal about NPT Effectiveness,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science

Association, Chicago, August 2007.

“State Agency in the Time of the Global War on Terror: India and the Counter-Terrorism Regime,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, August 2007.

“The Exception that Proves the Rule? India and the Nonproliferation Regime,” Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Chicago, March 2007.

(with Christopher Way) “Leaders and Laggards: When and Why do Countries Sign the NPT?,” Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Chicago, February 2007.

“Economic Diplomacy and Hard Security Issues: Canada and South Asian Nuclear Policy,” 14th Annual Conference of the Canadian Consortium on Asia Pacific Security, Toronto, December 2006.

(with Matija Cuk) “Dangerous Debris: The Politics and Technology of a Space Traffic Control Regime,” Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, San Diego, March 2006.

“A Tale of Two Nations: India, the United States, and Cross-Border Flows in a Time of Terrorism,” Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, San Diego, March 2006.

“Regimes at Work: A Comparative Analysis of the International Nonproliferation and Counter-Terrorism Regimes,” Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Honolulu, March 2005.

“Restructuring the Economy, Revisioning India,” 33rd Annual Conference on South Asia, Madison, October 2004.

“The Political Economy of Revisionism: India and the Nonproliferation Regime,” Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Chicago, September 2005.

“India’s Efforts in Counter-terrorism and Nonproliferation,” Annual Conference of the New York State Political Science Association, Binghamton, NY, April 2004.

“Structure and Agency in the ‘Coalition of the Willing’: India and the Evolving International Counter-terrorism Regime,” First Annual South Asia Graduate Conference, Cornell University, March 2004.

Fellowships and Awards

College of Social Sciences-SJSU Research Foundation Grant, 2009

Dean’s Travel Grant Award, San Jose State University, 2009

Mellon Fellowship, Cornell University, 2004

Junior Research Fellowship, American Institute of Indian Studies, 2002-03

Research Grants from the Einaudi Center, the Graduate School, and the Peace Studies Program, Cornell University, 2002

Kahin Prize for Outstanding Achievement, Government Department, Cornell University, 2002

Mellon Fellowship, Cornell University, 1999-2000

Junior Research Fellowship, Government of India, 1997-99

Fellowship for International Studies, Ford Foundation, New Delhi, 1995-96

Special Merit Scholarship for French, Central Institute of English and Foreign Languages, Hyderabad, India, 1995-98

Other professional activities

Reviewer for *Review of International Studies*, *International Journal*, *International Security*, *Nonproliferation Review*

Program development and implementation, Simons Centre for Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Research, University of British Columbia. Experience in project administration, conference organization, grant writing, supervising researchers, and publishing reports, 2005-07

Institute on Qualitative Research Methods, Arizona State University, 2002

Summer Workshop on Military Operations and Strategy, 2001

Summer Symposium, Women in International Security, 2001

Language skills

Native proficiency in English, Hindi, and spoken Malayalam, fluency in written and spoken French

References on request