

CURRICULUM VITAE OF PROFESSOR VEENA SIKRI

PERSONAL DETAILS

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Academic Qualifications :

- M.A. (Economics), Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, (1970); First Division
- B.A. (Honours) in Statistics, Poona University, Pune (1967); First Division
- Indian School Certificate (ISC) from St. Mary's School, Pune (1963); First Division with Honours. Awarded National Scholarship by Government of India

- Languages Fluent in Russian and French

Russian: Advanced Diploma in Russian, Department of Modern European Languages, University of Delhi (1969)

French: Diploma in French, Department of Modern European Languages, University of Delhi (1970), preceded by School Leaving Degree (ISC) with French as a subject

Family : Husband, Rajiv Sikri is a former career diplomat, who retired as Secretary(East), Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi. One married daughter and one son.

EMPLOYMENT PROFILE:

Academic Positions Held :

- Professor, Ford Foundation endowed Chair, Bangladesh Studies Programme, Academy of International Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, February 2009 to date
- Visiting Senior Research Fellow, Institute of South East Asian Studies, Singapore, November 2008 to October 2011

- Visiting Professor, Academy of Third World Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, November 2008 to February 2009
- Honorary Adviser, Academy of Third World Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, July 2007 to October 2008. Focus on Bangladesh and South Asia.

Others

- Vice Chairperson, India Chapter of the South Asia Foundation (SAF), a secular, non-profit, non-political organisation founded in 2000 by UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador Madanjeet Singh, comprising eight autonomous chapters in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Diplomatic Positions Held :

- High Commissioner of India to Bangladesh, December 2003 to November 2006
- High Commissioner of India to Malaysia, September 2000 to December 2003
- Consul General of India, Hong Kong, November 1996 to July 2000
- Minister (Economic), Embassy of India, Paris (Responsible for Indo-French bilateral commercial and economic relations and interaction with OECD), December 1992 to November 1996.
- Director General, Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), New Delhi, March 1989 to December 1992. (ICCR is an autonomous organization under the Ministry of External Affairs responsible for the conduct of India's cultural relations with all countries. ICCR also looks after all foreign students studying in India, including admissions and stipends for scholarship awardees. During this period, was also Member Secretary of the India-US Sub-Commission for Education and Culture).
- Counsellor (Press, Information and Culture), Embassy of India, Moscow, January 1985 to September 1988 (Responsible for Festival of India in the USSR 1987-88).
- Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, New Delhi, October 1983 to December 1984. (Responsible for public sector export and trading houses (STC, MMTTC, MITCO and others, and for exports of minerals and metals).
- First Secretary (Press, Information & Culture) and Head of Chancery, Embassy of India, Kathmandu (Nepal), April 1981 to September 1983.
- First Secretary, Permanent Mission of India to the UN, New York, October 1977 to February 1981 (Conference experience given below).

- Under Secretary, UN Division, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi, July 1975 to October 1977 (Conference experience given below).
- Second Secretary, Embassy of India, Moscow, June 1973 to July 1975.
- Under training in India, July 1971 to May 1973 (Ministry of External Affairs, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, District attachment in Mahasu, Himachal Pradesh, School of International Studies, etc.)
- Joined the Indian Foreign Service in July 1971. Stood FIRST in All India Competitive Examination conducted by the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) in 1970.

Conference Work (during diplomatic career)

UN Conferences

- Delegate, UNESCO General Conference, Nairobi (1976)
- Alternate Representative of India on the Security Council (1978).
- Adviser, Indian Delegation to UN General Assembly Sessions in 1977, 1978, 1979 and 1980.
- Spokesperson for the Group of 77 in New York, September 1979 to September 1980.
- Representative of India on Committee of 24 on Decolonisation (1978-79).
- Representative of India on UN Council for Namibia (1978-79).
- Delegate of India to the Fourth Committee of the UNGA (1977 & 1978)
- Delegate of India to the ECOSOC Session in Geneva (1979 & 1980)
- Delegate of India to the Second Committee of the UNGA (1979 and 1980).
- Delegate, UNESCO General Conference, Sofia (1985).

Conference of Non-Aligned Countries

- Delegate, Fifth Summit of Heads of State and Government of Non-Aligned Countries (NAM) Colombo (1976).
- Delegate, NAM Foreign Ministers' Conference, Algiers (1976).
- Delegate, Extraordinary Meeting of NAM Foreign Ministers' on Namibia, Maputo (1977)
- Delegate, Sixth NAM Summit, Havana (1979)
- Secretary (Economic Committee), NAM Foreign Ministers' Conference, New Delhi (1981)
- Secretary (Economic Committee), Seventh NAM Summit, New Delhi (1983).
- Delegate, Thirteenth NAM Summit, Kuala Lumpur (2003)

Other Conferences:

- Delegate, 13th SAARC Summit, Dhaka (November 2005)
- Delegate, SAARC Home Ministers' Meeting, Dhaka (May 2006)
- Delegate, 8th BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting, Dhaka (2005)

PUBLICATIONS, CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS (2007-12):

Books, Research Papers, articles

- Book titled “Contemporarising Tagore and the World”, published in February 2013 by UPL (The University Press Limited), Dhaka, co-edited by Professor Imtiaz Ahmed (University of Dhaka), Professor Muchkund Dubey and Professor Veena Sikri, presenting the outcome of the eponymous Conference convened in Dhaka in April 2011.
- Reviewed “Bangladesh : Politics, Economy and Civil Society” by David Lewis (Cambridge University Press, 2011), published in **The Book Review** in September 2012
- Full page article “**It’s the New Neighbourhood**” published in **Asian Age** and **Deccan Chronicle** on 4th September 2011 on the eve of Prime Minister Manmohan Singh’s visit to Dhaka
- **Book review** of “Understanding Bangladesh” by S Mahmud Ali, Foundation Books (India), C Hurst & Co., UK, published in **The Book Review**, March 2011
- “**Bangladesh 2009 : The Elections and Beyond**” in India’s National Security Annual Review (INSAR) 2009, published by the National Security Council Secretariat, New Delhi
- “**The Geopolitics of Bangladesh**” published in the November 2009 issue of Seminar, a monthly journal
- “**Connectivity Issues**” paper presented at the India Bangladesh Dialogue organized in New Delhi on 12-13 October 2009 by the Asian Institute of Transport Development (AITD), New Delhi and the Centre for Policy Dialogue (CPD), Dhaka
- “**India-Bangladesh Relations : The Way Ahead**” published in India Quarterly, Volume 65, No. 2, 2009, the Journal of the ICWA (Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi)
- “**Islam in South Asia : the Bengal Experience**” published in Third Frame : Literature, Culture and Society, Volume 2, No 1, January-March 2009. This research paper has been included in Professor Mushirul Hasan (ed) “Islam in a Globalized World : Negotiating Faultlines” published by Imprint One in 2010
- “**Bangladesh: a Watershed Year**” in India’s National Security Annual Review (INSAR) 2008 (published by the National Security Council Secretariat)
- “**Democracy and the People of Bangladesh**” in Third Frame : Literature, Culture and Society, Volume 1, No. 3, July-September, 2008 (quarterly published by the Academy of Third World Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia in collaboration with Cambridge University Press).

Books in progress

- Book on “India and Malaysia : Intertwined Strands” written for the Institute of South East Asian Studies (ISEAS), Singapore. Manuscript currently under publication.
- Book on “The Geopolitics of Bangladesh” being written for the publishing house SAGE (India).

Invited talks :

- Invited Speaker at the Special Programme for Myanmar Parliamentarians organized in Nay Pyi Taw (Myanmar) on 25th February 2013 by Tampadipa Institutue, Yangon. Presentation and Interaction on "India Myanmar Relations : Retrospect and Prospect".
- Speaker at the Inaugural Session of the International Conference on "Greater connectivity and regional integration in South Asia", organized by UMISARC (UNESCO Madanjeet Singh Institute on South Asia Regional Cooperation), University of Pondicherry, 14th February 2013
- Chief Guest at Investiture Ceremony and Republic Day celebrations at Carmel Convent, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi, 24th January 2013
- Panel Discussant at IIC Discussion on Pran Nevile's book "The Raj Revisited", 7th January 2013
- Invited speaker on "Diplomacy with India's Neighbours" at MAKAIAS (Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute for Asian Studies), Kolkata, 25th October 2012
- Delivered talk on 'Contemporary South Asia' at the Academy of International Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, 9 August 2012
- Delivered Key-Note Address at the National Seminar on "Changing Phases of Women's Leadership" organised by Association of Indian Universities (AIU) in collaboration with Tripura University in Agartala on 11th May 2012
- Delivered Valedictory Address at International Conference on "Northeast India in Transition : Tripura - The Commerce and Connectivity Corridor Between India and Bangladesh" organized in Agartala on 26-27 April 2012 by University of Tripura and MAKAIAS (Maulana Abdul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies), Kolkata
- Delivered the Keynote Address at the Seminar on "Redefining Mahatma Gandhi : Issues and Challenges" organized by the Gandhian Studies Centre at the Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Jalandhar City (Punjab), 20th March 2012
- Delivered the Valedictory Address at the International Conference on "Imagining India as a World Power" organized by Maharaja Agrasen College, University of Delhi, 16th March 2012
- Speaker at the International Women's Day Seminar on "Sharing Experiences and Learning Lessons from Life and Literature" organized by the Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women's Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, 13th March 2012
- Invited Speaker in the Inaugural Session of the International Seminar on "Four Decades of Mukta Bangladesh and Indo-Bangladesh Relations", organized by the Institute of Social and Cultural Studies, Kolkata, 16th December, 2011
- Invited Speaker at the Inaugural Session of the Annual World Leadership Conference on "Balance & Power in the 21st Century" organized in Washington DC, USA, by the International Women's Forum (IWF), 27th October 2011
- Luncheon Speaker on "Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's Visit to Dhaka on 6-7 September 2011" at the Saturday Club, India International Centre, New Delhi, 1st October 2011.
- Speaker at FICCI Foreign Policy Forum on "Synergising Business Opportunities between India and Bangladesh", New Delhi, 10th August 2011

- Guest Speaker on “Women of South Asia : Partners in Development” at the Sri Lanka Women’s Chamber of Industry and Commerce, Colombo, on the occasion of International Women’s Day, observed on 31st March 2011.
- Guest of Honour and Special Speaker at the Inaugural Session of the Interdisciplinary National Seminar on “Conflicts in South and West Asia : Prospects for Peace” organized in Aligarh Muslim University (Centre of West Asian Studies) on 21st December 2010
- Moderator & Panelist at the Panel Discussion on “Obama in India – The Fall Out” held on December 16th ,2010 in New Delhi, organized by the Centre for Public Policy (Rai Foundation) and ASSOCHAM
- Speaker on “India’s Turbulent Neighbourhood” at the special capsule organized for Delhi University students by Centre for Air Power Studies (CAPS), New Delhi, 13 December, 2010
- Invited by the Ministry of External Affairs (External Publicity Division), New Delhi to address the visiting group of women journalists from SAARC countries, 20th April 2010
- India Bangladesh Security Dialogue organized in New Delhi on 19-20th March 2010 jointly by the Observer Research Foundation (ORF), New Delhi and the Bangladesh Enterprise Institute (BEI), Dhaka : member of the Core Group and discussant for the session on “Counterterrorism and Regional Cooperation in South Asia”
- Delivered inaugural remarks at Seminar on “Lives of Dalit and Tribal Women in Contemporary India” organized by the Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women’s Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, 4 March 2010
- Frequent participant in electronic and print media talk shows/ discussions/ interviews (Al Jazeera, BBC, Lok Sabha TV, AIR, IBN 7, NBC-TV 18, NDTV, Doordarshan, NewsX, Asian Age, Indian Express and others) on topical issues pertaining to Bangladesh and South Asia
- Addressed participants from South Asia (members of the South Asian Women’s Network on Crafts and Textiles) on “The Politics of Peace” at Dilli Haat, 31st December 2009.
- Chief Guest and Valedictory Speaker at the Valedictory Function of the Refresher Course in Gender Studies organized by the UGC-Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia, 27th October 2009
- Lecture to the national and international students at the National Defence College, New Delhi on “Bangladesh : Determinants of Its National Security and Foreign Policy”, 24th August 2009
- Lecture at Institute of Defence Studies and Analysis (IDSA) on “SAARC and Its Role in Regional Dynamics”, 21st August 2008
- Lecture to the national and international students at the National Defence College, New Delhi on “Bangladesh : Determinants of Its National Security and Foreign Policy”, 28th August 2008
- Keynote Speaker on “Recent Developments in Bangladesh” at Round Table Discussion at ORF(Observer Research Foundation), New Delhi, 10th May 2007.

National Conferences/ Seminars organised and/or participated in :

- Delivered talk, followed by interaction, on “The Shahbagh Uprising & Its Implications for Bangladesh” at Academy of International Studies, Jamia Millia

Islamia, on 18th March 2013

- Participated as speaker ('Impact on Indo-Bangladesh Relations') in the Seminar on "Long Term Consequences of Conflict in India's North East Region" organised in Kolkata by CENERS-K (Centre for Eastern and North Eastern Regional Studies-Kolkata) and The Centre for Security Analysis (CSA), Chennai, on 26th October 2012
- Participated in the Discussion with the Visiting Bangladesh Army Delegation, organised by USI (United Services Institution), New Delhi, 19th September 2012
- Participated in the 'Discussion on the Situation in Assam' organised by the Centre for Northeast Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, 3rd September 2012
- Speaker on 'Contemporary South Asia' at the Refresher Course organised by the Academic Staff College, Jamia Millia Islamia, on 31st August 2012
- Participated as speaker in the Round Table Discussion on "Democratisation in Myanmar and Its Implications for India" organized by the Centre for Joint Warfare Studies (CENJOWS), New Delhi on 31st August 2012
- Participated as panelist in the Discussion on Nepal organized by the Observer Research Foundation (ORF), New Delhi, 24th August 2012
- Participated as Special Invitee in the General Body meeting of the UNESCO Madanjeet Singh Institute for Kashmir Studies (UMIKS), University of Kashmir, Srinagar, 23rd August 2012
- Participated as speaker in the Round-table Discussion on 'Political Crisis in Nepal Following the CA Dissolution' organised by IDSA (Institute of Defence Studies and Analyses), New Delhi on 10th July 2012
- Participated in Conference on Myanmar organized by the Centre for Asia Studies, Chennai, and presented paper on "Emerging Trends in Myanmar's Relations with India, China and ASEAN", 30th May 2012
- Organised talk by Aruna Roy on "Dissent, Democracy and Movements for Change" at Jamia Millia Islamia on 13th January 2012 as a collaboration between Asia Society India Centre and Jamia Millia Islamia (Academy of International Studies and Media Coordinator)
- Organised and chaired the Ninth in the Faculty Lecture Series at AIS on 15th November 2011, with Panel Discussion on "Assessing Myanmar President U Thein Sein's Visit to India (October 2011)", participated in by Dr Khriezo Yhome, Research Fellow, ORF, Professor Sanjoy Hazarika (AIS) and Professor Veena Sikri
- Organised and chaired the Eighth in the Faculty Lecture Series at AIS on 13th October 2011, with lecture by Dr Alok Bansal, Visiting Professor, AIS on "Hamid Karzai's Visit to India (October 2011)"
- Organised the Seventh in the Faculty Lecture Series at AIS on 29th September 2011, with lecture by Professor Veena Sikri on "Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's Visit to Dhaka (September 2011)"
- Organised (as a collaboration between the Academy of International Studies (AIS) and the Department of Social Work, Jamia Millia Islamia) and chaired Interaction with Faculty and Students of School of Social Policy and Practice, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA, at Yasser Arafat Hall, JMI, 15th July 2011
- Organised and chaired the Fifth in the Faculty Lecture Series at ATWS on 21st March 2011, with lecture by Dr Patrick Hoenig, Visiting Professor, ATWS on

“Regimes of Autonomy in the Indian Ocean Region”

- Chaired and participated in Roundtable Discussion held during Conference on “Democratisation in Myanmar: Implications for World Today” organized by Zakir Husain College (University of Delhi) on 3-4 March 2011
- Participant and discussant in Closed Door Meeting with Delegation from Pakistan (led by Ms Sherry Rehman, Member of the National Assembly), organised at Jamia Millia Islamia by the Pakistan Studies Programme on 1st March 2011
- Organised and chaired the Fourth in the Faculty Lecture Series at ATWS on 28th February 2011, with lecture by Professor Sanjoy Hazarika on “The Current Political Situation in the North East”
- Participated in two-day international Conference organized at ATWS on “The ‘State’ of Pakistan”, 24-25 February, 2011
- Organised and moderated Roundtable Discussion at ATWS on **“The Role of Cultural Interaction in Strengthening Sino-Indian Relations”** with the participation of Professor Yu Longyu, Chairman of the Centre for Indian Studies, Shenzhen University (PRC) and Prof Meng Shaoyi, Managing Vice President of Jingu College of Tianjin Normal University (PRC), 7th February 2011
- Organised and chaired the Third in the Faculty Lecture Series at ATWS on 31st January 2011, with lecture by Dr Nasir Raza Khan, Assistant Professor on “The Dynamics of Indo-Uzbek Relations”
- Participated in Symposium on “The Way Forward in Jammu & Kashmir” organized by the Pakistan Studies Programme (ATWS) at Jamia Millia Islamia on 14 January 2011
- Organiser and speaker in International Seminar on “Sustainable Livelihood Through Crafts for the Women of South Asia” held at Dilli Haat on 6th January 2011, brought together by SWAN (South Asian Women’s Network), Dastkari Haat Samiti, Jamia Millia Islamia (Academy of Third World Studies) and ICCR. Participating countries were Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Myanmar and Sri Lanka
- Organised and chaired talk at the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), New Delhi on 5th January 2011 by Dr. Farish A. Noor, Senior Fellow for the Contemporary Islam Program; S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. Theme of the talk : “The Long Historical Connections between India and Southeast Asia: From the arrival of Hinduism to the Tabligh Jamaat Today”
- Organised and chaired talk at the India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi on 4th January 2011 by Dr. Farish A. Noor, Senior Fellow for the Contemporary Islam Program; S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. Theme of the talk : “Hindu Origins of the Malay-Indonesian Keris Ceremonial Dagger”
- Organised and chaired the Second Faculty Lecture Series at ATWS on 15th December 2010, with lecture by Dr Mujib Alam, Assistant Professor, ATWS on “Contemporary Developments in Turkey”.
- Coordinator for Faculty Lecture Series at Academy of Third World Studies (ATWS), Jamia Millia Islamia. First lecture in the series organised on 11th November 2010 by Dr Mohd Sohrab, Assistant Professor, ATWS on “Conflict and Conflict Resolution in Afghanistan : Prospects for a ‘New’ Afghanistan”

- Participated in Panel Discussion on “President Obama’s Visit to India : Is The AFPAK Policy Being Recast?”, organized by the Pakistan Studies Programme (ATWS) in Jamia Millia Islamia on 25th November 2010
- Participant in Seminar on “Future of India Pakistan Relations”, organized by the Pakistan Studies Programme, ATWS, Jamia Millia Islamia, 19th October, 2010
- Participant in Talk organized by Centre for North East Studies, ATWS, Jamia Millia Islamia, on “Governance Issues in Nagaland” by Raghav Pandey, Government of India’s Representative on Talks with Nagaland, 20th September 2010
- Participant in Panel Discussion on “The North East: Challenges of Governance”, with guest speakers Bijoy Handique, Minister for Development of North Eastern Region, and A Lalthahawla, Chief Minister of Mizoram , organized by the Centre for North East Studies, ATWS, Jamia Millia Islamia, 14 September 2010
- Speaker at Symposium on “India Independent” organized by the National Archives of India, New Delhi, 13th August 2010
- Discussant at Seminar on “Conflicts in the Northeast : Internal and External Effects”, in the session on “ULFA and Migration”, organized in New Delhi on 27 July 2010 by Centre for North East Studies, ATWS, Jamia Millia Islamia in collaboration with Delhi Policy Group and Centre for Security Analysis, Chennai.
- Speaker in Roundtable Discussion organized by ICWA (Indian Council of World Affairs), New Delhi on “Bangladesh India Relations : Six Months after Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina’s Visit to India”, 9th July 2010. Member of ICWA’s Focus Group on Bangladesh.
- Participated in seminar and inaugurated photographic exhibition on “A Journey through the Stilwell Road : A Seminar and Photographic Exhibition” organized in Kolkata on 23rd June 2010 by the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS) and the Rabindranath Tagore Centre, ICCR (Indian Council for Cultural Relations), Kolkata
- Roundtable discussion organized by the Academy of Third World Studies (Bangladesh Studies Programme) on “Perspective on Bangladesh India Relations after Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina’s Visit” with Prof. Intiaz Ahmad from International Relations Department, University of Dhaka and Bangladesh High Commissioner Tariq Karim. Indian participants included Dr PD Rai, Member of Parliament, Professor Muchkund Dubey, Shri HN Das, former Chief Secretary of Assam and others. 17th February 2010
- Presented paper on “Recent Developments in Bangladesh and India’s security challenges” at Seminar organized by the Asia Centre, **Bangalore**, 6th February 2010
- “Divided Lives : Women and Partition Across the Eastern Border”: organised lecture by Professor Niaz Zaman, University of Dhaka, at Jamia Millia Islamia jointly with Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women’s Studies and the Deptt of English, 14th January 2010.

- Presented paper on Connectivity at Seminar on “India Bangladesh – Strengthening the Partnership” organized by CRRID (Centre for Research on Rural and Industrial Development), **Chandigarh** on 5th December 2009
- Presented paper on “Situation and Developments in Bangladesh” at the Seminar on “India in a Turbulent Neighbourhood” organized by the Centre for Advanced Strategic Studies (CASS), **Pune**, 4th April 2009
- Valedictory Address at Seminar on “Emerging Democracies in South Asia : Patterns, Challenges and Prospects” organized by the South Asia Studies Centre, University of Rajasthan, **Jaipur**, 14th March 2009
- Speaker on “Emerging Contours for Bilateral Cooperation” in International Seminar on “Cooperative Development, Peace and Security in South and Central Asia”, organized by the Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial development (CRRID), Chandigarh and the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute for Asian Studies (MAKAIAS, Kolkata) in Jadavpur University, **Kolkata**, 1-2 March 2009
- Coordinator for Round Table Discussion at the Academy of Third World Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia, on “Visit to India by General Moeen U Ahmed, Bangladesh Chief of Army Staff”, 5th March 2008
- Coordinator for Seminar on “Current Developments in Bangladesh : Implications for India”, 7th-8th February 2008 at ATWS, Jamia Millia Islamia
- Coordinator for Lecture by Dr Gowher Rizvi on “Is the Military Riding the Tiger Again? Prospects for the Restoration of Democracy in Bangladesh”, 1st October 2007, at ATWS, Jamia Millia Islamia.

International Conferences/ Seminars organized and/or participated in :

- Organised Special Address on “The Current Situation in Bangladesh” by Hasanul Haq Inu, Information Minister of Bangladesh, on 11th April 2013 at Jamia Millia Islamia as a collaboration between Academy of International Studies and Department of Political Science
- Participated as principal speaker in half-day seminar on “Women’s Movements in India, Myanmar and South Asia” organized in Yangon by the Women’s Organisations Network (WON) Myanmar on 27th February 2013
- Discussant in International Conference on “Myanmar : Distant Neighbour”, organized at Jamia Millia Islamia by Centre for Northeast Studies on 5th December 2012
- Organised, in collaboration with Deptt of Economics, Jamia Millia Islamia, and chaired talk on “Microfinance and its Consequences on Women in Bangladesh” by Dr Lamia Karim, Associate Professor, Deptt of Anthropology, University of Oregon-Eugene, USA, 11th December 2012
- Participated as Speaker in the Panel Discussion on “Political Transition in Myanmar : Implications for India”, organized by MAKAIAS (Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies), Kolkata, on 4th December 2012
- Participated as speaker in the Inaugural session and paper presenter in the International Conference on "India's Northeast : The Bridgehead Between Myanmar and India", Kohima (Nagaland), 1-2 December 2012
- Participated as Co-organiser, with Development Alternatives (New Delhi) and UNEP, in Taragram Yatra 2012, held in Orchha (Madhya Pradesh) on 23-25

November 2012, on the theme “Sustainable Development in South Asia : Women Driving Change”

- Participated as speaker, on ‘India Bangladesh Relations’, in the International Conference on ‘India and Her Neighbours’ organized by Centre for Manipur Studies, University of Manipur, Imphal, on 17-18 August 2012, with the support of Public Diplomacy Division, Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi
- Organised, as Convener, South Asia Women’s Network (SWAN) and in collaboration with the South Asia Foundation (SAF), the Fourth Annual Conference of SWAN on the theme “Women of South Asia and Sustainable Development”, in Kathmandu (Nepal) on 17-18 July 2012 with the participation of 61 eminent individuals from the nine member countries Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka
- Participated as discussant in the Fourth India Bangladesh Security Dialogue organized by the Observer Research Foundation (ORF), New Delhi in partnership with the Bangladesh Enterprise Institute (BEI), Dhaka, held in New Delhi on 5-6 April 2012
- Organised and chaired half-day Seminar on “India, Bangladesh and South Asia”, an interaction between 25 visiting students from the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh (Master’s Programme from the Department of International Relations) and the students from the Department of Political Science (Master’s Programme), Jamia Millia Islamia, 5th March 2012
- Organised and participated in International Conference on “Myanmar : Bridging South and Southeast Asia”, held on 30-31 January 2012 at Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi as a collaboration between the Academy of International Studies (Jamia Millia Islamia) and the Tampadipa Institute (Yangon) with the support of the Euro Burma Office, and with the participation of Members of Parliament, senior political party leaders and civil society, think-tank representatives and strategic analysts from Myanmar and India
- Organised and chaired Planning Workshop for the project “South Asia Initiative for Regional Cooperation and Connectivity”, a collaboration between the Academy of International Studies, Jamia Millia Islamia and the Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh with the support of Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS), held at Jamia Millia Islamia on 1-2 December 2011
- Presented paper at the International Conference on “Building Bridges and Promoting People to People Interaction in South Asia”, held in Kathmandu (Nepal) on 22-23 October 2011, organised by the Centre for South Asian Studies (CSAS) in cooperation with GPPAC (Netherlands) and the Regional Centre for Strategic Studies (RCSS), Colombo
- Participated as discussant in the Parliamentarians’/ Constituent Assembly Members’ Consultation on Equity and Girls’ Education in the South Asia Region, organised by UNGEI (UN Girls’ Education Initiative) and UNICEF ROSA (Regional Office for South Asia), Kathmandu on 20-21 September 2011. SWAN (South Asia Women’s Network), where Professor Veena Sikri is the Convener, has been recognised as the regional partner in South Asia for UNGEI.
- Organised (in collaboration with the International Relations Department, University of Dhaka) and presented a paper at the Conference on “Bangladesh India Relations in the Age of Globalisation : Post Prime Ministerial Summit

Conference”, held in the Senate Building, University of Dhaka (Bangladesh), on 17-18 September 2011

- Organised (in collaboration with University of Sikkim, Gangtok and University of Dhaka, Bangladesh) the Special Course in India Bangladesh Studies, with the participation of ten students (MPhil/ PhD students, young professionals, analysts, and media representatives) each from India and Bangladesh, leading to the preparation of five joint papers, from 8th to 16th September 2011, in Gangtok and Dhaka
- Organised, as Convener, South Asia Women’s Network (SWAN) and in collaboration with the South Asia Foundation (SAF), the Third Annual Conference of SWAN on the theme “Women of South Asia and the Green Economy”, in Dhaka (Bangladesh) on 2-3 July 2011 with the participation of 72 eminent individuals from the nine member countries Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka
- Organised (on behalf of the Ministry of External Affairs and in partnership with Dastkari Haat Samiti) and participated in “Handcrafting Hope : Gender Empowerment through Crafts”, an interactive crafts meet with seminar discussions between the craftswomen of Africa and India, held in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia), on 20-22 May 2011, as part of the concurrent events on the occasion of Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh’s visit to Addis Ababa for the Second Africa India Forum Summit
- Organised, as a collaboration between Academy of Third World Studies (JMI) and Euro Burma Office (EBO), and chaired Briefing on “Inside Myanmar” at India International Centre on 16 May 2011, featuring Dr Khin Zaw Win (Director Tampadipa Institute), Daw Seng Raw (Executive Director, Metta Foundation), Myo Win (Smile Education and Development Centre and Lecturer, Al Azhar Islamic Institute of Myanmar) and Nan Mya Thida (Manager, Youth Learning Centre and Member, Karen Literal and Cultural Association)
- Member Secretary of the Steering Committee for the International Conference on “Contemporarising Tagore and the World” held from April 29 to May 1 2011 in Dhaka, organised as a collaboration between University of Dhaka (International Relations Department), Jamia Millia Islamia (Academy of Third World Studies), and Visva Bharati University, Santiniketan, with ICCR as the coordinating agency. This Conference was part of the joint celebrations between Bangladesh and India to mark the 150th birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore. In the run-up to the Conference, the Methodological Workshop was organised at Visva Bharati University on 22-23 January 2011; and meetings of the Steering Committee were organised at ICCR’s Rabindranath Tagore Centre, Kolkata on 24-25 October 2010 (first meeting) and 21st January 2011 (second meeting)
- Participated as speaker and discussant in the Conference on Microfinance in India organised on April 14 2011 by the School of Social Policy and Practice at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA
- Participated as Guest Speaker in the High Level Workshop on "Gender Equality in Education: Beyond Numbers" held in Dhaka, Bangladesh on Saturday 4th December 2010, organized by the Directorate of Secondary and Higher Education (DSHE), Ministry of Education, Government of Bangladesh in cooperation with CAMPE (Campaign for Popular Education) and UNICEF-UNGEI (UN Girls’ Education Initiative).

- Organised and participated in South Asia Media Summit on Women in Media held at The International Centre, Goa (ICG) from 22-24 November 2010 as a collaboration between ICG, Jamia Millia Islamia, Public Diplomacy Division of the Ministry of External Affairs, and FES (Friedrich Eberhart Stiftung). This was also the first meeting of the SWAN (South Asia Women's Network) on Women in Media
- Organised and moderated "Roundtable Discussions on the Elections in Myanmar", held at the India International Centre (IIC) on 18th November 2010 with the participation of **Dr Marie Lall**, Associate Fellow of the Asia Programme at Chatham House (RIIA), London, **Ambassador G Parthasarathi**, former Indian Ambassador to Myanmar, and **Dr Lian Sakhong**, Research Director, Euro Burma Office (EBO), Brussels.
- Participated as discussant in panel discussion organized by USI (United Services Institute), New Delhi, on 2nd November 2010 with delegation from Bangladesh led by Lieutenant General Abdul Wadud, PSO (Principal Staff Officer) at Armed Forces Division (AFD), Prime Minister's Office, Dhaka
- Participant in Interactive Business Meeting organized by FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry) with Muhammad Faruk Khan, Commerce Minister of Bangladesh, 2nd November 2010
- Participant in Seminar on "Future of India Pakistan Relations", organized by the Pakistan Studies Programme, ATWS, Jamia Millia Islamia, 19th October, 2010
- Participated as faculty in the Executive Development Roundtable (EDR) organized for young South African women by the International Women's Forum (IWF) in Johannesburg, 23-25 August 2010
- Coordinated signing of MOU between Jamia Millia Islamia and the South Asia Foundation, New Delhi in June 2010, for organizing the Conference on "Women of South Asia : Partners in Development" annually in each of the South Asian capitals
- Conference organized in Chandigarh on 13-15 March 2010 in partnership with CRRID (Centre for Research on Rural and Industrial Development) and with the support of the Ministry of External Affairs (Public Diplomacy Division) on "Cooperative Development, Peace and Security: Women Guiding the Destiny of South Asia". The two themes of this Conference were (a) Women as Partners in Development and (b) Media Perspectives by Women Journalists. This Conference was the second in the series of Conferences on "Women of South Asia : Partners in Development", initiated in March 2009 with Professor Veena Sikri as Convenor. Eight South Asian Women's Networks (SWANs) have been established, respectively in the areas of Arts and Literature, Crafts and Textiles, Women in Media, Education, Women in Peacemaking, Environment, Health Nutrition and Food Security, and Microcredit Livelihood and Development
- Half-day Seminar on "Livelihood Issues among Marginalized Women" organized by ATWS (Bangladesh Studies Programme), Sarojini Naidu Centre for Women's Studies, K R Narayanan Centre for Dalit and Minority Studies and the Jamia Millia Islamia Outreach Programme on 12th March 2010
- Organised first-ever South Asian Women's Theatre Festival from 8-15 March 2010 in New Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chandigarh as a collaboration between ICCR, National School of Drama and Jamia Millia Islamia, with the participation

of 14 plays on womens' issues, one each from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, and six from India.

- Coordinated signing of MOU on cooperation between Jamia Millia Islamia and the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, February 2010
- Keynote Speaker in Roundtable Dialogue in **Dhaka** organized by the University of Dhaka (International Relations Department) on "Bangladesh India Relations : Post Hasina Manmohan Summit", 9th February, 2010
- Guest Speaker at the annual World Leadership Conference organised in **Miami**, USA by the International Women's Forum (IWF), Washington (DC), 8-9 October, 2009
- Delivered the Annual Naro Udeshi Commemoration Lecture on "The Global Financial Meltdown and Gandhian Philosophy" at the Mahatma Gandhi Centre, **Colombo**, Sri Lanka on 22nd June 2009
- Coordinator for International Seminar on "The Military and Nation Building? Experiences of Pakistan and Bangladesh", held at Jamia Millia Islamia on 20th-21st January 2009. Presented paper on "Militarization of Foreign Policy and Security Issues in Bangladesh"

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