



**Goa University**  
**School of International and Area Studies**  
**Report on Guest faculty Lecture delivered by Dr. Vignesh Ram**

1. Title of the Event/Activity/program	Guest faculty Lecture delivered by Dr. Vignesh Ram titled "Southeast Asia and its extended neighborhood"
2. Date and Time	12 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 3:30 to 5 pm
3. Mode of conduct (Physical/Online)	Physical
4. School/ Directorate/ Section	School of International and Area Studies
5. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	CV attached
6. Number of Faculty attended/participated	04
7. Number of Student attended / participated	25
8. The objectives of the Program/activity/event	To create awareness and learning interested on the area of ASEAN, its geopolitics and the role played by the extended neighborhood.
9. Description of the Program/activity/event	Dr. Vignesh Ram delivered Guest faculty Lecture titled "Southeast Asia and its extended neighborhood" at the school of International and Area Studies, Goa University.
10. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event	Students comprehended the strategic importance of ASEAN and the geopolitics associated with it and the role played by the external players.
11. Enclosures with report	Flyer, Geo-tag photos, Attendance of students and faculty participants, Bio Data of resource person.

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**Guest Lecture @ School of International & Area Studies (GU)**

on

**"Southeast Asia and its Extended Neighbourhood"**

by

**Dr Vignesh Ram**

**Dept of Geopolitics and I.R,  
Manipal Academy of Higher Education**

**Date: 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023    Time: 1.30- 3.00 pm    Conference Room (SIAS)**

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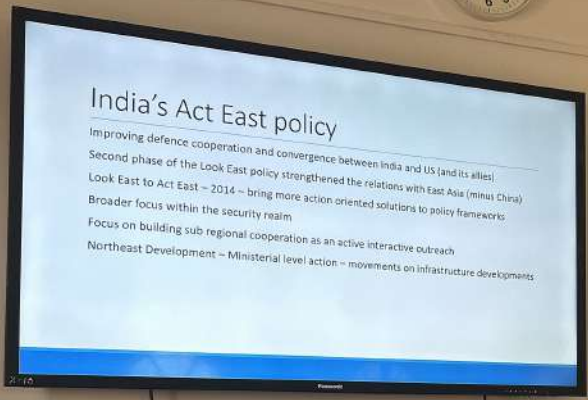
**GUEST FACULTY LECTURES**



**Dr. Vignesh Ram**

Asst. Professor at Dept. of Geopolitics & IR,  
Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE).

Sr. No	Date	Name of Topic	Venue	Time
01	11/10/2023	ASEAN and Regional Geopolitics in Southeast Asia	Conference Room, SIAS	3:30 - 5:00 pm
02	12/10/2023	Southeast Asia and its Extended Neighborhood	Conference Room, SIAS	1:30 - 3:00 pm
03	13/10/2023	ASEAN-EUROPE Engagement	Conference Room, SIAS	3:30 - 5:00 pm



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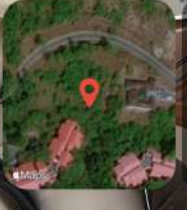
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## Skills

### Professional Skills

- Qualitative and Quantitative Research
- Open-source research and intelligence data sourcing
- Computer Application Packages (Microsoft office)
- Basic designing (creating infographics and Newsletters) on online design platforms

### Organizational Skills

- Project conceptualization, design, and execution
- Team management and team leadership
- Conference and events - organization and management
- Trainings and Public Lecturing

### Personal Values Reflected in Work Ethic

- Integrity and Honesty
- Time bound and goal-oriented work
- Open to new ideas, tasks and improving old processes
- Good work is the only measure of working ability

### Language Competency

English – Professional Competency

Hindi – Professional Competency

Marathi – Professional Competency

Tamil – Speaking (Native tongue)

Kannada - Speaking

## CAREER BRIEF

I am a professional with five and a half years of experience and a subject area expertise in Geopolitics and International Relations. I am academically qualified with a PhD in the subject. I carry a multi-disciplinary experience in the field of research cutting across areas of government policy research, think tanks and academics, science and technology research, political consulting, geopolitics, and corporate global risk analysis.

I have been able to work closely to provide corporates and threat intelligence teams, International and domestic stakeholders, and other interested parties to develop and provide insights on geopolitics and international relations and its impact on various cycles of business operations. I continue my academic interests by delivering visiting faculty lectures at several universities. I am also involved in advising publications and professionals in academic programs.

I have had the operational experience in setting up and heading a division in the previous stint driving research and policy insights as well as training analysts in research and writing. I have headed diverse teams including ones focusing on strategy and implementation as well as design.

## EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS

**Institution** - Manipal Academy of Higher Education (Manipal University)

**Duration** - November 2012 – November 2017

**Degree** - Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Geopolitics and International Relations

**Thesis** – Extra regional powers and the Geopolitics of Southeast Asia – A Case Study of ASEAN

**Institution** - Manipal Academy of Higher Education (Manipal University)

**Duration** - August 2010 – June 2012

**Degree** - Master of Science (M.S), Geopolitics and International Relations

**Thesis** – Implications for India from China's Rise in Southeast Asia

**Institution** - SK Somaiya College of Arts, Science and Commerce (Mumbai University) **Duration** - August 2007 – May 2010

**Degree** - Bachelor's in Mass Media (BMM) with a specialization in Journalism

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Department of Geopolitics and International Relations - Assistant Professor**

September 2022–Present

**Job Tasks:**

- Developing course curriculum, lecturing, and assessing students
- Conducting research and writing on International Affairs
- Handling student batch and managing subject and course direction

**Teaching focus:** Delivering foundational and advanced courses on War and Peace, Media, Public Diplomacy, Regional and International Security

**APAC Assistance - Senior Analyst, APAC and South Asia**

May 2022 - September 2022

**Job Tasks:**

Conducting research and writing on International Affairs and its impact on businesses

**Project outcomes:** Daily briefing reports, specialized regional risk reports

**COVINTS Network (OPC), Pvt Ltd – Division Head, Political Risk and Intelligence Services Management (PRISM) Division, COVINTS**

August 2018–June 2022

- Building client profile, designing and execution of partnerships
- Handling team and managing publications and research output
- Professional certification course design and execution
- Designing and managing events for the organization and building outreach

**Project Focus:** Political Risk analysis for businesses with a focus on Geopolitics, Geo-economics, Socio political risk areas

**Scalend Technologies Limited - Political Research Analyst/ Political Consultant  
Special Project (Political Consulting for Political organisations and Businesses)  
May 2016- September 2016 | February 2018–May 2018 (election term project)**

**Job Tasks:**

- Conduct analysis, news briefings and updates for clients across various fields in Malaysia and rest of Southeast Asia on politics and regional affairs
- Monitor, understand and interpret political developments in Malaysia and ASEAN and suggest news and analysis on Malaysia for client to implement on social media
- Handling Social Media associate and strategy analyst team

**Project achievement:** Developed a specialized qualitative tool to assess Social Media sentiment analysis and an implementation strategy for social media accounts and management for political clients

**Department of Geopolitics and International Relations, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal - Assistant Professor**

September 2017–January 2018

**Job Tasks:**

- Developing course curriculum, lecturing, and assessing students
- Conducting research and writing on International Affairs
- Handling student batch and managing subject and course direction

**Teaching focus:** Delivered a course on ‘India and the Great Powers in the Asia Pacific’

**Department of Geopolitics and International Relations, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal - Research Assistant**

February 2016 – February 2017

**Job Tasks:**

- Researching and writing on issues relating to outer space and space security
- Preparing fortnightly newsletter on outer space issues

**Project Highlights:** Project was funded by the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) and the project report was delivered exclusively to the highest authorities in the organization

## INTERNSHIPS

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**National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore, India – Summer Intern**

June 2011 – July 2011

**Skills acquired:**

- Think tank research experience
- Data gathering and analysis

**Project Outcome:** Research Paper and Presentation on ‘Terrorism in Southeast Asia’. The focus was on understanding the threats to terrorism to the region with a focus on Indonesia and the Philippines. Paper was presented to some of the best scholars, counter terrorism and area experts in the organization

**Press Trust of India (PTI), Western Regional Headquarters, Mumbai – Summer Intern  
May 2009 – June 2009**

**Skills acquired:**

- News reporting and writing
- Subediting skills

**Project outcome:** Wrote an article for a leading national daily in India. **The link:**

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/mumbai/Environmentalists-rejoice-over-delay-in-transharbour-plan/articleshow/4479961.cms?>

## SELECTED TALKS AND PUBLIC LECTURES DELIVERED

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- **ASEAN Decision Making and Conflict Resolution** – *Department of Geopolitics and International Relations* – 26 December 2020
- **Geopolitical Impact on Cybersecurity: Pre-pandemic, Current and Post-pandemic** - *ISACA Bangalore Chapter announces web-based CPE session* – organized by ISACA Bangalore Chapter – 19 December 2020
- **Geopolitical and Geo-economic Risks in the Indo-Pacific Region: Looking Towards 2021** – *Joint knowledge sharing session* - organized by COVINTS and Overseas Security Advisory Council (OSAC) – 27 November 2020
- **Contemporary Non-Traditional Security Risk Issues and Global Risk Dimensions Post COVID-19** – *Crime and Justice Lecture Series*, Organized by School of



Criminology and Crime Sciences, Rashtriya Raksha University – 6 November 2020

- **Political Risk, Businesses and Climate Change: Cases from Southeast Asia** – joint webinar series – ‘Climate Change, Environmental Security, and Political Risks’ – Jointly organized by COVINTS and Center for Climate Studies, Manipal Academy of Higher Education – 23 July 2020
- **Singapore’s Strategy in the Indo-Pacific** – *The Geopolitics of the Indo-Pacific: Perceptions, Opportunities, Challenges Conference* - Organized by Kerala University, the Indian Council on Social Science Research, and Indian Council on World Affairs – 12 December 2019
- **Business Continuity & Political Risk** – ASIS, International, Bangalore Chapter on 25 April 2019
- **Importance of Political Risk for Business** – Security Professionals Group, Chennai on 27 April 2019
- **Political Risk and Global Economies** - Goa University, India, February 2019
- **Politico Legal Implications of China’s Claims in the South China Sea**, Salgaoncar Law, Goa, February 2019
- **The Politics of Maritime Cooperation in the Straits of Malacca** at BITS Pilani, Goa Campus in February 2019
- **China and Southeast Asia Economic Relations**, Third Mandala Dialogue, Nehru Memorial Library and Museum, New Delhi, December 2018
- **Myanmar’s Political Transition and its Implications for Emerging Geopolitical Scenario in Asia**, International conference on the theme “Envisioning Myanmar: Issues, Images, Identities” organized by the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS) Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS), National University of Singapore (NUS), August 2014

## SELECTED ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND WRITINGS

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### Academic Journal Articles

- 1) Vignesh Ram, “India’s Defence Diplomacy with Southeast Asia: An Impetus to Act East” *Journal of Defence Studies* (IDSA: New Delhi, 2018) v.12, n.3, pp. 55-78
- 2) Vignesh Ram, “The Proposal for an Indo-Pacific Treaty of Friendship and Cooperation: A Critical Reassessment”, *Journal of ASEAN Studies* (CBDS Bina Nusantara University and Indonesian Association for International Relations: Jakarta, 2015) v. 3, n. 1, pp. 22 – 31
- 3) Vignesh Ram, “Singapore factor in India – ASEAN Relations” *World Focus* (World Focus: New Delhi, 2015) v. 36, n. 9, pp. 131 – 137

### Book Chapters

- 1) Vignesh Ram, “The Politics of Maritime Security in the Straits of Malacca: Implications for Regional Peace and Stability” in R. Sidda Goud and Maisha Mookherjee (eds.), *China in Indian Ocean Region* (Allied Publishers: New Delhi, 2015)
- 2) Vignesh Ram, "India's Policy of Nonalignment: Challenges in the South China Sea" in Liyaqat Ayub Khan and Rohidas Mundhe (eds.), *India's Foreign Policy: Nonalignment 2.0, Geopolitics and National Security* (NavVishnu: Mumbai, 2016)
- 3) Vignesh Ram, "South China Sea: Road to Peace and Resolution" in P.M. Kamath (ed.), *South China Sea: A Flash point of Global Conflict* (VPM Centre for International Studies: Mumbai, 2016)
- 4) Vignesh Ram, "ASEAN Centrality in the Indo-Pacific Security Architecture - Understanding its Role and Relevance" in Swaran Singh and Reena Marwah (eds.), *Multilateralism in the Indo-Pacific: Conceptual and Operational Challenges* (Routledge: New York, 2023)
- 5) Vignesh Ram, "The Balance of Opinion in Social Media Regulation - Regime Stability and Risk in Democratic and Non-democratic Nation States" in Nathalie Rebe (ed.), *Regulating Cyber Technologies : Privacy vs, Security* (World Scientific: Singapore, 2023)

### Upcoming publications

#### 1) Publisher: Sage

**Volume title** – The New World Politics of the Indo-Pacific: Emerging Trends and Perspectives – **release date** in December 2023

Chapter Titles a) Indonesia in the Indo-Pacific b) Singapore in the Indo-Pacific

#### 2) Chapters with International publishers in upcoming volumes peer review stage

Publisher: Sage

Chapter title - Trade and Influence – China’s Economic March into Southeast Asia

## Opinion and Editorial Articles in Media and Professional Websites

Vignesh Ram, "ASEAN and the Regional Solution to the South China Sea Dispute" *9dashline*, available at <https://www.9dashline.com/article/asean-and-the-regional-solution-to-the-south-china-sea-dispute>

Vignesh Ram, "COVID-19 and the Failure of International and Regional Organisations" *STSFOR*, available at <http://stsfor.org/content/covid-19-and-failure-international-and-regional-organisations>

Vignesh Ram, "Myanmar's Foreign Policy Redux", *International Policy Digest*, 19th May, 2015, available at : <http://www.internationalpolicydigest.org/2015/05/19/myanmar-s-foreign-policy-redux/>

Vignesh Ram, "ASEAN must take a collective stance on the South China Sea", *East Asia Forum*, 4th June, 2015 for more see: <http://www.eastasiaforum.org/2015/06/04/asean-must-take-a-collective-stance-on-the-south-china-sea/>

"Myanmar's ASEAN challenge in 2014", *Mizzima* (Yangon), 15th July 2013 available at <http://www.mizzima.com/opinion/contributor/9675-myanmar-s-asean-challenge-in-2014>

"New institutions essential for preventing rifts between growing Asian powers", *Global Times* (Beijing), 28th August 2013 available at

<http://www.globaltimes.cn/content/806852.shtml#.Uil12hLrbmQ>

Vignesh Ram, "India and Regional Cooperation Economic Partnership (RCEP): Challenges and Prospects" *IPCS article #4107*, 3rd September, 2013 available at

<http://www.ipcs.org/article/india/india-and-regional-cooperation-economic-partnership-rcep-challenges-and-prospects-4107.html>

Vignesh Ram, "US Strategic Alignments and Re alignments in the Asia Pacific" *American Diplomacy* available at

[http://www.unc.edu/depts/diplomat/item/2013/0912/ca/ram\\_stratalign.html](http://www.unc.edu/depts/diplomat/item/2013/0912/ca/ram_stratalign.html)

## PERSONAL COCURRICULAR ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

### **A) Visiting Faculty Lectures Delivered**

- School of International and Area Studies,  
**Goa University** - 2018 and 2021 for  
Southeast Asia module
- School of International Studies, **Symbiosis,  
Pune** – 2021 and 2022 – Southeast Asia  
module

### **B) Advisory Board Member**

- Member of the Peer Review Board of the  
South Asian Journal of International Law/  
Indic Journal of International Law (e-ISSN:  
2582-8398)
- Member Advisory Committee for the  
Department of Political Science, Kumaraguru  
College of Liberal Arts and Science

### **C) External Advisor – Research**

- External supervisor (Industry SME) for PhD  
Candidate (Senior Industry professional) on  
Cyber security and geopolitics at KL  
University, Vijayawada, AP

## Additional Work Information Sheet

### Building Synergy between Academia and Industry

#### **Geopolitical Research Reports developed and under development**

- A) Open-Source reports - Two major reports on Conflicts and Geopolitics
- B) Reports under development – Five reports on various themes relating to Geopolitics and International Relations

#### **Events and Conferences**

- A) 5 Events and Conferences
- B) One event with sponsorship and funding
- C) 8 Think tank collaborations

#### **MoU's Achieved with Think Tanks**

- A) One MoU signed with Defence Research and Studies (DRaS – Defence think tank in India)
- B) One Academic MoU for training program under consideration

#### **Invited Lectures and Talks Delivered at Professional and Academic Bodies**

Academic – 7 | Professional Trainings – 1 | Industry bodies -3 | Think tanks – 2

#### **Research Team Led and Student Internships**

1 Research division and one Research Analyst with budget | 7 interns handled under the division

### Industry Training Facilitation

#### **Creation of ICT Enabled Training Modules for Industry Professionals**

Developed the following ICT enabled online knowledge sharing sessions, courses, and conclaves for participants from academia and corporate spaces and governments

#### **A) Knowledge sharing sessions - 5 lectures each series**

- Political Risk and the COVID-19 Pandemic – March 2020
- Political Risks, Environmental Security and Climate Change – July 2020

**Highlights** – Industry and Academic collaborations from various institutions, international participations

#### **B) Professional Courses Developed**

- Political Risk and the Globalized World
- 8 Credit Certification in 'Cyber Safety Practice' – CyBureau Israel

**Highlights** – International Collaborations and certification partners developed with hands on training experience for professionals and students and armed forces

### Conclaves and Events Organized and Facilitated

#### **A) National Security and Defence Conclave – January 2021**

A three-day conclave on India's defense Industry featuring participants from Defence establishment, industry corporates and academia

**Highlights** – Achieved a cumulative sponsorship of two lakhs with the team through national and international Defence companies

#### **Industry Sponsors**

Shiva Taxyarn – CBRNe Textile Manufacturer, India

Nucleonix Systems – Defence Equipment's Company, India

HawkEye 360 – Geospatial Intelligence Company, Washington D.C., USA

#### **B) Conferences/ workshops**

- 1) Two Day workshop on theme 'China Demystified' – October 2020
- 2) Two Day Conference on 'Confluence of Two Seas: The Emerging Geopolitics and Geoeconomics of the Indo-Pacific' - March 2021

**Highlights** – Built connects between industry and academia groups. Both events were ticketed and were provided with partner funding