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Education

- PhD (South Asian Studies Programme), National University of Singapore
 - MSc (Asian Studies), S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University
 - BEng (Chemical Engineering), National University of Singapore
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Professional Experience

2023 –

Research Fellow, ARI, NUS

- Researcher for Prof Kishore Mahbubani, Distinguished Fellow, ARI
- Administrative Director, Asian Peace Programme: <https://ari.nus.edu.sg/asian-peace-programme/>

2021 – 2023

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, ARI, NUS

2020 – 2021

Research Associate, ARI, NUS

2012 – 2015

Research Associate, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, NUS

- Spearheaded the China-India project, which led to three closed-door conferences, two open conferences, and an edited volume
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Research Area/Topic/Discipline

- India/ South Asia
- Social movements
- State-society relations
- Energy/ developmental policy
- Geopolitics

Short Biography

Dr Varigonda Kesava Chandra is Research Fellow at ARI. He is also Administrative Director of the Asian Peace Programme (APP). He works under Distinguished Fellow, Prof Kishore Mahbubani, on a range of projects related to global geopolitics and the prospect for peace in Asia. Kesava completed his doctoral research at the South Asian Studies Programme, National University of Singapore in March 2020. His research, which is focused on anti-nuclear movements and their impact on the Indian state's civil nuclear energy policy, has been published as a monograph: *Society, Resistance and Civil Nuclear Policy in India: Nuclearising the State* (Oxford & New York, Routledge: 2021).

Kesava has an MSc (Asian Studies) degree from the S. Rajaratnam Institute of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, and a BEng (Chemical Engineering) degree from the National University of Singapore. His research focus also includes India's state-society relations, energy policies, identity-based majoritarianism and South Asian geopolitics. His papers have been published in *Energy Policy*, *Third World Quarterly*, *India Review* and *Peace Review*.

Publications

Book

Chandra, Varigonda Kesava. *Society, Resistance and Civil Nuclear Policy in India: Nuclearising the State*. Routledge, 2020.

Refereed Articles

Varigonda, Kesava Chandra. "Theorizing social movements against the Indian state's developmental paradigm: A comparative study of the Kovvada and Sompeta movements." *India Review* 22, no. 3 (2023): 282-308.

Varigonda, Kesava Chandra. "'Maximum Autonomy with Divided Sovereignty': An Extrapolation of Eqbal Ahmad's Solution to the Kashmir Conflict." *Peace Review* 34, no. 4 (2022): 574-585.

Varigonda, Kesava Chandra. "Social movements against Hindutva: analysing their impact on the Indian state's support for cow protection vigilantism." *Third World Quarterly* 43, no. 4 (2022): 936-953.

Varigonda, Kesava Chandra. "An assessment of the impact of energy insecurity on state stability in India." *Energy Policy* 62 (2013): 1110-1119.

Book Chapters

Varigonda, Kesava Chandra. "Oppositions to the development of nuclear power in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana." *People Against Nuclear Energy: Anti-nuclear Movements in India*, Sage/ Yoda Press (2022): 84.

Varigonda, Kesava Chandra. "India: Petroleum Policies and Geopolitics." In *Petroleum Geosciences: Indian Contexts*, pp. 271-294. Cham: Springer International Publishing, 2015.

Op-Eds

Mahbubani, Kishore, and K. C. Varigonda. "Where Does the Future Lie: BRICS or G7." *Enhancing BRICS Cooperation: A Way Forward*, Export Import Bank of India (2021).

Varigonda, Kesava Chandra. "Social opposition to nuclear power plants in India: Assessing their impact on state policy." *Foreign Policy* (2015).

Varigonda, Kesava Chandra. *Anti-Nuclear Movements in India: The Case of Kovvada, Andhra Pradesh*. ISAS Working Paper, 2017.

Varigonda, Kesava Chandra. "Anatomy of a Fault line." *Foreign Policy* (2015).

Varigonda, Kesava Chandra. "India's Myanmar Fascination." *Journal of Energy Security* (2012).

Varigonda Kesava Chandra, "The Pipeline That Wasn't: Myanmar-Bangladesh-India Natural Gas Pipeline", *Journal of Energy Security* (2012).

Awards/Grants and Distinctions

Participant, The Bucerius Summer School 2023

Fellow, India China Institute seminar series, 'Shifting Geographies of Expertise and Policymaking', 2021 –

NUS Research Scholarship, 2015-2019