

# Arjun Chatterjee

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## PROFILE

Arjun Chatterjee is presently a PhD scholar at the Department of Journalism at Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong. He won the prestigious HKPFS award (Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme) in 2022 and shifted base to Hong Kong to pursue his research. Arjun has been a broadcast and digital journalist, interdisciplinary academic, and university lecturer with over 18 years of experience in broadcast and digital media and research across Asia and Europe. Arjun is a Chevening scholar and a news presenter from India. He has worked with the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) in London after winning the prestigious BBC-Chevening Professional Placement award in 2017. Arjun was the Producer of BBC's flagship talk show, HARDtalk. Arjun had himself hosted several talk shows on Indian television on news and current affairs, health and environmental issues, and sports. He travelled extensively as a field journalist in India and also hosted news and current affairs shows from the studio when he was back from his outdoor assignments. As a journalist, Arjun also travelled overseas to report on special assignments. Arjun has taught English and Media Studies to undergraduate and postgraduate students at colleges and universities in India, China and the Middle East. He worked as a Lecturer at King Faisal University in Saudi Arabia from 2013 to 2016, before

moving to the UK as a Chevening Scholar to study for his second master's at the University of Sussex. Arjun has worked as a Consultant Journalist (Digital) with the BBC World Service (BBC Monitoring) in India, apart from working as an Assistant Professor and a research scholar with Calcutta University and The Heritage Academy in Kolkata, India. Arjun has been invited on several occasions by India's public broadcaster, Doordarshan, to comment as a political analyst, particularly during national and state elections in India.

## EDUCATION

- Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong, China - Pursuing PhD in Journalism, 2022 (until 2026) [Currently in Year 3; Year of Completion: July 2026]
- University of Sussex, United Kingdom - MA (Conflict Security and Development), 2017
- University of Calcutta, India - MA (English), 2005

## AWARDS

- Outstanding Performance Award 2023-24 (Year 2, PhD Scholar), HKBU
- HKPFS Award 2022 (Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme, 2022)
- Chevening Scholarship Award (School of Global Studies, University of Sussex, UK), 2016 [ <https://www.chevening.org/news/indian-and-pakistani-cheveners-play-for-peace/> ]
- BBC-Chevening Professional Placement Award (BBC-London, UK) 2017 [ <https://www.chevening.org/news/chevening-alumni-chosen-for-bbc-world-service-placements/> ]
- Researcher, Kosovar Stability Initiative – IKS (Pristina, Kosovo), 2017
- National Talent Search Examination, NCERT (India), 1996

- IELTS (Academic) - Score: 8.5 [ [Link](#) for IELTS certificate and academic certificates]

## EXPERIENCE

- 2024 – September, October, November  
Researcher in Beijing; Taught postgraduate students at the Communication University of China (CUC), Beijing
- 2023 – December  
Researcher in Beijing; Taught undergraduate students at Beijing Foreign Studies University(BFSU), Beijing
- 2022 - Until date  
PhD Student in Hong Kong (HKPFS Fellow) and contributing writer to globalthink tanks and international media outlets
- 2021 - 2022  
Presenter of Talk Show on Current Affairs on Doordarshan, India's publicservice broadcaster founded by the Government of India;  
  
May – June 2024: Arjun was an invited Guest (Political Analyst) on Doordarshan's talk show on India's national general election, 2024 [Arjun was in India during the semester break, and he attended eight episodes of theshow, including the final day when the votes were counted, and the results were declared]
- 2021 – 2022  
Directed and produced two short documentaries for WWF India, highlighting sustainable practices in cage aquaculture and traditional honey collection in the Sundarbans mangrove forests; showcased critical environmental and cultural themes through impactful storytelling, contributing to WWF India's conservation efforts
- 2019 - 2021  
Consultant, British Broadcasting Corporation World Service

[BBCMonitoring]

- 2019 - 2022

Assistant Professor (Consultant) Media Science Department, The HeritageAcademy, Kolkata, India

- 2018 - 2022

Visiting Faculty & Examiner, Department of Journalism and MassCommunication, University of Calcutta, India

- 2018 –2019

Research Scholar, The Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED)

- 2018-2019

Television Presenter and Political Analyst, contributing to several media outlets in India

- 2017- 2018

Producer, BBC HARDTalk, London, United Kingdom

- 2017 –'17

Researcher, IKS, Prishtina, Kosovo

- 2013 - 2016

Lecturer, King Faisal University, Ministry of Higher Education, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

- 2011 - 2013

Principal Correspondent, India Today Group [Headlines Today & Aajtak], India

- 2007 - 2011

Senior Producer & News Presenter, NewsX, India

- 2007 - '07

Senior Producer & News Presenter, Kolkata TV, India

- 2004 – 2007 (First Job in Media)

Correspondent & News Presenter, Star News Network, India

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

- ICA [International Communication Association] 2024, Gold Coast, Australia: Presented two research papers, one co-authored with my PhD Supervisor, Professor Daya K. Thussu, titled *“Communicating geopolitics of wars in Ukraine and Gaza”* and the other research paper, single-authored, titled *“Regulating Dominant Platforms: Challenges and Opportunities of Content Moderation on Jio Platforms”*
- IAMCR [International Association for Media and Communication Research] 2024, Christchurch, New Zealand: Presented two research papers, one co-authored with my PhD Supervisor, Professor Daya K. Thussu, titled, *“Victims as heroes vs. victims as villains: Contrasting coverage of conflict in Ukraine and Gaza”* and the other research paper, single-authored, titled *“Using Social Cognitive Theory to explain media narratives of propaganda: a comparative analysis of Nazi Germany and the 2022 Russia-Ukraine conflict”*
- AMIC 2024, Beijing, China: Presented research paper (single-author) titled *India’s Yoga, a Vehicle of UN SDG 3: Time to Internationalize Lifestyle Journalism*
- SAMCS 2023 [South Asian Media and Cultural Studies Conference] at Florida State University, USA: Presented research paper (single-author) titled *Online Digital News Platform of Regional Bloc BIMSTEC*
- Macau International Communication Week 2023 at Macau, China: Presented research paper (single-author) titled *Self-regulation and*

*Censorship in Public Interest: Jio Platforms and India's Digitisation Aspiration*

- ICA Regional Hub 2023 at Manipal, India: Presented research paper (single-author) titled *Authenticity during Conflict Reporting: The China-India border clash in the Indian press*
- IAMCR 2023 at Lyon, France: Presented research paper (single-author) titled *Online Digital News Platform of Regional Bloc BIMSTEC* which was included within the programme of the Global Media Policy Working Group
- AEJMC 2023 [Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication] in Washington, D.C, USA: Research paper (single-author) titled *Authenticity during Conflict Reporting: The China-India border clash in the Indian press* accepted by the Newspaper and Online News Division (NOND) of AEJMC, for presentation. I could not travel to the US to present my research paper due to a medical emergency back home.
- AMIC 2023 [Asian Media Information and Communication Centre] at Bandung, Indonesia: Presented Research paper titled *Using Social Cognitive Theory to Explain Media Narratives of Propaganda: A Comparative Analysis of Nazi Germany and the 2022 Russia-Ukraine Conflict* at the 29th AMIC Annual Conference on 28 to 30 September 2023 in Bandung, Indonesia.
- Mobile Studies Congress 2023 at Zhejiang University in Hangzhou, China: Presented (online) Research paper titled *Regulating India's Digital Behemoth: Content Moderation on Jio Platforms* at a Panel titled Transforming India by Mobile on 16-17 December, Hangzhou, China

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

### **Research Paper, published in Academic Journal**

- Chatterjee, A. (2024). Authenticity During Conflict Reporting: The China–India BorderClash in the Indian Press. *Media Watch*, 15(1), 10-29.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0976091123121517>
- Chatterjee, Arjun. "Regulating Dominant Platforms: Challenges and Opportunities of Content Moderation on Jio Platforms" *Journal of Transcultural Communication*, 2024. <https://doi.org/10.1515/jtc-2023-0009>

### **Book Chapters**

- BIMSTEC: The Journey and The Way Ahead [Editor: Sreeradha Datta, Vivekananda International Foundation] [ISBN-13: 978-9390095384]
- Indo-Pacific: Strategic and Geopolitical Relevance [Editors: Imankalyan Lahiri | Ajitha Menon] [ISBN: 978-81-961368-4-0]
- Media in Digital Era: Decoding Journalism, Advertising & Public Relations [ISBN: 978-93-90153-19-0]

### **Opinion pieces and Articles in Think Tanks / Research Organisations**

- China, India should deepen exchanges, seize chance to revive multilateralism [ <https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202501/15/WS67870854a310f1265a1dadcc.html> ]
- Driving the future: India-China collaboration on EVs can be model for green mobility [ <https://www.southasiamonitor.org/indo-pacific-china-watch/driving-future-india-china-collaboration-evs-can-be-model-green-mobility> ]
- Nationalism a dominant frame in global media narratives; India no exception [ <https://www.southasiamonitor.org/medley/nationalism-dominant-frame-global-media-narratives-india-no-exception> ]
- Can good journalism shape better India-China relations? [ <https://www.southasiamonitor.org/indo-pacific-china-watch/can-good-journalism-shape-better-india-china-relations> ]
- Is China worried over closer Dhaka-New Delhi ties? Unlikely [ <https://www.southasiamonitor.org/indo-pacific-china-watch/china-worried-over-closer-dhaka-new-delhi-ties-unlikely> ]

## REFEREES

- Professor Daya Thussu - Professor of International Communication, Department of Journalism, Hong Kong Baptist University. | Former Distinguished Professor and Inaugural Disney Chair in Global Media at Schwarzman College, Tsinghua University, Beijing. | President IAMCR | Email: [daya.thussu@gmail.com](mailto:daya.thussu@gmail.com)
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