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Specialization

- International Relations
- Diplomacy



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Biographical Sketch

Karan Vora, currently serving as a Whole Time College Teacher, is a Doctoral Student of Political Science at the Presidency University and holder of UGC Joint Research Fellowship (JRF). He holds a Master's in International Relations from Jadavpur University and has been a JU-Momoyama fellow, having received the prestigious JASSO fellowship (funded by the Ministry of Education, Government of Japan) to study in Osaka, Japan at Momoyama Gakuin University (St. Andrew's University) where he pursued Liberal Arts and Culture. He has published research articles on International Affairs in various National and International journals. He adopts new-age methods of instruction and teaches classes with examples from contemporary pop culture. He took conditions brought on by the COVID-19 Pandemic in stride and ensured to equip himself with online teaching methods and pedagogy to cater to the changing needs of the world. Having diverse academic interests, he specializes in the fields of International Relations, Diplomacy, Peace and International Economy. An impassioned educator, he has a near-perfect score in Higher Education Teaching Certificate course, undertaken under the BOK Teaching Learning Centre of Harvard University.

A National level winner of Youth Parliament organized by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India, he also has a keen interest in Model United Nations, having been adjudged Best Delegate and served as Chairperson for multiple committees in the Eastern circuit of MUN's in India. Public Speaking, Elocution, Debating, Poetry Recitation and Quizzing are passions for him, which he, with vigour, tries to inculcate and nurture in the students he trains. He has been receiving countless accolades for various Public Speaking events, from Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat, Kolkata Police, Jadavpur University, West Zone Youth Festival, JASSO, among others. He has trained and mentored students for Quiz and Debate at the National Youth Festival where the teams were adjudged Runners-up to Champions. He has mentored teams for the Youth Parliament Championships for The Bhawanipur Education Society College wherein the college has won multiple prizes.



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Academic Qualifications

Degree	Name of the College / University	Class Obtained	Area of Specialization	Year of Passing
PhD	Department of Political Science, Presidency University		Diplomacy	Ongoing
PG Diploma	School of Business Administration, Momoyama Gakuin University (St. Andrew's University), Osaka, Japan		Japanese Arts, Culture, Security, History	2016-2017
Master of Arts in Political Science with International Relations	Department of Political Science and International Relations, Jadavpur University	First Class; Total: 71.1%; CGPA: 9.46	Peace, Security and Conflict	2014-2017
Bachelor of Arts in Political and International Relations	Sardar Patel University	First Class with O; Equivalent Percentage: 92.3%; CGPA: 9.23	International Relations	2011-2014





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Position Holding (Full Time)

- College Whole Time Teacher, Department of Political Science, The Bhawanipur Education Society College, University of Calcutta, August 2019 - Present.

Position Held (Full Time)

- Lecturer, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Institute of Language Studies and Applied Social Sciences, July 17, 2017 - May 31, 2019.

Guest Appointment

- Guest Faculty of Political Science, R. N. Patel Ipcowala School of Law and Justice, Sardar Patel University, August 2017 - April 2019.

Administrative Assignments

- Team Member for the ISO 14001: 2015 Certification for Environmental Management Systems
- Member of the NAAC Committee of the college since 2021
- Member of the NPTEL-SWAYAM Committee for the College being an NPTEL Local Chapter, since January 2021
- Departmental ISO Coordinator for ISO 9001:2015 Certification for Quality Management Systems
- Coordination and Mentorship of students of Department of Political Science, The Bhawanipur Education Society College, University of Calcutta; 2019 - Present.
- Professor-in-Charge of the team of The Bhawanipur Education Society College at the District-Level Youth Parliament Competition for the year 2019-2020; September 17, 2019.
- Professor-in-Charge of the team of The Bhawanipur Education Society College at the Division-level Youth Parliament Competition for the year 2019-2020; December 5, 2019.
- Team Manager of the Sardar Patel University Contingent which at the Inter-University National Youth Festival 2018-2019 organized at Chandigarh University, Mohali, Punjab; February 1, 2019 - February 8, 2019.
- Faculty Coordinator of the Literary Cell of the Students' Council for the academic years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.





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Administrative Assignments

- Team Leader for the Institute of Language Studies and Applied Social Sciences to the National Youth Parliament event at Karnavati University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat; August, 2018.
- Internal Examination Coordinator for Bachelor's Courses at the Institute of Language Studies and Applied Social Sciences; March, 2019.
- Member of the CBCS Syllabus Revision Committee for Politics and International Relations courses of the Institute of Language Studies and Applied Social Sciences; March 2018 - April 2019.

Subjects Taught

Subjects currently teaching:

Understanding Political Theory (Honors and Generic) | Constitutional Government in India (Honors and Generic) | Comparative Government and Politics (Honors and Generic) | Perspectives on international relations | Global Politics since 1945 | Western Political Thought and Theory | Political Sociology | Public Administration | Elementary aspects of social research | Human Rights in a Comparative Perspective | Legislative Practices and Procedures

Subjects previously taught:

Political Theory | Indian Government and Politics | Ancient Indian Political Thought | International Political Organizations | International Economic Organizations | Research Methodology for Arts Students | Indian political system and Demography (For students of Masters in Journalism) | South Asian Politics | Theoretical Dimensions of International Relations

Research Interests

Public Diplomacy | Digital Diplomacy | Indian Foreign Policy | International Political and Economic Organizations | International Economy





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Academic Awards, Recognitions And Milestones

- Qualified the UGC-NET for eligibility for Assistant Professor in Political Science; June 2020 (held in November 2020).
- Qualified the UGC-NET for eligibility for Assistant Professor in Human Rights and Duties with a 99.06 percentile score; June 2019.
- Qualified the UGC Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) in Defence and Strategic Studies and the UGC-NET for eligibility for Assistant Professor, with a 99.7 percentile score; December 2018.
- Qualified the UGC-NET for eligibility for Assistant Professor in International and Area Studies; July 2018.
- Recipient of the prestigious JASSO Scholarship for a Student Exchange Programme between Jadavpur University and Momoyama Gakuin University, Osaka Japan; September 2015 - July 2016.
- Selected as a JU-Momoyama Fellow under the St. Andrew's Programme of the JU-SYLFF (Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund of The Nippon Foundation); September 2015 - August 2016.
- Recipient of Charutar Vidya Mandal Scholarship for Academic and Extra-Academic Achievements; March 2013.

Academic Publications

- Authored a chapter, "Fabianism" in Theories, Process and Politics book, as a part of Series on Theories of Humanities & Social Sciences, published by Gangchil Publishers, edited by Pradip Basu, in June, 2022.
- Authored a chapter, "The Bhawanipur-ing of a Family" in Mosaics of a Locale: stories of Bhawanipur, edited by Debjani Ganguly and Dr. Debika Banerji, published by Upanayan Publications, in January, 2021.
- Authored a book titled, Twiplomacy and Trump: How President Donald Trump conducted Diplomacy on Twitter, Lambert Academic Publishing; ISBN: 978-620-3-30809-9; January 2021.
- Co-authored a research paper, Opportunities and Prospects in Online Teaching, in a UGC-CARE Listed Peer-Reviewed Journal, Akshar Wangmay; ISSN: 2229-4949; January 2021.
- Authored a Journal Article, A Comparison of the Goods and Services Tax between India and Other Countries in SMTR: International Peer-reviewed Research Journal; Volume - 06, Issue - 01; UGC Journal Number - 42703; ISSN: 2321-5968; October 2018.





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- Authored a Journal Article, The Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Trade Partnership: An Appraisal in SMTR: International Peer-reviewed Research Journal; Volume - 06, Issue - 01; UGC Journal Number - 42703; ISSN: 2321-5968; March 2018.
- Research paper titled, A Chance to Peace in Student's Volume of Jadavpur Journal of International Relations called Exploring Conflicts in International Relations: 21st Century; ISSN: 2348-7496; 2014.
- Authored an article called, A Megalopolis by Night published in Confluence 2016; ISBN: 978-93-81286-38-8; 2015.
- Authored an article, Seeking Suburban Tranquility in a magazine, Life In Kansai published in Osaka, Japan; July 2016.

Paper Presentations At Conferences

- Panelist and Speaker on "Palestine and Digital Diplomacy: Opportunities and Prospects" at the International and Interdisciplinary Perspective on Digital Transformation: The Case of Developing and Emerging Economies, organized by National Institute for Oriental Languages and Civilizations (INALCO, Paris) and Moscow State University, 17 September 2021.
- Presented a research paper on "Use of Memes in Foreign Policy: an Emerging Trend" at the Symposium on Emotions and Foreign Policy in Global International Relations: The West and the Rest organized by the MSCA IF Project EMOFORTE and the Public Discourse Research Group of the Institute Culture and Society, held at the University of Navarra, Spain, 7th-8th June, 2022.
- Presented a paper titled Lessons Learnt from the international Criminal Court, at the International Conference on 100 Years of International Relations, organized by the Bengal Institute of Political Studies and the School of International Relations and Strategic Studies, Jadavpur University; September 7, 2019.
- Presented a research paper titled A Comparison of the Goods and Services Tax between India and Other Countries in the National seminar on Trends and Developments in Commerce Management and Technology held at SEMCOM, Sardar Patel University Vallabh Vidyanagar; February 20, 2018.
- Presented a research paper on A Gandhian Report on the Panchayati Raj System of India at a UGC Sponsored Two Day National Seminar on Functioning of Panchayati Raj in Gujarat organized by Nalini-Arvind and T.V. Patel Arts College, Vallabh Vidyanagar; September 23-24, 2017.





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Paper Presentations At Conferences

- Presented a paper titled India's Nuclear Weapons Policy in the Student's Seminar on the theme Indian Foreign Policy at the Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University; February 25, 2015.
- Presented a research paper titled Political Parties and their Influence on Indian Democracy at the UGC sponsored Two Day National seminar on Indian Parliamentary System and Democracy at the PG department of political science Sardar Patel University; February 23-24, 2012.
- Presented a research paper on Gandhian Philosophy of Education at the UGC Sponsored National seminar on M. K. Gandhi Jawaharlal Nehru and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel: Contemporary Relevance organized by the Centre for Studies and Research on the Life and Works of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (CERLIP); February 19, 2012 - February 20, 2012.

Academic Certifications / Courses

- Completed a course on Higher Education Teaching Certificate, with a 99.7% score, under the Derek BOK Teaching Learning Center of Harvard University, October, 2022 – March, 2023.
- Completed a 10 days Certificate course on "Indian Soft Power and Practices" conducted by the Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS) in collaboration with the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), held at the Rabindranath Tagore Centre of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, 2nd to 11th January, 2023.
- Completed a 6 months Experiential Learning Certificate Course for Educators to practice as "Mentors" by Ummeed Counselling and Consulting Services, January – June 2022.
- Completed a ten day workshop on Research Methods in International Relations and other Social Sciences, organized by the School of International Relations and Strategic Studies, Jadavpur University, in collaboration with Jadavpur Association of International Relations, supported by the Indian Council of Social Science Research and sanctioned by the UGC-Human Resource Development Centre, University of Burdwan; March 12 - March 14 and July 10 - July 24, 2020.
- Completed Two-Week Interdisciplinary Refresher Course / Faculty Development Programme on "Advanced Research Methodology 2.0" with Grade "A", organized by Teaching Learning Center, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi; June 17, 2021 - July 01, 2021.
- Completed an NPTEL-AICTE Faculty Development Program on Constitutional Studies with a consolidated score of 82% in a proctored examination; September 2020 - December 2020.





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- Completed an NPTEL-AICTE Faculty Development Program on Stress Management with a consolidated score of 70% in a proctored examination; September 2020 - October 2020.
- Completed a UGC Sponsored Short Term Course on Gender Equality, Women Empowerment and Social Transformation Organized by the human resource development center Sardar Patel University; July 27, 2020 - August 02, 2020.
- Completed a Faculty Development Programme on Earth and Environment Responses during COVID-19 at the Department of environmental Sciences, Savitribai Phule Pune University under MHRD's Faculty Development Centre; July 11, 2020 to July 17, 2020.
- Completed a 4-Week Induction/Orientation Programme for "Faculty in Universities/Colleges/Institutes of Higher Education" organized by Teaching Learning Center, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi; June 04, 2020 - July 01, 2020.
- Completed OneWeek Faculty Development Programme on "Open Source Tools for Research" organized by Teaching Learning Center, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi; June 08, 2020 - June 14, 2020.
- Completed Two Week Workshop on "Comprehensive e-Learning to e-Training guide for Administrative Work" organized by Teaching Learning Center, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi; May 25, 2020 - June 05, 2020.
- Completed Two Weeks Faculty Development Programme on "Managing Online Classes and Co-Creating MOOCs" organized by Teaching Learning Center, Ramanujan College, University of Delhi; May 18, 2020 - June 03, 2020.
- Completed ARPIT Course in Gender/Women Studies with an "A" grade organized by AICTE and Jamia Millia Islamia University; February 16, 2020.
- Completed a Regular Course in Elementary French, scoring 82.5% at the Alliance Francaise du Bengale; May 2013 - June 2013.
- Completed the HarvardX Course on Justice, an online learning initiative of Harvard University; August 01, 2013.





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Special Invitations

- Invited for and delivered an Expert Lecture on "Research Methodology" at the Faculty of Arts, CVM University, Anand, Gujarat, 8th February, 2023.
- Invited and served as a Judge for the Howrah District-level Youth Parliament Competition for schools, 2022-2023, by the Office of the District Inspector of Schools, Government of West Bengal, 23rd and 24th September, 2022.
- Invited and served as a Judge for the Howrah District-level Youth Parliament Competition for colleges, 2022-2023, by the Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira organized under the Office of the District Magistrate of Howrah, Government of West Bengal, 26th September, 2022.
- Invited as a Resource Person to conduct Virtual Hands-on-Session at the Post Graduate Department of Social Work, Sardar Patel University on the topic, "Understanding Attributes of the Indian Economy"; September 12, 2020.
- Invited as a Guest Chairperson of The Constituent Assembly at The Peace Mission 2015 at St. Thomas' Boys' School, Kidderpore; November 2015.

Co-Curricular Achievements

- Served as the Chairperson of the Rajya Sabha Committee at the Youth Model United Nations organized by the Rotaract Club of Anand Round Town; December 15, 2018 - December 16, 2018.
- Served as the Chairperson of the Model United Nations Conference of the International Relations for Scholastic Conclave 2016 held in Jadavpur University; September 22, 2016 - September 23, 2016.
- Stood First in the 12th National Youth Parliament Competition organized by the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India in 2014-15; June 06, 2016.
- Awarded High Commendation in the Institute of Engineering and Management Model United Nations Conference; January 23, 2015 - January 24, 2015.
- Awarded Best Delegate at Jadavpur University Intra Model United Nations Conference organized by the Jadavpur University debating society and the Office of the Director of Youth Welfare, Jadavpur University; August 30, 2014 - August 31, 2014.





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Co-Curricular Achievements

- Served as the Chairperson in the Mock SAARC Summit at the International Relations Scholastic Conclave 2014 of the Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University; August, 26 2014 - August 27, 2014.
- Member of the Organizing Committee of the VOXPOP Debate 2015 of the Jadavpur University Debating Society; August 25, 2014 - August 28, 2014.
- Delegated responsibilities as Executive General Secretary for the Students' Council of the Institute of Language Studies and Applied Social Sciences for the academic year 2013-2014; June, 2013 - April 2014.
- Awarded Best Student of the College at the Institute of Language Studies and Applied Social Sciences, Sardar Patel University, Vallabh Vidyanagar; March 07, 2014.
- Awarded Second Prize in Story Telling Competition at Amul Volcano 2014; January 26, 2014 - February 1, 2014.
- Awarded Second Prize in Personality Competition at Amul Volcano 2014; January 26, 2014 - February 1, 2014.
- Awarded First prize in Quiz at the Inter-College Youth Festival Competition at Sardar Patel University; October, 2013.
- Awarded First Prize in the Shri H. M. Patel Inter-Collegiate Elocution Competition, sponsored by Charutar Vidya Mandal on the topic, "The Impact of Commercialization of Sports in India"; August 13, 2013.
- Awarded First position in Quizzatics competition (GK Quiz) at SAMATVA, organized by MBICT; April 4, 2013 - April 6, 2013.
- Awarded First position in Inter College Debate at the S M Patel College of Home Science; February 2012.
- Awarded First position in State Level Debate Competition - Saptadhara, a State-Level Festival organized by the Knowledge Consortium of Gujarat; January 28, 2012 - January 29, 2012.
- Awarded a Special Mention in the Counter-Terrorism Committee at the JACO-MUN organized by St. James' School; November 10, 2010 - November 12, 2010.
- Awarded Second Prize in the Debate Competition organized by the Kolkata Police in collaboration with the Government of West Bengal on the occasion of 'International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2010'; July 26, 2010.





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Co-Curricular Achievements

- Awarded Second Prize in Drain Your Brain competition in UMANG 2009, at The Bhawanipur Education Society College; December, 2009.
- Awarded Distinction in the 2008 International Assessment for Indian Schools for Class 10, scoring in the top 3% of the region; 2008.
- Awarded A+ Grade in Synthesizer, scoring 75% in the Kriya Visharad Diploma Examination at the Saurabh Academy of Music, Dance and Fine Arts; 2008.
- Adjudged Second Best Speaker in Debate at St. Thomas' Boys' School; September 27, 2005.
- Declared First in School Quiz 2006-2007 at St. Thomas' Boys' School; June 26, 2006.

Participation And Organizing Of Seminars / Webinars / Other Activities

- Organized a 12 session workshop, "Adulting 101: How to be an Adult" at the Department of Political Science, The Bhawanipur Education Society College, April – May, 2023.
- Organized "Juggling Juggernauts-India's Balancing Act in the Ongoing Geo-Political Scenario", a simulation on the Indian National Security Council discussing the implications of the Russia-Ukraine Conflict at The Bhawanipur Education Society College, 29th March, 2022.
- Delivered a talk on "Social Constructs, Real Manifestations" at the International Women's Day Programme, organized by the Women's Cell, The Bhawanipur Education Society College, 8th March 2022.
- Conducted a debate on 'Education System and Neo-Liberal Economy' organized as part of Student's Week Programme organized by The Bhawanipur Education Society College, 3rd to 7th January 2022.
- Conducted a workshop on "How to Google Better" at the Department of Political Science, The Bhawanipur Education Society College, 30th December, 2021.
- Organized an Essay Competition on the topic, "My Lessons from COVID-19" for the students of The Bhawanipur Education Society College in July 2020.





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- Organized an International Interactive Webinar on the topic, "COVID-19 Pandemic and its Cross-Cultural Impact on Physical and Mental Health" at The Bhawanipur Education Society College; July 19, 2020.
- Participated in a talk on the 200th birth anniversary of Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar organized by The Bhawanipur Education Society College and Behala College; September 21, 2019.
- Participated in a workshop on Mentoring Techniques organized by The Bhawanipur Education Society College; September 9, 2019.
- Participated in a National seminar on Legal Literacy organized by the Department of Political Science, South Calcutta Girls' College; September 19, 2019.
- Participated in an International Conference on 100 Years of International Relations, organized by the Bengal Institute of Political Studies and the School of International Relations and Strategic Studies, Jadavpur University; September 7, 2019.
- Organized a One day National seminar on "Still I Rise: Women Empowerment in a Patriarchal Society", at The Bhawanipur Education Society College; August 13, 2019.
- Participated in the National seminar on Trends and Developments in Commerce Management and Technology held at SEMCOM, Sardar Patel University Vallabh Vidyanagar; February 20, 2018.
- Participated in a UGC Sponsored Two Day National Seminar on Functioning of Panchayati Raj in Gujarat organized by Nalini-Arvind and T.V. Patel Arts College, Vallabh Vidyanagar; September 23-24, 2017.
- Participated in a seminar on Contemporary South Asia organized by the School of International Relations and Strategic Studies, Jadavpur University and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies; March 21, 2017.
- Participated in the Jadavpur University Arts Faculty Students Union Elections for Chairperson; on the platform of Cleaning the Jadavpur University Campus; held by the Dean of Students, Jadavpur University; January, 2017.
- Participated in a seminar on Political India and Religious Cartography at the Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University; January 20, 2015.





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Participation And Organizing Of Seminars / Webinars / Other Activities

- Participated in the National seminar on Sardar Patel and Women Empowerment organized by the Centre for Studies and Research on the Life and Works of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (CERLIP); March 10, 2012 - March 11, 2012.
- Participated in the UGC Sponsored National seminar on M. K. Gandhi Jawaharlal Nehru and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel: Contemporary Relevance organized by the Centre for Studies and Research on the Life and Works of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (CERLIP); February 19, 2012 - February 20, 2012.
- Participated in a one-day prelude conference on Role of Panchayati Bodies in Rural Development since 1959 in organized by the Indian Institute of Public Administration; October 13, 2011.

Vision Statement

- To provide adequate space and opportunities for my students to develop their personalities in the most holistic way possible;
- To invigorate in my students an unending desire to do better than their previous selves, personally and professionally, every single day;
- To nurture within my students the ability to think creatively and facilitate excellence in Public Speaking and Literary activities;
- To enable students under my tutelage to become the most cherished and emotionally gratifying versions of themselves;
- To constructively add to the discipline of Political Science and International Relations through transformative research endeavors.



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**Signature of the
Faculty Member**

Date: 01st September, 2022