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## **Education**

- **Ph.D.** University of Hyderabad, 2015, Political Science
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- **Associate Professor**, Jindal School of International Affairs, O.P. Jindal Global University, April 2018-Present
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## Courses Taught

- South China Sea Disputes
- Politics of Southeast Asia
- Introduction to International Politics
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### **Professional Membership**

1. American Political Science Association
2. International Political Science Association (*Board Member, RC18 - Asian And Pacific Studies*)
3. Midwest Political Science Association
4. International Studies Association

### **Seminar/Conference Papers**

1. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2018. "The Challenges of Rohingya Repatriation." Paper presented at the international conference on the 'Emerging Dynamics of Refugee Situation in India', Institute of Social Sciences, New Delhi, India on April 6.

2. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2018. "Consensual Political Transition in Myanmar and the Rohingya Conundrum." Paper presented at the international conference on the 'Rohingya Refugee Crisis: Towards Sustainable Solutions', University of Dhaka, Dhaka, Bangladesh on April 3.
3. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2018. "Democracy and Human Rights in Myanmar: Understanding the Rohingya Crisis." Lecture at the Faculty of Law, State University of Semarang, Indonesia on January 30.
4. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2018. "The Rohingya Crisis and the Regional Implications." Lecture at Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Jakarta, Indonesia on January 29.
5. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2018. "Rohingya Refugee Crisis: Its Legal and Political Complexities." Lecture at the Faculty of Law, University of Indonesia, Jakarta on January 25.
6. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2018. "Rohingyas: Geo-Politics, Morality and International Law." Public lecture at India Habitat Centre organized by Working Group on Alternative Strategies (WGRAS), New Delhi, India on January 4.
7. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2017. "Rohingya Resettlement and Rehabilitation: Opportunities and Challenges." Public lecture at a seminar organized by S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore on December 13.
8. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2017. "Understanding the Rohingya Crisis." Public lecture at the Institute of Islamic Studies, University of the Philippines, Diliman on December 11.
9. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2017. "The Rohingya Conundrum: Its Significance For International Studies." Public lecture at the Asian Center, University of the Philippines, Diliman on December 5.
10. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2017. "India-Vietnam Relations in the Context of Act East Policy and ASEAN." Paper presented at the International Conference on 'Emerging Horizons in India-Vietnam Relations', organized by Nehru Memorial Museum & Library and Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, New Delhi, India on July 3.
11. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2017. "Strategic Relations of ASEAN and China in the South China Sea Disputes." Paper presented at the International Studies Association (ISA) conference, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong on June 15.
12. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2017. "Ethnicity and Conflict in the context of Manipur and Myanmar." Paper presented at the International Conference on 'Federalism, Ethno-linguistic Identities and Minority Rights: Perspectives from India and Myanmar', organized by Heinrich Boll Stiftung, Institute of Social Sciences, Burma Centre Delhi, and Mizoram University, Aizawl, India on April 27.

13. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2017. "The Rohingya Conundrum." Paper presented at a seminar organized by the Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS), New Delhi on February 7.
14. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2016. "The Federal States and the Constitutional Basic Structure in Myanmar." Paper presented at the International Conference on 'Identity and Change - The Basic Structure in Asian Constitutional Orders', organized by the German-Southeast Asian Center of Excellence for Public Policy and Good Governance (CPG), Faculty of Law, Thammasat University, and Hanns Seidel Foundation, Bangkok, Thailand on November 30.
15. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2016. "Contemporary politics of Kukis in Myanmar." Paper presented at a symposium organized by the Kuki Students' Organization, Delhi and National Capital Region (KSOD & NCR) in Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi on September 17.
16. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2016. "The Permanent Court of Arbitration Award on the South China Sea- Law and Politics." Paper presented at a discussion organized by The Indian Society of International Law (ISIL), New Delhi on August 5.
17. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2016. "Militarization of Politics in Myanmar and Thailand." Paper presented at the 24<sup>th</sup> World Congress of Political Science, organized by the International Political Science Association (IPSA), Poznan, Poland on July 25.
18. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2016. "Importance of Northeast India in India's Look East Policy." Paper presented at a seminar in Miranda House, University of Delhi, New Delhi on April 5.
19. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2015. "Ethnic Minorities and the Peace Process in Myanmar." Paper presented at the Regional Center for Social Science and Sustainable Development (RCSD) in Chiang Mai University, Chiang Mai on September 2.
20. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2015. "Power Structure in Myanmar." Paper presented at a 'Special Talk' at the Institute of Asian Studies in Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok on August 31.
21. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2015. "The 2015 General Election and Democratic Transition in Myanmar." Paper presented at a seminar at the Institute of Malaysian and International Studies (IKMAS) in National University of Malaysia, Selangor Darul Ehsan on August 18.
22. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2015. Invited as consultant at a workshop on "Framework for Political Dialogue" organized by Ethnic Nationalities Affairs Center, Chiang Mai from August 15-16.
23. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2015. "The Role of Ethnic Minorities and the Peace Process in Myanmar." Paper presented at a panel discussion on *U.S.-Myanmar Engagement Conference* in Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, Indiana on May 29.

24. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2015. "Democratic Transition in the Context of India-Myanmar Relations." Paper presented at a workshop organized by the Center for the Study of Social System, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi on May 14.
25. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2015. "Democratic Transition in Myanmar and Political Dimension of the Kukis." Paper presented at a discussion session organized by the Kuki Students' Organization, Delhi and National Capital Region (KSOD & NCR) in Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi on May 9.
26. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2015. "Ethnic Nationalities and the Peace Process in Myanmar." Paper presented at a talk in the Institute for Defense Studies & Analyses (IDSA), New Delhi on May 7.
27. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2015. "Myanmar-China Relations: A Strategy of Mutual Interest." Paper presented at a seminar in the Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS), New Delhi on May 6.
28. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2014. "Democratic Transition and the Role of Youths and Young Adults." Paper presented at an international congress at Phucome Hotel, Chiang Mai from November 20-23.
29. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2014. "Democratic Transition and Kuki Society." Paper presented at a seminar/interactive session at Kuki Worship Service, Guwahati on June 8.
30. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2014. "Democratic Transition and Kuki Society." Paper presented at a gathering of post-graduate students and research scholars during a seminar/interactive session in North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong on June 5.
31. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2014. "Ethnicity in Myanmar and Its Importance to the Success of Democracy." Paper presented at an international conference on *Ethnicity in Myanmar and North East India* in Manipur University, Manipur on May 8.
32. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2014. Gave lecture on "Theories of Democratization" to post-graduate students of Political Science in University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad on April 10.
33. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2014. "Democratic Transition in Myanmar: Patterns of Political Change." Paper presented at a lecture in Myanmar Council of Churches, Yangon on March 3.
34. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2014. "Democratic Transition in Myanmar: Patterns of Political Change." Paper presented at a lecture in Myanmar Institute of Theology, Yangon on February 7.
35. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2014. "Democratic Transition in Myanmar: Patterns of Political Change." Paper presented at a lecture in Myanmar Baptist Convention, Yangon on February 6.

36. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2013. "Democratic Transition in Myanmar: Patterns of Political Change." Paper presented at a lecture in Program for Comparative Democracy, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), New Delhi on April 5.
37. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2013. "Foreign Policy and Democratic Transition: Its relevance to the Kuki Society." Paper presented at a seminar in Jawaharlal University, New Delhi on July 28.
38. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2008. "Indo-Burma Relations." *Voice of America Television Program Special Appearance*, Washington, DC on April 23.
39. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2008. "Ethnic tension and minority perspective on Burma's problems." Paper presented at a panel discussion on *Burma/Myanmar: The Four Crises - Social, Economic, Political, Minority* in Georgetown University, Washington, DC on April 23.
40. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2007. "Burma: 2007 Uprising and Transitional Challenges." Paper presented at a panel discussion on *Burma: Analyzing & Understanding the Conflict* in George Mason University, Virginia on October 11.
41. Kipgen, Nehginpao. 2006. "Identity, Conflict and National Reconciliation in Burma." Paper presented at a panel discussion on *In the eyes of Burmese: Identity, Conflict and National Reconciliation in Burma/Myanmar* in School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University, Washington, DC on December 7.

## **Awards and Achievements**

1. Research Excellence Award 2017, O.P. Jindal Global University
2. Awarded Indian Rupees 723,000 (approximately US\$11,297 @ \$1 = Rs64) for a research project on 'Politics of South China Sea Disputes' by O.P. Jindal Global University, 2017-2020
3. Invited and served as "Country Expert" on Myanmar/Burma for Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem), a collaborative academic research project of the Department of Political Science, University of Gothenburg (Sweden), and the Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame (USA), 2013-2018
4. Co-edited a book titled "Away From Home - In Search of Freedom" by Van T. Piang, published in 2013 in the United States of America, *I Am A Dreamer, LLC., ISBN-10: 097929939X and ISBN-13: 978-0979299391*
5. Recipient of Open Society Institute (OSI) Scholarship, New York, USA, 2002-2003 and 2010-2011
6. Recipient of Prospect Burma (PB) Scholarship, London, UK, 2003-2004 and 2010-2011
7. Nominee for Graduate of the Last Decade Award, Ball State University, Indiana, USA, 2007
8. Recipient of Earth Community Organization's International Writing Award, Canada, 2006

9. Recipient of U.S. Department of State Burma Scholarship Program, Washington, D.C., 2002-2004
10. Special Guest for Radio and Television appearances at British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), Radio Free Asia (RFA), Voice of America (VOA), ABC Radio National (Australia), and India-based Lok Sabha TV, WION television, Beijing-based China Global Television Network (CGTN), ANC television (Philippines), and Sputnik International (Russia)

## **Employment**

1. **Associate Professor and Executive Director** of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS), Jindal School of International Affairs, O.P. Jindal Global University, April 2018-Present
2. **Assistant Professor and Executive Director** of the Center for Southeast Asian Studies (CSEAS), Jindal School of International Affairs, O.P. Jindal Global University, February 2016-March 2018
3. **Editor**, Kuki International Forum, Washington, D.C., USA, January 2003-Present
4. **Research Consultant**, Ethnic Nationalities Affairs Center, Chiang Mai, Thailand, 2015
5. **Visiting Scholar**, Program for Comparative Democracy, Centre for the Study of Developing Societies (CSDS), New Delhi, India, 2013
6. **Administrative Coordinator**, Covance, Inc., Indianapolis, IN, USA, July 2011-August 2012
7. **Project Coordinator**, Averion International Corp. (now ICON), Gaithersburg, MD, USA, February 2007-August 2010
8. **CIRB Support Specialist**, Capital Technology Information Services, Inc., USA, Rockville, MD, July 2006-February 2007 (temporary position)
9. **Research Assistant**, Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service, Baltimore, MD, USA, September-December 2004 (intern)