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Dr. Jagannath Panda is the Head of the Stockholm Center for South Asian and Indo-Pacific Affairs (SCSA-IPA). He is also the Editor for ISDP. In addition to his primary appointment at ISDP, Dr. Panda is the Director for Europe-Asia Research Cooperation at the Yokosuka Council on Asia-Pacific Studies (YCAPS); and a Senior Fellow at The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies (HCSS), The Netherlands.

Dr. Panda also holds a number of adjunct affiliations in various think-tanks and institutions in Asia/Indo-Pacific. He holds a position of International Research Fellow at the Cannon Institute for Global Studies (CIGS) in Japan; a Senior Research Fellow at the United Services Institution (USI) of India, New Delhi; a Senior Fellow at the East Asian Security Centre at Bond University, Australia; and a Senior Research Fellow at the Japan Forum for Strategic Studies (JFSS), Tokyo. He was a fellow at India's premier think-tank, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (now, Manohar Parrikar-IDSIA) for one and half-decade [2006-2022].

As a senior expert on China, East Asia and the Indo-Pacific affairs, Dr. Panda's research focuses primarily on India's relations with Indo-Pacific powers (China, Japan, Korea, USA); China-India Relations, EU-India Relations; and EU's infrastructure, connectivity and maritime initiatives in Indo-Pacific.

Dr. Panda has testified to the US-China Economic and Security Review Commission at the US Congress on 'China and South Asia'. He is the Series Editor for Routledge Studies on Think Asia, and also the Editorial Board Member of the Journal of Asian Public Policy (JAPP: Routledge).

Dr. Panda has a column titled "Asia's Next Page" with Japan Forward, and is a keen follower of Chinese, Japanese and Korean affairs including Indo-Pacific power politics. He has been a Korea Foundation Fellow (2018) and Japan Foundation Fellow (2018). Dr. Panda has written for The National Interest, China Brief (Jamestown Foundation), The Diplomat, Nikkei Asia, 38 North (Stimson Centre), Asia Times, The Japan Times, The Diplomat, South Asian Voices (Stimson Centre), The Asan Forum, East Asia Forum, PacNet Commentary, Asia-Pacific Bulletin, The Independence (UK), The Strait Times (Singapore), The Hindu, The Indian Express, The Tribune and The Pioneer among many other international forums.

Dr. Panda is the author of the book India-China Relations (Routledge: 2017) and China's Path to Power: Party, Military and the Politics of State Transition (IDSA & Pentagon Press: 2010). His recent work includes Quad Plus and Indo-Pacific (Routledge: 2021); Scaling India-Japan Cooperation in Indo-Pacific and Beyond 2025 (KW Publishing Ltd. 2019), and The Korean Peninsula and Indo-Pacific Power Politics: Status Security at Stake (Routledge, 2020), India-Japan-ASEAN Triangularity (Routledge: 2022), and the Future of Korean Peninsula: Korea 2032 and Beyond (Routledge: 2021).

He has published in leading peer-reviewed journals like Journal of Indo-Pacific Affairs, Journal of Asian Public Policy (Routledge), Journal of Asian and African Studies (Sage), Asian Perspective (Lynne Reiner), Journal of Contemporary China (Routledge), Georgetown Journal of Asian Affairs (Georgetown), Strategic Analysis (Routledge), China Report (Sage), Indian Foreign Affairs Journal (MD Publication), Portuguese Journal of International Affairs (Euro Press) etc.



Mr. Javier Parrondo

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Mr. Javier Parrondo is currently the Director General of Casa Asia, an institution of public diplomacy created in 2001 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain, the regional government of Catalonia, and the City Councils of Barcelona and Madrid, aimed at fostering relations between Spain and the countries of Asia and the Pacific region, particularly among their respective civil societies.

In 1999 he graduated in Law at the University Carlos III (Spain) and the following year he obtained the Diploma in Constitutional Law and Political Sciences at the Centre of Political and Constitutional Studies in Madrid.

Javier Parrondo joined the Spanish Foreign Service in 2003. He has served in Spain and abroad in different postings, most of them related to Asia, such as Afghanistan, Thailand and Vietnam. He has been head of the Department of Development Cooperation with the Arab world and Asia at AECID (Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation).

Among other articles on Asian affairs, he wrote:

- "The opening up of Vietnam to the outside world from Doi Moi onwards". Spanish Journal of Pacific Studies. 2010.
- "Diplomatic presence and action in Afghanistan". Journal of the Spanish Institute for Strategic Studies. 2016.

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Expertise

Japan's economic security, foreign relations, and security policy
Technology and national security
Geo-economics and international economic relations

Languages: Japanese, English

Background

Prior to joining the IISS, Mariko served as the API Matsumoto-Samata Fellow at the Asia Pacific Initiative (currently The International House of Japan), where she launched and led the National Economic Security Strategy Project. She also worked as an analyst at The Asia Group, where she authored policy reports for corporates. From 2014 to 2019, she worked as an equity analyst at Bank of America Merrill Lynch (currently BofA Securities) and Deutsche Bank, where she analyzed the Japanese technology sector and provided views to global investors. She also worked as a research assistant at the Edwin O. Reischauer Center for East Asian Studies and conducted research at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (Economics Program).

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Prior to joining the UPF and IBEI, he gained some international professional experience at the University of the Western Cape in South Africa, Human Rights Watch, and the Washington Office of El País. In addition, he gained some field experience as an electoral observer in the 2003 electoral process in Cambodia.

A graduate in Political Science and Public Administration (1997-2001), he pursued postgraduate studies at the London School of Economics (MSc in European Studies: EU policy making, 2001-2002) and the Edmund A. Walsh School in Foreign Service in Georgetown University, Washington D.C. (MSc in Foreign Service, 2002-2004). His performance in these programmes allowed him to obtain several awards: the UPF Extraordinary Award of the Degree of Political Science and Public Administration; Spain's Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports' Second National Award of University Studies; and The Edmund A. Walsh School Dean's Award of Academic Excellence. He later obtained his PhD in 2010 with a thesis on "Actors and International Relations: The role of China and Japan in the construction of East Asia's regional order".

He has participated in fifteen competitive national and international projects, and has contributed to different international congresses such as the Pan-European Conference on International Relations, the IPSA World Congress of Political Science, or the WISC Global International Studies Conference. In addition, he has delivered more than fifty conferences in several universities such as the London School of Economics and Political Science, the University of Denver, the Moscow State Law Academy, the Central European University, the Korea National University or the Université du Québec à Montréal. He is the author of 50 academic works, including twelve articles in peer-reviewed journals and publications.

His main research interests include: 1) The study of continuity and change in contemporary international relations, in particular with regards to the current international order; 2) The examination of security transformations and the rise of private actors in the provision of security; 3) The process of construction and redefinition of global norms; and 4) The analysis of conflict and cooperation in Asian international relations, particularly with regards to China's geostrategic position. Among others, Pablo Pareja's publications include the following works:

- (2022) "Las relaciones internacionales post-pandémicas: el impacto de la Covid-19 sobre la globalización, el sistema internacional y el orden internacional contemporáneos", en De Castro, J. L., Otaegi, I. y Soroeta, J. (dirs.), *Cursos de Derecho internacional y Relaciones Internacionales de Vitoria-Gasteiz 2021*, Tirant Lo Blanch, pp. 174-230.
- (2021) "El impacto de la pandemia del coronavirus sobre Estados Unidos, China y la Unión Europea en el actual contexto internacional: ¿Hacia un cambio transformador o hacia una profundización y aceleración de tendencias pre-existentes?", en Moure, L. y Pintado, M. (eds.) (2021), *Transición de poder y transformaciones del orden liberal en tiempos de pandemia*, Tirant Lo Blanch, pp. 115-142.
- (2021) "Antropoceno, naturaleza y seguridad en el Sudeste asiático: una aproximación Eco-crítica a los conflictos del Mar de China meridional", *Revista de Estudios en Seguridad Internacional*, Vol. 7, no. 1, pp. 61-81. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.18847/1.13.6>
- (2021) (co-editor) *China Before a World in Crisis*, special volume of *IDEES Magazine*, no. 52, Centre d'Estudis de Temes Contemporanis (the volume includes an editorial and an article on "Understanding China in a context of transition. Some keys to analyze the role of an already consolidated global superpower": <https://revistaidees.cat/en/monografics/china-before-a-world-in-crisis/>).
- (2019) "Derecho internacional y prevención de conflictos: principales desafíos desde una perspectiva de las Relaciones Internacionales", a M. Abad Castelos i C. Martínez Capdevila (coords.), *Derecho internacional y prevención de conflictos*, Madrid: Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores, Unión Europea y Cooperación/AEPDIRI, pp. 275-282.
- (2019) "La construcción de normas globales: entre el cosmopolitismo soft y el resurgir de Westfalia" (amb C. García i Á. Rodrigo), *ORBIS Working Papers*, 2019/08, disponible a: https://www.upf.edu/documents/3500908/0/OWP_2019_08_CG_PP_AR.pdf/54c72b6f-a4d6-3be7-b185-e2e30c5b7b36
- (2017) "Chinese Investments in Southern Europe's Energy Sectors: Similarities and Divergences in China's strategies in Greece, Italy, Portugal, and Spain", *Energy Policy*, 101, pp. 700-710. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.enpol.2016.09.034>
- (2017) "El sueño chino a través del espejo: análisis de la situación actual del país y principales desafíos" (with Íñigo Calvo), *Boletín de Estudios Económicos*, Vol. LXXII, no. 221, August, pp. 291-312.
- (2016) "La inspiración cosmopolita de la Responsabilidad de Proteger: construcción normativa y disensos" (amb Caterina García), a García Segura, C.(ed.), *La construcción de la sociedad internacional cosmopolita: tensiones y avances a inicios del siglo XXI*, Madrid: Tecnos, pp. 64-116.
- (2015) (coordinador) Bouza, N.; García, C. y Rodrigo, Á. (eds.), *La protección del interés público global*. Madrid: Tecnos, 2015. ISBN: 978-84-309-6504-5.
- (2015) "Sino-Spanish relations in the Mediterranean: evolution, dimensions, asymmetries, and challenges", *Mediterranean Quarterly*, 26 (1), Winter, pp. 26-39.
- (2015) "La distribución de poder en la sociedad internacional: una aproximación a través de un juego de simulación", *Revista Española de Desarrollo y Cooperación*, no. 35, pp. 29-42.
- (2012) "International Law and East Asia's regional order: the strengthening of a fundamental institution", in Happold, M. (ed.), *International Law in a Multipolar World*, London: Routledge, pp. 224-241.

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Short CV

Since 12/2021: Visiting Fellow at the GIGA Institute for Asian Studies (Funding: Fritz Thyssen Foundation)

06/2021 – 11/2021: Research Analyst at the International Institute of Strategic Studies (IISS)

Since 04/2021: Research Associate at the Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford

Since 02/2021: Associate at the GIGA Institute for Asian Studies

10/2020 - 01/2021: Visiting Fellow at the GIGA Institute for Asian Studies (Funding: GIGA India Fellowship)

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07/2018-12/2019: Associate Lecturer in International Relations at Oxford Brookes University & Tutor in the Politics of South Asia, University of Oxford

Current Research

Revisiting 'Regions' in a Changing World Order: The Case of India and the Indo-Pacific

The future of alliances in a changing world order

The rise and resurgence of regional powers in international relations

Status-seeking in world politics

Countries and Regions

Indo-Pacific; Global South; India

Research Programmes

Global Orders and Foreign Policies

Publications

-GIGA Focus Global | 7/2022. G20: The Global South's New Status-Seeking Platform?

The G20 is now a central forum for solving the current global polycrisis. It has also become a place where Global South governments, like India's or Turkey's, seek to acquire and project higher status on the world stage. Policymakers need to understand and embrace this key foreign policy dynamic. Dr. Sharinee Jagtiani; Dr. Clemens Hoffmann; Dr. Miriam Prys-Hansen; Dr. Ali Bilgic

-War on the Rocks | 07/2022. India is a Swing State - Cooperate with it accordingly. Dr. Sharinee Jagtiani; Dr. Ameya Pratap Singh

-Survival | 05/2022. In the Shadow of Ukraine: India's Choices and Challenges.

In early 2022, India captured global attention over its response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Indeed, its relations with Russia are deep complex and substantive. In an era of strategic rivalry however, India will have to reflect on the extent to which it can sustain its balancing act. Dr. Sharinee Jagtiani; Sophia Wellek

-International Politics | 05/2022. Regional Powers, Global Aspirations: Lessons from India and Iran

This paper offers a revised and decentred perspective on regional power behaviour in world politics. Dr. Louise Fawcett; Dr. Sharinee Jagtiani

-Cold War History | 2022. 'Foreign Armies are Functioning on Asian Soil': India, Indonesian Decolonisation and the Onset of the Cold War (1945–1949). Dr. Sharinee Jagtiani

Media Contributions

The Wire | Article | 17/08/2022

Along With Its Own Fight for Freedom, India Also Supported Indonesia's Bid for Independence
Through its diplomatic activism, New Delhi helped re-construct a world in which European imperialism was illegal, illegitimate and no longer tolerated. Sharinee Jagtiani illustrates India's role in Indonesia's fight for independence.

Lectures

Speaker, Speaker, Speaker, Moderator | 07/11/2022

The Global Politics of Status: India, Turkey, and Indonesia at the G20 Summit and Beyond
This GIGA Forum focuses on the foreign policies of three powers: India, Turkey, and Indonesia. Our experts will investigate the domestic roots and the consequences of their status-seeking strategies, and their respective abilities to help shape a changing global order.

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