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Short Biography

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He has been part of second track circuits for many years. He speaks regularly in institutions dedicated to international affairs or security studies, and appears in French- and English-speaking medias on South Asian affairs.

He has written or edited more than a dozen of books on India and on South Asia. His last edited publication, a special issue of the French geopolitical journal Hérodote, is Géopolitique de l'Inde (n°173-2019). He has been editor of the Annuaire Asie (Asia Yearbook) published by La Documentation française (the French Government Press) in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016.

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