

Brief Profile

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Professor Omprakash Mishra (b.1961 at Mal Bazar in Jalpaiguri district of West Bengal) is Professor of International Relations, Jadavpur University, Kolkata. He was Pro-Vice Chancellor of IGNOU, the largest University of the world from 23 July 2007 to 22 July 2010. He has served as Chairperson of Expert Committees to consider recognition of more than 20 Universities and national level educational institutes offering programmes in management, finance and accounting, engineering and vocational courses involving educational technology. He is extensively consulted by the University Grants Commission and Distance Education Council on educational institutions, instructions and their regulations. He has been invited to more than 80 Universities in the country and abroad and has lectured on aspects and issues related to foreign policy, international affairs, global economy etc.

Academics & Profession

Professor Mishra has been engaged in teaching, research and research supervision at Jadavpur University, Kolkata since 1987. He was the **Head of the Department of International Relations** in the University (1994-1996) and the **Founder-Coordinator of the Centre for Refugee Studies**. He secured 1st Class 1st position (Gold Medalist) in B. A. (Hons.) in Political Science from North Bengal University in 1982 and 1st Class in M. A. and M. Phil in International Politics from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi in 1984 and 1986 respectively. He joined the Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University as a Lecturer in 1987, was appointed as Reader in 1993 and Professor since 2001. He has supervised the research work of a number of PH. D and M Phil scholars and published and lectured extensively on issues and themes related to Indian Foreign Policy & National Security, political economy, United Nations, Human Rights and Forced Migration. Some of the publications of Prof. Mishra include the edited volumes *The Elsewhere People: Cross-Border Migration, Refugee Protection and State Response*, 2003; *Terrorism and Low Intensity Conflict in South Asian Region*, 2003; *Forced Migration in South Asian Region: Displacement, Human Rights and Conflict Resolution* in collaboration with Brookings Institution, Washington D. C., 2004).

In August 2004, Hon'ble Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh invited him to serve the **National Security Advisory Board**, a responsibility he served with distinction. In November 2005, the University Grants Commission invited him to Chair an **Expert Committee on Universities and Public Policy**. Prof. Mishra organised a nationally coordinated programme on *The Partition of India Revisited: Thinking Through and Beyond Violence, Trauma and Memory*.

Prof. Mishra has been a consultant to many reputed international research institutes and organisations, like the Global IDP Project of the Norwegian Refugee Council, UNHCR, and Brookings Institution etc. He has been invited by many of the top teaching and research institutes

and national and international NGOs and has been invited to countries including **PRC , USA (thrice) , Canada , UK (twice) , Switzerland , South Korea (twice) , Austria , Pakistan , Thailand , Bangladesh , Mauritius, Australia, Nepal, Uzbekistan, Russia, Krygyzistan, Tajikistan, Japan, Vietnam** etc. for various academic assignments. His first US visit was under the prestigious International Visitors Leadership Program of the Government of the United States of America and he was in UK on the invitation of University of Oxford.

In November 2006 he founded **Global India Foundation**- a think tank established with the objective of promoting national resilience and promoting international interdependence together with professionals and citizens from various parts of India. The Foundation is an initiative to contribute in India's efforts to realise its aspirations of playing a meaningful and constructive role in regional and global affairs. The Foundation was launched in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in January 2007.

Prof. Mishra's interest and expertise straddles many issue areas in political economy, international relations, foreign policy, and national security. He serves in different capacities various committees, expert group and is regularly consulted on policy and governance issues by a number of government departments, academic and research institutes and non-governmental organisations across the country.

Prof. Mishra is Member, India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi, Member, Executive Council, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies, Kolkata and Member, Board of Governors, MDI, Gurgaon. He has appeared in news and current affairs programme in Voice of America, BBC, AIR, Doordarshan, Lok Sabha TV and other national and regional channels on a regular basis since 2001.

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