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Originally a student of military politics in Latin America, Varun Sahni wrote his doctoral thesis on the political history of the Argentine Navy at the University of Oxford (1991), where he was an Inlaks scholar. He has written 75 journal articles, book chapters and research papers on nuclear deterrence issues, regional security, emerging balances in the Asia-Pacific, evolving security concepts, Indian politics, emerging powers, international relations theory and Latin American military politics. His research articles have been published in Current History, Contemporary South Asia and Journal of Latin American Studies, amongst others.

Professor Sahni is currently writing a book on India's external security. In recognition of his "outstanding achievements in research and teaching", the Institute for Social and Economic Change and the Indian Council of Social Science Research have conferred upon him the VKRV Rao Prize in Social Sciences for the year 2006.

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