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# ***ICS Annual Report*** **1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010**

## **1. OVERVIEW**

### **Introduction to the Institute of Chinese Studies**

The Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS) grew out of the China Study Group which was initiated in 1969 as an informal, interdisciplinary forum of scholars working on China at various universities and research institutes of Delhi. The Group conducted fortnightly discussions on contemporary topics, and helped sustain *China Report*, the only Indian journal on China and East Asia. In 1990, the China Study Group was reconstituted as the Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS), an interdisciplinary East Asian research programme of the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi.

The main function of the ICS is to promote the systematic study of China and East Asia in India by initiating and supporting research programmes, both within the Institute and outside. It seeks to provide a forum for sustained scholarly exchange and interaction between Indian academics and scholars from China and other parts of the world, to build up resource materials and a data-base on China, to disseminate information and research findings to a wider public, as well as to train younger social scientists in East Asian Studies.

Over recent years, the ICS has received financial and other support for its activities from a number of sources, including the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India; the Indian Council of Social Science Research; the Ford Foundation, New Delhi; the Japan Foundation; the Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Japan; the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII); and the Tata Iron and Steel Corporation (TISCO). Recent years have also seen the consolidation of three new ICS programmes: the East Asia Programme, the Chinese Economy Research Programme, and the India-China Comparative Studies Programme, as well as the initiation of research focus on Vietnam and Korea.

ICS has been the nodal agency for the Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar (BCIM) Forum for Economic Cooperation and the China-India-Russia Trilateral Academic Conference, as well as a foundation member of the Boao Forum for Asia (BFA), Hainan. The Institute also has MoUs with a number of institutions in China and elsewhere in Asia to promote academic cooperation and research activities.

***ICS Emeritus Fellow, Prof. Tan Chung received the Padma Bhushan from the Government of India on the occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> Republic Day, January, 2010.***

## **2. NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES**

- 1. Indian Congress of Asia-pacific Studies Annual Conference, Allahabad, September 4-5, 2009**
- 2. ‘Sixty Years of the PRC’ organized in collaboration with the Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi, October, 7, 2009**
- 3. ‘Second China-South Asia Forum’ organized in collaboration with the National Singapore University, Dec.4-6, 2009**
- 4. ‘India-China –Russia Trilateral Conference, Dec. 7-9, 2009**

### **ICS Symposium/Workshops**

1. Forty Years of the China Study Group, August 26, 2009, a symposium organized in ICWA, Chaired by Director General of ICWA, Amb. S.T. Devare
2. ICS organized the East Asia Research Scholars’ Colloquium involving students and teachers of East Asian Studies in JNU, DU, Santiniketan and EFLU. Prashant Kaushik (ICS) coordinated the Colloquium, which was held on 6 March, 2010.

## **3. ICS PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES**

### **International Conferences**

- Boao: Boao Forum for Asia (BFA), Hainan, PRC. April 17-19, 2009. ICS represented by Prof. Pulin Nayak, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi
- BCIM: the Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar (BCIM) Forum for Economic Cooperation held in Nay pyi taw, Myanmar on June 26-27, 2009. ICS represented by Prof. Patricia Uberoi and Ms. Poonam Mathur.
- India-China Cooperation Forum, Kunming, Yunnan, China, January 14-15, 2010. Prof. P.Uberoi and Prof. S. Chakrabarti attended on behalf of ICS.

## 4. ICS WEDNESDAY SEMINARS

The ICS programme of Wednesday Seminars continued through the period under review. (see Appendix I). In addition to these the Centre for Women's Development and the Institute of Chinese Studies jointly organized a seminar on November 19<sup>th</sup> 2009. The speakers and topics were as follows: **Dong Limin, Professor of Literature, Shanghai University, "Gender and Nationalism in 20<sup>th</sup> Century China"** and **Min Dongchao, Professor of Cultural Studies, Shanghai University, "Translating Feminism"**.

## 5. RESEARCH AND TRAINING

A number of young researchers were associated with ICS during the period under review as Summer Interns. The projects they worked on are given in parenthesis:

- **Ms. Sumelika Bhattacharyya (Political Reforms in Post-Mao China)**
- **Ms Manju Hara (New Perspectives on Inter- Cultural Studies, Conference organized by IGNSA in honor of Prof. Tan Chung)**
- **Mr. Peter Joy Hudson (India-Russia-China Trilateral)**
- **Ms. Chitra Negi (BCIM Initiative)**

## 6. DISSEMINATION AND OUTREACH

### (1) Books by ICS Fellows and Associates

- *China in the Making of Bombay* by Dr Madhavi Thampi co-authored with Dr. Shalini Saksena (Mumbai: Cama Institute 2010)
- *China and its Neighbours* co-edited by Srikanth Kondapalli and Emi Mifune (New Delhi, 2010)

### (2) China Report

The ICS journal, *China Report*, a refereed journal published by Sage Publications, continued in its 45<sup>th</sup> year of publication. The journal is edited by Dr. Alka Acharya, with Dr. Madhavi Thampi as Associate Editor and Prof. Sreemati Chakrabarti as Book Review Editor. The journal includes articles, comments, book reviews and documents, with a special focus on

Sino-Indian relations. Of late scholars from China and other countries have shown a great deal of interest to write for China Report.

### **(3) ICS Website**

ICS maintains a website ([www.icsin.org](http://www.icsin.org)) to carry ICS information and news regarding ICS activities. Efforts are being made to improve the appearance and usefulness of the Website.

## **7. ICS LIBRARY AND DOCUMENTATION CENTRE**

The ICS has a small but select collection of books, in English, Chinese and Japanese, mostly on contemporary China and East Asia, and current and back numbers of some important journals on China and the region. ICS benefited from a generous gift of books and documents from Satish Saberwal (formerly of Jawaharlal Nehru University), and Patricia Uberoi (formerly of the Institute of Economic Growth), adding substantially to the existing Gordon White Collection, and the collections of former director Giri Deshingkar and Emeritus Fellows Tan Chung, Huang I-shu, and C.V. Ranganathan. The 'Lines of Convergence' Project of the East Asia Programme also enabled the acquisition of a substantial number of publications on East Asian history and society. A number of books were also acquired by purchase and gift.

## **8. DISTINGUISHED VISITORS**

ICS was privileged to receive a number of distinguished visitors and delegations. These include:

- Delegation from the Shanghai Institute of International Studies led by Prof. Yang Jiewang, Friday, May 15, 2009.
- Chinese delegation led by Mr. Tao Jian, China Institutes of Contemporary International Relations, Friday, October 23, 2009.
- Robert Weil, Retired Lecturer and Union Organizer, University of California, Santa Cruz and Senior Fellow, Oakland Institute, Dec 2, 2009.
- Chinese delegation led by Amb. Cai Jinbiao, Vice- President of the China People's Institute of Foreign Policy, Monday, March 15, 2010

## 9. ICS FACULTY PUBLICATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

### Sabaree Mitra

Publications:

#### Articles:

- “Activism of Chinese Women Writers During Reform and Globalization”, *The Asian Scholar* (Annual e-Journal of the Asian Scholarship Foundation), **Issue No. 5**, available at <http://www.asianscholarship.org/asf/ejournal/index.html>.

Seminar / Workshop Presentations / Lectures

- “Making of a ‘People’s Culture’: Discourse & Praxis in China”, paper presented at the seminar on *Sixty Years of People’s Republic of China*, organized by Institute of Chinese Studies, CSDS and Department of East Asian Studies, DU, on October 07, 2009.
- “Yindu de hanyu jiaoxue: Lishi beijing yu weilai tiaozhan”(Chinese Teaching in India: Historical Background and Future Challenges), a lecture delivered at School of Foreign Languages, Lanzhou University, Lanzhou, PRC, on June 08, 2009.
- “Yindu ershi shiji funu xiezuoyu funu yundong de guanxi” (Relation between 20<sup>th</sup> Century Indian Women’s Writing and Women’s Movement), a lecture delivered at School of Foreign Languages, Lanzhou University, Lanzhou, PRC, on June 09, 2009.
- “Zhongguo he Yindu funu wenti yanjiu” (Research on Women’s Issues in China and India), a lecture delivered at Peking University Staff Association, Peking University, Beijing, PRC, on June 11, 2009.

### Madhavi Thampi

Publications:

- Book entitled *China and the Making of Bombay* (co-author Shalini Saksena), (Mumbai, K.R.Cama Oriental Institute, Jan. 2010.)
- Article on “The Taiping Rebellion” in Kaushik Roy (ed.), *1857 Uprising: Before and Beyond*, (forthcoming, Manohar Publishers, New Delhi, 2010).
- Article on “Chinese settlers in India” in *Parsee Embroidered Gara: China’s Enduring*

Legacy (TAPI publication, 2009)

- Book review of Tonio Andrade, *How Taiwan Became Chinese: Dutch, Spanish and Han Colonization in the Seventeenth Century* (New York, Columbia University Press, 2008), for *China Report* 45:1 (2009)

**Seminars:**

- Paper on “Indians in Xinjiang in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries” for 2<sup>nd</sup> China-South Asia International Cultural Forum, New Delhi, India International Centre, 4-6 December, 2009
- Presentation on “Historical Thinking in China Today” at China Studies Review Workshop, New Delhi, India International Centre, 11-12 Dec 2009
- Paper on “Indian soldiers and policemen in China in the colonial period”, at Workshop on Indian and Chinese Immigrant Communities: Comparative Perspectives”, Singapore, Institute of South East Asian Studies, 27-29 Jan, 2010.

**Brij Tankha**

- “India and Asia: Engagement or Indifference”, Asianisms Compared, Hokkaido University, 30-31 January 2010.
- “Pan-Asianism in India” Prewar Japan P.E.N.Club Research Meeting, AJ Centre, Kokushikan University, 1 December, (Japanese)
- Organised an international conference, Asian Trajectories, and read a paper “Buddhism and Japanese Nationalism”, Asian Trajectories, September 11-12, 2009, East Asia Programme, Institute of Chinese Studies, CSDS, Delhi
- “India and Asia”, Twenty lectures given to the Department of Social Sciences and Philosophy, University of Jyväskylä, Finland, June 8-12, 2009.



## **Annexure 1**

### **ICS Wednesday Seminars 1 April 2009 -- 31 March 2010**

1. Dr. Abanti Bhattacharya, Reader, Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi, Taiwan's Identity and Nationalism: a constrained, Taiwanese nationalism, 1 April 2009.
2. Mr. G. Balatchandirane, Faculty Member, Department of East of University of Delhi, Delhi, Gender Discrimination in Education in East Asia, 8 April 2009.
3. Dr. Shanta Nedungadi Varma, Reader, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, Engaging the East: India, East Asia and China, 15 April 2009
4. Dr. Sujatha Reddy, Fellow, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, Sanskrit in Modern China, 22 April 2009.
5. Prof. Sreemati Chakrabarti, Higher Education in the PRC: The Quality-Equality Dilemma of the State, 29 April 2009.
6. Col. Virendra Sahai Verma, Post Dalai Lama Situation and the Middle Path, 6 May 2009.
7. Prof. Pulin B. Nayak, Department of Economics, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, The Global Economic Crisis and Its Implications for India, 15 July 2009
8. Prof. Thierry Meynard, S. J., Professor of Philosophy, Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou, China, The Relevance of Modern Chinese Philosophy for the Contemporary World, 22 July 2009.
9. Prof. Patricia Uberoi, Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, CSDS, Bollywood in China, 29 July 2009.
10. Dr. Viren Murthy, Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Ottawa, Canada, Chair: Prof. Brij Tankha, Resistance to Modernity and the Logic of Self-negation as Politics: Takeuchi Yoshimi and Wang Hui on Lu Xun, July 30, 2009.
11. Dr. Satoshi Ota, Post doctoral research fellow in the Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi, Cheerful Women and Discontented Men: The Impact of Consumerism and Media Images on Japanese Young Men, 12 August 2009.

12. Mr. Romesh Bhattacharji, Chief Commissioner, Customs (Retd.), Opium as a money spinner in East Arunachal- Enormous increase in opium cultivation on the only all weather road link to China, 19 August 2009.
13. To commemorate forty years of the China Study Group, the Institute of Chinese Studies and the Indian Council for World Affairs are organizing a symposium on August 26, 2009 between 3:30- 7 P.M. at ICWA Seminar Room, Sapru House, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi 110001, There would be two sessions: ,1. Chinese Studies in India & 2. Reminiscences.
14. Ms. Sreeparna Roy, Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi, Quality of Higher Education in 21st Century of China: Some Burning Issues, 2 September 2009.
15. Mr. Debasish Chaudhuri, Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi, “July 5<sup>th</sup>” Riots in Urumqi, China's Reaction and Uyghur Diaspora, 9 September 2009.
16. Mr. Joe Thomas Karackattu, Centre for East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Taiwanese contribution to economic growth in China: the case of Kunshan (region) and China’s high-technology exports (sectors) 16 September 2009.
17. Dr. Vyjayanti Raghavan, Centre for Korean Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Military Dictatorship in Asia: The Case of North Korea and Myanmar, 23 September 2009.
18. Prof. Srikanth Kondapalli, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, 30 years of Reform and the Chinese Military, 30 September 2009.
19. Seminar on ‘Sixty Years of the People’s Republic of China’, organized by the Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi and Institute of Chinese Studies, October 7, 2009.
20. Prof. Wang Dehua and Mr. Li Xiaoyuan, Chinese Perceptions of India, 14 October 2009.
21. Shamsad Ahmad Khan, recently held elections in Japan, October 21 2009.
22. Dr. Saradindu Bhaduri, Asst. Professor, Centre for Studies in Science Policy, School of Social Sciences, JNU, Informal Values and Formal Policy: Japan’s Technology, Policy and Consequences for India, 28 October 2009.
23. Col. Virendra Sahai (Retd., Indian Army), The Reality check on Tibetan’s Demand of Ethnic Tibet and Other Issues, November 4, 2009

24. Dr. Seema Joshi, Associate Professor, Kirorimal College, University of Delhi, Development Experience of India and China: A Comparative Outlook, November 11, 2009
25. A delegation from the Development Research Centre of the State Council of the PRC visited ICS, two members of the delegation made presentations on Rural-Urban Migration and Urban Governance (in China). Prof. Haque of IEG also spoke about the similar issues in the Indian context, November 18, 2010.
26. Usha Chandran, Ph.D Candidate, SLLC, J.N.U., Paradox of Equality and Difference: Changing Perceptions of Gender in China, November 25, 2009.
27. Mr. Ravi Boothalingam, The Quest for Genghis Khan: Travels in Secret Mongolia, 2 December 2009.
28. Dr. Dibyesh Anand, Associate Professor Westminster University, London, The Changing Nature of the Tibetan Question in the India–China Boundary Dispute: Implications for Tawang, January 20, 2010.
29. Dr. Vibha Arora, Asst. Professor of Sociology & Social Anthropology I.I. T. Delhi, Routing the Commodities of the Empire through Sikkim (1817-1906), January 27, 2010.
30. Dr. N. Altantsetseg, Professor, National University of Mongolia and Research Fellow, University of Delhi, Peculiarities of Sino-Mongolian Relations and Chinese Studies in Mongolia, February 3, 2010
31. Santosh Kumar Gupta, Ph. D candidate Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi, Buddhist Social Engagement in Contemporary South Korea, February 10, 2010.
32. Philip Wen-Chyi Ong, Representative, Taipei Economic and Cultural Centre, New Delhi, The Current Status of the Cross-Strait Talks and Future Political Prospects, February 17, 2010.
33. Book Release: *China and the Making of Bombay* by Madhavi Thampi and Shalini Saksena, and *China and its Neighbours* co-edited by Srikanth Kondapalli and Emi Mifune. Dr. Thampi and Prof. Kondapalli are ICS Fellows, February 24, 2010.
34. Gajender Thakur, M.Phil Student, Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi, Japan's Social Security System: Policy Implementation in an Aging Society March 3, 2010
35. Col. Navneet Kumar, Visiting Fellow, ICS, China's Military Strategy, March 10, 2010

36. Prof. Wang Hongwei, Institute of Asia- Pacific Studies, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing and Adviser, China National Association for South Asia Studies, Some Thoughts on India-China Relations, March 17, 2010.
37. Ms. Louise Merrington, Ph. D. candidate, Australian National University, Canberra, "India and China: Rise to Great Power Status?", March 31, 2010

## Annexure 2

### ICS FACULTY AND STAFF

**Co-Chairpersons** Rajeev Bhargava (ex-officio, Director, CSDS)  
Manoranjan Mohanty

**Honorary Director** Sreemati Chakrabarti

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Raghunath, R.K. Srivastava, Peter D'Souza, Arvinder  
Singh, Brij Tankha, Patricia Uberoi

### ICS Honorary Fellows

**Alka Acharya:** Associate Professor, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies Jawaharlal Nehru University,  
*China's international relations; Foreign policy and political economy; Sino-Indian relations*

**Hemant Adlakha:** Associate Professor, School of Languages, Jawaharlal Nehru University,  
*Chinese literature and culture*

**Sreemati Chakrabarti:** Professor, Department of East Asian Studies,  
University of Delhi, Chinese politics and education

**R.R. Krishnan:** Professor, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru  
University (rtd.) *Korean affairs*

**Srikanth Kondapalli:** Professor, Centre for East Asian Studies, JNU, *Defence and PLA*

**Sabaree Mitra:** Professor, School of Languages, Jawaharlal Nehru  
University, *Chinese language, literature and culture*

**Manoranjan Mohanty:** Professor of Political Science, University of Delhi (rtd.),  
*Chinese politics, Comparative development studies*

**Vijay Nambiar:** Formerly of the Indian Foreign Service and Deputy National  
Security Advisor, Government of India, *India-China relations*

**Kishan S. Rana:** Indian Foreign Service (rtd): *Comparative Asian diplomacy*

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*Contemporary Japan*

**Madhavi Thampi:** Reader, Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi, *Chinese history*

**Patricia Uberoi:** Professor in Social Change and Development, Institute of Economic Growth, Delhi (rtd), *Chinese society and culture; Family, kinship, gender*

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**G.P. Deshpande:** Professor, Centre for East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (rtd.), and former Director, ICS *China's international relations*

**Huang I-shu:** Formerly Reader, Department of Chinese & Japanese Studies, University of Delhi (rtd.) *Chinese language and literature; Chinese Minority areas*

**Vinod C. Khanna:** Formerly of the Indian Foreign Service and former Director, ICS, *China's foreign relations*

**C.V. Ranganathan:** Formerly of the Indian Foreign Service and former Co-Chairperson, ICS, *India-China relations*

**Tan Chung:** Formerly Professor of Chinese, Jawaharlal Nehru University (rtd.) *Chinese history, culture and art; Sino-India studies*

### ICS Visiting Fellows

**Col. Navneet Kumar: Project on China's Military Strategy**

**Poonam Surie: Project on Chinese Religion and Culture**

### *China Report*

Editor	Alka Acharya
Associate Editor	Madhavi Thampi
Book Review Editor	Sreemati Chakrabarti

### **East Asia Programme**

Programme Coordinator                      Brij Tankha

### **Chinese Economy Research Programme**

Programme Coordinator                      Arvinder Singh

### **India-China Comparative Development Studies Programme**

Programme Coordinators:                      Manoranjan Mohanty and Patricia Uberoi

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**Arjun Asrani**, Indian Foreign Service (rtd): *Japan and East Asia*

**Ravi Bhoothalingam**, Chief Executive, Manas Advisory, *India-China collaboration in Tourism.*

**Ashwini Deshpande**, Professor of Economics, Delhi School of Economics, *Comparative India-China economic studies; social exclusion*

**Ranjit Gupta**, Indian Foreign Service (rtd): *China and Taiwan*

**Govind Kelkar**, Programme Coordinator, UNIFEM, *Women's Studies, Environmental Studies, Tribal Studies.*

**Sriram Natarajan**, JNU, Chinese Agricultural Economics

**Jairam Ramesh**, Economist and Minister of Environment and Forests: *Chinese economy*

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**Virendra Sahai Verma**, Indian Army (rtd): *Sino-Pak relations, Infrastructure Development in Tibet TAR*

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