



Programme

### International Conference

## “India, China and the Emergence of Post-War Post-Colonial Asia, 1945-50”

Organised by

The Institute of Chinese Studies in collaboration with the Centre for Policy Research  
& the India International Centre

17-18 March 2017

Venue: India International Centre, New Delhi, Conference Room II

### 17 March

Inaugural session (10 am – 11.30 am)

Chair: Nalin Surie, Director General, Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi

Welcome on behalf of Institute of Chinese Studies by Director, Alka Acharya

Introduction to the Conference and its objectives by Madhavi Thampi, Conference Convenor

**Keynote Address by Prasenjit Duara on “Post-colonial Visions and State Strategies: Soft Power or the Imperialism of Nation-states?”**

Tea/Coffee break (11.30 am – 12 pm)

Session I Asian Relations Conference – Prelude and Aftermath (12 – 1.30 pm)

Chair: C Raja Mohan, Director, Carnegie India

Srinath Raghavan. “The Second World War and India's Strategic Role in Asia”

Tansen Sen. "Pan-Asianism in Times of Nation States: India, China, and the Failure of the Asian Relations Conference"

Carolien Stolte. "Afro-Asian transformations: Cold War afterlives of the 1947 Asian Relations Conference"

**LUNCH**(1.30 – 2.30 pm)

Session II India-China: Bilateral Relations and Diplomacy (2.30 - 4 pm)

Chair: Sreemati Chakrabarti, Head, Department of East Asian Studies, DU and Honorary Fellow, ICS

Wen-shuo Liao. "Nationalism and Decolonization in Asia: Chiang's and Nehru's Postwar World"

Nirmola Sharma. "Collaboration: The Bitter Aftermath of Support for the INA among Indians in China"

Narayani Basu. "The Tussle over Consulates in Kashgar & Kalimpong: Emerging Fault-lines in India-China Relations, 1947-1949"

Tea/Coffee Break (4 – 4.15 pm)

Chair: Ashok Kantha, former Indian Ambassador to China and Director-designate ICS

**Special Lecture by Madhavan Palat on "From Geopolitics to Cold War and Beyond"** (4.15 – 5.15 pm)

## **18 March**

Session III Expanding Dimensions of India-China Engagement (10 – 11 am)

Chair: Manoranjan Mohanty, Honorary Fellow ICS, Distinguished Professor Council for Social Development

Sabaree Mitra. "India-China Post-War Cultural Engagement and Diplomacy: Towards a Framework for the Future?"

Arunabh Ghosh. "The Science in Asian Relations: Xu Ren and Sino-Indian scientific exchanges before and after the Asian Relations Conference of 1947"

Tea/Coffee Break (11 – 11.30 am)

Session IV Xinjiang and Tibet (11.30 am – 1 pm)

Chair: Siddiq Wahid, Senior Visiting Fellow CPR

Atul Bharadwaj. "Post-war games in Xinjiang -- The Hunt for the Key to China's Backdoor"

Tsering Shakya. "Tibet on the Chessboard of Imperialism of the Nation State"

Madhavi Thampi. "Issues in India-Tibet-China Relations, 1945-50: a View from the National Archives of India"

Valedictory Session(1 – 1.20 pm)

Concluding remarks by Patricia Uberoi, Chairperson, ICS

**LUNCH**