

Special Lecture to mark the 50th Anniversary of Journal 'China Report'

Programme Schedule

Date: 16 December 2014

Time: 6:00 – 9:00 PM

Venue: Lecture Room 1, IIC Annexe

Speaker: Prof. Anand Yang

Chair: Dr. Ashis Nandy

Opening Address: Prof. Alka Acharya, Director, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi

Remarks: Mr. Vivek Mehra, Managing Editor & CEO, Sage Publications India

Editor's Introduction: Prof. Madhavi Thampi, Editor, *China Report*

Lecture: Prof. Anand Yang, Director, South Asia Center and Co-Director, Global Asia Institute, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington

Vote of Thanks: Dr. Jabin T. Jacob, Assistant Director, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi and Assistant Editor, *China Report*

Tea will be served from 6 pm before the start of the program

How did people in India perceive and imagine China in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries? My paper examines a few accounts that highlight some of the images of China held by a variety of people in that era. It focuses particularly on the travelogue of a subaltern named Gadadhar Singh who recounted his experiences of serving in China over the course of thirteen months in 1900-1901 when he was a member of the British force in the International Expedition mobilized to suppress the Boxer Uprising. His deep sympathy for the country and its people he was sent to wage war on represents a discursive stance shared by many in India. His favorable impressions of China as well as his apprehensions about its present and future also speak to his ongoing concerns about the fate of his own country. Indeed, to look across the grain of various Indian images is to locate the agendas of their observers which partly shaped their engagement with 'China Beyond the Seas'