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CONCEPT NOTE

OVERVIEW AND OBJECTIVES

The India Forum on China (IFC) @ Goa hosted by the Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS) and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) in cooperation with Goa University, has developed as an annual international conference where eminent scholars, practitioners and policymakers from India and other countries hold in-depth deliberations on a topical theme pertaining to China in an Indian setting and keeping in mind Indian perspectives.

The ICS, Delhi and the India Office of KAS had organized the 1st IFC @ Goa at the International Centre Goa on 15-16 December 2017 in cooperation with Goa University to explore the theme 'Deciphering China's Quest for Global and Regional Leadership'. Held shortly after the 19th Congress of the Communist Party of China (CPC), the deliberations and outcomes of the Congress informed the discussions at the Forum. Arguments pertaining to China's ambitious Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), its efforts to fashion new institutions like the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), its growing soft power capabilities and technological prowess were examined in great detail. Additionally, China's increasingly expansive definition of its 'core interests', its expanding military capabilities, its evolving security doctrines and its assertive behavior as well as nationalistic temperament were considered. Furthermore, an examination of the limitations and constraints faced by China in the pursuit of its regional and global aspirations were analyzed. The implications of China's readiness to offer the Chinese path as worthy of emulation by other developing countries was also discussed at the 1st IFC.

The 2nd IFC @Goa was organized from 7-9 December 2018 at Hotel Cidade de Goa, Goa. As 2018 marked the 40th anniversary of China's reform and opening up, the theme of the conference was 'Changing Drivers of China's Economy'. The Forum brought together over 40 experts to provide perspectives on several sub-themes including the ramifications from the structural rebalancing of China's economy, and its implications for India and other players. Experts also dwelt on the question of what a confrontation with the US in the economic domain would portend for a smooth rebalancing.

At the 3rd IFC @ Goa, experts deliberated on the theme 'China and Asia's Changing Geopolitics'. Sub-themes in this Forum included Asia's geopolitical changes, evolving discourse on the Indo-Pacific, Beijing's cultural diplomacy and other such topics of contemporary relevance. Discussions also focused on China's approach while dealing with the world and the role played by Xi Jinping. Additionally, the impact of the US-China trade war and the role of state-owned enterprises (SOEs) in Chinese economy were also examined.

The report of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd IFC can be accessed on the ICS website (https://www.icsin.org/india-forum-on-china).

AGENDA OF 4th IFC @GOA

The 4th IFC is being organised by the Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS), Delhi and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) India Office, with the support of Goa University in Goa on 3-4 December 2021. The theme of this Forum is 'CPC at 100 and China's Future'. The Keynote Address will be delivered by Prof. Rana Mitter, Professor of the History and Politics of Modern China, University of Oxford on 'How New is China's New Era under Xi Jinping'. The Forum will discuss the following sub-themes:

- National Rejuvenation: Sustaining Authoritarian Legitimacy
- Power-Projection in the Indo-Pacific
- Cultural and Intellectual Traditions
- Great Power Competition
- China's Developmental Aspirations
- Decoding China's Regional Ambitions
- CPC at 100

TIMELINE, VENUE, PARTICIPATION

This closed-door conference at Goa will see the participation of more than 45 senior experts, including scholars, practitioners and policymakers from the economic, foreign policy, security and technological domains. The conference will open with a welcome dinner on the 2nd of December. The deliberations on the 3rd will begin with the inaugural session followed by three thematic sessions and the keynote address. On the 4th, the conference will continue with four thematic sessions and close with the valedictory session. Participants can plan to depart from Goa on the 5th of December. The organizers will make arrangements for travel, stay and local hospitality of all participants. The language of the conference will be English.

OUTCOME

A special report aimed at policymakers, media and interested public will be prepared based on the deliberations at the conference.

4th India Forum on China @ Goa

"100 Years of CPC and China's Future"

PROGRAMME

ALL TIMINGS ARE IN IST (GMT+ 5:30)

DAY ONE - THURSDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2021

12 Noon onwards: Arrival/Check-in (for in-person participants only)

1900 – 2030 Hours: Welcome Dinner (for in-person participants only)

DAY TWO - FRIDAY, 3 DECEMBER 2021

0915 – 0945 Hours: Registration (for in-person participants only)

0945 - 1030 HOURS: INAUGURAL SESSION

Chair: Ashok K. Kantha, Director, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi (hereafter, ICS) and former Ambassador of India to China. (P)

Opening Remarks: Harilal B. Menon, Vice-Chancellor, Goa University, Taleigao. (P)

Remarks: Stephan Grabherr, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, New Delhi. (P)

Peter Rimmele, Resident Representative to India, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung India Office, New Delhi. (P)

1030 – 1130 Hours: Tea/Coffee Break

1130 – 1300 HOURS: SESSION 1 NATIONAL REJUVENATION: SUSTAINING AUTHORITARIAN LEGITIMACY

Chair: Kishan Rana, Emeritus Fellow, ICS; former Ambassador of India to Germany, Mauritius and Algeria. (O)

Speakers:

Shivshankar Menon, Chairman, Advisory Board, ICS; Visiting Professor of International Relations, Ashoka University, Sonipat; former National Security Advisor and Foreign Secretary, Government of India. (O)

Legitimacy and Authority in Xi's China

Gudrun Wacker, Senior Fellow, Asia Division, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), Berlin. (P)

Sources of Legitimacy of the Chinese Communist Party

Jabin T. Jacob, Associate Professor, Department of International Relations and Governance Studies, Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR; Adjunct Research Fellow, National Maritime Foundation, New Delhi. (O)

From PRC Foreign Policy to CPC Foreign Policy

Ananth Krishnan, China Correspondent, *The Hindu*, Hong Kong. (O) *CPC and the Media*

To Lead Discussion: Santosh Pai, Honorary Fellow, ICS; Partner, Link Legal India Law Services, New Delhi. (P)

1300 - 1500 Hours: Lunch/ Break

1500 – 1630 HOURS: SESSION 2 GREAT POWER COMPETITION

Chair: Arvind Gupta, Director, Vivekananda International Foundation, New Delhi; former Secretary, National Security Council Secretariat and former Deputy National Security Advisor, Government of India. (P)

Speakers:

Rory Medcalf, Professor and Heads of College, National Security College, The Australian National University, Canberra. (O)

China's Indo-Pacific Ambitions and What QUAD Partners Can Do?

Richard McGregor, Senior Fellow, Lowy Institute, Sydney. (O) Security Pact between Australia, the US and the UK

Alexey Maslov, Professor and Director, Institute of Asian and African Studies, Moscow State University; Academic Director, Institute of Far Eastern Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow. (O)

New Dimension of Russian Alliance with China: New Vision for the New Globality

Deepa Wadhwa, Member, Governing Council, ICS; former Ambassador of India to Japan, Qatar and Sweden. (P)

China-Japan Relations: At the Crossroads at 50?

To Lead Discussion: Rityusha Mani Tiwary, Visiting Fellow, ICS; Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, University of Delhi. (P)

1630 – 1700 Hours: Tea/Coffee Break

1700 – 1830 HOURS: SESSION 3 CULTURAL AND INTELLECTUAL TRADITIONS

Chair: Frank Pieke, Professor of Modern China Studies, Leiden University. (O)

Speakers:

David Ownby, Professor, Department of History, University of Montreal, Quebec. (O) *China's Rise and China's Thought World*

Sujan Chinoy, Director General, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA), New Delhi; former Ambassador of India to Japan, Mexico and Republic of Marshall Islands. (P) *Impact of Chinese History on Its Politics*

Sabaree Mitra, Honorary Fellow, ICS and Professor, Centre for Chinese and Southeast Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. (O)

Projekt Culture: Where is CPC Headed?

Hemant Adlakha, Vice-Chairman and Honorary Fellow, ICS; Associate Professor, Centre for Chinese and Southeast Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. (O)

CPC One Hundred Years Trajectory: From 'Sinification of Marxism' to 'Marxism Xinified'?

1830 – 1845 Hours: Tea/Coffee Break

1845 – 1930 HOURS: KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Chair: Alka Acharya, Honorary Fellow and former Director, ICS; Professor, Centre for East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. (O)

Keynote Speaker: Rana Mitter, Professor of the History and Politics of Modern China, University of Oxford; Vice-President (Public Engagement), British Academy, London. (O) **How New is China's New Era under Xi Jinping?**

1930 – 2100 Hours: Conference Dinner

DAY THREE – SATURDAY, 4 DECEMBER 2021

0915 – 1045 HOURS: SESSION 4 CHINA'S DEVELOPMENTAL ASPIRATIONS

Chair: Vijay Nambiar, Honorary Fellow, ICS; former Ambassador/ High Commissioner of India to China, Pakistan, Algeria, Afghanistan, Malaysia and former Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations. (P)

Speakers:

Shyam Saran, Member, Governing Council, ICS; Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi; former Foreign Secretary and Prime Minister's Special Envoy, Government of India. (O) *Exploration of Xi Jinping's Concept of 'Common Prosperity'*

Heribert Dieter, Senior Associate, Global Issues, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), Berlin. (P)

The Return to Imperial Economic Thought in China: Is Xi Jinping's Dual Circulation Policy a Return to the Policies of the Past?

S.L. Narasimhan, Director General, Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies, New Delhi and Member, National Security Advisory Board, Government of India. (O) *China's Goals for 2035*

Ravi Bhoothalingam, Honorary Fellow, ICS; Founder and Chairman, Manas Advisory, Gurgaon. (O) Can the CPC Turn China into an Innovation Superpower?

To Lead Discussion: Manoj Kewalramani, Chairperson of the Indo-Pacific Research Programme, The Takshashila Institution, Bengaluru; Senior Associate (Non-Resident), Freeman Chair in China Studies, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Washington DC. (P)

1045 – 1115 Hours: Tea/Coffee Break

1115 – 1245 HOURS: SESSION 5 DECODING CHINA'S REGIONAL AMBITIONS

Chair: Gudrun Wacker, Senior Fellow, Asia Division, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), Berlin. (P)

Speakers:

Gautam Bambawale, Adjunct Fellow, ICS; Distinguished Professor, Symbiosis International University, Pune; former Ambassador of India to China, Pakistan, and Bhutan. (O) *Rising Aggression in Chinese Foreign Policy: An Analysis*

Bilahari Kausikan, Chairman, Middle East Institute, National University of Singapore and former Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Singapore. (O) *China and Southeast Asia*

Andrew Small, Senior Transatlantic Fellow, Asia Program, The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMFUS), Berlin. (O)

Af-Pak and China

Carlo Masala, Founding Director, Metis-Institute for Strategy and Foresight; Chair for International Politics and Co-Director, Center for Intelligence and Security Studies (CISS), Bundeswehr University Munich. (P)

US-China Competition in Asia

To Lead Discussion: Aparajita Gangopadhyay, Dean and Professor, School of International and Area Studies, Goa University, Taleigao. (P)

1300 - 1530 Hours: Lunch/Break

1545 – 1715 HOURS: SESSION 6 POWER-PROJECTION IN THE INDO-PACIFIC

Chair: Harsh V. Pant, Professor of International Relations, King's College London; Director, Studies and Head of the Strategic Studies Programme, Observer Research Foundation (ORF), New Delhi. (O)

Speakers:

David Arase, Resident Professor of International Politics, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), Johns Hopkins University, Nanjing. (O)

How 'Struggle' Became Central to Xi Jinping Thought on Diplomacy and What This Means for the Liberal Rules-Based Order in the Indo-Pacific

Anil Wadhwa, former Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and Ambassador of India to Italy, Thailand, Poland and Oman. (P)

China's Future Actions in the Indo-Pacific: A Prognosis

C. Raja Mohan, Director, Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore. (O) *China's Maritime Geopolitics*

To Lead Discussion: Garima Mohan, Fellow, Asia Program, The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMFUS), Berlin. (O)

1730 – 1830 Hours: Tea/Coffee Break

1830 – 2000 HOURS: SESSION 7 CPC AT 100

Chair: Manoranjan Mohanty, Emeritus Fellow, ICS; Distinguished Professor, Council of Social Development, New Delhi. (O)

Speakers:

Arthur Ding, Professor Emeritus, Graduate Institute of East Asian Studies, National Chengchi University, Taipei. (O)

CCP versus China

Bruce Dickson, Professor of Political Science and International Affairs and Chair, Department of Political Science, Elliot School of International Affairs, George Washington University, Washington DC. (O) *China's Leninist Revival*

Vijay Gokhale, Distinguished Professor, Symbiosis International University, Pune; former Foreign Secretary, Government of India and former Ambassador of India to China. (O)

Communist Party of China, 1980-2020: Evolution and What it Might Mean for Its Future

Frank Pieke, Professor of Modern China Studies, Leiden University. (O) Superpower China and the CCP as a Global Force

To Lead Discussion: Bhim Subba, Visiting Associate Fellow, ICS; Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Hyderabad. (O)

2000 – 2030 HOURS: VALEDICTORY SESSION

Chair: Harilal B. Menon, Vice-Chancellor, Goa University, Taleigao. (P)

Summing up of Deliberations: Garima Mohan, Fellow, Asia Program, The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMFUS), Berlin. (O)

Remarks: Peter Rimmele, Resident Representative to India, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung India Office, New Delhi. (P)

Closing Remarks: Ashok K. Kantha, Director, ICS and former Ambassador of India to China. (P)

2030 - 2130 Hours: Conference Dinner

The proposed timings are as follows:

Keynote Address : 30 minutes

Other sessions

Chairs : 5 minutes

Speakers : 10–12 minutes

Discussants : 5–7 minutes

We hope to keep adequate time for open discussion.

PARTICIPANTS



Amb. Ashok K. Kantha joined as Director of the Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi on 31st March 2017. A career diplomat, Kantha was Ambassador of India to China until January 2016. Prior to this, he was Secretary (East) at Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi with responsibility for about 65 countries in India's

extended neighbourhood. His previous assignments include High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka and Malaysia, Consul General in Hong Kong, Deputy Chief of Mission in Kathmandu (Nepal) and Joint Secretary (East Asia) in Ministry of External Affairs. Earlier, Kantha served in different capacities at Indian Missions in Singapore, China, USA and at headquarters in New Delhi. In his diplomatic career spanning over 38 years, Kantha specialized in Asian affairs, with a particular focus on China. Apart from three assignments in China, he served as Joint Secretary (East Asia) and Director (China) at Ministry of External Affairs for periods of four years each, closely involved in the formulation and implementation of India's foreign policy in respect of China and East Asia. He has an advanced certificate in Chinese language from National University of Singapore. Kantha joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1977.

Prof. Harilal Bhaskara Menon, Senior Professor and Dean, School of Earth Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences has taken over as the 9th Vice-Chancellor of Goa University on 3 September 2021. Professor Menon has 33 years of teaching and research experience at Goa University. His areas of specialization are optical remote sensing of coastal



and estuarine waters and aerosol science. Prof. Menon had initially developed a site-specific algorithm and thereafter an algorithm to retrieve chlorophyll-a irrespective of turbidity levels of coastal waters of World Ocean. This was named as "Goa University Case II water algorithm (GU- CII), for which he received wide acclaim from the International Scientific community and this became a base line data for any country developing future optical sensors for chlorophyll-a generation. In a University, research and teaching must go parallel. This made him introduce courses on remote sensing and its applications, aerosol and climate and offered these courses across various disciplines of Goa University. Since hands-on-experiments is an inseparable component of a science course, a well-equipped state of the art Remote Sensing Laboratory and an Aerosol Observatory were also established with the external cash flow.

Prof. Menon, was awarded CSIR fellowship in the year 1984, received his M.Sc. from Cochin University of Science and Technology. He obtained his Ph.D. from Cochin University of Science and Technology in the domain of Physical Oceanography. He then went on to his postdoctoral work, under German Academic Exchange Service (Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) Fellowship, at Max-Plank Institute of Meteorology and Institute of Oceanography, Germany. He has delivered numerous technical lectures for varied audiences.

Dr. Stephan Grabherr studied Law and History at Universities in Munich and Freiburg from 1980-1988. He completed his Ph.D. in History in 1989 and thereafter joined the German Foreign Service. He has held several positions since joining the German Foreign Service (Auswärtiger Dienst) and has been posted in locations



such as New York, Moscow, Madrid and Tokyo. From 2010-2011, he was the Head of Division, European economic policy, European Directorate-General, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin. From 2011-2014, he was the Head of Division, European law, European Directorate- General, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin. Dr. Grabherr then served as the Minister and Head of Department for Economic and Scientific Affairs in the German Embassy in Tokyo and subsequently, as the Minister and Deputy Head of Mission, German Embassy, Tokyo. Presently, he is the Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in New Delhi.



Mr. Peter Rimmele is currently the Resident Representative of Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, India Office. He has a First Law Degree from Freiburg University, as well as a Second Law Degree from the Ministry of Justice Baden-Württemberg, Germany and a M.A. in Geography. After working as a jurist, judge and lecturer, he took public office

as Ministerialrat, Head of Division at the State Ministry of the Interior in Saxony, Germany, from November 1991 until 2000. Thereafter, he first served in the Police and Security and later in the Local Government Department. On behalf of the German Foreign Ministry, he served in East Timor as Registrar General, Head of Civil Registry and Notary Services (UNTAET), and later became the Principal Advisor for Governance Reform for GIZ (German International Cooperation) to the Ministry of Administrative Reform and the Anti-Corruption-Commission of the Republic of Indonesia, where he served for seven years. He then moved to Rwanda, also as Principal Advisor Good Governance/Justice Program. Earlier, he was Resident Representative Lebanon, Director of Rule of Law Program, Middle East North Africa, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung.

Amb. Kishan Rana has an MA in Economics from St. Stephens College, Delhi. He joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1960 and served in Indian Embassy in China (1963-65, 1970-72). He was the Indian Ambassador/ High Commissioner to Algeria, Czechoslovakia, Kenya, Mauritius and Germany and served on PM Indira Gandhi's staff (1981-82). A polyglot, he speaks



Chinese and French in addition to English and Hindi. He is Professor Emeritus, DiploFoundation, Malta and Geneva; Emeritus Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi; Archives By-Fellow, Churchill College, Cambridge and Public Policy Scholar, Woodrow Wilson Centre, Washington DC. Earlier, he was guest faculty, Diplomatic Academy, Vienna (2011-18) and Commonwealth Adviser, Namibia Foreign Ministry, 2000-01. He has authored and edited 11 books, including: Inside Diplomacy (2000); Asian Diplomacy (2007); Diplomacy of the 21st Century (2011); The Contemporary Embassy (2013); Diplomacy at the Cutting Edge (2015); two translated into Chinese.



Amb. Shivshankar Menon is an Indian diplomat, who served as National Security Adviser to Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. He had previously served as the Foreign Secretary, the top diplomat in India. Prior to that, he was Indian High Commissioner to Pakistan, and Sri Lanka and Ambassador to China and Israel.

He is the author of *India and Asian Geopolitics: The Past, Present* (2021) and *Choices: Inside the Making of Indian Foreign Policy* (2016).

Dr. Gudrun Wacker is at present, Senior Fellow in the Asia Division at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, SWP) in Berlin, a think tank providing political advice to the German government and parliament. Her research focuses on Chinese foreign and security policy, especially



EU-China relations, China and the Asia-Pacific region, security cooperation in the Asia-Pacific and the Indo-Pacific. She is currently an EU delegate to the Experts and Eminent Persons Group of the ASEAN Regional Forum.



Dr. Jabin T. Jacob is Associate Professor at the Department of International Relations and Governance Studies at the Shiv Nadar University, India and Adjunct Research Fellow at the National Maritime Foundation, New Delhi. He was formerly Fellow and Assistant Director at the Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi and Associate Editor of the journal *China Report*. His

research interests include Chinese domestic politics, China-South Asia relations, Sino-Indian border areas, Indian and Chinese worldviews, and centre-province relations in China. He is a member of the editorial boards of various academic journals and his latest publication is a coedited volume titled, *China's Search for 'National Rejuvenation': Domestic and Foreign Policies under Xi Jinping* (2020). Some of his works can be found at https://indiandchina.com/.

Mr. Ananth Krishnan is the China correspondent for *The Hindu*. In 2019, he was a Visiting Fellow at Brookings India. He was previously the Beijing-based Associate Editor at the India Today Group until August 2018. He has lived in Beijing since 2009, earlier reporting for *The Hindu*. His reporting in China has taken him to all but three



of China's 33 provinces and regions. His interests include India-China relations as well as Tibet, Xinjiang and ethnic minorities in China. Before moving to China, Ananth was based at *The Hindu's* headquarters in Chennai. He has authored a book titled, *India's China Challenge* (HarperCollins, 2020).



Mr. Santosh Pai has been offering legal services to clients in the India-China corridor since 2010. His areas of interest include Chinese investments in India, India-China comparative law and policy, cross-cultural negotiations and board governance. He holds a B.A., LL.B. (Hons.) degree from NLSIU, Bangalore, LL.M. (Chinese law) from Tsinghua

University, Beijing and an MBA from Vlerick University, Belgium (Peking University campus). His manuscript "*Practical Guide on Investing in India for Chinese Investors*" has been translated into Chinese and published by China Law Press. Santosh is currently a partner at Link Legal, an Indian law firm. He is a member of CII's Core Group on China, teaches two courses on India-China business at IIM Shillong and volunteers at NGOs in his free time.

Dr. Arvind Gupta is the Director of Vivekananda International Foundation, a Delhi based independent, non-partisan think-tank focusing on research on foreign policy, defence, and security related issues from an Indian perspective. From 2014-17, he was the Deputy National Security Advisor and headed the National Security Council Secretariat in the Government



of India. During 2012-14, he was Director General of the Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi. He was Lal Bahadur Shastri Chair on National Security at the IDSA during 2008-2014. Dr. Gupta is a former Diplomat and is also an Honorary Professor in the Department of Defence and National Security Studies, Panjab University, Chandigarh. His interests are in India's foreign policy, security, history, culture and civilization. His book *How India Manages its National Security* was published by Penguin India Ltd. in 2018.



Prof. Rory Medcalf is Head of the National Security College at the Australian National University. His career spans diplomacy, intelligence analysis, think tanks, academia and journalism, including as founding Director of the International Security Program at the Lowy Institute. In government, Professor Medcalf was a senior strategic analyst with the then Office of National

Assessments (now the Office of National Intelligence), Canberra's peak intelligence agency, and a diplomat with service in India, Japan and Papua New Guinea. He now plays a lead role in informal diplomacy among a range of Indo-Pacific powers. He has contributed to three landmark international reports on nuclear arms control and was an adviser for Australia's 2016 Defence White Paper. Professor Medcalf is recognised globally as a thought leader on the Indo-Pacific strategic concept, as articulated in his acclaimed 2020 book *Contest for the Indo-Pacific* (published internationally as *Indo-Pacific Empire*). He is a member of the ASEAN Regional Forum Register of Experts and Eminent Persons, the Board of the National Foundation for Australia-China Relations, and the Scientific Advisory Council of the Finnish Institute of International Affairs.

Mr. Richard McGregor is a Senior Fellow for East Asia at the Lowy Institute, Australia's premier foreign policy think tank, in Sydney. Richard McGregor is a former journalist and author who has won numerous awards for his reporting in China and East Asia. McGregor is an expert on the Chinese political system – his book, *The Party*, on the inner-workings of the Chinese Communist Party, published in 2010,



was called a "masterpiece" by The Economist. Translated into seven languages, *The Party* was chosen by the Asia Society and Mainichi Shimbun in Japan as their book of the year in 2011. His latest book on Sino-Japanese relations, *Asia's Reckoning: China, Japan and the Fate of US in the Pacific Century*, published in 2017, was called "shrewd and knowing" by the Wall Street Journal and the "best book of the year" by the Literary Review in the UK. In late 2018, it won the Prime Minister of Australia's Literary Award for Non-Fiction. As the Former Bureau Chief of Financial Times in Beijing and Washington D.C., he led a team of senior reporters in both capitals for one of the world's biggest business newspapers. He has also been based in Hong Kong, Shanghai, Tokyo, and Taipei. On top of the Financial Times, he has worked for the BBC, the *Far Eastern Economic Review*, the *International Herald Tribune, The Australian* and the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. He was born and spent the early years of his career in Australia. McGregor was a visiting scholar at the Wilson Center and George Washington University in Washington from 2014-2016. His most recent book, *Xi Jinping: The Backlash* was published by Penguin Australia in August, 2019.



Prof. (**Dr.**) **Alexey Maslov** is Professor, Director of Institute of Asian and African Studies, Moscow State University and Academic Director, Institute of Far Eastern Studies, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow. He is a state-level expert for Chinese and International Affairs, member of Russian-Chinese State Committee for cooperation in education, Representative

of Russia in the commission of APEC. His research interests include Asian political history and sociopolitical development, international relations and economic cooperation in the Asia Pacific, the cultural heritage of Silk Road as well as Buddhist and Taoist traditions. He is an advisor for several governmental bodies and ministries in economic and political issues and cooperation with Asian countries. Prof. Alexey Maslov, as a renowned sinologist published more than 60 academic papers, three textbooks, and 16 books on China and East Asian history and politics.

Amb. Deepa Wadhwa has been a distinguished career diplomat who joined the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) in 1979 and retired in December 2015. She has served as Ambassador of India to Japan (2012-2015), Qatar (2009-2012) and Sweden (2005-2009). She was concurrently accredited as Ambassador to Latvia (from Stockholm), and Republic of the Marshall Islands (from



Tokyo). During her career, she has also held other significant assignments in China, Geneva, The Netherlands, the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Ministry of External Affairs. In the course of her career spanning over 36 years, she has handled a wide swathe of issues and subjects related to India's relations with key countries such as Pakistan, China, and Japan; participated in international conferences and negotiations related to climate change, sustainable development, disarmament and human rights and was instrumental in the active promotion of India's economic interests in areas of trade, technology, investments and energy security during postings in Europe, the GCC and Japan. Ms Wadhwa is currently Chairperson of the India-Japan Friendship Forum, Member, Governing Council of the Institute of Chinese Studies and is on the Governing Council of the Asian Confluence, based in Shillong. She also serves as independent Director and advisor on the Boards of a few companies.



Dr. Rityusha Mani Tiwary teaches at the Department of Political Science, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, University of Delhi and is currently a Visiting Fellow at the Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi. She has been the Assistant Editor of *China Report: A Journal of East Asian Studies*, the flagship journal of the Institute, since 2016.

She holds a PhD in Chinese Studies from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. The current focus of her research includes unpacking the interplay of leadership, power and hegemony in East Asia and China's role in shaping regionalism in the twin domain of political economy and foreign policy. She likes to employ critical theory-comparativist lenses to study China and India regarding nationalism, borders, gender and culture. She was the recipient of the Visiting Program for Young Sinologists in 2017, awarded by the Ministry of Culture, People's Republic of China and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing. She was earlier awarded the International Visitor Leadership Program by the Department of State, USA, in 2016 and Pavate Fellowship at the Politics and International Studies Department, University of Cambridge, UK, in 2013. She was a Visiting Scholar at the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, Shanghai, in 2012 and a Visiting Researcher at the German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Hamburg, in 2009.



Prof. Frank N. Pieke (1957) studied Cultural Anthropology and Chinese Studies at the University of Amsterdam and the University of California, Berkeley, where he received his Ph.D. in 1992. After lectureships in Leiden and Oxford, he took up the Chair in Modern China Studies at Leiden University in 2010. At Oxford, Pieke set up and directed the University of Oxford's

China Centre. At Leiden, he was co-founder and first executive Director of the Leiden Asia Centre. Between 2018 and 2020, he was the Director of the Mercator Institute for China Studies (MERICS) in Berlin. This academic year, he is in Uppsala as a Fellow at the Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study. Pieke's own research revolves around governance in China and the evolution of the Chinese Communist Party, Chinese globalization and the impact of China on Europe. His current project is entitled "The Rise of China and the Consequences of Superpower", which asks how China's emerging superpower status will change China. His most recent books are *The Good Communist* (2009) and *Knowing China* (2016), both published by Cambridge University Press. Earlier this year, he and Koichi Iwabuchi published an edited volume titled *Global East Asia: Into the Twenty-First Century* with the University of California Press in 2021.

Prof. David Ownby (Harvard University M.A. and Ph.D.) is Professor of History at the Université de Montréal in Montreal, Canada. He began his career by working on the history of secret societies in Qing China (*Brotherhoods and Secret Societies in Early and Mid-Qing China*, 1996), and subsequently moved on to work on various aspects of Chinese popular religion (*Falun Gong*)



and the Future of China, 2008). For the past few years, he has been working on the topic contemporary Chinese intellectual life and runs the website readingthechinadream.com.



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