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# CONCEPT NOTE

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## Overview and Objective

The All India Conference of China Studies (AICCS) is the flagship event of the Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi (ICS) convened annually, with the principal objective of spreading interest in and strengthening research on China and East Asian Studies in India. Each conference has a special theme and the 13th edition of the conference will focus on “China at Crossroads: New Directions in Politics, Environment and Economy”. This year’s conference is being organised virtually in collaboration with Indian Institute of Technology-Madras China Studies Centre, Chennai, from 28-30 January 2021.

The AICCS promotes active networking among scholars and raises awareness about the research and study on China in India. This is the motivation in holding the AICCS every year in collaboration with an academic institution/university in different parts of the country.

Twelve conferences have been held so far - Delhi (2006 and 2009), Jadavpur University (2010), Central University of Hyderabad, (2011) Shantiniketan (2012), IIM-Kozhikode (2013), Benaras Hindu University (2014), Sikkim University (2015), University of Mumbai (2016), Goa University (2017), CHRIST University (2018), and Jindal Global University (2019).

Apart from the participation of renowned scholars, the conference provides a platform for young China scholars to present papers based on their ongoing research. A notable feature of the AICCS is the Mira Sinha-Bhattacharjea Award – instituted in the memory of one of India's finest China scholars - for the best original paper at the AICCS presented by a young scholar.

The conference features young and established China scholars from more than 30 institutions from all over the country and abroad participating as speakers, chairs and discussants, featuring a total of eleven sessions spread over three days.

The **Institute of Chinese Studies**, Delhi is one of the oldest multi-disciplinary research institutions on China and East Asia in India, which not only generates its own research but also brings together leading and upcoming scholars on a regular basis through multiple fora. Among its many legacies, it has been conducting weekly *Wednesday Seminars* for over 50 years and has its own peer-reviewed quarterly journal on China and East Asia, *China Report*, which is in its 56th year of publication. The ICS celebrated its 50th year in 2019.

Established in April 2011 with a view to create an academic centre dedicated to the long-term study of China, **Indian Institute of Technology-Madras China Studies Centre** has research interests spanning domestic politics, foreign policy, economy and development of China. The Centre actively hosts scholars/visiting researchers from the domain of Chinese studies, and has several PhD scholars researching on multiple aspects related to China.

# PROGRAMME

Day One: Thursday, 28 January 2021

Inaugural Session  
11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

- Welcome Remarks**                      **Amb. Ashok K. Kantha**, Director, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi
- Opening Remarks**                      **Prof. Bhaskar Ramamurthi**, Director, Indian Institute of Technology-Madras, Chennai
- Convenor's Remarks**                      **Prof. Sreemati Chakrabarti**, Vice-Chairperson, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi and Convenor, 13<sup>th</sup> AICCS
- Keynote Address**                      **Hon'ble Dr. S. Jaishankar**, Minister of External Affairs, Government of India
- MC and Vote of Thanks**                      **Dr. Joe Thomas Karackattu**, In-Charge of IIT-Madras China Studies Centre and Co-Convenor, 13<sup>th</sup> AICCS

12:30 – 14:30 PM: **Lunch**

Special Panel I: Methods in China Studies Research  
14:30 P.M. – 16:00 P.M.

Chair: **Prof. Rana Mitter OBE FBA**, Professor of the History and Politics of Modern China & Fellow of St. Cross College, University of Oxford, Oxford

- **Prof. Kamal Sheel**, Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi; Trustee, Aditya Shyam Trust & Chairperson, BJK Institute of Buddhist & Asian Studies, Varanasi
- **Prof. William Callahan**, Professor of International Relations, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), London & Taiwan Fellow at National Taiwan University, Taipei
- **Prof. Avijit Banerjee**, Professor & Head, Department of Chinese Language & Culture (Cheena Bhavana), Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan; Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi
- **Dr. Usha Chandran**, Assistant Professor, Centre for Chinese and South East Asian Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi; Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi

16:00 – 16:15 PM: **TEA**

**Thematic Panel I: Politics of Ecology in the PRC**  
**16:15 P.M. – 17:45 P.M.**

Chair: **Prof. Sanjay Chaturvedi**, Professor & Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of International Relations, South Asian University, Delhi

- **Ms. Shagufta Yasmin**, Ph.D. Candidate, Centre for East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi; ICS-HYI Fellow  
*China's Environmental Diplomacy: Environmental Sovereignty to Authoritarian Environmentalism*
- **Ms. Saloni Sharma**, Ph.D. Candidate, Centre for Chinese and South East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi; ICS-HYI Fellow  
*Looking Beyond the Crossroads: Covid-19 and Environmental Governance in China*
- **Dr. Justin Joseph**, Assistant Professor (Politics), School of Liberal Arts, Hindustan University, Chennai  
*New Media Activism and Politics of Ecology in the People's Republic of China*
- **Dr. Sriram Natrajan**, Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi  
*Urban Agriculture, Food Security and Urban Food Systems in China*

Discussant: **Dr Manish Kumar**, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Earth Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology-Gandhinagar, Gandhinagar

**Day Two: Friday, 29 January 2021**

**Special Panel II: Reducing Dependency in Economic Engagement with China**  
**11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.**

Moderator: **Mr. Santosh Pai**, Honorary Fellow and Treasurer, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi; Partner, Link Legal, Delhi

- **Mr. Sanjay Chadha**, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India
- **Amb. (Dr) Mohan Kumar**, Chairperson, Research & Information System for Developing Countries (RIS); Professor of Diplomatic Practice, School of International Affairs & Dean, Office of International Affairs & Global Initiatives, O. P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat
- **Dr. Ajit Ranade**, Group Executive President & Chief Economist, Aditya Birla Group, Mumbai
- **Prof. Amita Batra**, Professor of Economics & Chairperson, Centre for South Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi; Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi

12:30 – 14:00 PM: **Lunch**

## Thematic Panel II: Societal Transformation Issues in the PRC

14:00 P.M. – 15:30 P.M.

Chair: **Prof. Ramu Manivannan**, Head, Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Madras, Chennai

- **Ms. Prateeksha Tiwari**, M.Phil Candidate, Centre for East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi  
*Covid-19 and Online Learning in Rural China: Challenges, Impact and Opportunities*
- **Ms. Shruti Jargad**, Graduate Student, Yenching Academy of Peking University, Beijing; Research Intern, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi  
*Residents' Committee in China: From Revolution to Pandemic*
- **Mr. Snehal Ajit Ulman**, Ph.D. Candidate, Centre for Chinese and South East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi  
*From Hu Jintao to Xi Jinping: Changing Political Visions and Struggles*

Discussant: **Dr. Bhim Subba**, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, School of Social Science, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad; Visiting Research Associate, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi

15:30 – 15:45 PM: Tea

## Thematic Panel III: Outreach and Multilateralism: Foreign Policy and Challenges

15:45 P.M. – 17:15 P.M.

Chair: **Prof. W. Lawrence S. Prabhakar**, Advisor, Centre for Public Policy Research, Kochi & former Professor of International Relations and Strategic Studies, Department of Political Science, Madras Christian College, Chennai

- **Ms. Jayshree Borah**, Ph.D. Candidate, School of International Relations and Public Administration, Shanghai International Studies University, Shanghai  
*Going Beyond the United Nations: How China is Engaging in Building Peace in Myanmar?*
- **Ms. Shubhda Gurung**, Ph.D. Candidate, Centre for Chinese and South East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi; ICS-HYI Fellow  
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*Reigning in the Brahmaputra: Challenges to and Opportunities of Inter-Basin Cooperation*
- **Dr. Saheli Bose**, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Seth Anandram Jaipuria College (University of Calcutta), Kolkata  
*Can Off-tracking Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) Cost India's Gain in BCIM?*

Discussant: **Dr Avinash Godbole**, Assistant Professor, Jindal School of Liberal Arts & Humanities, O. P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat, Haryana

17:15 – 17:30 PM: Tea

**Special Panel III: Urbanization in China**  
**17:30 P.M. – 19:00 P.M.**

Chair: **Dr. Partha Mukhopadhyay**, Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research, Delhi; Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi

- **Prof. Mark W. Frazier**, Professor of Politics, The New School of Social Research; Co-Director, India China Institute, The New School, New York
- **Dr. Juan Du**, Associate Professor, Department of Architecture, Associate Dean (International and Mainland China Affairs), and Director of the Urban Ecologies Design Lab (UEDL), Faculty of Architecture, Hong Kong University, Hong Kong
- **Dr. Mary Ann O'Donnell**, Cultural Anthropologist and Artist, Co-Founder, Handshake 302, Shenzhen
- **Dr. Solomon Benjamin**, Associate Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology-Madras, Chennai

**Day Three: Saturday, 30 January 2021**

**Special Panel IV: Environment and Climate Change Goals and Strategies of China, India and the West: Prospects and Challenges**  
**11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.**

Chair: **Prof. Manoranjan Mohanty**, Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi; former Chairperson, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi; former Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, Delhi

- **Amb. Shyam Saran**, Member, Governing Council, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi; Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research, Delhi; former Foreign Secretary and Climate Change Adviser to the Prime Minister, Government of India
- **Prof. Varaprasad S. Dolla**, Professor, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi
- **Dr. Rajiv Ranjan**, Assistant Professor at College of Liberal Arts, Institute of Global Studies, Shanghai University, Shanghai; Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi

12:30 – 14:00 PM: **Lunch**

### Special Panel V: China Studies in India

14:00 P.M. – 15:30 P.M.

Chair: **Prof. Madhavi Thampi**, Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi

- **Prof. Tansen Sen**, Professor of History and Director of the Center for Global Asia, NYU Shanghai, Shanghai; Global Network Professor, NYU New York
- **Dr. Sonika Gupta**, Associate Professor of Global Politics, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology – Madras and Founder, IITM China Studies Centre, Chennai
- **Dr. Dhriti Roy**, Assistant Professor and In-charge of the Department of Chinese, School of Languages and Literature, Sikkim University, Gangtok
- **Dr. G. Venkat Raman**, Associate Professor, Indian Institute of Management – Indore, Indore; Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi

15:30 – 15:45 PM: Tea

### Thematic Panel IV: Political Economy Challenges in Chinese Economic Policy

15:45 P.M. – 17:15 P.M.

Chair: **Prof. Rajat Kathuria**, Director and Chief Executive, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), Delhi

- **Mr. Santosh Pai**, Honorary Fellow & Treasurer, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi; Partner, Link Legal, Delhi; **Ms. Shubhi Bhandari**, Independent Researcher  
*FDI Trends in post-Covid era: Can Indian Paradiplomacy Harvest Gains from China's Loss?*
- **Dr. Khanindra Das**, Assistant Professor, Birla Institute of Management Technology, Delhi-NCR  
*Economic Interdependence since COVID-19: China and South Asia*
- **Dr. Radha Raghurampatruni**, Associate Professor, GITAM (Deemed to be University), Visakhapatnam  
*An Empirical Analysis of Trade Performance between China and the BRICS Regional Group*
- **Dr. Malini Tantri**, Assistant Professor, ISEC, Bengaluru; **Dr. Nalin Kumar**, Associate Professor, Presidency University, Bengaluru; **Dr. Varadurga Bhat**, Assistant Professor, Christ University (Deemed to be), Bengaluru  
*Trade Irritants and Non-Tariff Measures between India and China*

Discussant: **Dr. Arindam Banerjee**, Associate Professor in Economics, School of Liberal Studies, Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD), Delhi

17:15 – 17:30 PM: Tea

**Valedictory Session**  
**17:30 P.M. – 18:00 P.M.**

**Chair: Prof. Patricia Uberoi, Chairperson and Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi**

- **Report of Conference**  
**Prof. Sreemati Chakrabarti**, Vice-Chairperson, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi and Convenor, 13<sup>th</sup> AICCS
  
- **Welcoming Delegates to the 14<sup>th</sup> AICCS**  
**Prof. Avijit Banerjee**, Professor & Head, Department of Chinese Language & Culture (Cheena Bhavana), Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan; Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi
  
- **Vote of Thanks**  
**Dr. Joe Thomas Karackattu**, In-charge of IIT-Madras China Studies Centre and Co-Convenor, 13<sup>th</sup> AICCS

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**Note:** Paper presenters in all the thematic sessions will have 10 minutes to make their presentations, while the Discussants will 10 minutes to make his/her points. The Chair will take 5 minutes to make the opening and concluding remarks. Rest of the time in the session will be for Q&A.

In Special Panels, unless otherwise decided by the Chair beforehand, each speaker is requested to confine their presentations to 10-12 minutes, and keep the remaining time in the session for Q&A.

# ABSTRACT

## Thematic Panel I: Politics of Ecology in the PRC

**Ms. Shagufta Yasmin**, Ph.D. Candidate, Centre for East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi; ICS-HYI Fellow

*China's Environmental Diplomacy: Environmental Sovereignty to Authoritarian Environmentalism*

In June 2017, President Trump decided to withdraw from the Paris Agreement. This withdrawal of a major player from the agreement led the global governance into a transitional era. This situation created an opportunity but also posed a challenge for China, which is the largest emitter of the greenhouse gases (GHGs), has the largest population in the world and is also the fastest-growing trillion-dollar economy. Under the leadership of President Xi Jinping, China has indeed announced unprecedented commitments, which will have long-term impact on global environmental regime. Thus, it is imperative, and also interesting to study the transition in its position in the international climate change negotiations. China's Environmental Diplomacy has come a long way and China currently is a major player in the framing of the international climate change policies. However, what needs to be explored is: how China's climate change diplomacy evolved from focusing on 'Environmental Sovereignty' and has reached the phase of so-called 'Authoritarian Environmentalism'.

This paper will study various primary sources (Chinese Language Sources) in order to analyse the evolution of China's Environmental Diplomacy, its development, and the current posture, which will also help in understanding how the Chinese leaders have perceived the global environmental regime and how have they developed their participation strategy. It will also study how the Chinese and Western scholars view this shift in China's position.

**Ms. Saloni Sharma**, Ph.D. Candidate, Centre for Chinese and South East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi; ICS-HYI Fellow

*Looking Beyond the Crossroads: Covid-19 and Environmental Governance in China*

The last decade witnessed major shifts in China's environmental governance. What once seemed to be a course that China discounted at the perils of industrial growth, environmental regulations gradually became a chief aspect of governance and propaganda. The awakening of this consciousness was marked by a milestone when China became a signatory to the Paris Agreement. In the 19th National Congress, Xi Jinping's Thought of Socialism with Chinese Characteristics in the New Era highlighted the vision of an 'Ecological Civilization' for the construction of a 'Beautiful China'. However, at the closing of this decade, COVID 19 marks an impromptu shift in the epoch of the anthropocene. Whether China will rise from the COVID-19 induced slumber to kickstart the engines of the economy or persist in its vision for the ecological civilization, is the discussion this paper is interested in pursuing. While the reforms towards wildlife conservation and preservation are more salient, there have been many optimistic studies suggesting favourable ecological outcomes due to the global lockdown and reduced human activity, like reduction in carbon emissions and decrease in overall air, water and soil pollution, particularly in China. Glimpses of the 14th five-year plan suggest aggressively focussing on economic development as the way out for China's dwindling fortunes but the appearance of this contagion may prove a tipping point in a myriad of ways. This paper, while exploring such

implications, stresses on the phenomenon of the virus as an instrument for rethinking governance and propaganda models in the ecological and other connected domains.

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**Dr. Justin Joseph**, Assistant Professor (Politics), School of Liberal Studies, Hindustan University, Chennai

*New Media Activism and Politics of Ecology in the People's Republic of China*

Environmental sector is an interesting realm in Chinese politics to observe interesting factors such as the contributions of non-state actors in policy implementation and decision-making processes, especially during the 40 years of reform and opening up. Top-down efforts to curb environmental issues are primarily to address increasing public discomfort due to pollution and related problems. However, environmental movements are increasingly visible in the single party polity in China despite their application of stability maintenance mechanisms such as Environmental Police. It is therefore noteworthy to deeply analyse the factors that contribute to the increasing scale of movements in the country. This study examines the role of new media activism (occurring due to the public's interactions through *Wechat*, *Weibo*, *QQ* etc.) in shaping the trajectory of environmental movements in China. How are these avenues supporting an alternative communication channels outside the mainstream policy making apparatus? Is the government willing to incorporate the interests developed in these channels to policy-making realms? How these behavioural changes are influencing the state-society relations in contemporary China in the context of increasing environmental concerns. The study employs agency-structure framework to analyse the interactions between New Media Activism and the single party ruling political structure. It also takes insights from fieldwork data from China. The study deeply examines policy documents, official declarations of the communist party, public attitude towards new media activism etc. in order to present a comprehensive understanding on politics of ecology in the P.R.C.

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**Dr. Sriram Natrajan**, Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi

*Urban Agriculture, Food Security and Urban Food Systems in China*

This is an exploratory paper on the re-emergence of urban farming/agriculture (UA) as an important priority in urban food systems and policy in China. 'Re-emergence' because until about the early 1990s, cities/municipalities were able to meet most if not the entire requirement of fresh food and to some extent grain and livestock produce from within their boundaries. When rapid growth of urban centres in China began to manifest in explosive population growth along with urban built-up area, farmland within and around cities declined with increasing amounts of urban food supplies sourced from the hinterland. In the recent decade, following rapid advances in technological capabilities aided by intensive research and development in the field of vertical farming, aquaponics and hydroponics, urban agriculture has found an important place in China's agriculture and food policy.

**Ms. Prateeksha Tiwari**, M. Phil Candidate, Centre for East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

*Covid-19 and Online Learning in Rural China: Challenges, Impact and Opportunities*

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, schools across China remained shut after the Spring Festival break and 200 million children started new semester in February online (China Daily, 2020). The Ministry of Education (MoE) launched ‘停课不停学’ to ensure curriculum-based instruction is carried on without interruptions using networked cloud classrooms, online lectures, and pre-recorded videos sent via educational television (MoE, 教育部：利用网络平台“停课不停学”，2020). National scale informatisation of school instruction has been underway in China since 2011, and the MoE declared the current pandemic as “not only an emergency response, but a litmus test for application of previous informatisation strategies.”

As anticipated, many issues have surfaced in carrying out distance curriculum-based instruction and student engagement in rural China (Kologrivaya & Shleifer, 2020; Zhong, 2020; Kanthor, 2020; Liu, 2020). Some of these issues are contingent – poor connectivity, lack of appropriate/sufficient devices, insufficient/inadequate guardian supervision and assistance, unfamiliarity with online lecture’s instruction style, and burden of other household chores. However, the contingent issues also reveal deeper structural and conceptual issues in China’s rural education informatisation. In strategic documents, technologies are presented as panacea for problems endemic to China’s rural education (MoE, 2012; MoE, 2018). The magic of technology (Cuban, 2013) is held as cure for lack of access to ‘quality’ education, ‘poor quality’ teachers, lack of support environment at home, poor student motivation, and the larger rural-urban economic divide.

In this paper, I will use findings from news reports, official announcements, and preliminary ethnographic and survey data on the state of curriculum-based learning in rural China during the COVID-19 pandemic and draw linkages with structural issues in China’s rural education informatisation. In final analysis, I will discuss if informatisation is indeed the solution to China’s rural educational problems.

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**Ms. Shruti Jargad**, Graduate Student, Yenching Academy of Peking University, Beijing; Research Intern, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi

*Residents’ Committee in China: From Revolution to Pandemic*

Chinese residential communities (社区) have been shown in the literature to be places of intense social interaction and government activity, implementing communitarian political projects, and shaping socialist urban lifestyle. From being the crux of the iron rice bowl system in the *danwei* years, residents’ committees and neighbourhood party committees (居委会), along with party control, were seen to be dying slow deaths with the advent of private housing and management. However, since the beginning of his reign, President Xi Jinping has sought to halt this atrophy through the regeneration of party branches, including the neighbourhood committees. This aims to revitalise the Party’s grass-roots networks and assert regime legitimacy in an age of market economy.

The COVID -19 pandemic has highlighted the committees’ active role, and they have been applauded as the frontline of China’s fight against the epidemic. It has also prompted debate about the political significance of residents’ committees – are they a marker of democratic local

government or an instrument of government's "social management." This paper investigates how neighbourhood committees have affected regime legitimacy and the ability to rule in the post reforms period.

The first section gives a historical overview of local administrative structures and their role during the revolutionary years under Mao. The second part outlines the status and functioning of the committees after Deng Xiaoping initiated reforms. The essay next takes note of the political reforms undertaken by Xi Jinping to strengthen party branches. This section also uses the COVID pandemic management as a case study to establish the revitalisation of the neighbourhood committees. Based on the parts above, the final section makes a case about the role of committees in strengthening the CCP's rule in China.

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**Mr. Snehal Ajit Ulman**, Ph. D. Candidate, Centre for Chinese and South East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

*From Hu Jintao to Xi Jinping: Changing Political Visions and Struggles*

After coming to power in 2002 and 2012 respectively, both Hu Jintao and Xi Jinping brought new changes in the governance of China. Hu Jintao's period was characterised by a shift towards Harmonious Society and Scientific Outlook on Development, rather than just growth in numbers. Xi Jinping's China Dream and other ideas like 'Four Comprehensives', 'Beat the Tiger and Swat the Fly' and 'One Belt, One Road' steered towards a more centralised power structure in China. These changes are notable important as they have attracted the attention of the whole world.

This paper analyses the visions of these two leaders and the changes that were introduced through policy initiatives. This paper looks into the speeches of the leaders to understand their vision for China. This paper explores the social problems and political struggles that urged the leaders to drive China in specific directions. This paper will also compare both the leaders in terms of the challenges they faced and the steps they have taken. In order to carry out this study, certain assumptions are made.

1. Both Hu Jintao and Xi Jinping faced similar set of challenges when they came to power. They have even chosen similar paths to overcome these challenges. However, actualisation has been quite distinguishable.
2. Xi Jinping has been able to make a huge mark of his governance of China than Hu Jintao, mostly due to the strong and appealing use of political rhetoric.

**Ms. Jayshree Borah**, Ph.D. Candidate, School of International Relations and Public Administration, Shanghai International Studies University, Shanghai

*Going Beyond the United Nations: How China is Engaging in Building Peace in Myanmar?*

The aim of this paper is to examine China's engagement in Myanmar from the perspective of China as a peace-building actor in conflicted countries. The paper asks the question how much non-intervention policy plays role in China's approach towards dealing with Myanmar. How China response and behaves in United Nations regarding the question of crisis in Myanmar. How China is approaching its peace through development approach in Myanmar. Finally, it tries to understand how China is navigating towards building a Chinese approach towards dealing with Myanmar, a neighbouring country with internal civil wars. The paper is divided into 5 sub sections

- A. China's non-intervention policy in Myanmar and 2007 Veto in UNSC
- B. China's response and engagement towards Myanmar peace process
- C. China's attitude at the UN regarding Rohingya crisis and China's own response to it outside the UN
- D. China's agencies for peace through development in Myanmar.
- E. A Chinese way: Asian solution for Asian Problems?

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**Ms. Shubhda Gurung**, Ph.D. Candidate, Centre for Chinese and South East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi; ICS-HYI Fellow

*Building Bridges for a Better Future: A Study on Tertiary-level Education Exchanges between India and China*

It is not unusual to hear the phrase "the world has become a global village". In a rapidly shifting global landscape, the exchange of ideas, goods, and technology have had a profound influence on the way people and societies communicate and understand one another. While globalisation has brought the world together, it has, paradoxically, given rise to greater misunderstandings, especially during the times of Covid-19. Nowhere is this tension between greater connectivity and misunderstanding is more evident than in the current state of the Sino-Indian relationship.

Despite the geographical proximity between the two countries, the level of people-to-people cooperation between India and China remains woefully limited. While the Indian and Chinese governments have repeatedly emphasised the need to promote a people-centric partnership, the level of people-to-people cooperation remains inadequate. However, there is a growing realisation in New Delhi and Beijing of the need to cultivate 'soft power' through tertiary education exchanges. In post-Covid scenario, attracting students from China in India and vice versa will not only enhance India and China's respective soft power, but also create conditions for mutual understanding and lay the groundwork for a healthier relationship going forward. Based on this observation, this research paper will argue that facilitating greater tertiary educational exchanges between Indian and Chinese students with the aim of fostering mutual understanding will create constituencies on both sides that advocate for a peaceful and prosperous relationship.

To realise this, this paper will give a comprehensive survey of existing agreements on education cooperation and statistics on the state of Sino-Indian education cooperation before analysing the push and pull factors behind India and China as destinations for tertiary education. Lastly, the paper will recommend policies that the Indian and Chinese governments can look into to foster tertiary education cooperation.

**Mr. Shivi Sanyam**, Advocate; **Mr Rahul Suryavanshi**, Economics Undergraduate;  
**Mr Yash Johri**, Lawyer

*Reigning in the Brahmaputra: Challenges to and Opportunities of Inter-Basin Cooperation*

Tibet is the water tower of the Subcontinent as well as South East Asia, due to this geographical predicament most of our waters be it the Indus, Sutlej as well as the all-important Brahmaputra flow from lands that today lie within the territorial boundaries of the Chinese state. In the recent past up till the present tensions with our eastern neighbour have highlighted numerous vulnerabilities that we face. One in particular is our dependence (even though our dependency ratio in comparison with other states is relatively low) upon water systems originating from Tibet. In addition to the issue of **water security** of tremendous importance is the need for **ecological security** as well as a need to stress upon states adopting standards of **sustainable development**. A conversation between the two countries on sustainable development shouldn't be seen as a concession to China to divert waterways flowing into India but should in turn generate debate regarding China's activities within the bio-diverse and water rich region of Tibet. This will in turn also have reciprocal effect upon India's construction activities in Arunachal Pradesh and other ecologically sensitive areas in the North East as well. This is important because safeguarding the ecological interests of large parts of Asia, after all, requires protecting the delicate Tibetan ecosystems. Environmental degradation in Tibet holds serious implications for other states because the plateau is a barometer of climatic conditions in southern, south eastern and central Asia, as well as in Mainland China. Brahma Chellaney in his book 'Water' states, "Tibetan plateau symbolizes that a sustainable Asian order has to be built on a balance among the market, culture and nature so that Asia can address its development, energy and security needs."

At present there is no bilateral or multilateral framework that governs waters flowing from Tibet into the Indian Subcontinent. China does however have developed a framework to work with Russia on Trans-boundary Rivers as per the Ramsar Convention. Additionally, the Lower Mekong Initiative advances the interests of countries in that region to work on sustainable development. While the border dispute and our trading relationship undoubtedly take up a large portion of time of policy makers, the sustainable development of our northeastern riverine civilization often doesn't make the cut.

This study proposes to understand this issue via multiple layers:

1. **Feasibility Study of Bilateral/Multilateral (Including lower riparian Bangladesh) Agreement:** Aim to understand from publicly available government directions, research pieces and conversations what has been the position of both governments towards this matter. Further, if there is any chance of working towards such a framework, to understand how the political stars need to align to make the same possible.
2. **Sustainable Development Argument:** Sustainable development over the last thirty years, since the 1992 Rio Declaration has acquired the status of a globally accepted legal norm – the grammar and logic of any agreement should be evaluated from the principles of the same. While landmark international judgments of Gabcikovo-Nagymaros (1997) and Pulp Mills (2010) will work as lodestars, however both Chinese and Indian approaches to sustainable development that are appropriate for this context will be thoroughly evaluated.
3. **Possible Court Proceedings:** We will also attempt to include a gamed case-study in our paper of a situation in which India may find it appropriate to move an international court, if there is a particular cause of action that arises against China. This is likely to be more probable if a bilateral/multilateral agreement doesn't arise. We will provide a comprehensive procedural guide to the conduct of the same as well.

**Dr. Saheli Bose**, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Seth Anandram Jaipuria College (University of Calcutta), Kolkata

*Can Off-tracking Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) Cost India's Gain in BCIM?*

BCIM began its journey as a “track two” initiative in 1999, with an aim to bring better coordination in the flow of products, services, energy, investments, technology and people to people contact within the countries of India, China, Bangladesh and Myanmar. At the heart of the BCIM is the Economic Corridor which covers a distance of more than 2800km which seeks to connect the major nodal points along with the remote areas of the member countries. However, BCIM trajectory is hit hard by the skirmishes that have been between India and China due to rolling of CPEC (China-Pakistan Economic Corridor) and India’s subsequent decision to off track from Chinese led BRI. The Chinese Foreign Ministry website no longer list BCIM as a project covered under BRI umbrella.

The fact that BCIM predates BRI and is of extremely significant as an economic venture, this paper takes a close look at BCIM from an Economic Corridor perspective, thereby explaining its ‘narrow’ and ‘broad’ views and zones of development in an Economic corridor. The paper will analyse not only the gains that India can have in terms of connectivity and development of its Northeast but also to exploit the complementarities existing in trade amongst the members involved. Also, the paper explores whether BCIM is necessary as a counter weight against the Chinese ambition in South Asia or if the Chinese will be able to join the dots of BRI bypassing India? In the end the paper will evaluate the situation if India’s decision not to join BRI will cost BCIM or BCIM will keep its momentum as a separate track.

#### Thematic Panel IV: Political Economy Challenges in Chinese Economic Policy

**Mr. Santosh Pai**, Honorary Fellow & Treasurer, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi; Partner, Link Legal, Delhi; **Ms. Shubhi Bhandari**, Independent Researcher

*FDI Trends in post-Covid era: Can Indian Paradiplomacy Harvest Gains from China's Loss?*

There are vast dissimilarities between the design and performance of FDI policies in India and China. While China witnessed consistent growth in FDI inflows since 1978, a post-COVID-19 downtrend is expected due to a desire for diversification in global value chains. India’s FDI inflows have been more volatile and it is seeking to capitalize on China’s demotion on the back of some bold initiatives. This makes a dissection of China’s FDI experience instructive from an Indian perspective. This paper presents an overview of prevailing FDI policies in India and China including regional disparities within each country. It then examines individual strategies pursued by local governments in China to determine their suitability for adoption in India after accounting for differences in political and legal systems. The primary focus is on distilling techniques that will not only increase India’s weightage in global value chains but also enhance domestic spill overs from FDI to aid growth of domestic manufacturing sector. The results can be instrumental in introducing much needed nuance into India’s para-diplomacy efforts. Differentiated strategies employed by State governments at the industry and enterprise levels are likely to extract better results than overlapping efforts with a similar toolkit aimed at a common audience.

**Dr. Khanindra Das**, Assistant Professor, Birla Institute of Management Technology, Delhi-NCR  
*Economic Interdependence since COVID-19: China and South Asia*

In the backdrop of COVID-19, we assess economic inter-dependence of South Asian nations with China. There is considerable change in economic interdependence between India and China in comparison to pre-COVID times as a result of restrictive measures to contain investment from countries with land borders. Though consistency could be observed in economic interdependence of several South Asian countries with China in the trade fronts but there is a general disruption in Chinese investment in these nations. The disruption in Chinese investment in the South Asian nations can be viewed both as a sign of lopsided benefits to local economies from such investments and geopolitical backlash. South Asian countries desirous of benefitting from foreign investment in their respective economies will need to encourage fair competition in investment projects rather than towing geo-political lines so that sustainable economic gains can be made, which will require strengthening of various market strengthening institutions in these economies.

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**Dr. Radha Raghurampatruni**, Associate Professor, GITAM (Deemed to be University),  
Visakhapatnam

*An Empirical Analysis of Trade Performance between China and the BRICS Regional Group*

The BRICS economies have emerged as a major driving force in the global economic arena, with the balance of economic power shifting dramatically towards Asia over the next decades. With 43 percent of the world's population, BRICS group account for more than one fifth of global output and nearly a fifth of all trade and of foreign direct investment flows. They have also become growing source of aid for the continent. Their global strength is set to continue growing, as the economies of China and India overtake the western developed world. With a combined gross domestic product of \$15trillion, BRICS countries account for 19.3percent of gross global product; 25.7percent of the world land area; and have contributed to more than 50 percent to the world's economic growth during the last 10 years. Intra - BRICS trade has grown from \$567billion in 2010 to \$744bn in the year 2017. Further growth of the BRICS economies requires creation of their closer partnership in trade and investments. China is playing the leading role in this process, as a main investor and importer of Foreign Direct Investment and trade partner in BRICS regional group. China continues to deepen its economic ties with other BRICS countries and open up its financial market to serve as a cushion against rising global uncertainty. Also, development of Intra-BRICS trade and investment cooperation is very important in the context of trade war imposed by the USA against China. In this context the present paper makes an attempt to assess the trade performance of China with the rest of the BRICS countries and further analyse the opportunities and potential of China's trade with the rest of the BRICS economies. The paper would adopt suitable research techniques mainly based on different measures of Trade Intensity Index, Revealed Comparative Advantage (RCA), Revealed Import Dependency (RID) in addition to simple Balassa Index. Accordingly, alternative RCA indices are calculated. The stability of different measures of RCA is also tested along with application of basic gravity model to observe the performance of various indicators of trade among the nations with reference to China.

**Dr. Malini Tantri**, Assistant Professor, ISEC, Bengaluru; **Dr. Nalin Kumar**, Associate Professor, Presidency University, Bengaluru; **Dr. Varadurga Bhat**, Assistant Professor, Christ University (Deemed to be), Bengaluru

*Trade Irritants and Non-Tariff Measures between India and China*

Trade between China and India had always been predominated by geopolitical concerns and mounting trade deficits. As India has been heavily dependent on China on many of its domestic requirements as well as intermediary products, what often get side-lined or what often deserves more meritorious discussion are the behind the border measures and procedural obstacles. These are hardly debated in the context of growing trade between the two countries and this paper intends to fulfil this gap to some measure. Non-Tariff Measures (NTMs) are seen in an evolving regulatory context which have a potential to put more costs than tariffs. More challenging part of NTMs are institutional and regulatory shortcomings in some countries which result in NTMs becoming barriers to trade. A major difficulty in the case of NTMs is to quantify the affected trade since some of the clearly defined regulations might enhance trade. Though almost all products are covered under NTMs in both countries, in this paper we look into how many of them turn out to be burdensome from the regulatory and transaction costs point of view. We also look into the issue of absence of information related to borer rejections, consignment destructions, etc. to examine the real incidence of issues of NTMs turning out to be barriers to trade. However, the larger prevalence of export related NTMs indicate there is more procedural obstacles within the country and only supporting policy measures and a better regulatory environment can make India reap the trade potential with China on a variety of products.

# SPEAKER BIOS

## Inaugural Session



**Ambassador Ashok K. Kantha**, Director, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi

**Amb. Ashok K. Kantha** is Director of the Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi and a Distinguished Fellow at Vivekananda International Foundation, New Delhi. A career diplomat, Kantha was Ambassador of India to China until January 2016. Prior to this, he was Secretary (East) at the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi. His previous assignments include High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka and Malaysia, Consul General in Hong Kong, Deputy Chief of Mission in Kathmandu, and Joint Secretary (East Asia), Director (China) and Director (Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran) in the Ministry of External Affairs. Earlier, Kantha served in different capacities at Indian Missions in Singapore, China and the US, and at headquarters in New Delhi. In his diplomatic career spanning over 38 years, Kantha specialized in Asian affairs, with particular focus on China and India's neighbourhood. He has an advanced certificate in Chinese language from National University of Singapore.



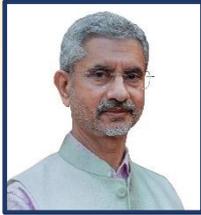
**Prof. Bhaskar Ramamurthi**, Director, Indian Institute of Technology-Madras, Chennai

Prof Bhaskar Ramamurthi is Director of IIT Madras (since 2011). Among other honours, he is a Fellow with The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (New York) and the Indian National Academy of Engineering. His research specialisation is on modulation and coding for mobile communications, wireless communication networks, design and implementation of wireless local loop systems. He was honoured with the Doyens of Madras Award, by the Government of Tamil Nadu in 2014. Prof. Bhaskar Ramamurthi got his B.Tech in Electronics from IIT Madras in 1980, and his M.S. and Ph.D in Electrical Engineering from the University of California at Santa Barbara, in 1982 and 1985 respectively.



**Prof. Sreemati Chakrabarti**, Vice-Chairperson, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi and Convenor, 13<sup>th</sup> AICCS

Prof. Sreemati Chakrabarti is the editor of the China Report. She was a Professor of Chinese Studies and Head (Chair), Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi. Currently, she also held the position of Dean (Social Sciences) in the same University. She has been Honorary Fellow of the Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi since 2003. In 2015, she became Vice-Chairperson of the Institute. Between 2009 to 2012, she was also Honorary Director, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi. She has a Ph. D in Political Science from Columbia University and holds Master's degrees from Delhi University (Political Science) and Harvard University (Regional Studies – East Asia).



**Hon'ble Dr. S. Jaishankar, Minister of External Affairs, Government of India**

Earlier Dr S. Jaishankar was President – Global Corporate Affairs at Tata Sons Private Limited from May 2018. He was Foreign Secretary from 2015-18, Ambassador to United States from 2013-15, Ambassador to China from 2009-2013, High Commissioner to Singapore from 2007-2009 and Ambassador to the Czech Republic from 2000-2004. He has also served in other diplomatic assignments in Embassies in Moscow, Colombo, Budapest and Tokyo, as well in the Ministry of External Affairs and the President's Secretariat. Dr S. Jaishankar is a graduate of St. Stephen's College at the University of Delhi. He has a Masters in Political Science and an M. Phil and Ph.D in International Relations from Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi. He is a recipient of the Padma Shri award in 2019. He is married to Kyoko Jaishankar and has two sons & and a daughter.



**Dr. Joe Thomas Karackattu, In-Charge of IIT-Madras China Studies Centre and Co-Convenor, 13<sup>th</sup> AICCS**

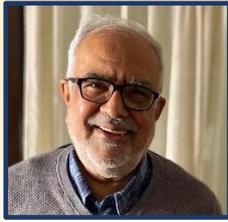
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**Special Panel I: Methods in China Studies Research**



**Prof. Rana Mitter OBE FBA, Professor of the History and Politics of Modern China & Fellow of St. Cross College, University of Oxford, Oxford**

Rana Mitter OBE FBA is Professor of the History and Politics of Modern China, and a Fellow of St Cross College at the University of Oxford. His books include China's War with Japan: The Struggle for Survival, 1937-1945 (2013), which won the 2014 RUSI/Duke of Westminster's Medal for Military Literature, and China's Good War: How World War II is Creating a New Nationalism (2020). He won the 2020 Medicott Medal from the Historical Association for Service to History. He is a regular presenter for BBC Radio in the UK.



**Prof. Kamal Sheel**, Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi; Trustee, Aditya Shyam Trust; Chairperson, BJK Institute of Buddhist & Asian Studies, Varanasi

Kamal Sheel was a Professor of Chinese Studies at the Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India, until his retirement in 2016. He is now an Honorary Fellow of the Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi. Kamal Sheel had graduate training in Chinese language and history at Fu-Jen Catholic University and the National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan, and Ph.D. in the field of Modern Chinese History at the University of Wisconsin - Madison, USA. He has been Visiting Professor/ Fellow at the universities in Wisconsin- Madison, Yale, Copenhagen, Beijing, Singapore, and Taiwan; and in India in Panjab University, Central University of Sikkim, and IIT- BHU. His current research interest primarily lies in the area of social and intellectual history of China, and cultural interaction and encounters in Asia with a focus on India and China. His major publication is *Peasant Society and Marxist Intellectuals in China* (Princeton 1989). He also has to his credit jointly edited volumes entitled *India on the Silk Road* (Delhi, 2009), *From Local to Global: Papers in Asian History & Culture* (Delhi, 2017), *Thirteen Months in China: A Subaltern Indian and the Colonial World* (Oxford, 2017).

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**Prof. William Callahan**, Professor of International Relations, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), London

William A. Callahan is professor of International Relations at the London School of Economics and Political Science, and in 2020-21 he is Taiwan Fellow at National Taiwan University. Callahan's most recent book is *Sensible Politics: Visualizing International Relations* (Oxford University Press, 2020). His other work includes *China: The Pessimist Nation* (OUP, 2010) and the documentary film "Great Walls" (2020), which asks why we hate Trump's wall and love the Great Wall of China (<https://sensiblepolitics.net/great-walls-journeys-from-ideology-to-experience>).

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**Prof. Avijit Banerjee**, Professor & Head, Department of Chinese Language & Culture (Cheena Bhavana), Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan; Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi

Dr Avijit Banerjee, Professor in Chinese & Head of the Department of Chinese language & Culture (Cheena Bhavana) Visva-Bharati University. Dr Banerjee has done his Graduation, Masters and PhD in Chinese language and Literature from Visva-Bharati. He studied in China at Beijing Language University from Sept.1996 to July 1997 under the India-China Bilateral Cultural Exchange Programme. He was awarded a Scholarship for attending a Short-Term Teacher's Training Programme held at Beijing Normal University, People's Republic of China from 9th July to 12th August, 2007. Dr Banerjee has authored many articles and chapters in several volumes and co-edited a book '中国青年眼中的印度' "zhongguo qingnian yanzhong de yindu" "India in the eyes of the Chinese Youth" in April 2016. Dr Banerjee's research interest includes Chinese language and India-China cultural studies. Dr Banerjee also attended and presented papers in many international conferences in various cities of China like "Third World Conference on Sinology" from 3rd to 5th November 2012 in Renmin University, Beijing, International Conference "From Tagore to Mo Yan : The Universality of the One Hundred Year's Oriental Culture" organized by Tongji University, Shanghai, China from

1st to 2nd June, 2013, China-South Asia Think Tank Forum, held in Kunming, China from 6th to 7th June, 2013, organized by Yunnan Academy of Social Sciences, International Conference on “Asian Perspectives on China and Tibet: Geography, History and Buddhism” jointly organized by Asia research Center and Faculty of Arts’ Chinese Department, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand, from 7th to 8th October, 2014, International Conference for “Sinological Translators” organized by Peking University, China from 1st to 2nd November, 2014 etc. “Lu Xun and Tagore-Dialogue between Masters” organized by Lu Xun Cultural Foundation, China from 12th to 17th June, 2016 at Beijing, Shaoxing and Shanghai. “International Confucian Forum: Exchanges and Mutual Learning Among Asian Civilizations” organized by International Confucian Association at Beijing from 8th to 12th July, 2016 etc. In recent years some of the articles that Dr Banerjee has authored are “A Review of the Scholarly Activities of Christian Missionaries and Indian Buddhist Monks in China with Special Emphasis on Ancient Chinese Documents: The Primary Sources of China Studies in India”, “Confucius Institutes and Chinese Soft Power in Southeast Asia”, “Role of Manuscript in the Development of Chinese Writing System”, “Loan Words in Chinese and English Language” etc.



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### Thematic Panel I: Politics of Ecology in the PRC



**Prof. Sanjay Chaturvedi**, Professor & Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of International Relations, South Asian University, Delhi

Before joining South Asian University in June 2018, Sanjay Chaturvedi was Lala Lajpat Rai Professor in Political Science at Panjab University, Chandigarh. He has more than 35 years of experience in research and teaching, including post-doc at University of Cambridge, England (1992-1995) with Nehru Centenary British Commonwealth Fellowship, followed by the award of highly coveted Leverhulme Research Grant. He has authored two, co-authored three and co-edited eight books (under the imprint of Palgrave Macmillan, Springer, Routledge, John Wiley and Sage) and published in international peer-reviewed journals including Geopolitics, Journal of the Indian Ocean Region, Third World Quarterly, Australian Journal of Political Science, Cooperation and Conflict, The Polar Journal, Proceedings of Indian National Science Academy, and Asian Affairs: An American Review, and Journal of Economic and Social Geography. He is the founding Vice-Chair of Indian Ocean Research Group, Inc. (IORG) currently Observer in the Indian Ocean Rim

Association (IORA) and Editor of its flagship journal, Journal of the Indian Ocean Region (Routledge). Regional Editor of The Polar Journal (Routledge) Chaturvedi serves on the editorial board of Cooperation and Conflict (Sage), India Quarterly: A Journal of International Affairs (Sage) and on the editorial advisory board of Journal of Borderland Studies (Routledge), Indian Foreign Affairs Journal: A Quarterly of the Association of Indian Diplomats (Prints Publication) and Journal of Global Faultlines (Pluto). He is also a Member of International Editorial Board of Rowman & Littlefield Series: 'Global Dialogues: Developing Non-Eurocentric IR and IPE (Edited by John M. Hobson and L.H.M. Ling). Chaturvedi was elected as the co-chair of Research Committee on Political and Cultural Geography (RC 15) of International Political Science Association (IPSA) for two terms (2006-2009; 2009-2012), and also served on the Steering Committee of the IGU Commission on Political Geography from 2004 to 2012. He has visited 51 countries in connection with various academic assignments including 90 conference presentations and 60 invited lectures/seminars. He was invited to deliver the keynote address at the SCAR Antarctic Humanities and Social Sciences Expert Group (HASSEG) 2017 Conference held at Hobart, Australia, 5-7 July 2017. He has also served on the Indian delegation to Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meetings (ATCMs) and Track II dialogues with Australia, Japan and New Zealand. More recently, he has been selected/invited as a Lead Author for Chapter 10: (Asia) of the Working Group II Contribution to the IPCC Sixth Assessment Report (2019-2021).



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**Dr. Justin Joseph**, Assistant Professor (Politics), School of Liberal Arts, Hindustan University, Chennai

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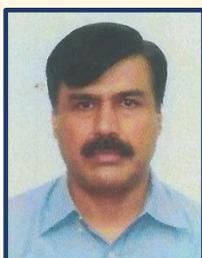
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## Special Panel II: Reducing Dependency in Economic Engagement with China



**Mr. Santosh Pai**, Honorary Fellow and Treasurer, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi; Partner, Link Legal, Delhi

Mr. Santosh Pai is a partner at Link Legal, an Indian law firm. He 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. Mr. Santosh Pai is also 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.



**Mr. Sanjay Chadha**, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India

Mr. Sanjay Chadha, is presently working as Additional Secretary in the Department of commerce. He is handling international trade with Northeast Asia including China, Japan, S. Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong and USA, Canada and Mexico. He was also the Chief Negotiator of India for the India Korea CEPA review. He has done his Master's in Business Administration (MBA) from Faculty of Management Studies, University of Delhi and his Bachelors in Mechanical Engineering and Production Technology from the Engineering Council (UK). He has worked in various capacities for over three decades on the Indian Railways both in the field units and at the apex level Railway Board including as Executive Director (Corporate Co-ordination) where he directly assisted the Chairman Railway Board. He has also worked as a Director in the Ministry of Power from 2003 to 2008 where he had the charge of Hydro-Power Policies and Promotion and Development of hydro power, in addition to the charge of the investment promotion cell which promotes private sector investment in power generation and handles all the IPP projects. He has Co-Authored a Book with Dr Bibek Debroy titled Indian Railways: The Weaving of a National Tapestry.



**Amb. (Dr.) Mohan Kumar**, Chairperson, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS); Professor of Diplomatic Practice and Dean, Office of International Affairs & Global Initiatives, O. P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat

Ambassador Dr. Mohan Kumar is the Chairman of Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS) since June 2018. RIS is a leading Delhi-based think tank which engages in policy research relating to trade, technology, investment, development, connectivity and south-south cooperation. Ambassador Kumar has had an outstanding career in the Indian Foreign Service lasting 36 years which culminated in his posting as India's Ambassador to France based in Paris. Ambassador Kumar is a francophone and a Francophile. The strategic partnership between India and France grew remarkably under his watch in areas as diverse as defence, space, nuclear and solar energy, investment and culture. He was also actively involved in the Climate Change Accord of Paris in 2015. Prior to this, he was India's Ambassador to the Kingdom of Bahrain where he was witness

to the momentous events of the “Arab Spring”. Ambassador Kumar has enormous expertise in the area of international trade and multilateral negotiations - he was India's lead negotiator first at the GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) and then at the WTO (World Trade Organization) in crucial areas such as Intellectual Property Rights, Services, Dispute Settlement and Environment. He has served on multiple GATT/WTO panels relating to dispute settlement. Ambassador Kumar oversaw India's bilateral ties with Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Myanmar and Maldives from 2005 to 2007 as Joint Secretary at the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi. He holds a MBA from the Faculty of Management Studies, University of Delhi and a PhD from Sciences Po, Paris. Ambassador Kumar is Dean, Office of the International Affairs and Global Initiatives, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat, India. He is also Professor of Diplomatic Practice at the School of International Affairs at the above University. Ambassador Kumar is author of a book entitled “Negotiation Dynamics of the WTO: An Insider's Account”, published by Palgrave Macmillan (2018). Ambassador Kumar is fluent, apart from English, in French, Hindi and Tamil. He is married and has two grown children. He is fond of travel and reading.

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**Dr. Ajit Ranade, Group Executive President & Chief Economist, Aditya Birla Group, Mumbai**

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He chairs the research advisory panel of the Indian Institute of Banking and Finance and is a governing council member of CAFRAL, a research institute of the RBI. He is a board member of the Gokhale Institute of Politics and Economics and member of Academic Council of Meghnad Desai Academy of Economics. Ranade is an engineer from IIT Bombay, a management graduate from IIM Ahmedabad, and received his PhD in Economics from Brown University, USA. He received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from IIT Bombay in 2009, and Scholar of the Year award from Wadia Trust in 2010.

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**Prof. Amita Batra, Professor of Economics & Chairperson, Centre for South Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi; Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi**

Professor (Dr.) Amita Batra is Professor of Economics and currently the Chairperson of the Centre for South Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). Prof. Batra was Senior Visiting Fellow at the Department of Political Economy, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the University of Sydney in October 2018 and the first holder, in January-May, 2013, of the ICCR Professorial Chair in Contemporary Indian Studies at the Centre for South Asian Studies & Edinburgh-India Institute, University of Edinburgh. She has also been visiting professor at the Indian Institute of Management-Ahmedabad. Prof. Batra is member, Economic Affairs Council (2020-2021) of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). She is on the editorial committee/board of international journals: Asian Perspective (John Hopkins University, USA) and Journal of Asian Economic Integration (Sage). She is an honorary member of the Advisory Board of Centre for Advanced Trade Research of the Trade Promotion Council of India. Prof. Batra is also an occasional columnist for Business Standard, a leading financial daily in India. Prof. Batra has published extensively on India's Trade policy and related issues. Her recent book is titled “Regional Economic Integration in South Asia: trapped in conflict?2013, Routledge: London and most recent monograph is Revealed Comparative Advantage and Gravity Model Analysis of Trade Patterns and Regional Economic Integration: Empirical Evidence in the Indian Context, 2016,

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## Thematic Panel II: Societal Transformation Issues in the PRC



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Ramu Manivannan is a professor in the Department of Politics & Public Administration, University of Madras. He taught in Delhi University for over eighteen years before joining the University of Madras. He was a Fellow of the United Nations University, Tokyo, Japan. He has been working with the refugees from Tibet, Burma and Sri Lanka for over two decades in the areas of peace, education and development. He has founded fifteen non-formal schools for the children from tribal areas, stone quarry areas and the weavers' community before building the school for poor children in Kurumbapalayam village in Vellore district of Tamil Nadu. This school "Garden of Peace" was begun in 2004 with seven children and one teacher and today this school functions with 180 children and seven teachers. The children come from poor economic and socially marginalized communities. He has published seven books and several articles both in India and abroad. Ramu Manivannan is a teacher-social activist engaged at the grassroots with the human rights and other social movements in India/South and Southeast Asia. He is a trainer in holistic education and nonviolent conflict resolution. He has trained more than 500 teachers from the Tibetan community spread across India, Nepal and Bhutan. He has been part of the development and implementation of the Basic Education Policy (BEP) of the Tibetan Government -in- Exile for over a decade. He has also contributed to the development of education policy/curriculum for the Myanmar (Burmese) Refugees Community in India and Thailand since 2003. He has served as VISITING PROFESSOR at the University of Paris (France, 2017), Uppsala University (Sweden, 2018) and National Chengchi University (Taiwan, 2019).



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### Special Panel III: Urbanization in China



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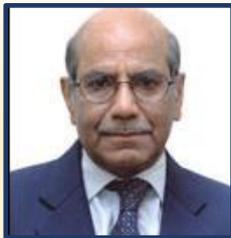
Constructing Bangalore's Poor: Politics, land, and Economy' (with Raman B.,) (under invitation from Orient Blackswan, New Delhi)

#### Special Panel IV: Environment and Climate Change Goals and Strategies of China, India and the West: Prospects and Challenges



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Prof. Manoranjan Mohanty is a founding member of the Institute of Chinese Studies, its former Chairperson, and currently its Honorary Fellow. A former Professor of Political Science, University of Delhi, he is a social scientist, China scholar and a peace and human rights activist with theoretical as well as empirical research interest in the study of China, India and global transformation. He has done extensive research on modern China including the Chinese Revolution and the political economy of the People's Republic and has done a number of national and international research projects leading to several edited volumes. Prof. Manoranjan Mohanty's publication, *China's Transformation: The Success Story and the Success Trap* (Sage: 2018) is based on a thirty-year study of China's reforms with focus on Wuxi. He has also edited *China at a Turning Point: Perspectives after the Nineteenth Party Congress* (Pentagon Press: 2019).



**Amb. Shyam Saran**, Member, Governing Council, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi; Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research, Delhi; former Foreign Secretary and Climate Change Adviser to the Prime Minister, Government of India

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### Special Panel V: China Studies in India



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Madhavi Thampi is Honorary Fellow of the Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, and former editor of the journal *China Report*. She taught Chinese History at the Department of East Asian Studies of the University of Delhi from 1979 to 2014. Her major publications include *Indians in China, 1800-1949* (2005) and *China and the Making of Bombay* (with Shalini Saksena, 2010). She also edited the volume *India and China in the Colonial World* (2005). She has coordinated the project to catalogue materials on modern China in the National Archives of India. Her main research interest lies in uncovering various aspects of the interactions between India and China in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.



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Traditional China in Asian and World History (2012) and edited Buddhism Across Asia: Networks of Material, Cultural and Intellectual Exchange (2014). He is currently working on a book about Zheng He's maritime expeditions in the early fifteenth century and co-editing (with Engseng Ho) the Cambridge History of the Indian Ocean, volume 1. He served on the Governing Board of the Nalanda University and taught at the City University of New York prior to joining NYU Shanghai.



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G. Venkat Raman is currently a faculty in the Indian Institute of Management, Indore, Humanities and Social Sciences (Department) since February 2015. He is one of those young Indian sinologists who has had a unique experience of being part of the academic as well as the corporate world in China during the course of his six years and eight months stay (in China) during the period June 2003 to Jan 2010. Apart from being fluent in Mandarin he has the distinction of being one of the few Indians who have been awarded a doctoral degree by a Chinese university and the first in the recent

memory to be awarded a doctoral degree by the most prestigious Chinese university, (the School of Government) Peking University, Beijing. After graduating from the Peking University, he worked as a Business Development Manager (middle level management, M-7) in the Essar Steel's representative office in Beijing for two years and eight months.

Before joining IIM Indore, he was a faculty in IIM Kozhikode where he used to teach Business Ethics (core course) to the regular Post Graduate Programme students in IIM Kozhikode. Besides, he has designed electives like 'Geopolitics and Business', 'Understanding Emerging Markets' (in collaboration with another faculty colleague). He has also been a visiting faculty in the Great Lakes Institute of Management, IIM Ranchi where he has designed and delivered courses like 'Doing Business in China: A Managerial Perspective', 'Introduction to Business Chinese' (elementary level language course). His research interests include Sinology (mainly Chinese Government and Politics), India-China Relations, International Relations. Recently he was awarded a visiting fellowship (for a period of two months) by the BRICS centre of the Fudan University, Shanghai in China. Under the auspices of this fellowship, he has started to work in the area of 'environmental governance' in China. Earlier he has also been a visiting scholar to the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, Shanghai and the Centre for Asian Studies, Hong Kong University under the auspices of the Nehru Memorial Fellowship. Before seeking admission in Peking University in Beijing, China to pursue his doctoral studies under the China Government Fellowship, he had completed his MA and MPhil from the Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, JNU, New Delhi. He has done his graduation (Political Science major) from Sri Satya Sai Institute of Higher Learning, Prashantinilayam, Puttaparthi. Currently he is working on an ICSSR sponsored project on BRICS nations (in collaboration) with some JNU faculty colleagues. He aspires to spread more awareness about China studies among the management students and business executives and contribute to the cause of Sinology in India.

#### Thematic Panel IV: Political Economy Challenges in Chinese Economic Policy



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