

ICS Update



DEAR FRIENDS,

The **Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS)** maintained its regular activities related to disseminating informed analyses and generating debates and discussions covering a gamut of themes related to China and East Asia.

The **Internship** programme continues to attract fresh talent and we receive a large number of applications. The ICS is now a well-known dynamic and interactive place for young and aspiring scholars, interested in Chinese and East Asian Studies. **Three** interns joined Team ICS in October 2023.

New Team Member Alert

ALOK KUMAR CHAURASIA, RESEARCH INTERN

Alok Kumar Chaurasia finished his M.A. in Political science with International Studies from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. He is also a China Studies Fellow at Takshashila Institution (2023-24). He has a keen interest in the political economy of China and its implications for the future growth and prosperity of the country. With a background in law, he is also interested in the intersection between law and the rise of big tech in china, data protection regulations and the regulatory framework in general.

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KASHISH TOMER, RESEARCH INTERN

Kashish Tomer has completed her M.A. from the Department of East Asian Studies at the University of Delhi. Her core research interests are the Chinese economy and the interplay of geopolitical factors in shaping the ever-changing contours of the global economy. As a former literature student, she is also keenly interested in the literary and cultural ties between India and East Asian nations. She possesses a strong passion for linguistics and is currently engaged in the study of Japanese and Chinese languages.

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MUSKAN PUNIA, RESEARCH INTERN

Muskan Punia has completed her Bachelors in Political Science and Sociology from Jesus and Mary College, University of Delhi, and her Masters in Politics with Specialisation in International Studies from Jawaharlal Nehru University. She worked in Dharamshala for a month as a journalism intern, interviewing Tibetan activists in India and local Tibetans in Dharamshala. Her interests are the India-China border, their engagement with their respective neighbours, and the different lenses through which one can study borderlands.

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EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The ICS conducted a total of **nine** events in October and November 2023: one *conference*, one *panel discussion*, and seven *seminars*.

OCTOBER

On 4 October 2023, the Institute conducted a seminar on **A Comparative Assessment of the 'Greening Process' in China and India**. The speaker was **Dr. Justin Joseph**, Assistant Professor, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Gandhi Institute of Technology and Management, Hyderabad. The talk explicated state-led initiatives in both countries as they grapple with environmental issues. Dr. Joseph employed the securitisation framework of the Copenhagen School in International Relations in his analysis. According to him, China's policies prioritise economic development over environmental concerns. In contrast, India strives to strike a balance between economic growth and ecological conservation. Dr. Joseph posited that both nations employ state-led initiatives to address environmental issues. Highlighting a gap in this framework, Dr. Joseph noted how it often overlooks societal factors. He further argued that China orchestrates public participation within a controlled framework, treating the public as passive audiences. Conversely, India experiences a more dynamic form of public involvement, where citizens actively shape environmental policies. The seminar was chaired by **Dr. Joe Thomas Karackattu**, Associate Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai. It was

suggested that collectively re-imagining the securitisation framework is essential to fully understand how actors, processes, and outcomes interact in the context of environmental policy-making in countries like China and India. This perspective acknowledges the evolving role of the public and non-state agencies in shaping policies related to the environment. ([YouTube](#)).

The second seminar was conducted on 11 October 2023 titled, **A Decade of the BRI: Impact, Implications and Challenges for India**. The speakers were **Dr. Wenjing Gao**, PhD, Department of Political Science, Carleton University, Ottawa; and, **Prof. Manish**, Professor and Dean, School of International Studies, Central University of Gujarat, Gandhinagar, Gujarat. The seminar revisited China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), which was introduced a decade ago. The speakers highlighted the aims of the BRI, and how they have manifested through China's actions over the last ten years. Further, they noted the implications of the same for India, with the countries surrounding India actively participating in the BRI. Dr. Gao emphasised that the BRI forms a significant component of China's foreign policy, with the participation of nearly 150 countries, and over 3,000 affiliated infrastructure ventures. She asserted that the BRI could generate over a trillion dollars in investments. At the same time, allegations of corruption and environmental concerns have emerged as well. Prof. Manish elucidated upon the overarching objectives of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) within the BRI, which include the creation of a regional production chain for advanced manufacturing and innovation. However, according to him, lack of political trust and Pakistan's sovereign credit ratings have hindered progress. The seminar was chaired by **Dr. Atul Bhardwaj**, Fellow, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library; and, Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi. It was asserted that countries like Kazakhstan are emerging as hubs, despite being landlocked with limited avenues for international trade. This growth is driven by the demand for connectivity, which must develop under a cooperative framework. Unilateral ventures towards connectivity, such as China's, will be challenged by the rest of the world. ([YouTube](#)).

The third seminar was held on 18 October 2023 on **Japan's New National Security Strategy: Reactions from Domestic Constituencies**. The speaker for the seminar was **Dr. Shamshad Ahmad Khan**, Assistant Professor, International Relations, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, BITS Pilani, Dubai; and Visiting Associate Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi. The seminar focused on Japan's National Security Strategy, released by the Kishida administration in December 2022, and domestic reactions to the same. The speaker noted that Japanese strategists considered the impact of the Russian invasion of Ukraine upon the international order while drafting the document, with a focus on the Indo-Pacific. According to Dr. Khan, there is a concerted emphasis on upgrading defence capabilities. To meet the financial requirements, Japan has decided to step up defence spending to 2% of its GDP, a marked shift from the previous *de facto* policy of limiting defence spending to under 1%. **Prof. Srabani Roy Choudhury**, Professor, Japanese Studies, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University; and Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, chaired the seminar. The new NSS, it was observed, has received a mixed reaction in Japan. Most Japanese strategists see it as a welcome step whereas a portion of the strategic community and peace groups have opposed it, cautioning that an over-emphasis on the "China threat" could potentially incite a war-like situation. ([YouTube](#))

On 25 October 2023, a seminar was held on **Literary Activism in China in the 1980s and 1990s**. The speaker for the session was **Dr. Manju Rani Hara**, Associate Professor, Centre for Chinese and South East Asian Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. The seminar focused on the speaker's research on literary activism in China during the 1980s and the 1990s. According to the speaker, despite being an authoritarian country, China has a rich history of activism through literature, which has fluctuated under the tenures of different Party leaders. She positioned literary activism as a crucial instrument for understanding activism in China as well as society in general. Dividing literary activism in China into three phases, starting from the May Fourth movement until the establishment of the PRC (1919-49), the Mao era (1949-76), and finally, the reform era under Deng Xiaoping (1978-89), Dr. Hara laid down a framework for a comprehensive understanding of the transformation of literary activism in China. She noted that while writings during the Cultural Revolution were mainly about the political situation in the country, the economy became the central theme during the reform era. The speaker focused on two Chinese writers, Wang Anyi and Wang Shuo, to illustrate the impact of evolving economic and socio-political conditions in China on their literary creations. The seminar was chaired by **Prof. Avijit Banerjee**, Head & Professor, Department of Chinese Language and Culture, Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan; and, Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi. The Chair noted that literary activism has indeed played an important role in offering a nuanced understanding of societal changes in China. It has further allowed for an alternative approach to studying the country and the different phases it has undergone. ([YouTube](#))

NOVEMBER

The events for the month commenced with a seminar held on 1 November 2023 titled, **Beyond Borders: Chinese Demographic Chessboard and Implications for Global Diplomacy**. **Dr. Shachee Agnihotri**, Assistant Professor, Amity Institute of Social Sciences, Amity University, Noida, was the speaker for this seminar. Her presentation explored the role of demography in policy formulation and its implications for both domestic and foreign policy. The speaker highlighted the relevance of aging, migration patterns, and workforce participation and their impact on resource allocation, and subsequently on international relations. According to Dr. Agnihotri, aging population and shrinking workforce pose a significant economic challenge. Welfare measures, crucial for socio-political stability, such as healthcare and pension funds, have come under strain and when combined with rapid rural-urban migration, pose severe challenges in China. Dr. Agnihotri further emphasised that demographic changes have also had a significant impact on military modernisation in China. Furthermore, China is looking for markets and resources beyond its borders, to keep its aims afloat, especially through the BRI. The seminar was chaired by **Dr. Partha Mukhopadhyay**, Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research, New Delhi; and, Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi. It was highlighted that demographic changes will drive policy formulation in China and artificial intelligence will find use in military modernisation. Concomitantly, the services and the manufacturing sectors, coupled with migration diplomacy, shall also gain importance within policy-making. ([YouTube](#))

On 8 November 2023, the Institute conducted a seminar titled, **Democracy and Socialism: A Perspective from China**. The speaker was **Prof. Zhengxu Wang**, Distinguished Professor, Department of Political Science, School of Public Administration, Zhejiang. The seminar explored the concepts of socialism and democracy with respect to China. Prof. Wang noted a foundational deficiency in the Western definition of democracy, which relies heavily on electoral practices. Arguing that the concept of multi-party elections has appropriated the concept of democracy, the speaker pointed out that despite being an emerging market economy, China is still a socialist nation, thereby highlighting “Socialism with Chinese Characteristics”. While commenting on the concept of democracy, the speaker asserted that China has proclaimed “building democracy” to be a national political goal, while it continues with its existing political system. According to Prof. Wang, an incorporation of Confucian ideals of meritocracy can also be seen here, signifying the ancient roots of democracy in China. Furthermore, Prof. Wang advocated for China and India to align toward a “socialism-capitalism” model rather than India aligning with the West for a “democracy-socialism” model. The seminar was chaired by **Dr. Rajiv Ranjan**, Assistant Professor, Chinese Studies, Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi and Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi. Dr. Ranjan noted that India’s conceptualisation of socialism, beginning with its introduction through a constitutional amendment, significantly differs from that of the former USSR and China. He further observed that there are multiple characteristics that define democracy. He also raised some queries with regard to censorship, and internal debates in China regarding the same. [\(YouTube\)](#)



Presenters, Chairs, and Discussants at 16th All India Conference of China Studies

The **16th All India Conference of China Studies** from 16 – 18 November 2023 was held in Hyderabad, in collaboration with the Department of Political Science, University of Hyderabad, the Institution of Eminence Directorate, University of Hyderabad, in partnership with the Council for Social Development, Hyderabad and the Centre of Excellence for Himalayan Studies, Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, Delhi-NCR. The conference was also supported by the Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR). The Special theme this year was **Social Dynamics and Political Responses in China**. Spanning three days, the conference witnessed presentations and lectures by emerging scholars and China experts, employing an inter-disciplinary approach. Held in physical mode for the first time since the pandemic, the 16th AICCS saw a significant footfall, with the audience comprising of scholars, practitioners, and students from various domains and fields.

The conference looked at various themes within China Studies and spanned a variety of themes and interest. Over two days, scholars presented their research ranging from issues in the Chinese economy, rural-urban linkages in India and China, Chinese polity, science and technology in Xinjiang and Tibet, cultural and historic linkages to management of old age care systems in East Asia and future of India-China relations.

Prof. Jyotirmaya Sharma, Dean, School of Social Sciences, Hyderabad Central University, expressed his heartfelt gratitude to the organisers and formally inaugurated the conference as the Chair of the valedictory session. He commended the hard work and dedication of the organising team to bring together scholars for discussion of key themes in China Studies. **Prof. Alka Acharya**, Honorary Director, ICS, expressed gratitude and noted the conference's fifteen year long history provides a glimpse into the evolution of China Studies in India itself. **Prof. B.J. Rao**, Vice-Chancellor, University of Hyderabad, delivered the opening remarks. He stated that the conference continued to break new grounds as studying China has been difficult because of the opacity of its political structure. Special remarks were also given by **Prof. M. Ghanashyam Krishna**, **Dr. Sujit Kumar Mishra**, **Dr. Rajat Kathuria** and **Dr. K.K. Kailash**. **Prof. Sabaree Mitra**, as the Convenor of the 16th AICCS looked at the legacy of the conference. In her remarks she noted the importance of the conference as a flagship event of the ICS. Additionally, she also brought attention to the various interdisciplinary ideas and questions that were the result of the conference. **Prof. Elizabeth Perry**, while delivering the Keynote Address, gave a broad understanding of public health and reinvigoration of mass media campaigns in China beginning in the 1950s. She further assessed continuities and changes in these campaigns and looked at them from a political point of view. **Dr. Bhim B Subba** congratulated the organisers and ardently hoped that the conference helps in initiating more research and questions on China.

The conference had eleven panels, of which six were thematic panels and four were special panels. Each panel discussed pertinent questions relating to China; its economy, foreign relations, polity and its historic and cultural interaction through the years. The conference also featured a Roundtable Discussion on the 'Future of India-China Economic Management', and a Special Lecture by **Prof. Patricia Uberoi**, Emeritus Fellow, ICS on the 'Dilemma of Gender and Culture in China's Soft Power in the Global South'. The conference brought together researchers from a wide array of institutions and intellectual leanings to present their work. A prominent feature of the conference was the **ICS-HYI Panel Discussion**. The panel discussed the evolution of China Studies in India and the role of the ICS-HYI Fellowship in expanding the scope of this research.

As the Chair of the Valedictory session **Amb. Syed Akbaruddin** highlighted the important contributions by scholars of China in developing a more nuanced understanding of the country. The Valedictory Address was delivered by **Amb. Gautam Bambawale**, former Ambassador to Bhutan, Pakistan, and China; and Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi. **Amb. Bambawale** offered insights into India's policy towards China and the challenges of China Studies in the present milieu. The conference concluded with the presentation of report by **Prof. Sabaree Mitra** and the Vote of Thanks by **Mr. Anudeep Gujjeti**.

On 22 November 2023, the Institute conducted a panel discussion titled, **China-Bhutan 25th Round of Border Settlement Talks**. The speakers for this discussion were **Dr. Manoj Joshi**, Distinguished Fellow, Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi; **Amb. P. Stobdan**, Senior Fellow, Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi; **Dr. Amit Ranjan**, Research Fellow, Institute South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore; and **Dr. Medha Bisht**, Associate Professor, Department of International Relations, South Asian University, New Delhi. Dissecting the 25th round of border talks between China and Bhutan in detail, the panel assessed and critically examined the latest attempt by the two nations to step up border negotiations and formulate a deal to address the border settlement problem.

The speakers noted that with elections imminent in Bhutan, the Bhutanese government appears more politically inclined toward, and is actively seeking to, establish more comprehensive relations with China, like other nations in the geographical vicinity. It was posited that the inclination of Bhutanese policymakers has tilted more toward China than India in recent years, as they seek a dignified partnership with commercial viability rather than relying on foreign aid and donations from India. The panel discussion was chaired by **Dr. Hemant Adlakha**, Vice-Chairperson and Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies and Associate Professor, Centre for Chinese and South East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. It was noted that the signing of the MoU on boundary negotiations can be seen as the formal declaration of the new arrangement that China has planned for the past two decades. This arrangement includes the involvement of a dual approach of engaging Bhutan in border talks and laying territorial claims on ground. ([YouTube](#))

On 29 November 2023, a seminar was held on **Good Fences Make Good Neighbours: Looking at India, with China in Mind**. The speaker for the seminar was **Prof. Subrata K. Mitra**, Emeritus Professor, Heidelberg University, Germany; and, Adjunct Professor, Dublin City University, Ireland. The speaker dwelt upon why pragmatism and unsentimental lucidity is a far better way forward in dealing with China than the sentimental *Hindi-Chini-Bhai-Bhai* approach, and any exaggerated sense of mutual convergence of interests. Prof. Mitra drew parallels between India and China, positing that they share similarities such as possessing native characteristics, and practicing foreign policy that is acceptable domestically as well as abroad. The speaker also employed his personal interactions and experiences with Chinese pragmatism to further augment his arguments. Prof. Mitra also suggested that India and China could engage in a composite dialogue where they negotiate each point of contention individually rather than collectively, and that India could consider proposing a two-state solution for China to follow with regard to Taiwan. **Amb. Asoke Mukerji**, former Indian Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations; Distinguished Fellow, Vivekananda International Foundation, New Delhi; and Member, International Institute of Strategic Studies, London, chaired this seminar. Amb. Mukerji, drawing from his diplomatic experience, noted that it is imperative for India to engage with China in a comprehensive manner, through a nuanced approach, which suits India's strategic aims regarding China and the rest of the region. ([YouTube](#))

PUBLICATIONS

Amb. Kishan S. Rana, Honorary Fellow at the Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, authored an article on The 10th Anniversary of China's 'Belt and Road Initiative' (BRI): Where is it Headed?, which was published under *ICS Analysis* in the month of October 2023.

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Hemant Adlakha, Vice-Chairperson and Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies; and Associate Professor, Centre for Chinese and South East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, wrote on CPC's 20th National Congress, 'Socialism with Chinese Characteristics', and Xi Jinping's Third Term, which was published under *ICS Occasional Papers*, in October 2023

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Amit Dogra, Research Intern, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, authored a piece titled, **Mobility, Assimilation & Identity: Marginalisation of Tibetan Nomads under PRC**, which was published as an *ICS Occasional Paper* in the month of October 2023.

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Ankit Kumar, postgraduate student, Chinese Language and Culture Studies, Centre for Chinese and South East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, wrote a blog piece on **Internet Censorship in China: The Struggle to Swat “Flies” Away**, which was published under *ICS Research Blogs* in the month of October 2023.

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Hemant Adlakha, Vice-Chairperson and Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, and Associate Professor, Centre for Chinese and South East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, translated an article titled, 吴心伯：中美关系，缓和还是改善？ **Wu Xinbo: ‘Easing’ or ‘Improving’ Sino-US Relations?**, which was published under *ICS Translations*, in November 2023.

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FACULTY UPDATE

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Bhim Subba, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Hyderabad; and, Visiting Associate Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, was a panelist in a session titled, “Evolution of India-China Relations in the Recent Period”, organised in virtual mode by the Institute for International Strategic Studies, National Academy of Governance, and Party School of the CPC Central Committee, in Beijing, on 23 October 2023.

Poonam Surie, Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, presented a paper titled, “Buddhism in China and the Human Animal Interface” at the Annual Conference 2023 organised by the Indian Society of Buddhist Studies, held at the Jain Global Campus, Bengaluru, on 28 October 2023.

Rajiv Ranjan, Associate Professor, Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi; and, Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, delivered a special lecture on “Zhongnanhai: Chinese Party-State in Changing Times” at a session organized by the School of International and Area Studies, Goa University, on 5 October 2023.

Rama V. Baru, Professor, Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; and, Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, along with **Madhurima Nundy**, Fellow, Health and Human Development, Centre for Social and Economic Progress, New Delhi; and, Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, attended a one-day conference in Hong Kong, on 30 October 2023. The theme of the conference was "Integrating Health and Social Care Services for the Elderly in Asia: A Scholar-Practitioner-Policymaker Dialogue" and was hosted by the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong. Prof. Baru presented a paper on "Challenges for Integration of Care for Older Persons in India", while Dr. Nundy was a discussant for one of the sessions.

NOVEMBER

Alka Acharya, Honorary Director, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi; and Chairperson and Professor, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, delivered the Welcome Remarks at the Inaugural Session of the 16th All India Conference of China Studies, organised by the Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, and the Department of Political Science, University of Hyderabad, in Hyderabad, on 16 November 2023. Prof. Acharya also chaired a panel discussion on the Institute of Chinese Studies – Harvard-Yenching Institute Doctoral Fellowship for China Studies, on 16 November 2023, and a special lecture, on 17 November 2023, at the 16th All India Conference of China Studies.

Akshat Mayne, Research Assistant, Institute of Chinese Studies; and Doctoral Scholar, Japanese Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, presented a paper titled, "A Resurgent Rising Sun? Japan in Chinese Socio-Political Discourse", in a thematic panel on "China's Strategic Policy and Internal Discourse", at the 16th All India Conference of China Studies, held in Hyderabad, on 16 November 2023.

Anand P. Krishnan, Fellow, Centre of Excellence for Himalayan Studies, Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, Delhi-NCR; and Visiting Associate Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, was a panelist in a discussion titled, "Another Layer in a Securitized Ecosystem: Mapping the Zero-Covid Policy in Xinjiang", as a part of the Special Panel on "Surveillance and Control: How the Chinese Party-State Deploys Science & Technology in Tibet and Xinjiang", at the 16th All India Conference of China Studies, held in Hyderabad, on 17 November 2023. Dr. Krishnan was the discussant in two thematic panels titled, "Chinese State: Political Control and Popular Responses", on 17 November 2023, and "Party, State and Party Politics", on 18 November 2023, respectively at the 16th All India Conference of China Studies.

Ashok K. Kantha, former Ambassador of India to China, and Honorary Fellow and former Director, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, chaired a roundtable discussion on "Future of India-China Economic Engagement", at the 16th All India Conference of China Studies, on 17 November 2023.

Bhim Subba, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Hyderabad; and Visiting Associate Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, spoke in a panel discussion on the Institute of Chinese Studies – Harvard-Yenching Institute Doctoral Fellowship for China Studies, at the 16th All India Conference of China Studies, on 16 November 2023. Dr. Subba was also the discussant in a thematic panel on "Party, State and Party Politics", on 17 November 2023.

Govind Kelkar, delivered a special lecture on "The Dilemma of Gender and Culture in China's Soft Power in the Global South", at the 16th All India Conference of China Studies, on 17 November 2023.

Jabin T. Jacob, Director, Centre of Excellence for Himalayan Studies; Associate Professor, Department of International Relations and Governance Studies, Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, Delhi-NCR; and Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, chaired a session titled, “Surveillance and Control: How the Chinese Party-State Deploys Science & Technology in Tibet and Xinjiang” at the 16th All India Conference of China Studies, on 17 November 2023. Dr. Jacob was a panelist in a discussion titled, “A Decade of China’s Peripheral Diplomacy”, organised by the Asia Society Policy Institute and India International Centre, New Delhi, on 23 November 2023. He also delivered a lecture on “Revolutionary Ideas, Revolutions and Popular Movements: The Case of China”, for an Online Refresher Course in Social Science (Interdisciplinary) at the Vinayak Ganesh Vaze College of Arts, Science & Commerce (Autonomous), Mumbai, on 29 November 2023.

Madhavi Thampi, Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, and former Associate Professor, Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi, chaired a thematic panel titled, “China and the World: Cultural Interactions through History”, at the 16th All India Conference of China Studies, on 17 November 2023.

Madhurima Nundy, Fellow, Health and Human Development, Centre for Social and Economic Progress, and Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, chaired a special panel titled, “As the World Ages: Learnings from the East Asian Economies for Care of Older Person”, at the 16th All India Conference of China Studies, on 18 November 2023.

Manoranjan Mohanty, Emeritus Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies; and former Professor of Political Science, and former Director, Developing Countries Research Centre, University of Delhi spoke on “Reconceptualizing Rural-Urban Linkages: Some Critical Issues”, in a special panel on “Rural-Urban Linkages: Emerging Trends in India and China”, at the 16th All India Conference of China Studies, on 16 November 2023.

Rajiv Ranjan, Associate Professor, Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi; and Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, participated as panellist in a special session titled, “State of China Studies in India: Scholarship on India-China Relations”, at the 16th All India Conference of China Studies, on 18 November 2023. He also participated as speaker at the Emerging Economies Think-tank Round-table 2023, organised virtually by the Guangdong Emerging Economics Society, Guangzhou University, China, on 25 November 2023. Further, he chaired a talk titled, “Should Japan Rearm Itself: The Historical Origin of Peace Clause and Constitutional Revision Debate in Japan” delivered by Prof. Tam Takamichi Mito, at the India International Centre Annexe, on 28 November 2023.

Rama V. Baru, Professor, Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health, Jawaharlal Nehru University; and Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, presented a paper titled, "Public-Private Mix in Health Services for Older People in a Comparative Perspective", in a special panel titled, "As the World Ages: Learnings from the East Asian Economies for Care of Older Person", at the 16th All India Conference of China Studies, on 18 November 2023.

Ritu Agarwal, Associate Professor, Centre for East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University; and Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, presented a paper titled, "Administrative Restructuring, Land Conversion and 'Flexible Livelihood' in Yunnan" in a special panel on "Rural-Urban Linkages: Emerging Trends in India and China", at the 16th All India Conference of China Studies, on 16 November 2023. Dr. Agarwal was also a discussant in a thematic panel on "Chinese State: Political Representation and Social Responses", at the 16th All India Conference of China Studies, on 16 November 2023.

Rityusha Mani Tiwary, Assistant Professor, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, University of Delhi; and, Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, chaired a special panel on "State of China Studies in India: Scholarship on India-China Relations", at the 16th All India Conference of China Studies, on 18 November 2023.

Santosh Pai, Honorary Fellow, and Treasurer, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, participated in a roundtable discussion on "Future of India-China Economic Engagement", at the 16th All India Conference of China Studies, on 17 November 2023.

Sreemati Chakrabarti, Chairperson, Institute of Chinese Studies; and former Professor, Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi, chaired a session titled, "Party, State and Party Politics", at the 16th All India Conference of China Studies, organised by the Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, and the Department of Political Science, University of Hyderabad, in Hyderabad, on 18 November 2023.

Veda Vaidyanathan, Associate Fellow, Centre for Social and Economic Progress; and Visiting Associate Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, joined the Foreign Policy Team of the Centre for Social and Economic Progress, New Delhi. Dr. Vaidyanathan also presented a paper titled, "Global China in Africa: Documenting Indian Perspectives from Ghana", as a collaboration between the Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi; the Global China Hub, Atlantic Council, Washington DC, and the Afro-Sino Centre for International Relations, Accra, at the African Studies Association Conference in San Francisco, in November 2023.

MEDIA UPDATE

OCTOBER



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Internal and External Dynamics*

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Speaker: Barry Naughton, Chinese Economy Expert,
So Kwan Lok Professor, School of Global Policy and Strategy,
University of California, San Diego.

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