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The **Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS)** remains actively engaged in disseminating informed analysis and fostering discussions on a broad range of topics related to China and East Asia.

The **internship program** continues to draw fresh talent, with a significant number of applications received. The ICS provides a vibrant and engaging environment for young scholars passionate about Chinese and East Asian Studies. In June 2024, one new intern joined Team ICS.

New Team Member Alert

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HOIMONTICK GOGOI, RESEARCH INTERN

Hoimontick Gogoi is pursuing an M.A. in Geopolitics and International Relations from the Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Karnataka. He has completed his B.A. from Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, University of Delhi. His research area lies in understanding the Trans-Himalayan Region, with an emphasis on the dimension of China, India and Nepal relations.

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EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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The ICS conducted eight events in June and July 2024.

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On 5 2024 , the Institute organised a seminar titled, **The Rise of 'for profit' Medical Care In China: The Case of United Family Healthcare**. The speaker was **Ms. Roberta Lipson**, Chief Executive Officer, New Frontier Health; Founder, United Family Healthcare (UFH), Beijing, China. The seminar focused on public health and associated systems in China. Drawing from Ms. Lipson's experiences, the seminar reviewed the historical trajectory of the Chinese healthcare system. It included insights from Professor Baru's research on the commercialisation of medical care in China. The session was chaired by **Professor Rama V. Baru**, Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi; Honorary Professor, India Studies Centre, Central China Normal University, Wuhan, China; and Professor (Retd.), Centre of Social Medicine and Community Health, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Professor Baru highlighted the importance of the rise of 'for profit' medical care in China and expressed interest in Ms. Lipson's work as of particular significance for India. ([Youtube](#))

The Institute organised a seminar titled, **From Old To New: Tere Ghar Ke Samne and fractious neighborhoods** in 1962 on 12 June 2024. The speaker was **Ms. Navnidhi Sharma**, Doctoral Candidate, Cinema Studies, New York University, New York. The speaker explored the film Tere Ghar Ke Samne as a narrative parallel to the 1962 India-China conflict through neighbourhood disputes that metaphorically represent the fractious relationship between the two countries. The session was chaired by **Professor Patricia Uberoi**, Emeritus Fellow & former Chairperson, Institute of Chinese Studies. Professor Uberoi commended Ms. Sharma's work and highlighted the methodological richness of her presentation. ([Youtube](#))

On 19 June 2024, the Institute organised a seminar titled, **North Korea's Nuclear Deadlock and Nuclear Proliferation: Implications to Northeast-Asia**. The speaker was **Dr. Sudhakar Vaddi**, Assistant Professor, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. The speaker focused on North Korea's nuclear deadlock and ambitions and employed Robert Cox's 'Theory of Hegemony and World Order' along with the MCII Model (Material Capabilities, Ideas and Institutes) to analyse the implications of North Korea's nuclear endeavours. The session was chaired by **Ambassador Skand Ranjan Tayal**, Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies; and, Chairman of India - Republic of Korea Friendship Society. Ambassador Tayal added to the discussion by looking at the exchange of nuclear knowledge between Pakistan and North Korea and how it could be a topic of interest to Indian scholars. ([Youtube](#))

On 26 June 2024, the Institute organised a seminar titled, **The Politics of Pacifism: The Yoshida Doctrine in Post-War Japan**. The speaker was **Mr. Akshat Mayne**, Research Assistant, Institute of Chinese Studies; and, Doctoral Scholar, Japanese Studies, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. The speaker looked at the adoption of 'pacifism' as a state policy in post-war Japan. The speaker argued that pacifism did not have roots in Japan and was a product of the West. The idea of pacifism gained receptivity in the post-Second World War era and was enforced by the occupying American forces. The session was chaired by **Professor 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. Professor Roy Choudhury that pacifism plays an important role in a multi-polar world order and Japan's position within this order. ([Youtube](#))

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On 3 July 2024, the Institute organised a seminar titled, **Comparative Assessment of India-China Consumption Patterns**. The speaker was **Mr. Amit Kumar**, Research Analyst, Indo-Pacific Studies Programme, Takshashila Institution, Bengaluru. The speaker compared the consumption trends in India and China, and explored the correlation between large consumer markets and inbound investment. The session was chaired by **Dr. Partha Mukhopadhyay**, Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research; and, Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi. The chair pointed out that the differences in consumption between India and China can have implications beyond economics. ([Youtube](#))

On 10 July 2024, a seminar titled, **The Current US Political Discourses on China**, was conducted. The speaker of the session was **Professor G. Venkat Raman**, Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Indore; and, Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi. The speaker provided an in-depth analysis of the present American political discourse on China, emphasising the emerging political consensus that views China as the foremost challenge. The session explored the perspectives of four schools of thought, as categorised by the sociologist David M. McCourt, on American policy towards China. The session was chaired by **Ambassador Kishan S. Rana**, Former Ambassador/High Commissioner; Professor Emeritus, Diplo Academy, Malta & Geneva; and, Emeritus Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi. Ambassador Rana highlighted the unique nature of China's foreign policy and argued that the US must not be surprised that China chooses not to play by its rules. ([Youtube](#))

On 24 July 2024, the Institute conducted a seminar titled, **China's Industrial Policy: Analysing Words Versus Deeds**. The speaker was **Dr. Alicia García-Herrero**, Senior Fellow, Bruegel, Brussels; Chief Economist, Asia Pacific, Natixis, Hong Kong; Independent Board Member, AGEAS Insurance Group, Brussels; Non-resident Senior Fellow, East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore; and, Adjunct Professor, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. The seminar looked at policy formulations like the "Made in China 2025" or its spin-off "10,000 Little Giants" which contain significant pronouncements of China's Industrial Policy. The seminar also explored its success and the lessons that could be learnt from it. The session was chaired by **Mr. Santosh Pai**, Partner, Dentons Link Legal; and, Treasurer & Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi. Mr. Pai underscored the importance of **Dr. García-Herrero's** work to understand China's industrial policy and to quell the misconceptions about China's great capacities to fulfil its potential. ([Youtube](#))

On 31 July 2024, a seminar titled, **Middle Powers in an Age of Geopolitical Rivalry** was conducted. The speaker was **Dr. Rafiq Dossani**, Senior Economist, RAND; and, Professor, Policy Analysis, Pardee RAND Graduate School, California. The speaker looked at the theoretical framework of the Middle Powers including taxonomy and how these navigate the superpower rivalry. He also delved into the status of China, Russia and attributes of power. The session was chaired by **Professor Sandeep Kumar Mishra**, Professor, Korean Studies, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University; and, Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi. The chair argued that the stand of the Middle Powers towards China cannot necessarily be assumed as adversarial and uniform. ([Youtube](#))

PUBLICATIONS

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Ambassador Kishan S. Rana, Former Indian Ambassador/ High Commissioner to Algeria, Czechoslovakia, Kenya, Mauritius and Germany; Professor Emeritus, DiploFoundation, Malta and Geneva; and, Emeritus Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, wrote **China-Watcher Notes No. 1 China's University Entrance Exam: The Gaokao The Global Electric Vehicle Race Hukou Reform** for ICS Analysis in June 2024.



Akshat Mayne, Research Assistant, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, wrote **Pacifism as Policy in Post-War Japan** for ICS Occasional Papers in June 2024.



Hemant Adlakha, Vice-Chairperson, and Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies; and Associate Professor, Centre for Chinese and South East Asian Studies, School of Language, Literature and Cultural Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, translated an article on **“德纳：中国对马克龙要有清醒认识! Dé Nà: China's Wake Up Call on Macron”** which was published under ICS Translations in June 2024.



Saranya, a doctoral scholar at the Centre for Chinese and South East Asian Studies, School of Language, Literature and Cultural Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, translated an article on **“人工智能的“海啸”，只有社会主义能扛住 Socialism can Withstand the AI 'Tsunami' Challenge”**, which was published under ICS Translations in June 2024.



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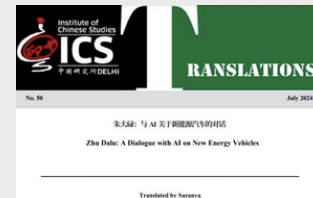
Cherry Hitkari, a doctoral researcher at the Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi wrote **Understanding China's Participation in the Korean War (1950-1953) Through Propaganda Songs** for ICS Occasional Papers in July 2024.



Chhavi Raj, a PhD researcher in Chinese Studies, at the Centre for Chinese and South East Asian Studies, School of Language, Literature and Cultural Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, translated an article on “**傅莹：基辛格就美国如何与中国共处留下忠告** **Fù Yíng: On Kissinger's Words of Wisdom on How China-US can Co-Exist**” which was published by ICS Translations in July 2024.



Saranya, a doctoral scholar at the Centre for Chinese and South East Asian Studies, School of Language, Literature and Cultural Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, translated an article on “**朱大碌：与AI关于新能源汽车的对话** **Zhu Dalu: A Dialogue with AI on New Energy Vehicles**” which was published by ICS Translations in July 2024.



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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, was a panellist in ‘**2024 Indian General Elections Results and India-China Relations**’, *Freedom Hour*, Asia Freedom Institute, organised on 11 June 2024. He was also a panellist in ‘**India's Post-Elections Foreign Policy**’, South Asia Program, Stimson Center, Washington DC, on 12 June 2024.

Ms. Poonam Surie, economist & independent researcher; and Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, was a discussant along with Amb. Ashok Kantha, Dr. C. Raja Mohan, on a discussion organised by India International Centre on her recently published book ‘**Contemporary China: Tradition and Modernity**’.

Ravi Bhoothalingam, Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, interviewed Shastri Ramachandran on his book ‘**Beyond Binaries: The World of India and China**’ at an event at the India Habitat Centre on June 20, 2024.

Bhim B. Subba, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Hyderabad; and Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, wrote a chapter titled, “**Back to the Roots: The Communist Party in a New Era**,” in Madhu Bhalla & Sanjeev Kumar eds. ‘**Xi Jinping's Chinese Dream: Foreign Policy, Politics and Development**’, Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi and KW Publishers, New Delhi, in June 2024.

July

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, moderated ‘**India's Central Asia Policy in a New Eurasian Security Context**’ for Council for Strategic and Defense Research on 10 July 2024. He also chaired ‘**Marginalised and Contested “Development” on the Frontier**’ for the High Himalaya and Environmental Justice, Tibet House, 14 July 2024 and ‘**Contemporary Issues in Taiwan**’ Taipei Economic and Cultural Centre, Centre for East Asian Studies, Young Scholars Conference, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. He also delivered a lecture on ‘**China's Economic Growth and Its Influence on the Internal Affairs of Other Countries**’ at Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam, 26 July 2024.

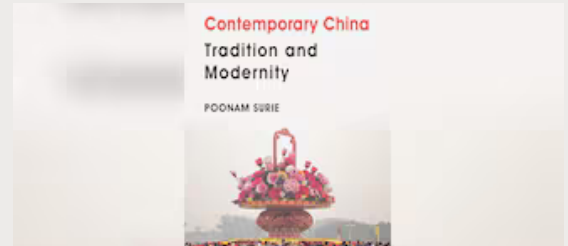
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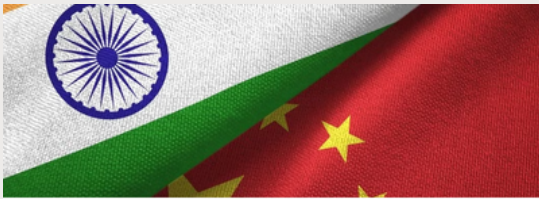
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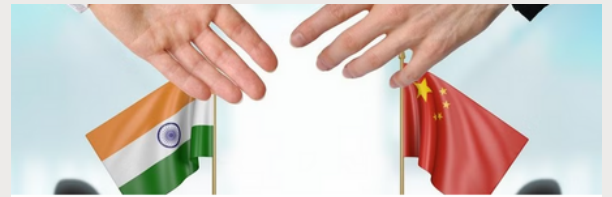
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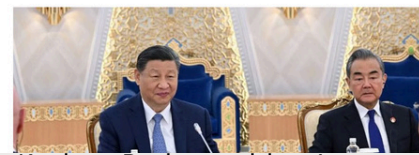
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