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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.

## EVENTS

The ICS conducted **nine** events in October and November 2024.

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The Institute organised a seminar titled, **Manufacturing Ambitions Minus Chinese Investments? Smartphone Companies in India and the 'Indianisation' Fix**, on 9 October 2024. The speaker was **Anand P. Krishnan**, Fellow, Centre of Excellence for Himalayan Studies, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence (SNioE), Delhi-NCR; and Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi. The speaker focused on the role and challenges of Chinese smartphone companies in India, in the backdrop of the tensions following the 2020 Galwan clash. The session was chaired by **Ravi Bhoothalingam**, Emeritus Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi; Fellow, Royal Geographical Society, London; and, Founder and Chairman, Manas Advisory, Gurugram. The Chair noted that Chinese companies have adapted well to adverse conditions, showcasing their resilience in the face of local pressures and market challenges. ([YouTube](#))

On 16 October 2024, the Institute organised a seminar titled, **India and Taiwan's Converging Interests in Southeast Asia: The Case of 'Act East' and 'New Southbound' Policies**. The speaker was **Karl Chee Leong LEE**, Senior Lecturer, Institute of China Studies (ICS), University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Advisor, Taiwan Chamber of Commerce in Malaysia (TWCHAM) and, Expert Advisor, Market Research Future. The speaker reviewed India's Act East Policy (AEP) and Taiwan's New Southbound Policy (NSP) within the framework of Indo-Pacific cooperation and sought to explore convergences regarding the ASEAN. The session was chaired by **Aravind Yelery**, Associate Professor, Centre for East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University; and, Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi. The Chair noted the growing influence of Southeast Asian countries in the world, especially Malaysia. He also pointed out how the NSP has a huge scope for improvement. ([YouTube](#))

On 23 October 2024, the Institute organised a seminar titled, **Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore in Shanghai**. The speaker was **Ambassador Riva Ganguly Das**, former Indian Foreign Service officer; and, Distinguished Fellow, Council for Strategic and Defense Research (CSDR), New Delhi. The speaker explored Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore's historic journey to Shanghai in 1924, followed by another sojourn in 1929, both of which marked significant milestones in advancing cultural relations between India and China. The session was chaired by **Sabaree Mitra**, Professor, Centre for Chinese and South East Asian Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University; and, Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi. The Chair highlighted the fact that when Tagore visited Shanghai in 1929, he travelled from Japan, suggesting a connection with the country. However, in 1937, when Japan invaded China, Tagore strongly condemned the aggression. ([YouTube](#))

On 26 October 2024, the Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS), New Delhi, in collaboration with the India International Centre (IIC), organised a roundtable on the theme, **"Will the Current Stimulus Fix China's Economy?"**. The session featured **Dr. Alicia García-Herrero**, a leading economist, who unpacked the Chinese government's latest stimulus measures and assessed their potential impact. The discussion focused on China's structural economic challenges—ranging from instability in the real estate sector and demographic shifts, to rising local government debt and the effectiveness of short-term policy responses. It also examined the implications for India, particularly in the context of trade relations and regional economic dynamics. Attended by scholars, policy experts, and industry professionals, the **programme** offered a timely and critical perspective on China's evolving economic landscape. The discussions have been encapsulated in a comprehensive **report**.

On 30 October 2024, the Institute organised a seminar titled, **LDP's Leadership Test in Japan's Lower House Election: Assessing the Political Pulse**. The speaker was **Titli Basu**, Associate Professor, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. The speaker explored the political fallout in Japan, in the context of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)-led coalition losing its majority in the recent Lower House elections. This has impacted the leadership dynamics in Japan, and the speaker argued that it will have serious implications for Japan's efforts towards a Free and Open Indo-Pacific. The session was chaired by **Deepa Wadhwa**, Chairperson, India-Japan Friendship Forum, New Delhi. ([YouTube](#))

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On 6 November 2024, the Institute organised a seminar titled, [The Rise of China's Silicon Valley? The Growth of Research and Development in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area](#). The speaker was **Laurie Pearcey**, Advisor to the President and College Master, Chinese University of Hong Kong (Shenzhen). The speaker focussed on the research and development across the Greater Bay Area (GBA) and the competitiveness of Hong Kong's university system in the wider GBA. The session was chaired by **Ravi Bhoothalingam**, Emeritus Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi; Fellow, Royal Geographical Society, London; and, Founder and Chairman, Manas Advisory, Gurugram. The Chair noted that Western restrictions on the research and development of critical technologies in Chinese universities could be a critical issue. ([YouTube](#))

On 13 November 2024, the Institute organised a seminar titled, [Evaluating the Dichotomies in India's and China's 'Regionalism' in the Indo-Pacific Region](#). The speaker was **Kulkarni Mandar Vijay**, Faculty of Economics, GITAM School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Hyderabad. The speaker examined the differing approaches that India and China adopt toward regionalism in the Indo-Pacific. The chair was **Rityusha Mani Tiwary**, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, University of Delhi; and, Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi. The Chair highlighted how the dynamics in the Indo-Pacific region have shifted due to the impact of COVID-19 and the evolving needs of the region. ([YouTube](#))

The Institute organised the 17<sup>th</sup> All India Conference of China Studies (AICCS) in collaboration with the China Study Centre, Department of Geopolitics and International Relations, Manipal Academy of Higher Education (Institution of Eminence), Manipal. The conference was held in TMA Pai Hall, Manipal, from 21 to 23 November 2024, with the special theme, [Understanding China in a Turbulent World: Geopolitical Contestation and Cooperation](#). Spread over three days, the conference featured scholars from various institutions in India and abroad and showcased a survey of recent scholarship on various facets of China over thirteen sessions. ([YouTube](#))

On 27 November 2024, the Institute organised a seminar titled, [China and the Global Nuclear Order: The Long March to Strategic Deterrence](#). The speaker was **Renu Rana**, Faculty Member, International Studies, Department of Social Sciences, FLAME University, Pune. The speaker explored China's evolving nuclear posture in the context of global transformations in nuclear strategy, disarmament, and deterrence dynamics. The Chair was **M. S. Prathibha**, Associate Fellow, East Asia Centre, MP-IDSA, New Delhi; and, Member, Editorial Board, Strategic Analysis. The Chair noted that China is perceived as a balancer in the international order, given its stance on disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation, and has emerged as one of the strongest defenders of nuclear non-proliferation. ([YouTube](#))

## PUBLICATIONS

### OCTOBER

**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 Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, translated an article on 刘继明：革命死了，革命万岁 Liu Jiming: The Revolution is Dead, Long Live the Revolution, which was published under *ICS Translations* in October 2024.

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**Saranya**, Doctoral Scholar, Centre for Chinese and South East Asian Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, translated an article on 中国如何成为科技教育强国? How to Make China an S&T Education Powerhouse?, which was published under *ICS Translations* in October 2024.

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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 Premier Zhou Enlai: Role and Relevance; China's Economic and Technology Achievements and Permanent CPC Rule; A China-Canada Story for *ICS Analysis* in November 2024.

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**Saranya**, Doctoral Scholar, Centre for Chinese and South East Asian Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, translated an article on AI ‘双刃剑’，我们如何应对? How to Wield AI – The ‘Double-edged Sword’?, which was published under *ICS Translations* in November 2024.

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**Madhurendra Jha**, Assistant Professor, Department of Chinese Studies, Doon University, Dehradun, translated an article on 《献给第三次世界大战的勇士》 Dedicated to the Warrior of the Third World War, which was published under *ICS Translations* in November 2024.

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**Alka Acharya**, Honorary Director, Institute of Chinese Studies; Chairperson and Professor, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, led the Indian delegation to the **19th Russia-India-China Trilateral Academic Conference** held in Moscow, Russia, from 9-10 October 2024, and made a presentation in the Inaugural session. She was also a panellist in a session called, **Future of India-China Relations**, organised by India Foundation, in collaboration with India Habitat Centre on 22 October 2024. She also presented a paper titled, **Role and Relevance of the Indo-Pacific in the post-Cold War Era** in a conference on Indo-Pacific in the Era of Changing Power Dynamics, organised by the GITAM School of Humanities and Social Sciences, GITAM Deemed to be University, Hyderabad, 24-25 October 2024.

**Zorawar Daulet Singh**, Visiting Fellow, Forum for Strategic Initiative; Founder, NorthCap University, Gurugram; and Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, was a panellist in the **Future of India-China Relations**, which was organised by India Foundation, in collaboration with India Habitat Centre on 22 October 2024.

**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, undertook a Visiting Senior Fellowship at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore. He was also a part of the Indian delegation to the **19th Russia-India-China Trilateral Academic Conference** held in Moscow, Russia, from 9-10 October. At the conference, he served as a panellist in the session titled, **The RIC and Regional Ambitions in an Age of Uncertainty**. He also delivered a series of lectures at prestigious institutions. On 1 October 2024, he delivered a lecture titled, **China in South Asia: Approach and Implications**, at the Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore. Subsequently, he delivered a lecture titled, **Coping with China's Rise: India's Strategy and Policy Options**, at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore on 2 October. On 23 October 2024, he presented a lecture titled, **China in South Asia: The Party's Interests, Narratives, and Toolkit**, at the Sinologue at Jawaharlal Nehru University. He also co-authored a journal article titled, **China in Madagascar: Building Centrality through Economic Development and Maritime Engagement** with Vishal Choudhury. The article was featured in the *Journal of Indian Ocean Studies* (Vol. 32, No. 2, May-August 2024, pp. 239-254), published in October.

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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 the **Indian Ocean or Chinese Ocean?**, 1st Indian Ocean and Indo-Pacific Regional Meeting of French Ambassadors, Embassy of France, New Delhi, organised on 26 November 2024.

**Madhurima Nundy**, Fellow, Health and Human Development, Centre for Social and Economic Progress; and, Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, (along with Rama Baru, Ramila Bisht, Alex Jingwei He, Hongsoo Kim, CU Thresia, et. al) published a study report titled, [Public-private mix for continuity of care for older persons: study of select countries in the Asia Pacific region](#). The report, published in *Comparative Country Studies*, Volume 7, Number 1 (2024) by the Asia Pacific Observatory, World Health Organization, was released in November 2024.

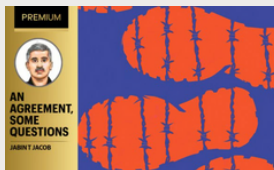
**Anand P. Krishnan**, Fellow, Centre of Excellence for Himalayan Studies, Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, Delhi, NCR; and, Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, presented an online lecture titled, **Going Strong, Lasting Long: Chinese Smartphone Companies in India**, at the Department of Political Science, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad on 19 November. He also wrote a commentary titled, [The Digital Bharat Nidhi: A Starting Point that Needs to Scale Further Up](#) for the Centre of Excellence for Himalayan Studies, Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, Delhi NCR, which was published on 22 November 2024.

**Amita Batra**, Professor, and Chairperson, Centre for South Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University; and Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, was a member delegate and panellist on **Trade and Investments: How India and ROK can make the most of new trading arrangements** at the 23rd India-Korea Strategic Dialogue, organised by the Ananta Centre, Korea Foundation and Seoul Forum in New Delhi on 5-6 November 2024. Professor Batra also published a book chapter titled, **India, ASEAN and the Quad: Economic Imperatives of the Indo Pacific** in [Indo Pacific and ASEAN: New Balances and New Challenges for Asian Integration and Stability](#) (Routledge), edited by Claire Thi-Lien Tran, Suthiphand Chirathivat and Prabir De in November 2024.

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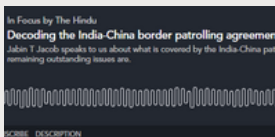
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