



2nd Conference on Domestic Governance in China

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Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, Delhi NCR
&
MIT School of Government, MIT World Peace University, Pune**

28-29 August 2025

**Venue: C021 (Ground Floor, C-Block),
Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, Delhi NCR**

PROGRAMME

DAY 1: THURSDAY, 28 AUGUST 2025

Registration commences from 9:00 am

INAUGURAL SESSION

9:30–10:45 am

Chair: **Amb. Kishan S. Rana**, Emeritus Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi

Welcome Remarks: **Prof. Alka Acharya**, Director, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi

Remarks: **Prof. Rajat Kathuria**, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, & Professor of Economics, Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, Delhi NCR

Remarks: **Dr. Parimal Maya Sudhakar**, Associate Professor, MIT School of Government, MIT World Peace University, Pune

Keynote Address: **Prof. Manoranjan Mohanty**, Emeritus Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi - *Conceptual Challenges in Governance Studies: A Perspective on China's Experience*

Vote of Thanks: **Bhim B. Subba**, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Hyderabad

10:45-11:00 am: COFFEE/TEA BREAK

SESSION I: RULE OF LAW & STATE-CIVIL SOCIETY RELATIONS

11:00 am – 12:45 pm

Chair: **Prof. Manoranjan Mohanty**, Emeritus Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi

Prof. Ravni Thakur, Professor, Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi

How Heroes Fall: Changing Social Dynamics under Xi Jinping

Dr. Saul K. Wilson, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Ashoka University, Sonapat

Respecting the Rules-Based Domestic Order

Dr. Usha Chandran, Assistant Professor, Centre for Chinese and South East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Gendered Governance: Family Planning Policy in China from Pre-Modern to Contemporary Era

Dr. Bhim B. Subba, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Hyderabad

Party is the Law: Legal Reforms in Authoritarian China

12:45–2:00 pm: LUNCH BREAK

SESSION II: RURAL-URBAN GOVERNANCE IN CHINA

2:00-3:15 pm

Chair: **Dr. Parimal Maya Sudhakar**, Associate Professor, MIT School of Government, MIT World Peace University, Pune

Prof. Wen-Hsuan Tsai, Research Fellow, Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan

The Politics of Inclusive Gentry: Grassroots Governance and Rural Meritorious People (Xinxiangxian) in Contemporary China

Dr. Prachi Aggarwal, Assistant Professor, Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi
Climate Change on China's Rural Revitalization

3:15–3:30 pm: COFFEE/TEA BREAK

SESSION III: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, INNOVATION AND GOVERNANCE

3:30–5:00 pm

Chair: **Dr. Jabin T. Jacob**, Director, Centre of Excellence for Himalayan Studies, Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, Delhi NCR & Associate Professor, Department of International Relations and Governance Studies

Prof. G. Venkat Raman, Professor, Indian Institute of Management, Indore

Is Innovation Possible in a Centralized Political System?: Examining the Efficacy of China's Science and Technology Policy

Dr. Rityusha Mani Tiwary, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, University of Delhi

Discontents in Science, Technology and Innovation Governance in China: Mapping the Social in Managing Frameworks Through Green Development and Social Inclusivity

Dr. Kyle Chan, Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Sociology, Princeton University, USA
China's Evolving Technology and Industrial Policy (Online)

DAY 2: FRIDAY, 29 AUGUST 2025

SESSION IV: PARTY-STATE AND ETHNIC RELATIONS

10:00–11:30 am

Chair: **Dr. Medha**, Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations and Governance Studies, Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, Delhi NCR

Dr. Loretta Eumie Kim, Associate Professor, School of Modern Languages and Cultures, Faculty of Arts, University of Hong Kong

Regional Identity as a Prophylactic and Salve for Ethnic Tensions: Observations from Northeast China in the Post-1949 Period

Dr. Debasish Chaudhuri, Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi

Ethnic Policy Making Process Amidst Deepening of Reform

Dr. Devendra Kumar, Associate Fellow, Centre of Excellence for Himalayan Studies, Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, Delhi NCR

Long Shadow of Cultural Revolution: Leadership Shifts and China's Tibet Policy in the 1990s
(Online)

11:30–11:45 am: COFFEE/TEA BREAK

SESSION V: LABOUR AND WELFARE IN THE PARTY STATE

11:45 am–1:00 pm

Chair: **Prof. Alka Acharya**, Director, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi

Dr. Parimal Maya Sudhakar, Associate Professor, MIT School of Government, MIT World Peace University, Pune

China's 2014 Hukou Reforms: A Regime Dilemma of Economic Growth or Social Control

Dr. Anand P. Krishnan, Fellow, Centre of Excellence for Himalayan Studies, Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, Delhi NCR

Cast in the Party's Image and Interests: Identity and Role of All-China Federation of Trade Unions in the New Era

1:00–2:15 pm: LUNCH BREAK

SESSION VI: STATE CAPITALISM, INDUSTRY AND PRIVATE SECTOR

2:15–3:45 pm

Chair: **Prof. Rajat Kathuria**, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Professor of Economics, Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, Delhi NCR

Dr. Priyanka Pandit, Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations and Governance Studies, Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, Delhi NCR

From 'Catching up' to 'Competing' with the West: The Changing Contours of "State Capitalism" under Xi Jinping

Dr. Aravind Yelery, Associate Professor, Centre for East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Unfolding Industrial Policy, Entrepreneurship and Privatization in Post-2017 China

Dr. Ning Leng, Assistant Professor, McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University, Washington DC, USA

Explaining State Takeover of Private Sectors: Politicizing Business in China (Online)

3:45–4:00 pm: COFFEE/TEA BREAK

CONCLUDING SESSION

4:00-4:45 pm

Conference Notes: **Dr. Jabin T. Jacob**, Director, Centre of Excellence for Himalayan Studies, Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, Delhi NCR, & Associate Professor, Department of International Relations and Governance Studies

Summing Up and Next Steps towards Publication: **Dr. Bhim B. Subba and Dr. Anand P. Krishnan**, Convenors, 2nd Conference on Domestic Governance in China

Vote of Thanks: **Dr. Anand P. Krishnan**, Fellow, Centre of Excellence for Himalayan Studies, Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, Delhi NCR

Note: Speakers in all sessions, except the inaugural, will have 12-14 minutes to make their presentations, while the Chairs will be allotted 10-12 minutes to make remarks. The remaining time will be for Q&A.

In the inaugural session, the keynote speech will be 20-25 minutes. Rest of the speakers including the Chair will have 5-7 minutes for their remarks.