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— PROGRAMME —

All timings are in IST

DAY 1: FRIDAY, 31 JULY 2026

0830-0900 Hours: Registration for Conference Attendees

INAUGURAL SESSION

0900 – 1015 Hours

Welcome Remarks: Alka Acharya, Honorary Director, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi; former Professor, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Inaugural Address: Representative from IIC

Convener's Remarks: **Srabani Roy Choudhury**, Professor, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi; Convenor, 3rd All India Conference of East Asian Studies (AICEAS).

Special Remarks: **Koji Sato**, Director General, Japan Foundation New Delhi.

Keynote Address: **Kan Kimura**, Professor, Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies, Kobe University, Japan.

Vote of Thanks: **Sandip Mishra**, Professor, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi; Co-Convenor, 3rd All India Conference of East Asian Studies (AICEAS).

1015– 1030 Hours: REFRESHMENT BREAK

THEMATIC PANEL I

Geopolitical Dissonances

1030 – 1200 Hours

Chair: Deepa Wadhwa, former Ambassador of India to Japan.

Speakers:

Mosrur Ahmed Talukdar, Research Scholar, Department of Political Science, Mizoram University;
Suwa Lal Jangu, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Mizoram University

India's Regional Cooperation Framework: An Indo-Pacific Perspective

Devika B.S., Doctoral Scholar, PG and Research Department, Political Science, Government College, Kottayam, Mahatma Gandhi University; **Sheeba M.**, Professor, Political Science, Government College Kottayam, Mahatma Gandhi University.

India's Strategy of Humanitarian Intervention for Hegemonic Influence in South Asia: Examining post-2014 Ambitions and Strategic Competition with China in the Indo-Pacific

Md. Rezaul Islam, Postgraduate Scholar, Political Science, Jamia Hamdard University, New Delhi

Anchoring Power: The Yuan Wang Precedent and the Ultimate Battle for Strategic Access in the Indian Ocean

Discussant: Rityusha Mani Tiwary, Assistant Professor, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, University of Delhi; Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi.

THEMATIC PANEL II

Technological Dissonances

1200 – 1330 Hours

Chair: Ashok Jain, President, Mombusho Scholars Association of India (MOSAI), New Delhi.

Speakers:

Anugya Bharadwaj, Postgraduate Scholar, East Asian Studies, Department of East Asian Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Delhi.

The Digital 'Tianxia': Encoded Relationality and the Realignment of African Sovereignty (2024-2026)

Shruti Mishra, Postgraduate Scholar, International Studies (Major: International Peace and Security), Korea University, Seoul

Effectiveness of US Semiconductor Export Control Towards China: The Role of Private Sector and Allied Countries

Ashna Shetty, Postgraduate Scholar, Department of Geopolitics and International Relations, Manipal Institute of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal

Comparing Japan and South Korea's Approach towards AI Governance And its Implications for the Indo-Pacific

Sudhanshu Pratap Singh, Postgraduate Scholar, East Asian Studies, Department of East Asian Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Delhi.

Silicon Fault Lines: Semiconductor Decoupling and the Reshaping of India–East Asia Economic Relations

Discussant: **Aravind Yelery**, Associate Professor, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi.

1330-1415: LUNCH BREAK

THEMATIC PANEL III

Climate and Environmental Challenges

1415-1545 Hours

Chair: **Sreemati Chakrabarti**, Chairperson, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi; former Professor, Chinese Studies, Department of East Asian Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Delhi.

Speakers:

Subham Tripathy, Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Government Women's College, Bhawanipatna, Kalahandi.

From Security Dilemma to Ecological Security Dilemma: Rethinking Maritime Security in the Indo-Pacific through the South China Sea Case

Monika Kumari, Postgraduate Scholar, International Relations and Peace Studies, Nalanda University, Rajgir

Japan–India Cooperation in Building Climate-Resilient Infrastructure: Lessons from Disaster Risk Reduction for the Indo-Pacific

Discussant: Tshering Chonzom Bhutia, Associate Professor, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

1545–1600 Hours: REFRESHMENT BREAK

THEMATIC PANEL IV

Economic Security and Connectivity

1600 – 1730 Hours

Chair: Sharad Soni, Professor, Centre for Inner Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Speakers:

G.S. Anwar Basha, Doctoral Scholar, Global Supply Chain Geopolitics, BITS Pilani Dubai Campus.

Power Beneath the Surface: Rare Earths and the Geopolitics of Strategic Dependence

Zahoor Ahmad Mir, Assistant Professor, Political Science, Department of Social Science, Akal University, Bhatinda

Chokepoints, Cables, and Coercion: Contested Maritime Connectivity in the Indo-Pacific

Ripudaman Chauhan, Postgraduate Scholar, Economics, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi

The Silicon Dilemma

Nistha Kumari Singh, Doctoral Scholar and Dr. TMA Pai Fellow, Department of Geopolitics & International Relations, Manipal Institute of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts (MISHA), Manipal Academy of Higher Education (Institute of Eminence), Manipal

China's Quantum Cybersecurity: Interests, Strategies, and Implications

Discussant: Parul Bakshi, Fellow, Energy and Climate, Observer Research Foundation Middle East, Dubai.

DAY 2: SATURDAY, 1 AUGUST 2026

THEMATIC PANEL V

Japan in the Indo-Pacific

1000 – 1130 Hours

Chair: **Sushila Narsimhan**, former Professor, Japanese Studies, Department of East Asian Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Delhi.

Speakers:

Abhijeet Pratap, Postgraduate Scholar, East Asian Studies, Department of East Asian Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Delhi.

Japan's Institutional Balancing in the Indo-Pacific: Navigating CPTPP and RCEP Dynamics

Prabir Kumar Talukdar, Doctoral Scholar, Department of East Asian Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Delhi.

The Yoshida Doctrine's Taiwan Blind Spot: How a 1950s Assumption Shapes Japan's Security Dilemma in 2026

Saumya Soni, Doctoral Scholar, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Japan's ODA as Soft Power: Dissonances Between Economic Integration and Strategic Partnership in Southeast Asia

Discussant: **Ashish Kumar Thakur**, Assistant Professor, Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi.

1130– 1145 Hours: REFRESHMENT BREAK

THEMATIC PANEL VI

Middle Powers and Regional Disputes

1145– 1315 Hours

Chair: **Skand Ranjan Tayal**, former Ambassador of India to the Republic of Korea; Chairperson, India-Republic of Korea Friendship Society, New Delhi.

Speakers:

Manisha, Doctoral Scholar, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

International Law and Cross-Strait Disputes: The Role of Middle-Power Diplomacy in Regional Stability

Gagan Hitkari, Doctoral Scholar, Department of East Asian Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Delhi; Non-Resident James A. Kelly Korea Fellow, Pacific Forum, Hawaii.

Abandoning Reunification: North Korea's Identity Shift, Securitised Peace, and the Future of Asia-Pacific

Sounak Chowdhury, Doctoral Scholar, Political Science, SRM University-AP, Kuragallu.

China's Maritime Challenge and the Future of the Free and Open Indo-Pacific: Prospects for India-Japan-US Strategic Convergence

Discussant: Rajiv Ranjan, Associate Professor, Chinese Studies, Department of East Asian Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Delhi.

1315-1415 hours: LUNCH BREAK

THEMATIC PANEL VII

Multilateral Cooperation

1400 – 1530 Hours

Chair: Jayati Srivastava, Professor, International Politics, Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Speakers:

Rekha Jayakumari, Postgraduate Scholar, National Chung Hsing University, Taiwan

QUAD 2.0 and the Limits of Security Community: An Institutional Alignment Perspective

Isha Singh, Doctoral Scholar, Amity Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, Uttar Pradesh; **Col. (Dr.) Kaushik Ray**, Assistant Professor III, Amity Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, Amity University, Uttar Pradesh

Double Dissonance: Military-Civil Fusion and the Erosion of Rule-Based Space Governance in the Indo-Pacific

Kevin Shalo P., Postgraduate Scholar, Political Science, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi.

Institutional Dissonance and Middle Power Agency: India's Indo-Pacific Governance Strategy amid QUAD Proliferation and Multilateral Fragmentation

Keshav Kumar, Doctoral Scholar, Department of International Relations, South Asian University, New Delhi.

Reimagining Regionalism in the Indo-Pacific: ASEAN and the Emerging Strategic Partnerships in the Region

Discussant: Sanchi Rai, Assistant Professor, Faculty of International Studies, South Asian University, New Delhi.

1530–1545 Hours: REFRESHMENT BREAK

VALEDICTORY SESSION/WRAP-UP

1545-1715 hours

Chair: Alka Acharya, Honorary Director, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi; former Professor, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

Valedictory Address: Aparna Ray, Joint Secretary, Policy Planning and Research Division, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

Report of the Conference: Srabani Roy Choudhury, Professor, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi; Convenor, 3rd All India Conference of East Asian Studies (AICEAS).

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NOTE: Speakers in all the thematic sessions will have 10 minutes to make their presentations. The Chair will take up to 5 minutes to make the opening and concluding remarks. The Discussant will take 10 minutes, and the remaining time will be taken up by the Q&A.