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In 2022, the Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS) held the inaugural All India Conference of East Asian Studies (AICEAS). The objective of the conference is to generate interest in, and strengthen academic and scholarly study and investigations on East Asia in India, thereby consolidating area studies research. The conference is convened bi-annually as a collaborative exercise, in keeping with the ICS' focus on building strong partnerships with leading academic and research institutions and organisations across India. AICEAS brings together students, researchers, university faculty, practitioners and other individuals with an interest in East Asia, to present and discuss their research in the field, primarily focusing on Japan, South Korea, North Korea, Mongolia and Taiwan. AICEAS supports academic excellence, cultural understanding, and the advancement of research in a field that encompasses the diverse and dynamic societies of East Asia, and aims to foster interdisciplinary collaborations and a holistic understanding of this region.

It is our resolve to make the AICEAS one of the major platforms for scholars, researchers, and experts in East Asian Studies, to exchange ideas, research findings, and academic insights. It seeks to facilitate a robust academic discourse on a diverse range of issues - history, language, literature, politics, economics, cultural studies, regional policies, international relations, geopolitical issues and latest developments and trends in the region. This conference not only provides young and emerging scholars the opportunity to share their ideas and perspectives, but also serves as a means of educational outreach, attracting students and the wider community to learn about East Asian cultures, histories, and contemporary issues. As has been our experience with our other flagship conference, the All India Conference of China Studies (AICCS), we hope that the AICEAS would also contribute to promoting interest and research in the field.

CONCEPT NOTE

The rule-based order has faced a gradual yet marked erosion since the end of the Cold War in 1991. The US-dominated system in East Asia and the wider Indo-Pacific region, as represented by the post-World War II “hub-and-spokes” model of multilateralism through bilateralism, has been challenged by the rise of China over the last three decades. The consequent incremental great power rivalry has had a spillover effect in the region, causing dissonances and casting shadows on the stability in the Indo-Pacific region.

Nations such as Japan, the Republic of Korea, and the Philippines, despite being middle powers and US allies, have been pushed to balance between the US and China, while enhancing their defence capabilities and economic security. As geopolitical tensions rise, economic security has emerged as a central concern, with supply chains becoming strategic vulnerabilities and shifting alignments, especially in critical sectors such as semiconductors, rare earths, and energy. Furthermore, China’s growing engagement with ASEAN has prompted Japan and Korea to pursue initiatives to secure investments and trade routes.

Japan’s vision of a “Free and Open Indo-Pacific” (FOIP) stands as a counterbalance to coercive economic and strategic practices. This vision emphasises the rule of law, freedom of navigation, economic connectivity, and respect for sovereignty. Japan, through its diplomacy, development partnerships, and climate initiatives, continues to play a pivotal role in setting standards for transparent and sustainable regional engagement.

Bringing the Indo-Pacific to the centre-stage has led to the proliferation of security-based institutions such as the QUAD, SQUAD, and AUKUS, as well as economic frameworks such as the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), and the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP), further adding to regional complexity. At the intersection of regional and economic security lies Taiwan, whose future directly affects the continued existence of the rule-based order in East Asia and the Indo-Pacific. In this dynamic and complex milieu, Japan stands as a central pillar, playing a significant role in regional and economic security, especially through initiatives such as ODA and OSA, and in institutional engagement.

The 3rd All India Conference of East Asian Studies, (31 July- 1 August 2026), will focus on the region's pressing challenges. Japan has strong concerns about keeping the Indo-Pacific free and open and has countered Chinese initiatives through its own diplomatic policies. This conference aims to spend a day reflecting on how Japan has operated in the rapidly evolving, disruptive world and on its role in shaping this region. On day two, the agenda will be to look at other East Asian nations’ ongoing efforts to address these challenges and how cooperation and competition between nations directly shape the regional order.

— PROGRAMME —

All timings are in IST

DAY 1: FRIDAY, 31 JULY 2026

INAUGURAL SESSION

0900 – 1015 Hours

WELCOME REMARKS



Alka Acharya is currently the Director of the Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi. She was Professor and Chairperson at the Centre for East Asian Studies (Chinese Studies), School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), teaching courses on Chinese Foreign Policy and Political Economy to the Masters and M.Phil students and guiding doctoral research since 1993, from where she superannuated in March 2025. From 2005-2013, she was the Editor of the journal *China Report* and had an earlier stint as a full-time Director and Senior Fellow of the Institute of Chinese Studies, from 2014-2017. Among her works are *Crossing a Bridge of Dreams:*

50 years of India-China (2001, co-edited); *China & India: Politics of Incremental Engagement* (2008) and most recently, *Boundaries and Borderlands: A Century after the 1914 Simla Convention* (2023, Edited). She was nominated by the Indian government as a member of the India-China Eminent Persons Group (2006-2008) and was a member of the National Security Advisory Board of the Government of India for two terms, 2006-2008 and 2011-2012. Her current research focuses on India-China-Russia Trilateral Cooperation and comparing the Indian and Chinese strategies of regional engagement.

Inaugural Address: Representative from IIC

CONVENER' S REMARKS



Srabani Roy Choudhury is a distinguished Professor at the Japanese Division, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. With over three decades of research and scholarship on Japan, she is widely recognised as one of India's leading experts on Japan, India-Japan relations, and Indo-Pacific studies. In recognition of her outstanding contributions to the advancement of Japanese studies, she was awarded the prestigious Commendation for the Promotion of Japanese Studies by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan in 2024. She is also a Japan Foundation Indo-Pacific Fellow.

Prof. Choudhury has made significant contributions to the field through her extensive publications and edited volumes, including *Japan-SAARC Partnership: A Way Ahead* (2014), *India-Japan Relations @ 70: Building Beyond Bilateral* (2022), *The Indo-Pacific Theatre: Strategic Visions and Frameworks* (2023), *Japan and Its Partners in the Indo-Pacific: Engagements and Alignment* (2023), *India-Japan Partnership: Abe the Game Changer* (2024), and *India-Japan and Beyond* (2024). Her international academic engagement includes appointments as a visiting scholar at leading institutions such as Policy Research Institute, Kobe University, Nagoya University, Keio University, and University of Navarra. She also served as Chairperson of the Centre for East Asian Studies at JNU from 2020 to 2022 and as Editor of the *Journal of International Studies*, providing notable academic leadership and shaping scholarly discourse in Japanese, East Asian, and Indo-Pacific studies.

SPECIAL REMARKS



Koji Sato is the current Director General of the Japan Foundation, New Delhi. He took up this position in January 2021 and this is his second assignment at the Japan Foundation, New Delhi. He joined the Japan Foundation in 1995, and prior to the current assignment, he has served at overseas offices of the Japan Foundation in Cairo, Egypt, and Yangon, Myanmar besides New Delhi. At the Japan Foundation's headquarters, he has been assigned at the Asia Centre as Director, while also having served at various other departments of the Foundation. He is an alumnus of the School of Law, Hokkaido University, and obtained a Master of Arts in

India Studies from O.P. Jindal Global University in 2026.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS



Kan Kimura is Professor at Kobe University, and Visiting Professor at Yonsei University, Seoul. Prof. Kimura received his doctorate in law from Kyoto University. He has been a visiting scholar at Harvard University, Korea University, and Sejong Institute. His research focuses on political culture and nationalism in Korean Peninsula. His works include *Kankoku ni okeru "ken'i-shugiteki" taisei no seiritsu* (The Establishment of the Authoritarian System in South Korea), which won the Suntory Prize for Social Sciences and Humanities, and *Nik-Kan rekishi ninshiki mondai to wa nani ka* (What Is the Historical Perception Issue Between Japan and South Korea?), which won the Yoshino Sakuzō Prize.

VOTE OF THANKS



Sandip Kumar Mishra is a Professor at the Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India. Earlier, he worked at the University of Delhi for more than twelve years. He is also Honorary Fellow at the Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS), Delhi and Distinguished Fellow at the Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies (IPCS), New Delhi. He is also a Non-Resident Fellow at the Sejong Institute and Global Fellow at the Ewha Woman's University. He completed his Master's degree in International Politics from Jawaharlal Nehru University and obtained his M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees from the same university. He studied Korean Language in Korea in 2006 and 2010 at Yonsei University and Sogang University. He has been Visiting Fellow and Visiting Scholar at Korea National Defense University, Sejong Institute, Northeast Asia History Foundation, Kim Dae-jung Presidential Library and Museum, Institute for Far East Studies, Northeast Asia History Foundation, Kyungnam University, and Korean Institute for International Economic Policy.

1015-1030 Hours: REFRESHMENT BREAK

THEMATIC PANEL I
Geopolitical Dissonances

1030 – 1200 Hours

CHAIR



Amb. Deepa Gopalan Wadhwa, a career diplomat who joined the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) in 1979 and served as Ambassador of India to Japan (2012-2015), Qatar (2009-2012) and Sweden (2005-2009). She was concurrently accredited as Ambassador to Latvia (from Stockholm), and Republic of the Marshall Islands (from Tokyo). During her career, she also held other significant assignments in China, Geneva, The Netherlands, the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Ministry of External Affairs handling India's relations with the UN system. In the course of her career spanning over 36 years, she handled a wide swathe of issues and subjects related to India's relations with key countries such as Pakistan,

China, and Japan; participated in international conferences and negotiations related to climate change, sustainable development, disarmament and human rights and was instrumental in the active promotion of India's economic interests in areas of investments, trade, technology transfer and energy security during postings in Europe, the GCC and Japan. Wadhwa is currently Chairperson of the India- Japan Friendship Forum and Member Governing Council of the Asian Confluence, based in Shillong which promotes development and connectivity of the Indian North East with its neighbours. She serves as independent Director and advisor on the Boards of a few companies. In recognition of her contribution to the promotion of India-Japan relations she was honoured with the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Rising Sun by the Japanese government in April 2024.

SPEAKERS

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



Mosrur Ahmed Talukdar is a doctoral scholar, Mizoram University, Aizawl, from Assam, India. He completed his postgraduation in Political Science from Assam University, Silchar, and earned his Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) from Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee College of Education. His academic interests include Political Science, International Relations, Electoral Politics, Public Policy, and Educational Research. His proposed PhD research at Mizoram University, titled "Mizoram in India's Regional Connectivity Framework," examines the strategic significance of Mizoram in regional integration, connectivity initiatives, Northeast

Indian politics, and India's engagement with neighboring countries. Mosrur has contributed to academic and public discourse through research articles and conference presentations. He is the co-author of the article "The Polarisation Project in Assam," published by The Federal in April 2026, which critically examines the role of delimitation, AI-driven propaganda, communal rhetoric, and electoral dynamics in the 2026 Assam Assembly election. His research interests also encompass democracy, governance, electoral behavior, and the socio-political transformation of Northeast India. Alongside his academic pursuits, he is actively engaged in educational leadership and research, striving to bridge scholarly inquiry with public policy and regional development.



Dr. Suwa Lal Jangu is an Assistant Professor in the School of Social Sciences, Department of Political Science at Mizoram University, India, where he has served since 2012. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Rajasthan (2002) and a Master of Arts in Political Science from Banaras Hindu University (2004). He earned his Ph.D. in International Relations from Banaras Hindu University in 2012, specialising in India–Canada Relations from an Energy Security Perspective. A scholar of international relations, he works extensively on India's foreign policy, Indo-Pacific affairs, environmental politics, human

rights, and development issues in Northeast India. His academic and research contributions reflect a strong interdisciplinary foundation and a deep engagement with India's frontier regions and strategic neighbourhood. He has completed a major ICSSR–IMPRESS research project on the Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project, exploring its multifaceted implications for India's Northeast and Southeast Asia. Dr. Jangu has authored 30 research

papers and book chapters with leading international publishers including Routledge, Springer, Manohar, Pentagon Press, and IntechOpen. He has presented more than 40 papers at national and international forums, including the Asian Association of Public Administration (AAPA), Manila. A dynamic academic organiser, he has coordinated numerous national and international seminars, workshops, and GIAN programs on themes such as gender equality, India's foreign policy, media and environmental issues, and border connectivity. His invited lectures span institutions across India, covering topics ranging from India's Act East Policy to feminist research methodologies, global governance, electoral politics, and the political economy of Northeast India. Dr. Jangu is also an active public intellectual. He is a political analyst in the media and has contributed over 100 articles to leading platforms, including *Frontline*, *The Wire*, *Outlook India*, *Newslick*, *Forward Press*, *Countercurrents*, *Aaj*, *Rajasthan Patrika*, and *Dainik Bhaskar*, and Assam Pratidin Times, among others. He has appeared as a panellist on Republic Bharat TV, has been featured in podcasts (Let's On Mike), and regional media discussions on Northeast India. His academic influence extends to mentoring as well, having supervised 7 M.Phil. and 5 Ph.D. scholars. He is associated with professional bodies such as the AAPA, IIPA, and the Association of Asian Scholars. His distinctions include the Best Library User Award of Mizoram University (2017). Dr. Jangu is a subject matter expert at the CENJOWS under the Ministry of Defense, the Government of India. With expertise bridging scholarship, public discourse, and policy concerns, Dr. Suwa Lal Jangu stands as a significant voice on India's Northeast, international relations, and socio political transformations in contemporary India.

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



Devika B.S. is a doctoral scholar in Political Science at Government College Kottayam, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala, and a UGC-NET qualified researcher in Political Science and Politics including International Relations. She completed her postgraduate studies in International Relations and Politics from Pondicherry Central University. Her research focuses on International Relations, Security Studies, Humanitarian Intervention, Foreign Policy Analysis, and Global South perspectives. She is particularly interested in the intersections of sovereignty, humanitarian norms, regional politics, and

decolonial thought. She has published research on these themes in peer-reviewed journals and regularly presents her work at national and international academic conferences.



Sheeba M. is a Professor of Political Science and Head of the Department of Political Science at Government College, Kottayam, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala. She administers doctoral research in areas including political epistemology, e-governance and women empowerment, and the politics of humanitarian intervention. She specialises in and researches Women's Empowerment. She holds a PhD in Political Science from the University of Kerala and is a recognised research guide affiliated with Mahatma Gandhi University. She is a member of the Postgraduate Board of Studies in Political Science at Mahatma Gandhi University. She has published research on women's empowerment and microfinance.

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



Md. Rezaul Islam, is a postgraduate scholar in Political Science at Jamia Hamdard University, New Delhi. He is also pursuing a Diploma in International Relations and Diplomacy from IIGL, New Delhi, reflecting his strong interest in understanding contemporary global affairs, diplomacy and international cooperation. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from St. Anthony's College, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong, where he graduated as the Student of the Year 2025 and served as the Valedictorian of his graduating batch. Beyond academia, Rezaul has actively engaged in leadership, public policy discussions, and youth development initiatives. He has served as Secretary-General of the St. Anthony's College Model United Nations Conference and has participated in numerous national-level Model United Nations conferences, youth parliaments, and diplomatic simulations, earning recognition for his contributions to public speaking, negotiation, and policy analysis. He also recently has been appointed as the Chef De Cabinet for MMUN Conference 2026. He is currently working in the Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, as a research intern working on research based projects involved in maritime security and regional affairs in South East Asia.

DISCUSSANT



Rityusha Mani Tiwary is Assistant Professor, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, University of Delhi and an Honorary Fellow at the Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi. She has been the Assistant Editor of *China Report: A Journal of East Asian Studies*, the flagship journal of the Institute, since 2016. She holds a Ph.D in Chinese Studies from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. The current focus of her research includes unpacking the interplay of leadership, power and hegemony in East Asia and China's role in shaping regionalism in the twin domain of political economy and foreign policy. She likes to employ critical theory-

comparativist lenses to study China and India regarding nationalism, borders, gender and culture. She was the recipient of the Visiting Program for Young Sinologists in 2017, awarded by the Ministry of Culture, People's Republic of China and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing. She was earlier awarded the International Visitor Leadership Program by the Department of State, USA, in 2016 and Pavate Fellowship at the Politics and International Studies Department, University of Cambridge, UK, in 2013. She was a Visiting Scholar at the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, Shanghai, in 2012 and a Visiting Researcher at the German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Hamburg, in 2009.

THEMATIC PANEL II

Technological Dissonances

1200 – 1330 Hours

CHAIR



Ashok Jain, President, Mombusho Scholars Association of India (MOSAI), New Delhi. Jain's experience represents a combination of academic work and of setting up organisations. His academic engagements span physics research and teaching at Universities in India, Japan and UK and studies at the interface of science, technology and Society (STS) as Director National Institute of Science Technology and Development Studies (NISTADS) and as a Coordinator of Europe India Innovation project amongst others. With over a hundred published research papers in Physics, STS and India-Japan relations besides edited and co-edited books, he has been elected as a Fellow of

National Academy of Sciences, India. Dr Jain's organisational experience include, the establishment of the Office of Science Attaché in the Indian Embassy, Tokyo, setting up a unit for national programme on Intensification of Research in DST, a Technology Management programme in the Commonwealth Secretariat, London, Japanese Universities Alumni Association, MOSAI, Kizuna India-Japan Study Forum etc. Dr Jain is a recipient of the Emperor of Japan's medal of honour for his Japan related work.

SPEAKERS

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



Anugya Bharadwaj (班慧梅) is a postgraduate scholar at the Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi. Her research specializes in Chinese political dynamics, economic statecraft, Chinese mythology and the evolving complexities of the India-China relationship. Anugya also serves as a Non-Resident Assistant in Research at the Ghana Centre for China Studies, where she has authored analysis on China's 14th Five-Year Plan, neo-traditionalist political legitimacy, and regional diplomatic architecture. She is an active voice in international discourse, having presented research at multiple conferences. Recognized as a young leader in her field, Anugya is committed to fostering interdisciplinary dialogue on East Asian geopolitics, BRICS cooperation, and the future of global diplomatic and economic systems.

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



Shruti Mishra is a postgraduate scholar at International Studies (International Peace and Security), Korea University's Graduate School of International Studies and a recipient of the 2023 Global Korea Scholarship. She earned her B.A. in Korean Language from Jawaharlal Nehru University, India. Her research focuses on Chinese foreign policy, U.S.–China relations, cross-strait dynamics, and the geopolitics of emerging technologies, particularly semiconductors and artificial intelligence. She currently serves as an intern at the Embassy of Slovenia in Seoul and is a research assistant at the Jean Monnet EU Centre of Excellence at Korea University, having previously worked with the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in India and several policy research organizations.

Shruti has presented her research internationally, including at the University of Melbourne

and the India–Korea Forum, and is the author of a peer-reviewed article on the Russia–Ukraine conflict published in the *Indian Journal of International Studies*. She intends to pursue doctoral research examining how technological change is reshaping great-power competition and international security.

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



Ashna Shetty is a postgraduate scholar of International Relations (2024-2026), Department of Geopolitics and International Relations, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal. She graduated from St. Xavier’s College, Mumbai in 2024 with a bachelor’s degree in Political Science. During her postgraduation, she interned at Natstrat, a think tank in Delhi, where she authored a paper on “India’s Critical Supply Chains”. She also got an opportunity to present a paper titled “India’s Economic Diplomacy amidst the US-China Trade War: Opportunity and Challenges” at the Kautilya School of Public Policy, Hyderabad. As part of the Master's program, she has

authored a dissertation titled “China’s Public Diplomacy towards Indonesia, 1998-2024”. Her areas of interest include the Geopolitics of East Asia: Cross-Strait Relations, South China Sea disputes, the dynamics of the Korean Peninsula and the Belt and Road Initiative; China’s Strategic Culture, China's Domestic Politics, and the supply chain dynamics of critical and emerging technologies such as AI and semiconductors.

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



Sudhanshu Pratap Singh is a postgraduate scholar in the East Asian Studies, Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi, with coursework spanning both the Japanese and Chinese studies. He has a background in Computer Science and has previously worked as a Pre-Sales Associate at BYJU'S. His research interests centre on geopolitics and technology competition in the Indo-Pacific, including semiconductor decoupling and India–East Asia economic relations.

DISCUSSANT



Aravind Yelery is an Associate Professor at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. Before that, he was a Senior Research Fellow (Associate Professor Grade) at Peking University, Beijing/Shenzhen. Dr. Yelery was a Visiting Faculty at the Fudan School of Management, Shanghai; National Taiwan University, Taipei; and Taiwan MOFA Fellow (2022). Before joining PKU, he was an Associate Fellow and Assistant Director at the Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi, India. Dr. Yelery holds a PhD in Chinese Studies with a particular interest in political economy. He recently authored *China Inc.: Between State Capitalism and Economic Statecraft* (New Delhi: Pentagon Press)

1330-1415: LUNCH BREAK

THEMATIC PANEL III

Climate and Environmental Challenges

1415 – 1545 Hours

CHAIR



Sreemati Chakrabarti is Chairperson and Honorary Fellow at the Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi. She is former Professor of Chinese Studies at the Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi. She has also been Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Delhi; Head of the Department of East Asian Studies for three terms, and Director of the Institute of Chinese Studies (2009-2012). She was a Visiting Faculty at Central China Normal University, Wuhan, China in 2018. She holds a Doctorate in Political Science from Columbia University. Her publications include *China and the Naxalites*; *Mao, China's Intellectuals and the Cultural Revolution*; and, *China (a volume for the NBT)*. She has also edited *Higher Education in China: Select Perspectives* and co-edited *Taiwan Today*. In addition, she has published several articles in journals, magazines and newspapers and contributed chapters to books. In

2010, she was conferred the “China-India Friendship Award” by Chinese Premier, Wen Jiabao.

SPEAKERS

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



Subham Tripathy is a Lecturer in Political Science at Government Women's College, Bhawanipatna, Odisha. He is a doctoral scholar in Political Science from Gangadhar Meher University, Sambalpur. His doctoral research examined security dynamics in the Indo-Pacific region, particularly the impact of Sino-Indian rivalry on regional security. His research interests include International Relations, Indo-Pacific studies, maritime security, environmental security, strategic studies, and foreign policy analysis. He has published research papers on governance, security, and international politics in peer-reviewed journals and edited volumes.

His current work focuses on the intersection of ecological degradation and maritime security through the development of the Ecological Security Dilemma framework.

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



Monika Kumari is a postgraduate scholar at the International Relations and Peace Studies, Nalanda University, India. She holds a Bachelor's degree in International Relations from the Central University of Kerala. Her research explores the intersection of international security, geopolitics, climate resilience, and emerging technologies, with a particular focus on the Indo-Pacific and East Asia. Her master's dissertation, *Securing Borders in the Age of Technology: Evaluating the High-Tech Shift at the India–China Frontier*, examined how artificial intelligence, surveillance systems, and other advanced technologies are transforming border management and strategic

competition. She has worked as a Research Intern at the Centre for Joint Warfare Studies (CENJOWS), New Delhi, where she contributed research on maritime security, strategic affairs, and regional geopolitics through web articles, issue briefs, and policy analysis. Her current research examines how climate change and disaster risk increasingly shape geopolitical competition, regional cooperation, and infrastructure resilience in the Indo-Pacific, with particular attention to Japan–India collaboration.

DISCUSSANT



Tshering Chonzom Bhutia is Associate Professor at the Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University. She completed her Doctoral studies from the same Centre. Prior to her current position, Dr Bhutia served as Associate Editor, *India Quarterly* for a period of about 5 years. Alongside, she was Advisor at the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA) providing inputs to the Ministry of Education (GoI) on bilateral and multilateral education cooperation. Prior to that, she worked as an Associate Fellow at the Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS). Her areas of interest include negotiation theory, Sino-Tibetan negotiation, domestic sources of

China's foreign and security policy, the 'Tibet question' in China and internationally, and China's nationality policy, among others. She has written and spoken on these issues at various national and international forums. She has been a recipient of a major ICSSR Project and a China India Scholar-Leaders Initiative (CISLI) Fellowship. She has also been a recipient of other short-term fellowships in China, US and Taiwan.

1545-1600 Hours: REFRESHMENT BREAK

THEMATIC PANEL IV

Economic Security and Connectivity

1600-1730 Hours

CHAIR



Sharad K. Soni is the Associate Dean, School of International Studies (SIS), Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi. Concurrently, he is also serving as Chairperson of the Centre for Inner Asian Studies in SIS and Director of the Vidyaranya Institute of Knowledge and Advanced Studies (VIKAS) in JNU. His research interests focus on the geopolitics of Inner Asia/Eurasia, both in historical and contemporary times, and on issues concerning Mongol culture areas of Mongolia proper, China's Inner Mongolia and Central Asia, as well as foreign and security policy of Mongolia and its international relations. He has to his credit six books, three

monographs and over 125 articles/research papers/chapters. His forthcoming volume is titled

Mapping Mongolian Politics, Foreign Policy and Governance (Palgrave Macmillan). He has been Visiting Scholar/Professor at University of Cambridge, UK; Peking University, Shandong University and Sichuan University, China; Eurasian National University, Kazakhstan; Mongolian Academy of Sciences, Mongolia; and Indiana University, USA. He is the recipient of *Order of the Polar Star*, Mongolia's highest state civilian award (2025) and *Doctor Honoris Causa* (Honorary Doctorate) conferred by National University of Mongolia (2024).

SPEAKERS

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



G.S. Anwar Basha is a Senior Project-Management Leader, pursuing doctoral research at the Birla Institute of Technology, Dubai Campus in the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences. His area of interest is in Global Supply Chain Geopolitics. He currently serves as General Manager at Al Shirawi Group LLC, where his work spans large-scale project execution, stakeholder coordination, QA/QC, HSE governance, cost control, and operational performance frameworks. He has two decades of professional experience across MEP, infrastructure, interiors, contracts, procurement, and multidisciplinary project delivery in the GCC and Asia Pacific regions. His current academic research examines rare earth elements as strategic resources within a geopolitically concentrated global supply system, diversification pathways, including recycling, substitution, alternative mining frontiers, and international governance mechanisms.

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



Zahoor Ahmad Mir is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Department of Social Science, Akal University, Bhatinda, Punjab. He is a doctoral scholar from the Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, where he was awarded the UGC Maulana Azad National Fellowship (JRF and SRF). His research interests include nuclear terrorism, nuclear security, international relations, strategic studies, peace and conflict studies, and South Asian security. Prior to

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The Silicon Dilemma



Ripudaman Chauhan is a Research Assistant and economics researcher currently pursuing his postgraduate degree in Economics at Jamia Millia Islamia, following a Bachelor's degree in Economics (Honours) from Hansraj College, University of Delhi. He has worked as a Research Assistant at The Dialogue, a leading Indian think tank, assisting Dr. Nasim Zaidi, former Chief Election Commissioner and Ex-Minister to the Ministry of Civil Aviation, on regulatory and policy research in the aviation sector, including cost-benefit analysis and evaluation of public-private partnership contracts. His research experience also includes work at the Centre for Civil Society and the Centre for Social Research, spanning state-level regulatory frameworks and field-based socio-economic research. His research interests lie at the intersection of international trade and macroeconomic stability, especially how localized disruptions, in trade flows, supply chains, or regulatory regimes, can cascade into larger macroeconomic upheavals.

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



Nistha Kumari Singh is a doctoral scholar and a TMA Pai Fellow in the Department of Geopolitics and International Relations at the Manipal Institute of Social Sciences Humanities and Arts, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Manipal, India. She is also a Network for the Advancement of Technology Geopolitics (NAST) Fellow (2025–2026 cohort) at the Takshashila Institution, Bengaluru. Her research lies at the intersection of cybersecurity, emerging technologies, and great power competition, with a particular focus on US–China strategic competition.

DISCUSSANT



Parul Bakshi is Fellow – Energy and Climate at the Observer Research Foundation (ORF) Middle East, where her research spans the themes of energy transition, energy security, geopolitics of energy, decarbonization strategies, and sustainability. She is also a Visiting Research Fellow at the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies (OIES), contributing to research on global energy markets and transitions. Previously, she served as a Researcher at the Institute for Future Initiatives at the University of Tokyo, and at Ghent University in Belgium. She was also a recipient of the Japan Foundation Indo-Pacific Partnership Fellowship. Earlier in her career, Parul worked as a Research Fellow at the

Florence School of Regulation – FSR Global, where her work focused on energy security in South Asia, cross-border electricity trade, interoperability and open standards in power systems, and green hydrogen policy. Parul holds a doctorate from Jawaharlal Nehru University, India, where her research examined Japan’s post-Fukushima energy transition toward renewables, drawing comparative lessons from Germany’s *Energiewende*. She is the co-editor of *India–Japan Relations @70: Building Beyond the Bilateral* (2022) and *Geographies of Exchange between India and Japan* (2024). Her work has appeared in international journals and platforms including *The Pacific Review*, *Australian Journal of International Affairs*, *Environment: Science and Policy for Sustainable Development*, *The Diplomat*, *The East Asia Forum*, and *The Japan Times*.

THEMATIC PANEL V

Japan in the Indo-Pacific

1000 – 1130 Hours

CHAIR



Sushila Narsimhan is Professor (Retd.) of Japanese Studies. She taught in Daulat Ram College (1964-1997), before moving to the Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi (1997-2007). She was the recipient of the Japan Foundation Fellowship in 1987-1988 for her doctoral research, and again in 2001 for post-doctoral research. She was affiliated with the University of Tokyo, Japan during both stints. In 2002, she got a UGC field trip grant for her post-doctoral research in Stanford University, California, USA. Her specialization is Japan's Meiji period and 19th century Sino-Japanese relations. Her major publications include: *Nineteenth Century Japanese Perceptions of China: Influence of*

Fukuzawa Yukichi (New Delhi: 1999) and several research papers. She has edited/co-edited sixteen books on India and Japan; India and East Asia; and India and Korea. Her latest edited book is: *Geographies of Exchange between India and Japan* (New Delhi: 2024). Currently, she is the Director, Kizuna India-Japan Study Forum (a research wing of MOSAI), engaged in exploring the under-researched aspects of India-Japan historical and cultural interactions by holding seminars and lectures, and disseminating the findings through publications and digital media.

SPEAKERS

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



Abhijeet Pratap is a postgraduate scholar at the Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi, specialising in Chinese Studies. His research focuses on China's domestic governance, party-state relations, CCP foreign policy, and regional integration in East Asia. Alongside his academic work, he contributes to policy-oriented research as a Research Intern at Geostrata's China Division, a Diplomatic Research Fellow at The Diplomatic Club, and a Research Intern at the Institute of South Asian Studies, South Asian University, under the supervision of Dr. Sanchi Rai. His broader research

interests include China studies, the Indo-Pacific strategic landscape, regional connectivity, and India's evolving strategic environment.

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



Prabir Kumar Talukdar is a postgraduate scholar at the Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi. His research focuses on East Asian philosophy and the comparative study of cultural traditions, especially concerning society, religion, and lived practice. He is currently expanding his research interests to encompass East Asian security studies and geopolitics, with a particular focus on Japan's postwar strategic evolution and the Indo-Pacific order. He has contributed essays and photojournalistic work to major Indian dailies, news portals, and independent centres, including *The Hindu*, *The Assam Tribune*, *Frontline*, NEZINE,

Sahapedia, and to the Centre for Science and Environment, on politics, socio-cultural issues, and climate change. His photojournalistic work has been exhibited internationally with Thomson Reuters and the Asia-Europe Foundation. He received a fully-funded scholarship to attend a workshop on multimedia journalism in Tiranë, Albania. In 2019, he represented India at the 9th World Urban Forum (UN-Habitat) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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



Saumya Soni is a Research Intern at the Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi, and a doctoral scholar, Department of Centre for East Asian Studies (CEAS), School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University. Her doctoral research examines China-Vietnam party-to-party diplomacy as a mechanism for conflict stabilisation in the South China Sea, drawing on historical institutionalism. Beyond this, her research interests include regional dynamics in East Asia and the Indo-Pacific, as well as developments in Chinese society. She also holds a Master's degree in Politics with specialisation in International Studies from Jawaharlal

Nehru University, where her coursework engaged with China and global politics, Japan's foreign policy and East Asian area studies.

DISCUSSANT



Ashish Kumar Thakur is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at Sri Venkateswara College, University of Delhi, where he has been serving since April 2023. Prior to that, he taught at Sri Venkateswara College and Miranda House, University of Delhi. He obtained his PhD from the School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), with a dissertation titled *Japan's Engagement with the United Nations: From Chequebook Diplomacy to Comprehensive Participation, 1991–2016*. Dr. Thakur's teaching and research interests include Japan's foreign policy, India–Japan relations, the United Nations, Indo-Pacific studies, multilateralism, and international security. He has published research articles and book chapters on Japan's role in United Nations peacekeeping, India–Japan relations, India's engagement with the UN Security Council, and India's foreign policy. Beyond teaching and research, he has also actively contributed to academic administration and public engagement. He has served as the Public Relations Officer at Sri Venkateswara College, Convener of the Model United Nations and Global Affairs Society, Coordinator of the National Youth Parliament Scheme under the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of India. He has also been a Resource Person on India's G20 Presidency under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India.

1130-1145 Hours: REFRESHMENT BREAK

THEMATIC PANEL VI

Middle Powers and Regional Disputes

1145– 1315 Hours

CHAIR



Amb. Skand Ranjan Tayal former Ambassador of India to the Republic of Korea, and Chairperson, India-Republic of Korea Friendship Society, New Delhi. Amb. Tayal is a graduate of Allahabad University and a postgraduate scholar of Chemistry at IIT, Kanpur. After joining the Indian Foreign Service (1976), Ambassador Tayal served in Indian Missions in Sofia, Warsaw, Geneva and Moscow. He was India's Consul General in Johannesburg (1996-98) and Houston (2002-05), and Ambassador of India to Uzbekistan (2005-08). Amb. Tayal was on the Board of Hindustan Shipyard Limited (Vizag) and MMTC Limited as an independent director during 2013-16. He was also Chairman of the Governing Board of Dyal Singh College in New Delhi during 2013-

16. He was a Visiting professor in the Delhi University during 2013-16. Ambassador Tayal has authored a book 'India and Republic of Korea: Engaged Democracies' which was released in December 2013 by the Hon'ble External Affairs Minister of India.

SPEAKERS

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



Manisha Langyan is a doctoral scholar at the Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi. Her doctoral research, supervised by Dr. Aravind Yelery, examines "The 'Counter-Reformation' Policy in Xi Jinping's Narrative of the 'Rejuvenation of the Chinese Nation', 2017–2022." She holds a Master's degree in International Relations and Area Studies from JNU and a Bachelor's degree (Honours) in History from the University of Delhi. Her research interests include contemporary Chinese politics, Chinese political thought, nationalism, governance under Xi Jinping, and East

Asian international relations. In 2024, she presented her research at Fudan University on the Topic "India, China and the World" and had an academic study visit to China in April 2024. She has participated in academic initiatives such as the Ambedkar Summer School. Her strengths include research and analytical skills, teamwork, leadership, communication, and interdisciplinary collaboration.

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



Gagan Hitkari is a doctoral scholar in the Department of East Asian Studies at the University of Delhi. He holds a Master's degree in Conflict Analysis and Peacebuilding from Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi. During his Master's programme, he completed a dissertation titled '*The Nuclear Question in Korean Reunification*'. His doctoral research examines the relationship between *Juche* ideology and North Korea's nuclear proliferation programme, with a particular focus on identity, ideology, and security. His research interests include North Korean politics, Korean Peninsula affairs, East Asian security, nuclear proliferation, and regional

order in the Asia-Pacific.

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



Sounak Chowdhury is a doctoral scholar, Department of Political Science at SRM University-AP. His doctoral research examines China's maritime presence in the Indian Ocean. His research interests lie in maritime geopolitics in the Indo-Pacific, China's foreign policy and blue-water navy, India's foreign and maritime policies, and the evolving strategic dynamics of the Indian Ocean Region. He completed his Master of Arts in Political Science from Presidency University, Kolkata, specializing in International Relations. His work focuses on the geopolitical implications of China's expanding maritime

footprint, the strategic responses of India and other Indo-Pacific powers; and the changing

regional security architecture. He is also interested in issues relating to East Asian studies, strategic competition, and the role of minilateral institutions in shaping the Indo-Pacific order.

DISCUSSANT



Rajiv Ranjan is an Associate Professor of Chinese Studies at the Department of East Asian Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Delhi. Previously he taught at College of Liberal Arts, Shanghai University, Shanghai and was a Research Fellow at the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA), New Delhi. He is also an Adjunct Fellow at the Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi. He completed his doctoral degree in Chinese Studies from the Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, JNU. He has co-edited *China and South Asia: Changing Regional Dynamics, Development and Power Play*, Routledge, 2021 and co-authored 《近代东方国家的变革》, Jinan University Press, China, 2020. His publications have appeared in reputed journals such as *India Review*, *India Quarterly*, *Economic and Political Weekly (EPW)*, *Contemporary International Relations*, *Critical Sociology*, *Global Environmental Politics*, *International Affairs*, *Contemporary International Relations*, *Millennium: Journal of International Relations*, *Political Studies Review*, *Strategic Analysis*, etc. His commentaries have also been published in leading national dailies. His research focuses on India-China relations, World Order, Chinese Politics and Foreign Policy, Ancient Strategic Thoughts, Chinese Society and Culture and BRICS, International Aid Diplomacy and Climate Change Politics.

1315-1415: LUNCH BREAK

THEMATIC PANEL VII

Multilateral Cooperation

1415 – 1545 Hours

CHAIR



Jayati Srivastava is Professor of International Politics at the Centre for International Politics, Organization and Disarmament, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India. Her areas of research include aesthetics and international politics; global civil society; legitimacy of global governance; global justice; international environmental politics; and southern perspectives in IR. She has published widely in peer-reviewed journals and has many monographs to her credits from reputed national and international institutions. She is currently involved with two major international collaborative research projects: (ENSURED, Horizon Europe-funded research project on *Global Governance for a World in Transition: Norms, Institutions, Actors, and Health, Opportunities, and Poverty Eradication: India's Democracy-Healthcare Paradox and Global Impact (HOPE)*, funded by the Research Council of Norway. Earlier, she has worked on two projects: *Insignia and Images of Justice: Politics, Law and Visual Culture in the Age of Globalisation*; and *Re-working the 'Knowledge Structures' in International Relations: Some Indian Contributions*, with a focus on Indian traditions/thinking on ethics of warfare. She has been a recipient of the Hermes Fellowship awarded by the Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, Paris. She was Visiting Professor at the Institut d'Études Politiques, Grenoble and Institut d'Études Politiques Bordeaux, France; Research Fellow at the South Asia Institute, University of Heidelberg, Germany and a Visiting Fellow at the Department of Peace and Conflict Research, University of Uppsala, Sweden.

SPEAKERS

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



Rekha Jayakumari is a postgraduate scholar in the International Master's Program in Asia and China Studies at National Chung Hsing University (NCHU), Taiwan, Fall 2025. She also holds a postgraduate degree in Politics and International Relations from the School of International Relations & Politics, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala, India. From 2023 to 2025, Rekha served as a Project Fellow and Student Assistant at the Korea Centre, MGU, under the Seed Program for Korean Studies, where she authored the Korea Digest, issue briefs, and commentaries while organizing various academic events. Her research area focuses mainly on

broader Indo-Pacific and East Asia. She has published extensively with NIICE Nepal, The International Prism, and The Malabar Journal, and has presented her works at various conferences in India.

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



Isha Singh is a doctoral scholar in Defence and Strategic Studies at Amity University, Uttar Pradesh. With an interdisciplinary background in Aerospace Engineering and Political Science and International Relations, her research examines space as a strategic domain, focusing on China's dual-use space capabilities and Military-Civil Fusion. Her work analyses how these processes translate civilian space innovation into military power, shaping strategic competition and security dynamics in China-India relations.



Col. Kaushik Ray (Retd), an alumnus of the esteemed National Defence Academy, served the Indian Army with distinction for 26 years. He commanded a Surveillance and Target Acquisition Unit along the Western Borders and a Field Artillery Regiment along the Northern Borders. He holds a PhD in Defence and Strategic Studies on 'Weaponisation of Space and Its Impact on India', an MTech in Weapons Systems, and an

‘Advanced Certification in Space Technology’ from the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore. He has authored several research papers in reputable journals. He is currently an Assistant Professor of Defence and Strategic Studies at Amity University, Uttar Pradesh.

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



Kevin Shalo P. is a final-year postgraduate scholar in Political Science at the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU) and a UGC-NET qualified researcher in Political Science. He holds a B.A. in Political Science from Bharathiar University, where he graduated with First Class with Distinction (CGPA 8.0) and was awarded the 6th University Rank. His research interests span Indo-Pacific governance, middle power strategy, public policy, and the intersection of classical Indian political thought with contemporary international relations theory and he has a longer-term interest in

pursuing a Ph.D. in Public Policy and Governance.

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



Keshav Kumar Jha is a doctoral scholar in the Department of International Relations at South Asian University, New Delhi. His academic interests lie at the intersection of International Political Economy, Foreign Policy Analysis, Regional Integration, Border Studies, and Global Governance. His research focuses on contemporary geopolitical and geoeconomic transformations, with particular emphasis on South and Southeast Asia, the Indo-Pacific, the Global South, trade, climate governance, and regional cooperation. He holds a Master's and Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Banaras Hindu University. His work examines emerging

issues such as regional cooperation, border management, energy diplomacy, and the political economy of regional institutions. and he has presented research papers at several national and international conferences. He actively contributes to academic discussions on India's foreign policy, regional connectivity, and international cooperation. He was invited to the OSCE Academy in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, to participate in the 2025 Annual Security Conference. His

writings seek to bridge theoretical perspectives with contemporary policy debates, particularly concerning South Asia and the evolving international order.

DISCUSSANT



Sanchi Rai is an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of International Studies, South Asian University, New Delhi. She holds a Ph.D. in International Politics from Jawaharlal Nehru University, specialising in the pre-independence origins of Indian foreign policy, with extensive archival research experience in both the United Kingdom and India. She has been awarded research grants from the Charles Wallace India Trust (2015 and 2024) and the Indian Council of Social Science Research. In 2025, she was selected for the second cohort of the Sir Jadunath Sarkar Fellowship for Indian History, awarded by the Foundation for Indian Historical and Cultural Research (FIHCR). Her work has been

presented at leading international conferences in Canada, Singapore, the United Kingdom, and the United States, and published in reputed journals, including *“Millennium: Journal of International Studies”*. In 2015, she was invited as a Visiting Scholar at the SOAS South Asia Institute, University of London. She also served as Principal Research Assistant on the “Ideas of India” project at New York University, Abu Dhabi and previously taught at Flame University Pune, Ambedkar University, New Delhi and RV University, Bengaluru.

1545-1600 Hours: REFRESHMENT BREAK

VALEDICTORY SESSION 1600-1730 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 (IFS: 2008) is the Joint Secretary at the Centre for Contemporary China Studies (CCCS); the Policy Planning & Research (PP&R) Divisions of the Ministry of External Affairs. Previously, she served as the Counsellor to the Permanent Mission of India to the World Trade Organisation (WTO) in Geneva; and, has also held positions at the High Commission of India in Islamabad and Embassy of India, Beijing. She has a B.A from the National Law School of India University, Bangalore; and, MPP from the School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University. She speaks English, Hindi, Bengali and Chinese.

REPORT ON THE CONFERENCE



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

VOTE OF THANKS



Sandip Mishra, Professor, Centre for East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University; Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi; Co-Convenor, 3rd All India Conference of East Asian Studies

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