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Draft Programme

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DAY ONE: Thursday, 28 January 2021

INAUGURAL SESSION

11:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Welcome Remarks: **Amb. Ashok K. Kantha**, Director, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi

Opening Remarks: **Prof. Bhaskar Ramamurthi**, Director, IIT-Madras

Convenor's Remarks: **Prof. Sreemati Chakrabarti**, Vice-Chairperson, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi and Convenor, 13th AICCS

Keynote Address: **Hon. Dr. S. Jaishankar**, Minister of External Affairs, Government of India

MC and Vote of Thanks: **Dr. Joe Thomas Karackattu**, In-Charge of IIT-Madras China Studies Centre and Co-Convenor, 13th AICCS

12:30-14:30 PM: **LUNCH**

Special Panel I: Methods in China Studies Research

14:30 P.M. - 16:00 P.M.

Chair: Prof. Rana Mitter OBE FBA, Professor of the History and Politics of Modern China & Fellow of St. Cross College, University of Oxford

Prof. Kamal Sheel , Visiting Professor, Department of Humanistic Studies, Indian Institute of Technology-Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi
Prof. William Callahan , Professor of International Relations, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), London
Prof. Avijit Banerjee , Professor & Head, Department of Chinese Language & Culture (Cheena Bhavana), Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan
Dr. Usha Chandran , Assistant Professor, Centre for Chinese and South East Asian Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

16:00-16:15 PM: TEA

Thematic Panel 1: Politics of Ecology in the PRC

16:15 P.M. - 17:45 P.M.

Chair: Prof. Sanjay Chaturvedi, Professor and Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of International Relations, South Asian University, Delhi (TBC)

Ms. Shagufta Yasmin , PhD Scholar, Centre for East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi; ICS-HYI Fellow	China's Environmental Diplomacy: Environmental Sovereignty to Authoritarian Environmentalism
Ms. Saloni Sharma , PhD Scholar, BITS-Pilani, Goa; ICS-HYI Fellow	Looking Beyond the Crossroads: Covid-19 and Environmental Governance in China
Dr. Justin Joseph , Assistant Professor, Hindustan University, Chennai	New Media Activism and Politics of Ecology in the People's Republic of China
Dr. Sriram Natrajan , Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies	China's Urban Agriculture (Food Security and Sustainable Urban Food System)

Discussant: Dr. Manish Kumar, Assistant Professor, IIT-Gandhinagar, Gandhinagar

DAY TWO: Friday, 29 January 2021

Special Panel II: Reducing Dependency in Economic Engagement with China

11:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Moderator: Mr. Santosh Pai, Honorary Fellow and Treasurer, ICS; Partner, Link Legal, Delhi

Mr. Sanjay Chadha , Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India
Amb. (Dr.) Mohan Kumar , Chairperson, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS); Professor and Dean, Office of International Affairs & Global Initiatives, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat
Dr. Ajit Ranade , Chief Economist, Aditya Birla Group, Mumbai
Prof. Amita Batra , Centre for South Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

12:30-14:00 PM: LUNCH

Thematic Panel 2: Societal Transformation Issues in the PRC

14:00 P.M. - 15:30 P.M.

Chair: Prof. Ramu Manivannan, Head, Department of Politics and Public Administration, University of Madras, Chennai

Ms. Prateeksha Tiwari , Research Scholar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi	COVID-19 and Online Learning in Rural China: An Analysis of Contingent and Structural Issues in China's Rural Education Informatisation
Ms. Shruti Jargad , Masters' Student, Peking University, Beijing	Neighbourhood Committees in Urban China: From Revolution to Pandemic
Mr. Snehal Ajit Ulman , Ph.D. Research Scholar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi	From Hu Jintao to Xi Jinping: Changing Political Visions and Struggle

Discussant: Dr. Bhim Subba, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, School of Social Science, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad

15:30–15:45 PM: TEA

Thematic Panel 3: Outreach and Multilateralism: Foreign Policy Challenges

15:45 P.M. – 17:15 P.M.

Chair: Prof. W. Lawrence S. Prabhakar, Associate Professor of Strategic Studies and International Relations, Madras Christian College, Chennai

Ms. Jayshree Borah , Ph.D. Scholar, School of International Relations and Public Administration Shanghai International Studies University, Shanghai	Going beyond the United Nations: How China is engaging in building peace in Myanmar?
Ms. Shubhda Gurung , Research Scholar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi; ICS-HYI Fellow	Building bridges for a better future: A study on tertiary level education exchanges between India and China
Mr. Shivi Sanyam , Advocate; Mr. Rahul Suryavanshi , Economics Undergraduate; Mr. Yash Johri , Research Assistant, ICS Delhi	Sino-Indian River Sustainability Conundrum: A Legal View
Dr. Saheli Bose , Assistant Professor, Dept. of Political Science, Seth Anandram Jaipuria College (University of Calcutta), Kolkata	Can off-tracking Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) cost India's gain from BCIM?

Discussant: Dr. Avinash Godbole, Assistant Professor, JSLH, Jindal Global University, Sonapat
17:15–17:30 PM: TEA

Special Panel III: Urbanization in China

17:30 P.M. – 19:00 P.M.

Chair: Dr. Partha Mukhopadhyay, Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research, Delhi

Prof. Mark W. Frazier , Professor of Politics, The New School of Social Research; Co-Director, India China Institute, New York
Dr. Juan Du , Associate Professor, Department of Architecture, Associate Dean (International and Mainland China Affairs), and Director of the Urban Ecologies Design Lab (UEDL), Faculty of Architecture, Hong Kong University, Hong Kong
Dr. Mary Ann O'Donnell , Cultural Anthropologist and Artist, Co-Founder, Handshake 302, Shenzhen

Dr. Solomon Benjamin, Associate Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences,
IIT-Madras, Chennai

DAY THREE: Saturday, 30 January 2021

**Special Panel IV: Environment and Climate Change Goals and Strategies of China, India
and the West: Prospects and Challenges**

11:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Chair: Prof. Manoranjan Mohanty, Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi

Amb. Shyam Saran, former Foreign Secretary and Climate Change Adviser to the Prime Minister

Prof. Varaprasad S. Dolla, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies,
Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi

Dr. Rajiv Ranjan, Institute of Global Studies, Shanghai University, Shanghai

12:00-14:00 PM: **LUNCH**

Special Panel V: China Studies in India

14:00 P.M. - 15:30 P.M.

Chair: Prof. Madhavi Thampi, Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi

Mr. Naveen Srivastava, Additional Secretary (East Asia), Ministry of External Affairs, Government
of India

Prof. Tansen Sen, Director, Center for Global Asia & Professor of History, NYU Shanghai, Shanghai

Dr. Sonika Gupta, Associate Professor, IIT-Madras China Studies Centre, Chennai

Dr. Dhriti Roy, Assistant Professor, Sikkim University, Gangtok

Dr. G. Venkat Raman, Associate Professor, IIM-Indore, Indore

15.30-15.45 PM: TEA

Thematic Panel 4: Political Economy Challenges in Chinese Economic Policy

15:45 P.M. - 17:15 P.M.

Chair: Prof. Rajat Kathuria, Director and Chief Executive, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER), Delhi

Mr. Santosh Pai , Honorary Fellow and Treasurer, ICS & Partner, Link Legal, Delhi; Ms. Shubhi Bhandari , Independent Researcher	FDI trends in post-Covid era: Can Indian paradiplomacy harvest gains from China's loss?
Dr. Khanindra Das , Assistant Professor, Birla Institute of Management Technology, Delhi-NCR	Economic Interdependence Since COVID-19: China and South Asia
Dr. Radha Raghuramapatruni , Associate Professor, GITAM (Deemed to be University), Visakhapatnam	An Empirical Analysis of Trade Performance between China and the BRICS Regional Group
Dr. Malini L. Tantri , Assistant Professor, ISEC, Bengaluru; Dr. Nalin Kumar , Associate Professor, Presidency University, Bengaluru; Dr. Varadurga Bhat , Assistant Professor, Christ University, Bengaluru	Trade Irritants and Non Tariff Measures between China and India

Discussant: Dr. Arindam Banerjee, Associate Professor in Economics, School of Liberal Studies, Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD), Delhi

17:15-17:30 PM: TEA

VALEDICTORY SESSION

17:30 P.M. - 18:00 P.M.

Chair: Amb. Ashok K. Kantha, Director, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi

Report of Conference: Prof. Sreemati Chakrabarti, Vice-Chairperson, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi and Convener, 13th AICCS

Welcoming Delegates to the 14th AICCS: Prof. Avijit Banerjee, Professor & Head, Department of Chinese Language & Culture (Cheena Bhavana), Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan

Vote of Thanks: Dr. Joe Thomas Karackattu, In-Charge of IIT-Madras China Studies Centre and Co-Convener, 13th AICCS

Note: Paper presenters in all the thematic sessions will have 10 minutes to make their presentations, while the Discussant will get 10 minutes to make his/her points. The Chair will take 5 minutes to make the opening and concluding remarks. Rest of the time in the session will be for Q&A.

In Special Panels, unless otherwise decided by the Chair beforehand, each speaker is requested to confine their presentations to 10–12 minutes, and keep the remaining time in that session for Q&A.