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SPECIAL THEME:

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Conference Programme

(as on Thursday, 21 January 2021)

# PROGRAMME

Day One: Thursday, 28 January 2021

**Inaugural Session**  
**11:00 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.**

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| <b>Welcome Remarks</b>       | <b>Amb. Ashok K. Kantha</b> , Director, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi   |
| <b>Opening Remarks</b>       | <b>Prof. Bhaskar Ramamurthi</b> , Director, Indian Institute of Technology-Madras, Chennai  |
| <b>Convenor's Remarks</b>    | <b>Prof. Sreemati Chakrabarti</b> , Vice-Chairperson, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi and Co-Convenor, 13 <sup>th</sup> AICCS |
| <b>Keynote Address</b>       | <b>Hon'ble Dr. S. Jaishankar</b> , Minister of External Affairs, Government of India  |
| <b>MC and Vote of Thanks</b> | <b>Dr. Joe Thomas Karackattu</b> , In-Charge of IIT Madras China Studies Centre and Co-Convenor, 13 <sup>th</sup> 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, Oxford

- **Prof. Kamal Sheel**, Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi; Trustee, Aditya Shyam Trust & Chairperson, BJK Institute of Buddhist & Asian Studies, Varanasi
- **Prof. William Callahan**, Professor of International Relations, London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), London & Taiwan Fellow at National Taiwan University, Taipei
- **Prof. Avijit Banerjee**, Professor & Head, Department of Chinese Language & Culture (Cheena Bhavana), Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan; Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi
- **Dr. Usha Chandran**, Assistant Professor, Centre for Chinese and South East Asian Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi; Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi

16:00 – 16:15 PM: **TEA**

**Thematic Panel I: Politics of Ecology in the PRC**  
**16:15 P.M. – 17:45 P.M.**

Chair: **Prof. Sanjay Chaturvedi**, Professor & Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of International Relations, South Asian University, Delhi

- **Ms. Shagufta Yasmin**, Ph.D. 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**, Ph.D. Scholar, Centre for Chinese and South East Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi; ICS-HYI Fellow  
*Looking Beyond the Crossroads: Covid-19 and Environmental Governance in China*
- **Dr. Justin Joseph**, Assistant Professor (Politics), School of Liberal Arts, 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, Delhi  
*Urban Agriculture, Food Security and Urban Food Systems in China*

Discussant: **Dr Manish Kumar**, Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Technology - 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, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi; 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 & Information System for Developing Countries (RIS); Professor of Diplomatic Practice, School of International Affairs & Dean, Office of International Affairs & Global Initiatives, O. P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat
- **Dr. Ajit Ranade**, Group Executive President & Chief Economist, Aditya Birla Group, Mumbai
- **Prof. Amita Batra**, Professor of Economics & Chairperson, Centre for South Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi; Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi

12:30 – 14:00 PM: **Lunch**

## Thematic Panel II: Societal Transformation Issues in the PRC

14:00 P.M. – 15:30 P.M.

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

- **Ms. Prateeksha Tiwari**, M.Phil Research Scholar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi  
*Covid-19 and Online Learning in Rural China: Challenges, Impact and Opportunities*
- **Ms. Shruti Jargad**, Graduate Student, Yenching Academy of Peking University, Beijing; Intern, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi  
*Residents' Committee in 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 Struggles*

Discussant: **Dr. Bhim Subba**, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, School of Social Science, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad; Visiting Research Associate, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi

15:30 – 15:45 PM: Tea

## Thematic Panel III: Outreach and Multilateralism: Foreign Policy and Challenges

15:45 P.M. – 17:15 P.M.

Moderator: **Prof. W. Lawrence S. Prabhakar**, Advisor, Centre for Public Policy Research, Kochi & former Professor of International Relations & Strategic Studies, Department of Political Science, 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**, Doctoral Candidate, Centre for Chinese & South East Asian Studies, 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, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi  
*Reigning in the Brahmaputra: Challenges to and Opportunities of Inter-Basin Cooperation*
- **Dr. Saheli Bose**, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Seth Anandram Jaipuria College (University of Calcutta), Kolkata  
*Can Off-tracking Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) Cost India's Gain in BCIM?*

Discussant: **Dr Avinash Godbole**, Assistant Professor, Jindal School of Liberal Arts & Humanities, O. P. Jindal Global University, Sonapat

17:15 – 17:30 PM: Tea



### Special Panel III: Urbanization in China

17:30 P.M. – 19:00 P.M.

Moderator: **Dr. Partha Mukhopadhyay**, Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research, Delhi; Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi

- **Prof. Mark W. Frazier**, Professor of Politics, The New School of Social Research; Co-Director, India China Institute, The New School, 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, Indian Institute of Technology-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.

Moderator: **Prof. Manoranjan Mohanty**, Honorary Fellow and former Chairperson, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi; former Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, Delhi

- **Amb. Shyam Saran**, Member, Governing Council, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi; Senior Fellow, Centre for Policy Research, Delhi; former Foreign Secretary and Climate Change Adviser to the Prime Minister, Government of India
- **Prof. Varaprasad S. Dolla**, Professor, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi
- **Dr. Rajiv Ranjan**, Assistant Professor at College of Liberal Arts, Institute of Global Studies, Shanghai University, Shanghai; Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi

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

- **Prof. Tansen Sen**, Professor of History and Director of the Center for Global Asia, NYU Shanghai, Shanghai; Global Network Professor, NYU New York
- **Dr. Sonika Gupta**, Associate Professor of Global Politics, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology – Madras and Founder, IITM China Studies Centre, Chennai
- **Dr. Dhriti Roy**, Assistant Professor and In-charge of the Department of Chinese, School of Languages and Literature, Sikkim University, Gangtok
- **Dr. G. Venkat Raman**, Associate Professor, Indian Institute of Management – Indore, Indore; Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi

15:30 – 15:45 PM: Tea

## Thematic Panel IV: 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 & Treasurer, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi; 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 Raghurampatruni**, 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 (Deemed to be), Bengaluru  
*Trade Irritants and Non-Tariff Measures between India and China*

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: **Prof. Patricia Uberoi**, Chairperson and Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi

- **Report of Conference**  
**Prof. Sreemati Chakrabarti**, Vice-Chairperson, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi and Convenor, 13<sup>th</sup> AICCS
  
- **Welcoming Delegates to the 14<sup>th</sup> AICCS**  
**Prof. Avijit Banerjee**, Professor & Head, Department of Chinese Language & Culture (Cheena Bhavana), Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan; Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi
  
- **Vote of Thanks**  
**Dr. Joe Thomas Karackattu**, In-charge of IIT-Madras China Studies Centre and Co-Convenor, 13<sup>th</sup> AICCS

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**Note:** Paper in all the thematic sessions will have 10 minutes to make their presentations, while the Discussants will 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 the session for Q&A.