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## CONCEPT NOTE

The **All India Conference of East Asian Studies (AICEAS)** has been developed as an annual national conference which 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.

The principal objective of the All India Conference of East Asian Studies (AICEAS) is to foster interest in and strengthen research on East Asian Studies, primarily focusing on Japan, South Korea, North Korea, Mongolia and Taiwan. We have also broadened our mandate to include papers related to Southeast Asia. The conference will be convened annually in collaboration with a leading Indian university/research organization across India.

The **1<sup>st</sup> AICEAS** will be held virtually by the **Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS), New Delhi** and the **Department of International Relations & Governance Studies (IRGS), Shiv Nadar University (Delhi NCR)** on 21-22 March 2022.

Eminent and young scholars from over 20 institutions from India and abroad, will showcase recent scholarship on various facets of East Asia over 10 sessions spread across two days. The best original paper presented by a young scholar will be awarded the ***GP Deshpande Award***, instituted in memory of Prof. G.P. Deshpande, a doyen of Chinese and East Asian Studies in India.

# PROGRAMME\*

(\*Programme Timings are in IST)

**DAY ONE: MONDAY, 21 MARCH 2022**

**Inaugural Session  
9:45 A.M.–10:45 A.M.**

**Chair:** Deepa Wadhwa, Member, Governing Council, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi; former Ambassador of India to Japan, Qatar and Sweden.

**Welcome Remarks:** Ashok K. Kantha, Director, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi; former Ambassador of India to China.

**Opening Remarks:** Rajat Kathuria, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Shiv Nadar University, Greater Noida.

**Convener's Remarks:** Sandip Mishra, Convener, 1<sup>st</sup> AICEAS; Associate Professor, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University; Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi.

**Keynote Address:** H.E. Taro Kono, Director, Liberal Democratic Party Public Affairs Department; former Minister, Administrative Reform and Regulatory Reform; former Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister of Defence, Government of Japan.

**Vote of Thanks:** Jabin T. Jacob, Co-Convener, 1<sup>st</sup> AICEAS; Associate Professor, Department of International Relation and Governance Studies, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Shiv Nadar University, Greater Noida.

**BREAK: 10:45 A.M.–11:00 A.M.**

**Special Panel I: East Asia and the Soft Power Diplomacy  
11:00 A.M.–12:30 P.M.**

**Panel Convener:** Dharitri Narzary Chakravartty, Assistant Professor, School of Liberal Studies, Ambedkar University, Delhi; formerly Research Associate, India Bureau of the Yomiuri Shimbun (New Delhi Office).

**Chair:** Skand R. Tayal, Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi; former Ambassador of India to Republic of Korea.

**Speakers:**

Vyjayanti Raghavan, Professor, Centre for Korean Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

*South Korea's Soft Power and Search for Global Presence*

Raviprasad Narayanan, Associate Professor, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi.

*Taiwan: Soft Power as Determinant*

Vikas Jambhulkar, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Rashtrasant Tukadoji Maharaj Nagpur University, Nagpur.

*The Affective and Normative Dimension of Soft Power in East Asia*

Dharitri Narzary Chakravartty, Assistant Professor, School of Liberal Studies, Ambedkar University, Delhi; formerly Research Associate, India Bureau of the Yomiuri Shimbun (New Delhi Office).

*Reflecting on Japan's Soft Power in Contemporary Period*

**BREAK: 12:30 P.M.–1:15 P.M.**

**Thematic Panel I: Disruption: China and East Asia  
1:15 P.M.–2:45 P.M.**

**Chair: Sharad Kumar Soni, Director, Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Advanced Study (JNIAS) and Professor, Centre for Inner Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.**

**Speakers:**

Siddharth Rai, Doctoral Candidate, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

*Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement: A Study of Cross-Straits Economic Integration*

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Khushboo Sen Dhuruv, Doctoral Candidate, Centre for European Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

*South China Sea: A Triangle of Dispute between China, Southeast Asia and India*

**Discussant: Shamshad A. Khan, Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Birla Institute of Technology & Science (BITS Pilani), Dubai Campus; Visiting Associate Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi.**

**BREAK: 2:45 P.M.–3:00 P.M.**

**Thematic Panel II: In Transition: Security & Economics**  
**3:00 P.M.–4:30 P.M.**

**Chair: Siddharth Mallavarapu, Professor, Department of International Relations and Governance Studies, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Shiv Nadar University, Greater Noida.**

**Speakers:**

Bhavana Kumari, Doctoral Candidate, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

*Taiwan-US Bonhomie: Whose Trick, Whose Treat?*

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*China as a Factor in Taiwan's National Cyber Security Strategy*

Rajarshi Biswas, Master's Student in Chinese, Department of Chinese Language and Culture, Visva-Bharati University, Santiniketan.

*Tracing the Historical Perspective of India-Mongolia Relations and China's Response*

**Discussant: Rajiv Kumar, Research Professor, Institute of Indian Studies, Hankuk University of Foreign Studies, Seoul.**

**BREAK: 4:30 P.M.– 4:45 P.M.**

**Special Panel II: Transforming Strategic Order in East Asia: Regional Developments and National Responses**  
**4:45 P.M.– 6:15 P.M.**

**Panel Convener: Jojin V. John, Research Fellow, Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi.**

**Chair: 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.**

**Speakers:**

Prashant Kumar Singh, Associate Fellow, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi.

*Taiwan's External Relations Amidst International and Regional Strategic Flux*

Avinash Anil Godbole, Associate Professor (International Relations) and Assistant Academic Dean, Jindal School of Liberal Arts and Humanities, O.P. Jindal Global University (Institution of Eminence Deemed to be University), Sonapat.

*China's Evolving East Asia Strategy: Domestic Imperatives*

Titli Basu, Associate Fellow, East Asia Centre, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi.

*Reimagining Japan's Role in East Asian Security*

Jojin V. John, Research Fellow, Indian Council of World Affairs, New Delhi.

*South Korea and the East Asian Regional Order Transition: The Quest for Strategic Autonomy*

**DAY TWO: TUESDAY, 22 MARCH 2022**

**Thematic Panel III: In Flux: Political Economy  
9:30 A.M.–11:00 A.M.**

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

**Speakers:**

Radha Raghuramapatruni, Chairperson, BOS- Department of International Business and Associate Professor, GITAM Institute of Management, GITAM (Deemed to be University), Visakhapatnam.

Paluri Sheela, Professor, Department of Finance, GITAM Institute of Management, GITAM (Deemed to be University), Visakhapatnam.

Yugesh K. Singh, Research Scholar, GITAM Institute of Management, GITAM (Deemed to be University), Visakhapatnam.

*An Empirical Analysis of Trade Relations between India and the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)*

Shubhangi Jain, Master's Student, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, Delhi.

*Political Economy of Climate Change in South Korea: From Green Growth to Green Transformation*

Raj Deep, Doctoral Candidate, Centre for Inner Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

*Gauging the Importance of Electoral Reforms in Evolving Procedural Democracy in Mongolia*

Chandrali Sarkar, Senior Researcher, Keio University, Tokyo; Doctoral Candidate, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

*The Trajectory of Structural Reform of Japanese Economy: Strategizing Package-Type Infrastructure Overseas*

Yukti Panwar, Master's Student (Diplomacy, Law and Business) and Research Intern, Centre of Northeast Asian Studies and Publications Coordinator, Centre of Security Studies, Jindal School of International Affairs, O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat

Ashita Koul, Postgraduate Diploma Student, The Indian Society of International Law, New Delhi; Research Intern, Political Sampark.

*Comparative Analysis of Socio– Political Development of Women in India and South Korea*

**Discussant: Titli Basu, Associate Fellow, East Asia Centre, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi.**

**BREAK: 11:00 A.M.–11:15 A.M.**

**Special Panel III: India's Engagement with East Asia in the Post-RCEP Era  
11:15 A.M.–12:45 P.M.**

**Panel Convener:** G. Venkat Raman, Associate Professor, Humanities and Social Sciences Department, Indian Institute of Management Indore; Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi.

**Chair:** G. Balatchandirane, (Retd.) Professor, Department of East Asian Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Delhi, Delhi.

**Speakers:**

Debashis Chakraborty, Associate Professor, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Kolkata.

*India's Trade Engagement with 'East' Asia: Post RCEP Expectations*

Nilanjan Banik, Professor and Program Director (BA, Economics and Finance) School of Management, Mahindra University, Hyderabad.

*Engagement and Isolation with China, How much does India stand to Gain or Lose?*

G. Venkat Raman, Associate Professor, Humanities and Social Sciences Department, Indian Institute of Management Indore; Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi.

*India's Foreign Policy Challenges and the Politics of Regional Trade Agreements*

Roger Chi-feng Liu, Associate Professor, Department of Social Sciences, FLAME University, Pune.

*"Promoting Practical Engagements between India and Taiwan with the QUAD Framework in the Post-RCEP Era: Opportunities and Challenges"*

To-hai Liou, Director, Center for WTO Studies and Adjunct Professor of Diplomacy, National Chengchi University, Taipei.

*Taiwan-India Economic Relations in the Post-RCEP Era*

**BREAK: 12:45 P.M.–1:30 P.M.**

**Thematic Panel IV: Kaleidoscope: Literature & History**  
**1:30 P.M.–3:00 P.M.**

**Chair: Gita A. Keeni, Associate Professor & Head of the Department, Department of Japanese (Nippon Bhavana), Bhasha-Bhavana, Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan.**

**Speakers:**

Nidhi Maini, Doctoral Candidate, Department of East Asian Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Delhi, Delhi.

*Shufu no Tomo: Dressing Up the Interwar Japanese Women*

Mayank Sharma, Doctoral Candidate, Centre for Japanese Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

*The Depiction of Māyā in Endō Shūsaku's Fukai kawa : The Case of Isobe and Kiguchi*

Cherry Hitkari, Master's Student, Department of East Asian Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Delhi, Delhi.

*Constructing the "Homeworld" and "Alienworld": Understanding North Korea through Propaganda posters*

Ashna Joy, Doctoral Candidate, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology Madras, Chennai.

*Survival of Mongolian Culture Under China: Analysis between Qing Dynasty and People's Republic Of China*

Shreya Mangain, Doctoral Candidate, Department of East Asian Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Delhi, Delhi.

*Korean Collaboration and Japanese Colonisation 1876-1945: A Political Legacy and Assessment*

**Discussant: Tariq Sheikh, Assistant Professor, Asian Languages: Japanese, School of Arab and Asian Studies, The English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU), Hyderabad.**

**BREAK: 3:00 P.M.–3:15 P.M.**

**Thematic Panel V: Shape-Shifting: Culture & Society**  
**3:15 P.M.–4:45 P.M.**

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

**Speakers:**

Visieno Kiso, Doctoral Candidate, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

*Japanese Pop Culture's Response to COVID-19: Embracing Digitalization and Hybridization*

Tanu Diwakar, Doctoral Candidate, Centre for Japanese Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.

*Challenges and Strategies of Interlingual Subtitling: A Case Study of Japanese Subtitles of the Hindi Film 3 Idiots*

Ahmad Shadaan, Doctoral Candidate, Department of East Asian Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Delhi, Delhi.

*Bosozoku Subculture: Japanese Speed Tribe*

Pratyusha Majumder, Master's Student (Japanese Language), Department of East Asian Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Delhi, Delhi.

*Hikikomori: How the Youth of Japan Are Living as a Shut-in*

**Discussant: Anushree, Assistant Professor, Centre for Japanese Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.**

**BREAK: 4:45 P.M.–5:00 P.M.**

**Valedictory Session  
5:00 P.M.–6:00 P.M.**

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

**Welcome Remarks:** Gopal Karunakaran, Executive Director, Shiv Nadar University, Greater Noida.

**Valedictory Address:** Kim Yeon-chul, former Minister of Unification, Republic of Korea; former President, Korea Institute for National Unification; Professor, Inje University, Republic of Korea.

**Report of Conference:** Jabin T. Jacob, Co-Convener, 1<sup>st</sup> AICEAS; Associate Professor, Department of International Relation and Governance Studies, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Shiv Nadar University, Greater Noida.

**Vote of Thanks:** Sandip Mishra, Convener, 1<sup>st</sup> AICEAS; Associate Professor, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University; Honorary Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi.

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**Note:** Speakers in all the thematic sessions will have 10 minutes to make their presentations, while Discussants will be allotted 10 minutes to respond. The Chair will take upto 5 minutes to make the opening and concluding remarks. The remaining time 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 for Q&A.

# ABSTRACTS

## SPECIAL PANEL I

**Vyjayanti Raghavan, Professor, Centre for Korean Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.**

***“South Korea’s Soft Power and Search for Global Presence”***

Soft Power diplomacy in other terms is cultural diplomacy, and unlike the economic and military diplomacy, which are seen as ‘hard power’ diplomacy, it strives beyond just the nations’ self interest. But culture is also seen as being ‘inherently deficit making’, meaning, the return on investment is not always positive. However, the South Korean government has been one of the first that has been successful in demolishing this concept. It has effectively used its culture not only as a tool for nation branding but also for furthering its foreign policy objectives. Having overcome the hardships of the Korean War and rehabilitating itself and its citizens through sheer grit, determination and hard work, and having placed its economy on a firm footing the South Korean government turned its attention to promoting the country. Its cultural soft products proved very useful in enhancing its competitiveness in the fast globalizing world and aided the country’s economy by making sizeable contributions to its GDP. This paper seeks to see what steps the South Korean government took to make this possible and to see what amongst these would be possible to emulate in the Indian context.

**Raviprasad Narayanan, Associate Professor, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi.**

***“Taiwan: Soft Power as Determinant”***

Cross Strait relations between China and Taiwan are a powerful feature of international relations/strategic affairs in East Asia. Since Cold war decades and the post-Cold war phase, Taiwan Strait has been considered to be a flashpoint in security and geo-political terms. The strategic centrality of the Taiwan Strait for international shipping, from and to, northeast Asia, makes the ‘locale’ witness to political and economic exuberance. Complex geopolitics and geo-economics as ballast have charted a course of uncertainty, involving China and the United States. It could be postulated that a ‘managed stability’ prevails with episodic illustrations of extreme animus in bilateral relations under construction between Beijing and Taipei. The management of relations not slipping into conflict in the Taiwan Strait is owing to domestic political aspects and deep economic linkages benefiting both. In this ‘theatre’ Taiwan comes out as an ‘actor’ with right cards of democracy, economic success and high social indicators rivalling and even better than, many advanced countries. China, in contrast, emerges as the ‘actor’ willing to go beyond established norms in quest for the island, illustrating an incompleteness to the political project of what China is – a socialist expression desiring to be central lodestone of global politics and economics. Is it ‘soft power’ that makes Taiwan’s presence ‘appealing’ at a time when ‘hard power’ and its attributes find international relations witnessing new schema transforming older? The lecture to be delivered focuses on Taiwan and its credentials as soft power.

**Dharitri Narzary Chakravartty, Assistant Professor, School of Liberal Studies, Ambedkar University, Delhi; formerly Research Associate, India Bureau of the Yomiuri Shimbun (New Delhi Office).**

***“Reflecting on Japan’s Soft Power in Contemporary Period”***

Scholars working on East Asia, particularly on Japan, are well aware of the historical process of Japanese modernization in the late 19th century. Taking a cue from the Japanese experience of that period to analyse

the ideology and method of engaging with the outside world, this paper will highlight the importance of (non)state agencies in promoting the national interest of Japan in contemporary international politics. With the changing power dynamics, induced by a shift in geopolitics of East Asia, Japanese interaction and engagement with the global community had to be reconsidered. Thus, whether the approaches and methods used by Japan in contemporary period to stay globally relevant can be considered an effective ‘soft-power’ strategy, will be the centre of discussion.

## THEMATIC PANEL I

**Siddharth Rai, Doctoral Candidate, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.**

### *“Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement: A Study of Cross-Straits Economic Integration”*

China and Taiwan signed an interim preferential trade agreement – the Economic Cooperation Framework Agreement (ECFA) in June 2010 to formalize the indirect and unofficial trade relations between both sides of the straits. Unlike other free trade agreements signed by the mainland, Beijing didn’t negotiate the ECFA via the Ministry of Commerce, in order to avoid recognising Taiwan as an independent country. The agreement met with a mixed response – with Taiwan’s nationalist party Kuomintang (KMT)-led camp supporting the agreement and the main opposition party Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) opposing the agreement. This paper reviews the impact of ECFA on the political economy of Taiwan and the structural changes it brought to the industries and trade mechanisms on both side of the straits and assesses its impact on Taiwan’s economic position in the Asia-Pacific region.

**Aishe Ghosh, Doctoral Candidate, Centre for Inner Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University.**

### *“Belt and Road Initiative: Implications on Mongolia”*

The President of People’s Republic of China in 2013, put forward the idea of ‘community of common destiny’ to increase cooperation within the region. The Belt and Road Initiative proposed, also focused into the transcontinental development. Mongolia, being a landlocked country has been disadvantaged economically. But from 2014 onwards, Mongolia has increased its export of crude oil, copper, coal etc, with China becoming its primary and largest export market. In 2016, the announcement of ‘China-Mongolia-Russia’ Economic corridor shows the growing possibility of a new silk route in the region, indicating towards better and increasing cooperation in the areas of technology, mineral and energy resources. It also expanded the trade near the border regions and created transit network to connect China with Russia. Even recently, a multinational peacekeeping exercise, code named ‘Shared Destiny 2021’ where the troops from China, Pakistan, Mongolia and Thailand participated shows, the growing importance of Mongolia placed in the region. Thus, Mongolia has become an integral and important factor for China’s new silk route strategy and to have a hegemony in the region. This paper will try to understand the implications of BRI as an initiative for Mongolia. It will also study and analyse China’s growing engagement with Mongolia despite its economic and other challenges and detail out the potential interest of Mongolia in BRI.

**Kant Kumar, Doctoral Candidate, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.**

### *“China and the UNCLOS: The Legal Status of China’s Claimed Area in the East China Sea and its Implications Among the East Asian Countries”*

The United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea sets out the legal framework applicable in demarcating the Maritime areas and activities in the oceans. The codification and progressive development of the law of the sea are aimed to strengthen the peace, security, cooperation and friendly relations among all nations in conformity with the principles of justice and equal rights. However, since a couple of decades, the discovery

of natural resources and national security concerns have resulted in competing claims over the Maritime areas. The East China Sea and South China Sea are two hotspots for such claims. China claims the major part of the East and South China Seas on historical basis. The Hague-based Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) ruling on South China Sea Arbitration (Philippines vs China) in 2016 does not validate China's claim on historical basis. China termed the 2016 ruling of PCA null and void. The competing claims and interpretation of the convention, based on one's national interest over the East China Sea are unable to define the jurisdiction area and delimitation of Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs) and Continental Shelf as defined by UNCLOS.

**Khushboo Sen Dhuruv, Doctoral Candidate, Centre for European Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.**

***“South China Sea: A Triangle of Dispute between China, Southeast Asia and India”***

The South China Sea is most disputed in terms of the geopolitical nature of states and the most important source of economic power and strategically very relevant in global politics. The South China Sea is a blue water strategic dispute for fishing and natural resources which involves territorial and maritime claims within the region. The South China Sea have the most longstanding dispute between China and Southeast Asian nations in international affairs. South China Sea is one of the busiest waterways and strategically crucial for commercial and military exercise. However, many non-claimant countries, including India and US, want the South China Sea to remain as international water according to the United Nations freedom of navigation operation law. The region is growing importantly for India's trade-economic linkages with East Asian nations and the pacific region. Thus, India's presence in the sea based on economic, strategic, and diplomatic interests to emerge as a capable regional actor for Southeast Asian countries in against rising China's domination.

**THEMATIC PANEL II**

**Bhavana Kumari, Doctoral Candidate, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.**

***“Taiwan-US Bonhomie: Whose Trick, Whose Treat?”***

Taiwan and the United States (US) bonhomie has reached new heights after the outbreak of SARS CoV-19 (COVID 19) pandemic. The US is also the staunch supporter and security provider for Taiwan. However, recent debates and discussions in the US academia have given an uncertain picture of America's move towards Taiwan, in case of a futuristic conflict in the Taiwan strait. Some American experts believe that the US must carry forward its long followed principle of 'strategic ambiguity' vis-à-vis Taiwan. However, there is also a voice for opting 'strategic clarity' and abandoning the policy of ambiguity. The paper discusses the meaning and difference between 'strategic ambiguity' and 'strategic clarity' and also tries to know what is Taiwan's understanding of its relation with the US in the background of these debates. This paper argues that Taiwan understands the limitation of its relationship with the US and the redlines it has in the cross-strait relations. Taiwan is relying on a pragmatic approach and thus focuses on guarding and advancing 'self-defence' capabilities both militarily and through diplomatic, economic, and Track-II channels.

**Anuprita Lele, Master's Student (China Studies), K J Somaiya Institute of Dharma Studies, Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Vidyanagar, Vidyavihar East, Mumbai.**

**Omkar Bhole, Master's Student (China Studies), K J Somaiya Institute of Dharma Studies, Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Vidyanagar, Vidyavihar East, Mumbai.**

**Ishani Kotwal, Master's Student (China Studies), K J Somaiya Institute of Dharma Studies, Somaiya Vidyavihar University, Vidyanagar, Vidyavihar East, Mumbai.**

***“Motivations Behind Japan's Security Conundrum in Taiwan”***

China's growing military presence in Taiwan strait and East China sea has caused significant concerns in Tokyo in recent times. As a result, Taiwan's defence and security has become one of the central themes of Japanese security policies as outlined by its recent defence white paper. 'China threat' is the most crucial reason for Japan's interest in Taiwan's defence as emphasized by previous research related to Taiwan-Japan relations. However, this research fails to define different aspects of 'China threat' envisaged by Tokyo. Considering geographical proximity between Japan and Taiwan, Chinese control over Taiwan is likely to complicate Sino-Japanese relations. However, it is difficult to analyse these complex relations without understanding motivations that necessitates Japanese response to Chinese aggression in Taiwan. Economic factors like strong bilateral trade relations and Taiwan's location at Japan's energy supply route motivates Tokyo to protect Taipei. Strategically, Taiwan's centrality in the First island chain makes it an important link for ensuring peace and stability in Japan's eastern neighbourhood. In addition, both regions have developed a critical partnership as two democratic systems in East Asia. This paper attempts to explore and analyse these motivations behind Japan's growing engagement in Taiwan and helps in better understanding of Japan-Taiwan relations.

**Parul Bakshi, Doctoral Candidate, Centre for East Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Japan Foundation Japanese Studies Fellow, University of Tokyo.**

***“The Geopolitics of Japan's Energy Transition: Case of the Middle East and Russia”***

With the recent release of the IPCC Working Group report of 2021 alerting code red for humanity, the prominence of the future climate ambitions of nations has risen exponentially. One of the most significant contributors to global carbon emissions, the energy sector, will play a prominent role in achieving a net-zero emission target to control global warming. In this context, Japan being one of the top five global carbon emitters, is set to be a crucial player on the international green stage. While the economic and technological aspects of the Japanese energy transition are often discussed in detail, the role of geopolitics in this regard is often overlooked. As an island country with no energy interconnections such as those existing in Europe, Japan's energy choices are often determined by underlying geopolitical dynamics. This paper, therefore, attempts to bridge the existing research gap within Japanese energy policy literature by bringing to the forefront the role of relations of Japan with Russia and the Middle East in the evolution of Japanese energy policy and energy transitions. Furthermore, it traces the historicity of the impact of geopolitics on energy policy since the oil crisis and the transformation ushered by the Fukushima disaster of 2011. The energy transition process of Japan will hence be understood from the geopolitical perspective as well as the opportunities and challenges these bring for Japan.

**Kaushal Kishore Chandel, Assistant Professor, Centre for Chinese and South East Asian Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi; Fulbright Nehru Doctoral Researcher (2019-2020), India China Institute, The New School, New York.**

***“China as a Factor in Taiwan's National Cyber Security Strategy”***

In today's information age, cyberspace is closely linked with economic prosperity, security and integrity of a nation. Therefore, cyber security has been elevated to the level of national security by many nations, including Taiwan. Ever since cyberspace was declared as the fifth war-fighting domain by the US, many nations have invested in the new domain so as to build both offensive as well as defensive capabilities. According to a study, over 50 nations have published some form of National Cyber Security Strategy (NCSS). Taiwan has also released its own version of NCSS. Taiwan's National Security Bureau (NSB) 2013 report, described China as being armed with a cyber army of more than 100,000 people. It also added that the China has allocated more than \$80 million to its cyber war workforce in 2013 and the NSB director described the Chinese cyber threat as 'very severe.' One of the Taiwan's officials claimed that Taiwan's government network faces 'five million attacks and scans a day', he also emphasized that out of millions of cyber-attacks every month,

half of them are believed to originate from China. In such a backdrop it is imperative to analyse Taiwan's NCSS, in order to understand Taiwan's priorities, concerns and strategic objectives in cyberspace. It is also crucial to study how China, being a dominant player in 5G and artificial intelligence technologies, is perceived in Taiwan's NCSS. This paper attempts to study: Taiwan's strategic objectives and priorities in cyberspace; what kind of role China plays in shaping Taiwan's NCSS; and how Taiwan plans to develop its cyber capabilities in order to counter China in case of a crisis or conflict. By using both qualitative as well as quantitative methods, this study will make use of both Chinese and English language primary and secondary sources.

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***“Tracing the Historical Perspective of India-Mongolia Relations and China's Response”***

Mongolia is one of those countries which has been connected with India since a long time. This connection started from the ancient times when it began mainly through the spread of Buddhism and more importantly, through invasions by Mongol rulers like Temujin. These incidents tied the two countries together. However, with the changes of time, the relation has also witnessed ups and downs. Sometimes the relation had flourished, sometimes it got worse and was interrupted abruptly but eventually, the relation developed and today we see both the countries maintaining stable relationship, which mainly flourished after the 1960s. In my study, I have tried to show that how the relationship between India and Mongolia has evolved in the modern era. India, has long ago, established diplomatic ties with Mongolia and now Mongolia has also become a strategic partner of India which signifies how important this relation is to India. Many senior level officials and ministers of India and Mongolia visited each other countries several times. India is further spreading Buddhism as a soft power in Mongolia. Talking about the cooperation, India and Mongolia have mutual strategic cooperation in Economy, Education, Culture, Defense, Medical, Technical and so on which definitely further consolidated the relationship. This has drawn the attention of Mongolia's neighboring country China, the largest trading partner of Mongolia. However several issues which are conflicting to Mongolia's interest still prevails in the ties between china and Mongolia. These disputes with China have also worked as contributing factors for Mongolia to rely on India more in coming days. However, it is evident that China will not be easily accepting the fact that Mongolia is dependent more on India nowadays than her and, as a result this will have an impact China's relation with both Mongolia and India. Therefore, my paper will look back at the historical angle of the India-Mongolia relationship and how has changed and developed in the modern days. While discussing this I will also focus upon the factor of China's influence and response in this particular relationship. My paper will be based mainly on several secondary sources.

**THEMATIC PANEL III**

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***“An Empirical Analysis of Trade Relations between India and the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN)”***

India's new growth story is the direct result of the conscious change in its economic policy after its macro crisis of 1991. The country has shifted from an 'inward looking strategy' to an 'outward looking strategy' and the initiative of its 'Look East Policy' adopted during the year 1992, where India initiated the process of revitalizing its economic partnership with the ASEAN economies had an important bearing in the integration of its domestic economy with the external world -especially with the East Asian economies that had resulted in sizeable outcome thereby increasing its trade volumes. On the other hand, ASEAN also sees India as an emerging power in Asia and keen to develop its relations with India that would be beneficial to countries within ASEAN and to the region as a whole. It realizes that, India possesses large strategic capabilities and can be a strong stabilizing force in the region. Over the years, India and the ASEAN relations have traversed a long and dynamic path interspersed with multiple achievements by the year 2017, when the two celebrated the 25 years of their partnership and India's 'Look East' Policy had morphed into 'Act East' in the year 2017. Today, the ASEAN-India put together consist one of the largest economic regions with a total population of about 1.8 billion and a combined GDP of more than US\$ 3 trillion. ASEAN is currently India's fourth largest trading partner, accounting for 10.2 percent of India's total trade. Despite an impressive trajectory of trade relations between the two nations, there is room for further growth through the integration of India into the Asian value chains. In this background the study would assess the commodity trade patterns between India and ASEAN by analysing the impact of sub-regional grouping on India's trade performance and to explore the comparative advantage and competitiveness for economic co-operation between India and the other ASEAN countries. The research would be mainly based on different measures of Revealed Comparative Advantage (RCA) in addition to Balassa Index. Accordingly, alternative RCA indices are calculated. The stability of different measures of RCA are also tested along with the intensity indices. In the light of the evidence some policy implications would be drawn.

**Shubhangi Jain, Master's Student, Department of Political Science, University of Delhi, New Delhi.**

***“Political Economy of Climate Change in South Korea: From Green Growth to Green Transformation”***

Climate change is in the domain of multidisciplinary and multidimensional inquiry. Multiple actors and stakeholders on board are shaping the discourse of the politics of climate change. Governments across the world are proposing policies to lead the way for the century. In line with this, the 'Korean New Deal: National Strategy for a Great Transformation' proposed by the Moon Government in July 2020 outlines the way to approach future development. This is being seen as an innovative response to its economic recovery post-covid-19. The Green New Deal sets out eight targets to be accomplished under three strategic areas that are - green urban development, low-carbon decentralized energy and innovative green industry. It has hence been hailed across East Asian countries as a milestone in environmental policy planning. The paper seeks to assess whether the aimed Green Transformation is a 'just transition' through the lens of the Political Economy of Climate Change. Critics have raised that the Korean New Deal operates with the same growth model of the developmental state and state-led industrial policy. It will further unfold the contradictions that capitalist societies face in responding to the adaption of climate policies. It will also assess the lessons that the earlier Green Growth strategy of South Korea offers for this new 'Green Transformation'.

**Raj Deep, Doctoral Candidate, Centre for Inner Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University.**

***“Gauging the Importance of Electoral Reforms in Evolving Procedural Democracy in Mongolia”***

The central theme of the research paper is to analyse the democratic evolution especially the procedural aspect in the context of the electoral reforms in Mongolia. Tracing the trajectory of elections since 1996 till 2020, the research paper tries to highlight as how the electoral reforms in post-communist Mongolia since 1996 have guided the electoral mechanism in such a way that it has strengthen the democratic ideals in the region. The research paper also dealt with the major debates pertaining to the electoral reforms in Mongolia. The study makes use of both the primary sources like the governmental data and reports and the secondary sources like newspapers, journals and internet sources. Deductive and inductive approaches along with analytical method

have been employed so as to make the study more comprehensive. The research paper concludes by making us understand as how the various burning issues and demands that pushed for subsequent electoral reforms in Mongolia have helped in evolving the procedural democracy in a more natural way.

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***“The Trajectory of Structural Reform of Japanese Economy: Strategizing Package-Type Infrastructure Overseas”***

The Japanese government has gradually learned to rearrange its policy priorities to deal with the stagnation post-bubble burst and engagements with international players based on significant structural changes at the global level. Since the early 2000s, the Japanese government has formulated several growth strategies which reflect their policy readjustments from time to time in compliance with domestic and international structural changes. In early 2000, Liberal Democratic Party attributed Japan’s exit from its decade-long recession to its strong export to the western markets (the US and Europe) which accounted for two-thirds of Japan’s real GDP growth. This growth pattern was majorly disrupted by the onset of the 2008 Global Financial Crisis. In order to address this setback, the newly instated Democratic Party of Japan under the leadership of Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama released the ‘New Growth Strategy, 2010 which aimed for an ambitious target to increase its nominal GDP growth by 1.4 times to 650 trillion yen and to lower joblessness rate to less than 3 % by 2020. His successors too have formulated growth strategies with similar aims. The important growth strategies after PM Hatoyama’s were that of PM Shinzo Abe’s Revitalization Strategy, 2014. Each of these growth strategies addressed important structural changes at both domestic and global levels in the past 10 years. Even though a few key areas of investments and policy priorities have changed with every growth strategy what remained conspicuous was Japan’s strive towards strategizing infrastructure investments and technological innovation leading to market creation and establishment of strong political and economic relations with the Asian countries. This paper will trace how Japan’s growth strategy has evolved vis-à-vis the economic crises faced by the Japanese government. It will look into how these growth strategies have strengthened the demand side of the economy by factoring overseas infrastructure investments as an integral part of their structural reform. Further, this paper will also trace how the Japanese government over ten years from 2010 to 2020 has rearranged its policy priorities to strategize infrastructure investments with the dual motive to address both economic challenges and secure its position as a global power.

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***“Comparative Analysis of Socio-Political Development of Women in India and South Korea”***

In line with the recognition of the significance of women in the path of development both politically and socially, various countries have sought to increase women’s participation in politics and public sphere to increase women’s socio-economic participation over the past decades. While many European countries have been successful, numerous post-colonial countries have failed. The purpose of this study is to compare women’s participation in politics in India and South Korea, as these have been two of the most prominent post- colonial societies. Participation of women in politics is a multidimensional concept that should be evaluated from cultural, socio-economic, and political perspectives. Thus, the underlying hypothesis that will be tested here is that increased participation of women in public and political spheres leads to better welfare facilities and employment opportunities for women.

**Debashis Chakraborty, Associate Professor, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, Kolkata.**

***“India’s Trade Engagement with ‘East’ Asia: Post RCEP Expectations”***

Since 2010-11, India had entered into a number of regional trade agreements (RTA) with the East Asian partners, e.g., Japan and South Korea, apart from entering into trade negotiations with Australia and New Zealand. The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) negotiations envisaged to integrate India with the East and Southeast Asian partners as well as the Asia-Pacific region, a move which was part of the larger vision, i.e., the Act East policy (2014). While India anticipated transfer of technology related benefits and high-tech product imports from the RCEP partners, rise in exports of mid-tech merchandise products as well as services was among the major expectations from the deepening engagements. Even after the RCEP pullout decision in 2019, India’s engagement with the region has continued. Through a brief data analysis, the current discussion narrates how Indian engagement evolved with the ‘East’ over the years and whether the perceived benefits from the current level of association may ensure continuation of the ongoing process. The analysis concludes that India is likely to deepen engagements with the region, while reducing supply chain exposure vis-a-vis China.

**Nilanjan Banik, Professor and Program Director (BA, Economics and Finance), School of Management, Mahindra University, Hyderabad.**

***“Engagement and Isolation with China, How much does India stand to Gain or Lose?”***

To analyze the interdependence of India and China, we look at how China’s gross domestic product (GDP) changes, excluding the trade component—exports and imports—attributable to India. In addition to exports and imports, there are three other components of GDP; namely, consumption, investment, and government expenditures. A change in any one of these components is likely to impact the size of the national income or GDP. A trade war impacts the exports and imports component of GDP, and is likely to shrink the size of GDP. Therefore, we examine the effect on China’s GDP were it to stop trading with India. Likewise, India's trade dependence on China can be known by estimating how India's national income would change if its trade component with China were to be excluded.

**G. Venkat Raman, Associate Professor, Humanities and Social Sciences Department, Indian Institute of Management Indore; Adjunct Fellow, Institute of Chinese Studies, New Delhi.**

***“India’s Foreign Policy Challenges and the Politics of Regional Trade Agreements”***

Despite significant political investment by India at the highest level in improving its bilateral ties with China, relations have deteriorated alarmingly between the two countries. For a considerable period, India’s policy to East Asia has depended on its China policy. However, to make its ‘Look East approach’ rewarding, India needs to reboot its approach towards East Asia and South East Asia. The RCEP arrangement coupled with India’s decision to stay out of it has added a new dimension to this formidable foreign policy challenge. In this regard, some of the critical questions that the Indian strategic community and policymakers face are as follows: a) What are the politics of regional trade agreements in general, and how should India engage the East Asian and ASEAN region in the post RCEP world? b) To what extent countries like Japan, South Korea, and ASEAN states, the principal signatories, be willing to engage India without risking their own political and trade compulsions? c) In the post, covid era, regionalization of the value chains and China’s dominant role in the RVCs has forced India to look for alternative foreign policy arrangements in dealing with the region. How can India diversify its risk in the region by relying on other players in the region and convince them to be part of alternative arrangements that can pose a significant challenge to China’s overwhelming role in the area? In brief, one would like to look at the possible forms of India’s engagement with East Asia and the ASEAN

region (in the post RCEP era) since it will play a very influential role in India's emergence as a critical player in the Asian region.

**Roger Chi-feng Liu, Associate Professor, Department of Social Sciences, FLAME University, Pune.**

***“Promoting Practical Engagements between India and Taiwan with the QUAD Framework in the Post-RCEP Era: Opportunities and Challenges”***

The revival and growth of QUAD in the past few years not only enhance potential interactive features among member states but also actually create possible avenues for India to further collaborate with non-QUAD countries such as Taiwan. In this presentation I would first explain why through the multilateral and "mini-lateral" nature of QUAD Taiwan and India can better work together, followed by the identification of most-likely areas, including trade, investment, technology as well as security-related topics that Taipei and New Delhi can share goals with each other. In the last part, I would like to discuss some possible challenges among the India-Taiwan bilateral collaboration within the QUAD framework with the provision of solutions and policy recommendations.

**To-hai Liou, Director, Center for WTO Studies and Adjunct Professor of Diplomacy, National Chengchi University.**

***“Taiwan-India Economic Relations in the Post-RCEP Era”***

Taiwan-India economic interactions have become robust more than ever since Prime Minister Modi came to power in 2014. In addition to the Modi factor, the second driving force that has brought about positive development came from the US. US President Trump launched trade war with China in 2018, aiming at sabotaging China's dominating role in the global supply chain. As a result, Apple required its suppliers to remove 30% of their production lines away from China to countries adjacent to China such as India. The third wave came in June 2020 when Modi formally decided to not allow Chinese Huawei to bid its 5G system and build India's own 5G after Sino-India border conflict in the Gialwan Valley. In addition, the Modi Government banned more than seventy Chinese apps including tiktok. As Sino-India relations turned sour, US tech giants including GAFAM, Microsoft and Walmart pour billions of dollars into India in the same year for witnessing robust e-commerce business opportunities in India during the Covid-19 pandemic era. In October 2020, Taiwanese enterprises Foxconn (鴻海科技集團), Wistron (緯創資通) and Pegatron (和碩聯合科技) – Apple's three contract manufacturers plan to invest about US\$ 900 million in India in the next 5 years to set up units under the new production-linked incentive plan (PLI). Hon Hai agrees to joint venture with India's Vedanta in South Asian chip supply deal in February 2022. Key iPhone assembler Hon Hai Precision Industry Co (鴻海精密) signed a MOU with Indian billionaire Anil Agarwal's Vedanta Ltd to establish a joint venture that aims to manufacture semiconductors in India. The planned joint venture could provide a significant boost to domestic manufacturing of electronics in India. The investment would be considered a win for Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government, which aims to create an ecosystem for semiconductor manufacturing in India. Both Taiwan and India are now engaging each other economically in a big way, given that they are not included in the RCEP. Moreover, for the foreseeable future, the bilateral economic relations are quite promising, not only because driving forces come from both Taipei and New Delhi and their economic complementary, but also because the Biden administration is going to enhance economic relations with countries in our region through the Indo-Pacific economic framework soon.

## THEMATIC PANEL IV

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### ***“Shufu no Tomo: Dressing up the Interwar Japanese Women”***

Women magazines dominating the Japanese print media in interwar Japan played an important role in shaping Japanese culture and Japanese literature. Millions of women read about the ‘feminine’ concerns of family and home in these magazines which were supposedly premised on the state ideology of ‘ryōsai kenbo’ (good wife, wise mother). Inter-war women magazines have been majorly examined from the perspective of history of print culture and women’s history. These magazines drew extensive attention and criticism from contemporary critics on account of their low-brow content, vulgarity and sensationalism. How the rationalised domesticity and ideals of cultured life propounded by these magazines brought to fore the ‘fantasy of modern life’, establishing women as an important agency in the act of consumption opens window to the rich consumer culture of inter war Japan. The objective of this paper is to analyze the most popular women magazine of the time ‘Shufu no tomo’ (Housewife’s companion) and the way of life it advocated. On one hand, it will examine how women magazines assumed their special place in Japanese society, making women the vanguards of consumption in interwar years. On the other hand, it will examine how Shufu no Tomo by way of its articles, advertisements and strategies popularized western clothes, dressing up and new ways of life, thus giving a boost to the modern sewing machine and cosmetics industry in Japan, in addition to the publishing and advertising industry.

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### ***“The Depiction of Māyā in Endō Shūsaku’s Fukai kawa : The Case of Isobe and Kiguchi”***

Fukai kawa or Deep River is one of the greatest novels of the well-known Japanese author Endō Shūsaku. He is considered as a Catholic writer and his works has been seen through the lens of Western perspective mainly. However his works are not confined to a certain world view but depicts various world views. According to Japanese scholar Sengaku Mayeda, the Indian ideas are deeply rooted in Japanese minds and Indian and Japanese people share same sense of spiritual values. Fukai kawa depicts this shared philosophy through its plot and characters. This paper attempts to focus on Indian philosophical element of Māyā and analyse it by studying the characters Isobe and Kiguchi. The analysis will be through an Indian perspective and based on the philosophical concepts of Māyā as perceived in the Advaita Vedānta system of Ādi Śaṅkaracarya. Ādi Śaṅkara is the great philosopher and reformer. His philosophy is deeply rooted in the Indian thought system. According to one of the great Japanese philosopher Nakamura Hajime the Vedanta philosophy of Śaṅkara maintains the central position in the philosophical world of modern India.

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### ***“Constructing the “Homeworld” and “Alienworld”: Understanding North Korea through Propaganda Posters”***

“In the arts of representation are found the real origins and organs of social control..What then is a King? He is a King’s portrait,and that alone makes him a King.”

Propaganda art plays a major role in not only conveying the ideas of the regime but in building an “Us” versus “Them” narrative. Through the application of the Tartu School’s Cultural Semiotic approach and the Lifeworld concept, this paper presents a study of over 200 North Korean propaganda posters and through it, seeks to understand the nature and unique characteristics of North Korean Communism, its visions of past and future, the retention of pre- Communist ideologies as well as its changing perceptions of the desirable and undesirable traits in the populace vis à vis socioeconomic changes at home and abroad.

**Ashna Joy, Doctoral Candidate, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, Indian Institute of Technology-Madras, Chennai.**

***“Survival of Mongolian Culture Under China: Analysis between Qing Dynasty and People’s Republic of China”***

In the past, Sino-Mongolian relations were known as the barbarian-civilized state, where Mongolia lies in the northern steppe of the Great Wall and China lies south of it. The Great Wall was created to differentiate the cultural differences between China and Mongolia. Mongolians were known for their pastoral nomadism, horse raising, mounted warfare, and raids. In contrast, the Chinese were known for their settled civilization, Han population, Confucian teaching, intensive agriculture, superior culture, and inferior attitude towards neighbours. Unlike Han dynasties, Qing China was involved in civilizing non-Chinese like Mongols into Chinese by assimilating them into the attributes of Han races to create a ‘Qing’ version of the Chinese empire continued by the current government, the PRC. Mongolians face the same pressure from the PRC as the Qing dynasty. The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) has gradually eroded the culture and independence of the region’s ethnic Mongolian population. The Outer Mongolians, who enjoy independent democracy, cannot defend their community in Inner Mongolia because it is also under pressure from China. With the help of Constructivist theory, this paper looks into the past and present to analyse the survival of Mongolian culture under Chinese pressure from the Qing dynasty to the Communist Government of China.

**Shreya Mamgain, Doctoral Candidate, Department of East Asian Studies, University of Delhi, New Delhi.**

***“Korean Collaboration and Japanese Colonisation 1876-1945: A Political Legacy and Assessment”***

Collaboration is one of the most controversial and debated issues from the period of Japanese colonization of Korea, that haunts the South Korean mind. Like in other colonies, many Koreans collaborated with the Japanese government. As Anil Seal in his phenomenal work, *The Emergence of Indian Nationalism: Competition and Collaboration in the later Nineteenth Century*, points out “Collaboration is a slippery term that may apply at any level between acquiescence and resignation.” The reasons to collaborate with a foreign regime differed with every individual and include- keeping or gaining a position of importance, the habit of the individual to work for any regime despite the unattractiveness as well as the circumstances of the individual at the time. Collaboration, thus, was a means of survival. This paper attempts to look at the case of collaboration in Korea evaluating them using Seal’s theoretical disposition. The four sections in the paper aim to examine the phenomenon of collaboration- the First Section examines the Japanese Colonization of Korean Peninsula. Through the discussion in the Second Section, we understand the phenomenon of collaboration from the perspective of Cambridge historians especially Anil Seal. The Ch’inilp’a / Korean Collaborators and the debates surrounding them are looked at in the Third Section, while in the Final Section of the paper, the emerging new perspectives about the Ch’inilp’a are looked at. The paper is concluded by observing how the issue has continued to dominate Korean politics and society in present times.

**THEMATIC PANEL V**

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***“Japanese Pop Culture’s Response to COVID-19: Embracing Digitalization and Hybridization”***

Since early 2020, the Covid-19 pandemic has severely impacted the Japanese arts, cultural and creative industries, leading to the closure of cultural institutions and the cancellation of cultural-related events and performances. In response, Japan made rigorous efforts to remotely provide alternate and supplementary services through online platforms, creating innovative digital production, distribution, and consumption

patterns. This paper offers an understanding of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Japanese pop culture sector and the response to the challenges they faced. It presents an empirical analysis to understand how Japanese pop culture's production and consumption patterns have withstood the consequences of COVID-19. This paper further offers a new viewpoint on success in cultural markets by identifying the role of digital technology and successful partnerships with production houses in responding to the great global crisis. COVID-19 has provided the Japanese pop culture sector an opportunity to boost its position by routing its segments towards digitalization and partnering with non-Japanese online streaming platforms such as Netflix and HBO Max to enhance their position in the global market. The central idea presented in this paper is that the pandemic did not reform Japanese pop culture, but it certainly boosted the trends that were in progress.

**Tanu Diwakar, Doctoral Candidate, Centre for Japanese Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.**

***“Challenges and Strategies of Interlingual Subtitling: A Case Study of Japanese Subtitles of the Hindi Film 3 Idiots”***

In this era of advanced technology, digital screens have replaced paperbacks. People prefer to tap on their smartphones and laptops for the purpose of accessing information as well as for entertainment. Online platforms have made it possible to watch films and TV series from all over the world. However, those films need to be subtitled and/or dubbed for a foreign audience to enjoy. When it comes to interlingual subtitling, not only two languages but also their cultural backgrounds are involved in the process of translation. Therefore, various issues arise during the interplay of linguistic and cultural aspects between the two involved languages. Recently, Bollywood films are attracting audience, and Japan is becoming a new market. Therefore, working on Japanese subtitles of Bollywood films is the need of the hour. The aim of this study is to investigate the challenges present in a case study of the Japanese subtitles of Bollywood film 3 Idiots. How Newmark's Model of Translation Procedures are used to overcome the challenges that arose due to the presence of cultural elements in the process of subtitling of the film shall also be examined.

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***“Bosozoku Subculture: Japanese Speed Tribe”***

This article explores one of the post-war Japanese subcultures known as Bosozoku who were biker gangs and groups defying state, police, rules and regulations through speed, noise, violence and symbols during 1970s and 1980s. Established orders elsewhere face certain kind of resistance from its people in different forms which can be violent and non-violent in nature. Resistance in non-democratic countries like China and North Korea is crushed often without being felt whereas in democratic countries like Japan it is felt and gains attention of the establishment. Bosozoku subculture is one such example of resistance against westernization which was visually violent but physically non-violent. Bosozoku were basically a youth subculture which emerged due to discontentment against the post-war establishment in Japan with capitalism and westernization from the deprived youth who eulogised native Japanese culture and authority of emperor. This article briefly explores certain characteristics of Bosozoku subculture like symbols, attire, styles and tools used to attract the authorities and people. And how Bosozoku subculture has inspired pop culture in Japan by looking at the example of popular anime movie Akira. Also, looking into the sociological and historical aspect of this subculture by examining Japanese society and Akira and drawing parallel between them. This article simply examines the Bosozoku subculture and its delinquent behaviour which was direct challenge to the established order and dominant culture and behaviour in Japan.

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***“Hikikomori: How the Youth of Japan are Living as a Shut-in”***

Hikikomori in Japan is a condition in which affected people want to withdraw from society and often do not leave home for days. First identified in Japan in the late 1990s, current studies suggest that the condition is far more widespread than previously thought. Some researchers saw the growth of the withdrawal phenomenon in 1980. It is linked to the collapse of the “bubble economy” of the generation and the beginning of his recession in Japan in the 1990s. However, withdrawal has recently become a global phenomenon. Especially found in developed countries such as South Korea, China, the United States and the United Kingdom. This work discusses a very detailed analysis of hikikomori. Starting with the definition, it specifically discusses the type, stage, common traits, causes, impact, and more recently the impact of covid-19 on hikikomori.

# PARTICIPANTS

## INAUGURAL SESSION



**Deepa Wadhwa** has been a distinguished career diplomat who joined the Indian Foreign Service (IFS) in 1979 and retired in December 2015. She has 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 has also held other significant assignments in China, Geneva, The Netherlands, the International Labour Organization (ILO) and the Ministry of External Affairs. In the course of her career spanning over 36 years, she has 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 trade, technology, investments and energy security during postings in Europe, the GCC and Japan. Ms Wadhwa is currently Chairperson of the India-Japan Friendship Forum, Member, Governing Council of the Institute of Chinese Studies and is on the Governing Council of the Asian Confluence, based in Shillong. She also serves as independent Director and advisor on the Boards of a few companies.



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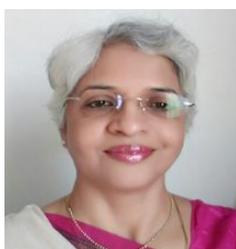
## SPECIAL PANEL I



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## THEMATIC PANEL II



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## THEMATIC PANEL V



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