

PROGRAMME

China's Digital Silk Road: Implications for India

A Symposium organised by the Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi; Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore; Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS), Delhi and India International Centre.

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

CONFERENCE ROOM 2, INDIA INTERNATIONAL CENTRE, NEW DELHI

0930 - 1000 Hours: Registration and Tea/ Coffee

1000 - 1045 Hours: Opening Session

Welcome remarks: Ambassador Ashok K. Kantha, Director, Institute of Chinese Studies
Prof C. Raja Mohan, Director, Institute of South Asian Studies

Keynote Address: Mr. Amitabh Kant, CEO, Niti Aayog

Vote of Thanks: Mr Pankaj Madan, Deputy Head and Head-Programmes, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

1045 - 1100 Hours: Tea/ Coffee Break

1100 - 1300 Hours: Session One – China's Digital Rise

- *Internal and external factors driving China's digital rise*
- *Policy framework behind China's digital ambitions*
- *Key players implementing China's digital transformation*
- *Focus areas for China's Digital Silk Road*

Chair: Dr. Rajeswari Pillai Rajagopalan, Distinguished Fellow & Head, Nuclear and Space Policy Initiative, Observer Research Foundation.

Dr. Mareike Ohlberg, Analyst, Mercator Institute for China Studies, Berlin: *Domestic Sources of China's Digital Transformation*

Mr. Dev Lewis, Researcher, Digital Asia Hub, Hong Kong and Yenching Scholar, Peking University: *China's AI Strategy*

Prof. C. Raja Mohan, Director, Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore: *China's Digital Geopolitics*

Discussion

1300 - 1400 Hours: Lunch

1400 - 1530 Hours: Session Two – Impact On India

- *Differences in Chinese overseas investments in the digital space and in traditional industries*
- *Growth of Chinese investments in India's digital economy*
- *Types of risks posed by such investments*
- *Adequacy of India's current regulatory mechanisms to deal with such risks*

Chair: Dr Nalin Mehta, Executive Editor, Times of India Online

Mr. Santosh Pai, Partner, Link Legal India Law Services & Member, ICS Finance Committee: *Mapping China's Participation in India's Digital Economy*

Mr. Vivan Sharan, Secretary, Esya Centre: *Impact on Indian Digital Ecosystem*

Mr Ananth Padmanabhan, Fellow, Centre for Policy Research: *India's Policy Challenges*

Discussion

1530 - 1600 Hours: Wrap-up and Next Steps

Mr. Santosh Pai, Partner, Link Legal India Law Services & Member, ICS Finance Committee

Prof. C. Raja Mohan, Director, Institute of South Asian Studies, National University of Singapore

1600 – 1630 Hours: High Tea