



UGC Centre for Southern Asia Studies
Pondicherry University, Puducherry, India



International Conference

on

Internal Transition in Southern Asia: Implications for India

March 11-13, 2013

Programme

Day One: Monday, March 11, 2013

Inaugural Session: 10:00-11:45 (Convocation cum Cultural Complex)

Registration	:	9:30 – 10:00 A.M
Opening Remarks	:	Prof. N. K. Jha Director, UGC Centre for Southern Asia Studies & Dean, School of Social Sciences & International Studies, Pondicherry University
Inaugural Address	:	Ambassador J. C. Sharma, IFS (Retd.) Former Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India
Presidential Address	:	Prof. M Ramadass Director (SEI & RR), Pondicherry University
Address by Guest of Honour	:	Prof. Devendra Kaushik Former Professor, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University
Keynote Address	:	Ambassador Deb Mukharji, IFS (Retd.) India's Former Ambassador to Nepal and Bangladesh
Vote of Thanks	:	Prof. P. Moorthy Professor & Head, Department of Politics and International Studies, Pondicherry University

Tea Break: 11:45- 12:00 Noon

Working Session – I : Afghanistan

12:00- 1:15 p.m

Chair: Prof. Man Mohini Kaul

Panelists

Paper Titles

Ms. Jaya Dixit

Gaining Grounds or Getting Side-lined: The Future of India's Afghan Policy in Post-US Withdrawal Scenario

Ms. Shyna V V &
Khursheed Ahmad

India-Pakistan-Afghanistan Triangle: Challenges and Prospects for Cooperation

Lunch Break 1:15- 2:15 p.m

Working Session- II : Pakistan

2.15-3.30 p.m

Chair: Prof. N. K. Jha

Panelists

Paper Titles

Prof. Savita Pande

Change in Pakistan's Military Doctrine and its Implications for India

Prof. Arvind Kumar

Internal Dynamics in Pakistan and its Implications for Southern Asia

Dr. Sudhir Kumar Singh

Sectarian Violence and Terrorism in Pakistan; Implications for India

Dr. G.Thanga Rajesh

Pakistan's Response to Sectarian Violence: A Nought Strategy!

Tea Break- 3:30- 3:45 p.m

Working Session- III : China

3:45- 5:00 p.m

Chair: Prof. Sridhar Krishnaswami

Panelists	Paper Titles
Dr. Suresh R	Internal Changes in Southern Asia: A Study of Tibetan Issue and its implications on India-China Relations
Dr. Claude Arpi	Internal Changes on the Himalayan Borders: Tibet and China; Implications for India
Dr. A. Thennarasu	Recent Trends in Sino- Indian Relations: A Study of Nuclear Strategy
Dr. S. Prabhakar	Parliament, Foreign Policy and China

Day Two: Tuesday, March 12, 2013

Working Session - IV: Bangladesh

10:00- 11:30 a.m

Chair: Prof. Savita Pande

Panelists	Paper Titles
Prof. Ehsanul Haque	Domestic Dimensions of Bangladesh's India Policy: Resetting 'a Less than Cordial' Relationship
Dr. Sanjay K Bhardwaj	Bridging the Frontiers: The Politics of Constitutional Reforms in Bangladesh
Dr. Bibhuti Bhusan Biswas	Democratic Transition in Bangladesh during Sheikh Hasina Regime and Future of Indo-Bangladesh Relations
Mr. Gorakh Chawla	An Analysis of India – Bangladesh Trade Relations: A South Asian Perspective
Ms. Gayatri Dhal & Mr. S. Venkata Krishnan	Bangladesh Democracy: Internal Challenges and External Option

Tea Break 11:30- 11:45 a.m

Working Session - V: Bhutan, Nepal & Myanmar

11: 45 -1:15 p.m

Chair: Prof. P M Kamath

Panelists	Paper Titles
Prof. Man Mohini Kaul	Dynamics of Internal Change in Myanmar: Implications for India
Dr. Rahul Mishra	Myanmar in Transition: Implications for India's Internal Security
Dr. Ashok Nimesh	Walking on a Tight-rope: Challenges and Opportunities in Indian Foreign Policy towards Myanmar
Dr. D. Purushothaman	Internal Factors Leading to Bhutan's move towards an Independent Foreign Policy: Implications for India
Mr. Pramod Jaiswal	Rise of Maoists in Nepal: Implications for India
Mr. Niraj Kumar	The Development of Democracy and Rebuilding of State in Nepal: Challenges and Prospects

Lunch Break 1:15- 2:15 p.m

Working Session VI: Sri Lanka

2:15- 3:30 p.m

Chair: Prof. Neelambar Hatti

Panelists	Paper Titles
Prof. Kalinga Tudor Silva	Ethnic and Religious Motivations for Charitable Giving and Opportunities and Challenges for Nation Building in Post-War Sri Lanka
Prof. P Sahadevan	“Democratic Recession” in Sri Lanka
Mr. K.T.Ganeshalingam	Increasing Chinese Influence in Sri Lanka: Impact of Indian Geo-Strategic Interest

Tea Break 3.30 - 3.45 p.m

Working Session - VII : Maldives

3:45-5:00 p.m

Chair: Prof. P Sahadevan

Panelists

Paper Titles

Prof. V. Suryanarayan &
Mr. Ashik Bonofer

Democratic Upsurge in Maldives – How Should
India Respond?

Prof. N. K. Jha & Mr Sumit Kumar

From Hand Off to Hands On: Evaluating India's
Response to Internal Crisis in Maldives

Dr. Pranav Kumar

Global Warming, Maldives' Sinking Statehood
and Implications for India

Mr. Sripathi Narayanan

The Maldives: The Politics ahead of the Polls

Day Three: Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Working Session- VI : India and Indian Diaspora

Chair: Prof. Sarah Strauss

10:00-11:15

Panelists

Paper Titles

Prof. Tridib Chakraborti

Status of Malaysian-Indians in Malaysian Social
Matrix: Reconciling the Juxtaposition of Foreign Policy
and Coalition Politics in India

Brig. C Mani

A Comprehensive Grand Security Strategy for India

Dr. Sumit Kumar Pathak

Building Consensus and Challenges of the
Neighborhood

Tea Break 11.15- 11.30

Valedictory Session

11:30- 1:00 p.m

Welcome Address

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Rapporteur's Report

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Valedictory Address

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Noted Columnist & Former Dean

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Jawaharlal Nehru University

Presidential Address

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Former Vice Chancellor
Pondicherry University

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Professor & Former Dean

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Vote of Thanks

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