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Report on **Sustainable Development**

GOAL **16**



**Peace, Justice
and Strong
Institutions**

Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all, and build effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions at all levels



We are not separate from nature. We are nature defending itself. Every tree cut, every species lost, is not a loss to the wilderness—it is a wound to the human soul.

— *Nnimmo Bassey*, Nigerian environmental activist, poet, and winner of the Right Livelihood Award

In recent times, many conferences and talks have reiterated the critical role of higher education institutions in promoting peaceful, just, and inclusive communities while creating compelling, accountable, and strong institutions.

SDG 16 addresses issues such as reducing violence, strengthening governance, protecting against child abuse, exploitation, trafficking, and corruption; at the same time, it strongly advocates strengthening national institutions as a necessary condition to implement and achieve many SDGs.

At Shiv Nadar University, departments work at the intersection of many aspects of Sustainable Development Goal 16 through teaching, research, and partnerships.

Here is a glimpse of some of our work.

TEACHING

Many Departments at the School of Humanities and Social Sciences offer core courses and a core common curriculum to students across the university on the themes of peace, justice, political economy,

and strengthening institutions. The students are exposed to the workings of national security, foreign policy formulation, diplomatic practices, and choices that inform the pursuit of power and influence across diverse political milieus and the workings of international, multilateral, and regional organizations. They also offer a robust sense of non-state actors – multinational and transnational corporations, epistemic communities, social movements, and transnational advocacy networks, traversing many issues – trade, security, development, environment, and the global refugee regime.

Student Stories

[The Department of International Relations and Governance](#) offers a course on Science Diplomacy (INT 342). As part of the course, a group of students prepared and presented their research paper titled “Beyond Practice: Theorising Science Diplomacy” at the Research Institute of India, Delhi where the session was chaired by Dr S K Varshney, with expert reviews shared by Dr Malti Goel and Dr Mukesh Kumar, former Director of the Indo-French Centre for the Promotion of Advanced Research (IFCPAR/CEFIPRA).

Situating Protests in Southern Africa

Protests involve actions of discontentment and a lack of faith in an establishment. During a protest, more than one person can demand a change in the status quo. People engage in various activities, such as strikes, riots, rebellions, and civil disobedience, because they lack, among other things, a democratic space, representation, and transparency, food, or face an increased aggravation of human rights by the state, captured government institutions, and dwindling economies. In Southern Africa, the study argues that protests have increased due to the wave of the democratization process that has brought populist political activism. A qualitative method using secondary sources explored a selection of widespread protests in South Africa, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, and Eswatini between 2006 and 2022. Marxism, Liberalism, and Constructivism were used to describe and analyze protests theoretically. The study finds that protests and populism have a co-constitutive nature and can be divided into left-populist and anti-government, and right-populist and nationalistic. The twenty-first-century responses shown by the examined states lacked flexibility, consensus, and emancipatory factors; it has been all about violence, which is not different from the general responses of the same states in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries.

Chennattuserry, Joseph Chacko, and Fradreck Jockonia Mujuru. "Situating Protests in Southern Africa." In *Encyclopedia of New Populism and Responses in the 21st Century*, pp. 943-949. Springer, Singapore, 2024.

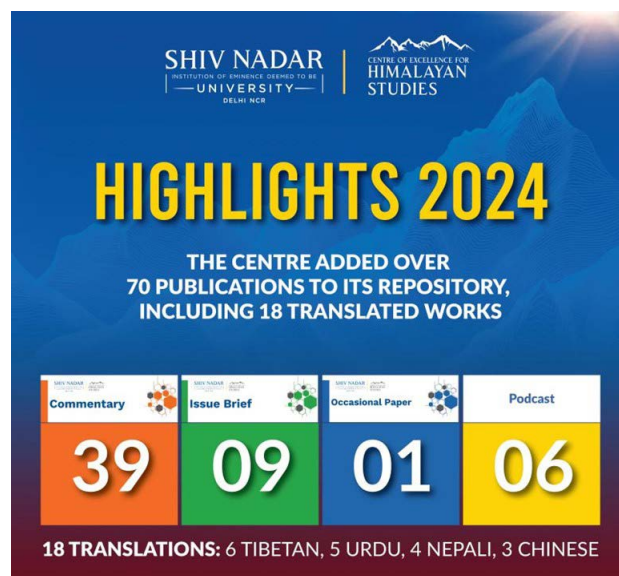
RESEARCH

The [Centre of Excellence for Himalayan Studies](#) at Shiv Nadar University is a research centre focused on the economy, borders and identities, the environment and regional geopolitics of the wider Himalayan region, including the Hindu Kush and the Karakoram. The centre aims to engender a three-way conversation between central and local governments, academia, and the people in the Himalayan region, even as it remains attuned to geopolitics and its policy imperatives.

The center's wide range of work reflects the university's global outlook and international ambitions, identifying and creating a network of scholars in the field, both in India and abroad, and

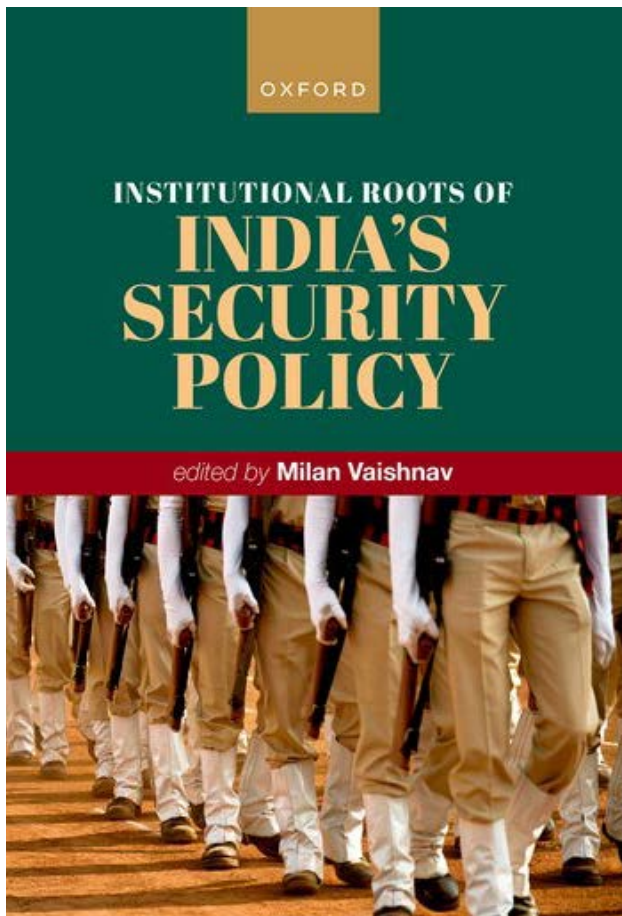
bringing together various disciplinary and sectoral approaches to studying the region.

In 2024, the Centre produced some very significant pieces of academic research that are publicly accessible and policy-relevant.



Role of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police and the Sashastra Seema Bal in India's national security architecture

Dr. Jabin T. Jacob, Director, Center for Himalayan Studies, contributed a chapter on the role of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police and the Sashastra Seema Bal in India's national security architecture in a recently published volume, *Institutional Roots of India's Security Policy*, edited by Milan Vaishnav (New York: Oxford University Press, 2024).



Theoretical dimensions of Indian foreign policy for the journal Studies in Indian Politics

Siddharth Mallavarapu, Professor, International Relations and Governance, guest edited a Special Issue (SI) on theoretical dimensions of Indian foreign policy for the journal Studies in Indian Politics published by Sage. The SI includes both national and international contributors. Tejasvi Saxena (a doctoral



scholar), Dr. Sruthi Muraleedharan, and Dr. Medha, faculty from IRGS, are among the key contributors.

A Critical Study on Effectively Managing and Addressing the Diverse Needs and Complexities Encountered by Foreign Workers in the Republic of Singapore

Foreign workers comprise over 33% of Singapore's workforce, playing an essential role in key sectors such as construction, healthcare, and domestic services. Despite their significant contributions, they face numerous challenges, including inadequate legal protection, exploitative working conditions, low wages, long hours, and substandard accommodations. This study examines the impact of societal attitudes, government policies, and employer practices on migrant workers' experiences in Singapore. Highlighting the need for stronger legal protections, enhanced enforcement of labour rights, and greater accountability from employers to ensure fair wages and decent working conditions, the study emphasizes the importance of promoting social integration, equality, and anti-discrimination initiatives to reduce isolation and improve the quality of life for migrant workers.

Oberai, Ranjit Singh, Balamurugan Balusamy, and Suruchi Pandey. "A Critical Study on Effectively Managing and Addressing the Diverse Needs and Complexities Encountered by Foreign Workers in the Republic of Singapore." In *2024 International Conference on Intelligent & Innovative Practices in Engineering & Management (IIPEM)*, pp. 1-6. IEEE, 2024.

Campus talks

At Shiv Nadar, the schools and departments conduct seminars, lectures, discussions, conferences, and workshops in collaboration with many experts on promoting peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development. Here is a glimpse of a few talks,

The World in Flux: Geopolitics in the Age of Disruption.

Shiv Nadar University hosted Ambassador Vikas Swarup, who gave a talk on the ongoing churn in global geopolitics. Ambassador Swarup spoke on the

ten profound geopolitical shifts shaping the world. From the crisis of multilateralism to the intensifying climate emergency, from the rapid disruption caused by technology to the rise of the Global South—these forces are redefining global politics in unprecedented ways. He also highlighted that, in these current times when the world is grappling with fragmentation and uncertainty, it is more important than ever to understand these shifts and anticipate their impact. He concluded with the hope that the next generation of scholars and policymakers will address these challenges.



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ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

**Russia-China Relations, the
Indo-Pacific and World Order**

OUR SPEAKERS



Jakub Jakóbowski
Deputy Director of the Centre for Eurasian Studies (CES) and the Head of the China Department, Warsaw, Poland.



Marek Menkiszak
Head of the Russian Department at the University of Warsaw's Institute of International Relations.



Wojciech Konończuk
Director of the Centre for Eurasian Studies (CES), Warsaw, Poland.



Witold Rodkiewicz
Senior Fellow, Eurasian Studies (CES), Warsaw, Poland and Adjunct R.A. in History at the University of Warsaw and the Ph.D. in History from Harvard University.

DISCUSSION CHAIR



Medha
Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations and Governance Studies, School of Humanities and Social Sciences.

**18 JAN
2024**
12:00 PM - 01:30 PM (IST)
**D314, Shiv Nadar IoE
Delhi NCR**

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Department of History
 and Archaeology

SEMINAR

**Toward a Free Economy: Swatantra and
Opposition Politics in Democratic India**

ABSTRACT

This seminar provides a perspective on the changing relationship between the state and markets and the evolution of democracy in India after independence by exploring economic conservatism and the rise of the Swatantra Party during the 1960s.

It explores how ideas of "free economy" in opposition to the so-called "socialist planned economy" of Nehruvian India emerged from communities in southern and western India as they embraced new forms of entrepreneurial activity. Although diverse, these articulations all connoted anti-communism, unfettered private economic activity, decentralized development, and the defense of private property.

Swatantra's leaders promised "free economy" through their project of opposition politics, which sought to create a viable conservative alternative to the dominant Indian National Congress and push India toward a two-party system. Key to their project was the communication and mobilization of Indians around economic issues.

Scrutinizing print and visual culture, this seminar reframes the study of economic thought around politicians and publicists and provides a new history of postcolonial India. But it also speaks to the challenges of opposition activity, state-market relations, and federal politics that remain with us today.





Dr. Aditya Balasubramanian
Senior Lecturer in History,
Australian National University

DATE 18 January, 2024
TIME 12 PM onwards
VENUE D303, Shiv Nadar IoE

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Department of
**International Relations
and Governance Studies**

TALK ON

**Interpreting Thought,
Theory, and Policy in
International Relations**



SPEAKER
PROF. IAN HALL

Ian Hall is a Professor of International Relations at Griffith University, Queensland, Australia and an Academic Fellow of the Australia India Institute at the University of Melbourne. He is the author of several books and articles on Indian foreign policy and the history of international thought.

ABSTRACT

The field of International Relations – like Political Science more broadly – typically privileges theory over thought and general explanations of behaviour over particular studies of policy. There are some areas, however, where these rules do not hold – notably in foreign policy analysis, which often takes ideas and beliefs more seriously and which focuses attention on the sometimes-convoluted processes by which policies are made and implemented. In this paper, Prof. Hall makes the case for adopting an interpretive approach to foreign policy analysis, which returns thought and theory – and human agency – to a central place in the explanation of behaviour of states. He argues that there are robust means to analyze the beliefs of policymakers and to evaluate their influence on foreign policy. To make this case, Prof. Hall explores the thought, theory, and policy of India's External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar.

5th Sept. 2024 (Thursday)
12:00 PM
D-122, Shiv Nadar IoE



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Himalayan Studies

SEMINAR

Geopolitics on the Map: Insights into Military Dynamics along the LAC through Geospatial Intelligence

ABSTRACT

Understanding developments along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) between India and China is not only essential for national security but also for informing policy decisions and shaping public perception. This talk will highlight the indispensable role of geospatial technology and geospatial intelligence in monitoring and analysing such developments. Geospatial tools enable experts to interpret the ground reality with precision, offering an enhanced perspective on the evolving geopolitical dynamics between India and China. By mapping military activities, infrastructure developments, and other strategic deployments along the LAC, these tools reveal patterns that traditional analysis might miss. Such insights help in understanding the sustained presence of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) in key strategic locations and the implications this has for the broader region. The presentation will provide a comprehensive overview of both historical and recent developments along the LAC, emphasizing the advancements in geospatial technology that allow analysts to decipher complex scenarios effectively. It will explore how these tools empower us to identify the 'real situation on the ground' offering a deeper knowledge base for those engaged in or passionate about geopolitics, defence strategy, and regional affairs.

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08
NOV TIME: 4-5 PM
VENUE: A312



SPEAKER

Y. NITHIYANDAM

Dr. Y. Nithiyandam is a professor and head of the Geospatial Research Program at the Takshashila Institution in Bengaluru recognized as a leading authority in geospatial intelligence. As the principal author of the Takshashila Geospatial Bulletin, he shares research-driven insights that shape understanding in geospatial analysis. His expertise spans advanced remote sensing, image processing, GIS analytics, and the nuanced domains of urban and ocean informatics, as well as geospatial policy. Over the years, he has contributed extensively to high-impact journals, pioneering multidisciplinary applications of geospatial technology. A recipient of the prestigious Hong Kong PhD Fellowship and an alumnus of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Dr. Nithiyandam has established prominent geospatial programs in India and collaborated with leading global institutions in this field.

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THE IMPACT OF RUSSIA - UKRAINE WAR ON THE INDIAN ECONOMY

BY
VARSHINI R HAWALDAR
MBA'25

25 JANUARY, 2024
5:30 - 6:30 PM
VENUE: D102

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Department of International
Relations and Governance Studies

From the Diplomat's Perch

U.S.- India Relations:
The Defining Partnership
of the 21st Century

ABSTRACT

The U.S.-India partnership is among the most consequential globally and anchored in shared values of democracy, freedom, and rule of law. Our defense partnership has enhanced global security through increased operational coordination, information-sharing, and defense industrial innovation. Economic initiatives such as the Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (ICET) have strengthened economic ties. Our partnership also extends to global health and education through initiatives like the U.S.-India Drug Policy Framework, cancer research collaboration, and the Quad Health Security Partnership. Collectively, the U.S.-India relationship aims to build a cleaner, inclusive, more secure, and prosperous future for both nations and the world.

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10
OCT TIME: 12:00 PM
VENUE: D330



SPEAKER

GRAHAM MAYER

Minister-Counselor, Political Affairs at
The U.S. Embassy in New Delhi

Graham Mayer has served as the Minister Counselor for Political Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi since August 2020. From 2017-19, he was the Acting Director of the Office of India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Maldives Affairs at the Department of State. Graham previously served as Deputy Minister Counselor for Political Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, from 2014-17. He has also served as a Political Officer at Embassy Beijing, Deputy Political Counselor in Sarajevo, and as a Political Military Affairs Officer in the Office of Chinese and Mongolian Affairs at the Department of State. Prior to that, Graham served in Beijing, Shenyang, and Lima. He received a B.A. from Harvard College and an M.S. in national security resource strategy from National Defense University.

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Department of Economics
Seminar on

War and Reshoring
DR. ANINDYA CHAKRABARTI
Bhāratnābha

Date: 16th Aug. 2024 (Friday)
Time: 12:00 PM to 01:30 PM
Venue: D128



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TALK

Assessing
Multipolarity: India
in the Contemporary
Great Power System

01 FEB
2024

12:00 PM - 01:30 PM (IST)

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Prof. Rajesh Rajagopalan
Professor,
International Politics,
Jawaharlal Nehru University,
New Delhi

International Relations and Governance Studies

Caste, Secularism and Diplomacy in postcolonial India

Thursday, October 17, 2024 | 12 pm to 1:30 pm | Venue: D-330

Abstract: This talk explores the relationship between Indian secularism and diplomatic practice. It is attentive to the ways in which the Indian state's self-fashioning as a secular entity influenced its diplomatic practice, and conversely, the ways in which Indian diplomacy enhanced the claim to being a secular polity. One of the important consequences of this dialectic between diplomacy and secularism, the paper argues, was a particular rendition of caste and caste inequality within India and abroad as aberrant and anachronistic, something that was on its way out, and as something that was not truly reflective or representative of India. The paper ends by suggesting that the weakness of Indian secularism when faced with the rise of Hindutva from the late 1980s onwards may have had much to do with its shallow roots in the Indian social order.



Sankaran Krishna

Biography:

Sankaran Krishna is a Professor, the College of Social Sciences at the University of Hawai'i-Mānoa. He teaches Political Science at the University and works in the areas of International Relations, Comparative Politics, and South Asian studies. Besides two books (*Postcolonial Insecurities*, Minnesota, 1999; *Globalization and Postcolonialism*, Rowman and Littlefield, 2009), he has published essays on the centrality of racial amnesia in cohering the discipline of International Relations; on meritocracy as justificatory ideology for international inequality; and the salience of caste in the evolution of Indian diplomacy.

IRGS Seminar

Knowledge and Global Inequality Since 1800: Interrogating the Present as History

ABSTRACT: The talk highlights the monopolization and exclusion from high-value knowledge in analysing divergent and, recently, partially convergent income trends across 200+ odd years of the global capitalist economy. A Southern lens interrogates this history. In the process showing how developing command over knowledge creation sheds light on the middle-income trap. Overall, it shows a new way of looking at global capitalist economic history, highlighting the creation of, command over, and exclusion from knowledge. This forces us to analyse the role of the subjective or agential element in making history, a subjective element that, however, always works from within and transforms existing structures and processes.



SPEAKER

DR. DEV NATHAN

Professor, Institute for Human Development

Dr. Dev Nathan studied economics at the University of Berkeley. He is Professor at the Institute for Human Development, New Delhi, and is also Visiting Research Fellow at Brookings, USA. Currently he is the Coordinator of IIRGS (Interdisciplinary Research Group on Social and Political Issues) at IIRGS. He is also the co-ordinator of the just concluded multi-country research project 'Capturing the Global Economic and Social Transition in Global Production Networks' (GEPN). His research interests include labour in global production, gender relations, and development issues of indigenous peoples. Some of his recent co-authored books of his books are *Modern and Indigenous Peoples in Asia's Global Production Networks* (2022) and *Labour in Global Production Networks in India* (Delhi: University Press, 2024).

Date: Thursday, 22 August 2024

Time: 12 pm

Venue: B007



DISCUSSANT

DR. PRIYANKA PANDIT

Assistant Professor, IRGS Department

Department of
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From the Diplomat's Perch

Evolving security situation of Europe:
a Lithuanian perspective

ABSTRACT

Russia's 2022 war against Ukraine has drastically altered Europe's landscape and impacted the world. For Lithuania and Central-Eastern European countries, this war was anticipated due to their experiences with an increasingly assertive Russia. These nations view it as a neocolonial war of aggression. However, in regions farther away, such as Asia and Africa, the war is often perceived differently, influenced by distinct historical contexts. The speaker will discuss the evolution of Europe's security situation from an Eastern European viewpoint and provide insights on what is needed to end the war.



Ambassador Diana Mickeviciene

Ambassador of the Republic of Lithuania to the Republic of India

Ambassador Diana Mickeviciene is a career diplomat with over 30 years in Lithuania's diplomatic service. Her past appointments include Counsellor at Lithuania's Permanent Representation at the Council of Europe and Minister Counsellor at Lithuania's Embassy in India. Before her current appointment, she was Lithuania's Ambassador to China during 2020-2022. Ambassador Mickeviciene has authored several academic articles on Indian studies as well as a book on her experiences and observations in India, published in 2011.

Thursday, 12th September 2024

12:00 PM (IST)

D-330, Shiv Nadar University

Department of
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TALK ON

THE TURMOIL AROUND US: Bangladesh, Myanmar and Northeast India

ABSTRACT

The sudden, unexpected flight of former Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to India has set off concerns about its future. Bangladesh's and India's neighbour Myanmar, which saw a military coup in 2021, is also in a state of great and increasing instability. News from there indicates that regime forces are on the backfoot and losing control of territory. Both these countries share long and porous borders with Northeast India. In this seminar, Ambassador Gautam Mukhopadhyaya, former ambassador of India to Myanmar, will be in conversation with author and journalist Samrat Choudhury to discuss the situation in India's eastern neighbourhood and what it might mean for India, especially its Northeast, and the country's neighbours.

29 August 2024 (Thursday)

12:00 PM

D330, Shiv Nadar IoE



DISCUSSANT

SAMRAT CHOUDHURY

Commissioning Editor, VC Office, Shiv Nadar IoE

Samrat is an author, journalist, and former editor of major newspapers in Delhi, Mumbai, and Bengaluru. His latest book, *Northeast India: A Political History*, was published by Hurst (UK) and HarperCollins (India). Previous works include *The Road to Nowhere: A Journey Along the Borderlines*. He co-edited *Insider/Outsider* and its sequel *But I Am One of You*, published recently. Currently, he is a Commissioning Editor for SAGE and teaches a course on the history of Northeast India.



SPEAKER

AMBASSADOR GAUTAM
MUKHOPADHYAYA

Former Ambassador of India to Syria, Afghanistan and Myanmar

Ambassador Gautam Mukhopadhyaya served as India's Ambassador to Syria, Afghanistan, and Myanmar from 2005 to 2016. During his Indian Foreign Service career, he held positions in Indian Embassies in Mexico, Cuba, France, and the UN, as well as in the Ministries of External Affairs, Culture, and Defence. He has been affiliated with the National Defence College, India, and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, DC. Currently, he is a Visiting Professor at the Centre for Policy Research, Delhi, and divides his time between Delhi and Manipal, with a focus on Northeast India and Southeast Asia.



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Date: Thursday, 22 August 2024

Time: 12 pm

Venue: B007



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Seminar on

Ladakh at a Crossroads

Abstract:

India's northernmost region, Ladakh, is currently witnessing the biggest agitations in its history. Thousands of people have gathered in the towns of Leh and Kargil, several times since last year, to demand statehood, 6th Schedule status under the Constitution, and job guarantees. In 2019 it was granted Union Territory status, which had been a long-standing demand of the people of Leh district; but for them and for the residents of Kargil district, this status has actually brought more alienation and fears than benefits. What are the prospects of generating well-being for a region that has such unique ecological and cultural characteristics, is a critical political boundary for India, and has enormous commercial potential that are being eyed by corporates? How can holistic transformation, that combines political, ecological, economic, and socio-cultural spheres of life and their intersections, be attempted? What initiatives already exist that can point in this direction, and what are the challenges?

Using the framework of eco-swaraj or radical ecological democracy, this presentation will tackle the above issues, pointing to possibilities and solutions, but also to further questions that need to be asked.

About: Ashish Kothari

Founder-member, Kaipaviksh; member, many people's movements. Taught, Indian Institute of Public Administration; coordinated India's National Biodiversity Strategy & Action Plan, served on boards of Greenpeace International & India, ICCA Consortium; judge on International Tribunal on Rights of Nature. Helps coordinate Vikalp Sangam (www.vikalpsangam.org), Global Tapestry of Alternatives (www.globaltapestryofalternatives.org), & Radical Ecological Democracy (www.radialecologicaldemocracy.org). Co-author/co-editor, *Churning the Earth*, *Alternative Futures*, and *Pluriverse: A Post-Development Dictionary*.



Speaker

Ashish Kothari

14 March 2024
Venue: C021
12:30PM-1:45PM

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TALK

The Israel-Hamas War and International Law

08 FEB
2024

12:00 PM - 01:30 PM (IST)

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Dr. Prabhesh Ranjan

Associate Professor
Faculty of Legal Studies,
South Asian University

ABSTRACT

The ongoing military conflict in Gaza has led to the death of thousands of people. It is critical to understand the military actions in light of international humanitarian law (IHL) and whether the basic principles of IHL, such as distinctiveness, proportionality, etc., are being adhered to. No matter how justifiable the reasons for war are, the war has to be fought legally and in accordance with the principles of IHL codified in the Geneva Conventions. The talk will also focus on the case brought by South Africa against Israel at the International Court of Justice, alleging that Israel has violated the Genocide Convention.

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SEMINAR

From Apocalypse to Slow Violence: Visibility and Invisibility in the Colonial Nuclear World

21 MAR
2024

10.30 AM-12:00 PM (IST)

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SHAMPA BISWAS

Judge and Mrs. Timothy A. Paul,
Chair of Political Science and
Professor of Politics

ABSTRACT

What kind of dangers do nuclear weapons pose? Which dangers are visible and which ones more hidden? This talk will argue that thinking of nuclear weapons as instruments of a potential future apocalypse hides the harms inflicted on communities all along the nuclear production chain.

The Department of International Relations and Governance Studies, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, cordially invites you all to a

Talk on

U.S. Election 2024: Biden vs. Trump 2.0

by Prof. John Portz



Speaker Bio:
Prof. John Portz is a Professor in Political Science at the Northwestern University, Boston, USA. He is currently a Fulbright-Nehru Distinguished Scholar, affiliated with the Centre for Canadian, U.S., and Latin American Studies at Jawaharlar Nehru University, New Delhi.

Abstract:
This year's rematch of Joe Biden and Donald Trump offers one of the most consequential elections in recent American history. In this presentation we look at the candidates, the election process, key strategies for each campaign, and major issues that are likely to shape the election. The 2020 election provided some guidance, but new issues are grabbing attention as well, from public concerns over the candidate's age to Trump's legal battles. What does this election mean for the health of American democracy?

April 25, 2024

12:00 PM (IST)

Venue: A316, Shiv Nadar IoE

Department of English

Seminar on

Manik Bandyopadhyay, Technological Progress and Democracy, and the State of Decolonizing



Speaker
Professor Regenia Gagnier FBA,
Established Chair in English
Language and Literature at the
University of Exeter



March 21, 2024
Time: 12 to 2 pm
Venue: D 330

International Relations and Governance Studies

IRGS Community Update:: Conference Presentation & Award

The Department of International Relations and Governance Studies is pleased to share that our Ph.D. scholar, Mr. Subhash Bhambhu, presented a paper titled "Monopolizing the Differential Technological Capabilities: The Case of the US Sanctions Regime against China, during the 17th AICCS conference, held from 21st - 23rd November 2024. Additionally, he received the Mira Sinha Bhattacharjee Award for his paper.



Mr. Subhash Bhambhu
IRGS Ph.D. Scholar
Shiv Nadar Institution of
Eminence, Delhi/NCR

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WEBINAR ON

The Politics of Language Oppression: Tibet, China and the World

27 March, 2024

Time: 3:00 PM

Platform: MS Teams

ABSTRACT: This presentation will provide insights based on extensive research in Tibet, drawing on work I did while living in Qinghai Province from 2005 until 2013, and subsequent fieldwork in the region from 2013 to 2018. I focus in particular on language oppression: how specific populations are coerced into giving up their languages and shifting to dominant languages. A key aspect of the research that I will discuss entails acknowledging Tibet's linguistic diversity: Tibetans in China speak dozens of languages, not simply a single Tibetan language that we typically read about in scholarship, journalism, and activism.

By focusing on the smaller indigenous languages spoken in Tibet, my research has revealed the complex contours of language oppression politics in the region. These include not only assimilatory policies of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), but also the policies and practices of Tibetan nationalists within and outside China, and counter-intuitive alignment between competing super-power rivals, the US and China. The research reveals the ongoing harms of the CCP's assimilatory policies in Tibet, and how failures of critique and resistance are exacerbating these. My presentation will also give insights into recent developments in ethnic politics in China, and more broadly into the complexities of language oppression politics globally in the twenty-first century.

Speaker

Dr. Gerald Roche



Dr. Gerald Roche is Associate Professor of Politics at La Trobe University, Australia. As a political anthropologist, his research focuses on human rights, language oppression, state racism and genocide. His academic publications have appeared in *Annual Review of Anthropology*, *State Crime Journal*, *Refugees of Prejudice*, *American Anthropologist*, *The Political Quarterly*, and other journals. His book *The Politics of Language Oppression in Tibet* will be published by Cornell University Press in November 2024. He can be found on Twitter @G.LokuphiRoche

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The Global Politics of Post-Growth

Dr. Rajeswari Raina, Professor, Department of International Relations and Governance Studies, is a partner and member in the DFG-funded research network project 'The Global Politics of Post-Growth.' Dr. Matthias (Matt) Kranke, Senior Research Fellow at the Käte Hamburger Kolleg / Centre for Global Cooperation Research, University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany, leads the project (2022-2025).

Governance and Inequality

Dr. Yasmeen Arif, a professor at the Department of Sociology, was invited by GRIP Inequality as a visiting researcher. During her stay with GRIP in Bergen, Yasmeen worked particularly with GRIP-affiliated senior researcher Bjørn Enge Bertelsen to address questions on identity and global intellectual labor. On another GRIP research project, she worked with Elina Troschenko on Political Protests and New Forms of Citizenship. Dr. Arif also lectured on Governance and Inequality at the Bergen Summer Research School.



The Global Conference on New Sinology - The Art of Power in Zhongnanhai

The Centre for Himalayan Studies, at Shiv Nadar University in partnership with the [Organisation for Research on China and Asia](#) (ORCA) and [The Policy Perspectives Foundation](#), organized the [Global Conference on New Sinology](#) (GCNS) that aims to assemble the finest global minds in Sinology from diverse academic backgrounds to deliberate the instruments and impacts of China's art of power.

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