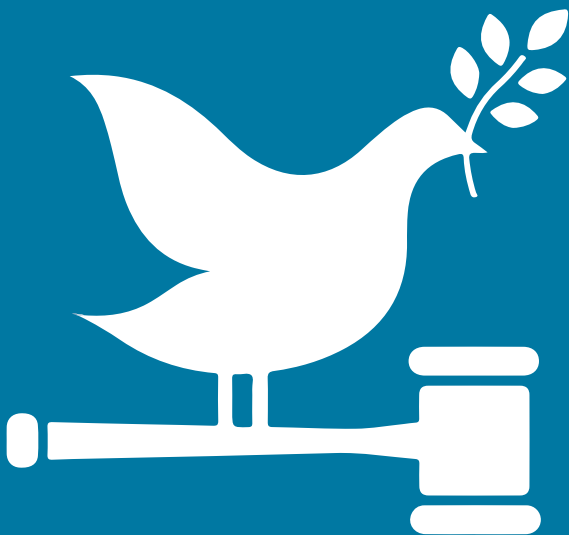


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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 16

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.

Overview

The inclusion of Goal 16 - Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions, in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development was a recognition that peace, justice, and development are interlinked and, in fact, necessary for creating basic conditions to implement and achieve other goals. With 12 targets and 23 indicators, SDG 16 elucidates how higher education institutions can be critical in promoting peaceful and inclusive communities while creating compelling, accountable, and inclusive institutions.

Along with promoting just, peaceful, and inclusive societies, the goal addresses issues such as reducing violence, protecting child abuse, exploitation, trafficking, and corruption, and strengthening governance; at the same time, it advocates strengthening national institutions.

At Shiv Nadar University, departments contribute to many of these areas through teaching, research, partnerships, and practices within the campus and the community.

Here is a glimpse of some of our work.



Teaching



The Department of International Relations and Governance in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences has a wide canvas of research and teaching interests among colleagues and its research scholars. It encourages eclecticism regarding empirical sites of inquiry, temporal spread, theoretical preferences, and methodological choices. There is an active interest in the department to promote a conversation with the natural and behavioral sciences when it comes to the pursuit of questions like cooperation, diplomacy, and a slew of emotions across a political continuum from the study of anger and aggression at one end to trust, empathy, and altruism at the other end.

The Department of Economics, International Relations, History, Sociology, and many others offer core courses and a core common curriculum to students across the university on the themes of peace, justice, political economy, and strengthening institutions. In terms of a traditional focus, 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 workings of international, multilateral, and regional organizations. Students are offered 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.

Some examples of these courses are Financial History: Institutions, Innovations, Successes and Failures (CCC203), Economics of Institutions (ECO232), Political And Institutional Economics (ECO634); Understanding Pakistan: Ideas, Institutions, Issues (INT344), Justice, Welfare and Institutions (ECO441), Institutions, Democracy and the Economy (CCC668), Labour, Politics, and Institutions (ECO 675), China and Global Political Economy (INT 248); International Political Economy (I) (CCC992), Political Economy (ECO624), India in world affairs (INT103), International organizations and global governance (INT104), Theorizing international relation (INT105), Cities of the global South (INT131), Science, Technology and International Relations (INT205), Constitution, Governance, and Politics in India (INT246), China and Global Political Economy (INT248), International law and world politics (INT301), Global political philosophy (INT605). Besides, the School of Management and Entrepreneurship offers many engaging courses and internship opportunities to understand the workings of institutions and governance.

Research

We inaugurated the new [Centre of Excellence for Himalayan Studies](#) at Shiv Nadar University on January 24, 2023. The Himalayas are among the world's most environmentally sensitive and politically fraught regions, with a significant influence also on the economic livelihoods of hundreds of millions of people. The Centre aims to engender a three-way conversation between central and local governments, academia, and the people living in the region, even as it remains attuned to geopolitics and its policy imperatives. The Centre's geographical coverage is wider than just the Himalayas, covering the Hindu Kush and the Karakoram and the governments and polities that have political jurisdiction over them, thus reflecting the University's global outlook and international ambitions, identifying and creating a network of scholars in the field, both in India and abroad, and bring together various disciplinary and sectoral approaches to studying the region. As a research institution, the Centre also aims to produce academic research that is publicly accessible and policy-relevant.



The Center releases a regular newsletter, [HIMALYAN PLUS](#), highlighting its activities, accomplishments, initiatives, and academic pursuits. It also produces briefs and commentaries on current and relevant topics.

Rethinking “Interdependence”: The Changing Nature and Context in India-China Economic Relations

Dr. Priyanka Pandit, Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations and Governance Studies, attempts to analyze the various causal mechanisms that created frameworks of cooperation in India-China relations in the past and the factors that led to the recent outbreak of military hostilities. The chapter primarily contends that the ability of trade and economic exchanges to promote cooperation and reduce hostility depends on the nature and context of the economic linkages and that the trade-conflict relationship cannot be generalizable across the history of interstate relations. The current crisis in India-China relations demonstrates a significant challenge to the longstanding claim that economic interdependence inhibits interstate hostilities and leads to political cooperative ties free from military confrontation. © 2023, Springer Nature Switzerland AG.



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Pandit, Priyanka. “Rethinking “Interdependence”: The Changing Nature and Context in India-China Economic Relations.” In *India’s Foreign Policy and Economic Challenges: Friends, Enemies and Controversies*, pp. 47-59. Cham: Springer International Publishing, 2023.

Military dictatorship and the provision of public goods

Dr. Shabana Mitra, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, highlights non-democracies, particularly dictatorships, that provide local public goods differently than democracies. In her paper, she uses the Partition of the Indian sub-continent in 1947 to examine how ethnic groups living in similar agro-climatic conditions obtain substantially different configurations of public goods when exposed to various governance regimes. The methodology draws upon the shifts in the central regime in Pakistan between popularly elected governments and military dictatorships while using India as a benchmark, which had democratic governments throughout. The paper creates and utilizes a novel dataset for district-level analyses from various census rounds in India and Pakistan. The regression results consistently show a significant under-provision of various public goods under dictatorships while controlling for a host of time-varying local factors. These results survive a battery of robustness checks and are particularly not driven by large cities or specific provinces. © 2023 Oxford Department of International Development.



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Islam, TM Tonmoy, and Shabana Mitra. "Military dictatorship and the provision of public goods." *Oxford Development Studies* 51, no. 3 (2023): 307-321.

Does effective democracy explain MNE location choice?: Attractiveness to FDI and cross-border M&As

Are internationalization decisions of MNEs affected by the democracy levels of the host country? Democracy is a thicker construct that defines the credibility, stability, accountability, and effectiveness of formal and informal institutions present in a country. Democratic nations are better governed. Democratization should, therefore, make locations more favorable for MNEs. Yet very little is known about the role of democracy. Using a unique sample of FDI and cross-border M&As, the paper, for the first time, provides global evidence of how effective democratization increases the attractiveness of the target county to foreign investment. The paper suggests a positive linear association of effective democracy with FDI and cross-border M&A inflows. It also differentiates between a paper (only rules) and effective (rules with implementation) democracy and identifies implementation as a critical factor in democratization's attractiveness. Thus, this paper provides a key peg in the MNE location choice decision and has implications for firms and their stakeholders, M&A decision-makers, business leaders, and policymakers. © 2023 Elsevier Inc.

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Basu, Debarati, Shabana Mitra, and Archana Purohit. "Does effective democracy explain MNE location choice?: Attractiveness to FDI and cross-border M&As." *Journal of Business Research* 167 (2023): 114188.

Resilience and Inclusivity in Cross-Border Digital Supply Chains through Digital Services Trade and Investment

Dr. Kathuria co-authored a paper as a contribution to Task Force 1: Macroeconomics, Trade, and Livelihoods: Policy Coherence and International Coordination of the T20. The paper highlighted how digital services innovation has contributed to inclusive global trade and development. However, governance regimes around digital regulation are still fledgling. This Policy Brief makes recommendations to boost the implementation of digital regulatory good practices for interoperability and development of the required governance.

Drake-brockman, Jane, Badri Narayanan Gopalakrishnan, Harsha Vardhana Singh, Manjeet Kripalani, Pascal Kerneis, and Rajat Kathuria. "Resilience and Inclusivity in Cross-Border Digital Supply Chains through Digital Services Trade and Investment." (2023).

Report by Center for Social and Economic Progress

The Center for Social and Economic Progress (CESP) produced a report on "How China Engages South Asia: Themes, Partners, and Tools," The Business Standard interviewed eds Constantino Xavier and Jabin T. Jacob on China's expanding footprint and how India can respond/learn from China's multi-pronged strategies to influence public opinion and policymaking in South Asia. They discuss the profound implications of this influence and the road ahead for India.

The report features 8 case studies by scholars from Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, and India that reflect the diversity of experiences and perspectives on China's influence in South Asia.

Measuring Partial Democracies: Rules and their Implementation

Non-democracies, particularly dictatorships, provide local public goods differently than democracies. We use the Partition of the Indian sub-continent in 1947 to examine how similar ethnic groups living in similar agro-climatic conditions obtain substantially different configurations of public goods when exposed to different governance regimes. Our methodology draws upon the shifts in the central regime in Pakistan between popularly elected governments and military dictatorships while using India as a benchmark, which had democratic governments throughout. We create and utilize a novel dataset for our district-level analyses from various census rounds in India and Pakistan. Our regression results consistently show a significant under-provision of various public goods under dictatorships while controlling for a host of time-varying local factors. Our results survive a battery of robustness checks and are particularly not driven by large cities or specific provinces. © 2023 Oxford Department of International Development.

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Institutional practices

Shiv Nadar University Student Council

The Student Council at Shiv Nadar University consists of the Cabinet and the Executive Council, a unicameral body of senators elected every year by all students at the university through a secret ballot. Many significant committees on Campus have a representative student member to represent the voice of the student body.

The Student Council documented their work and tenure experience in a [document](#).

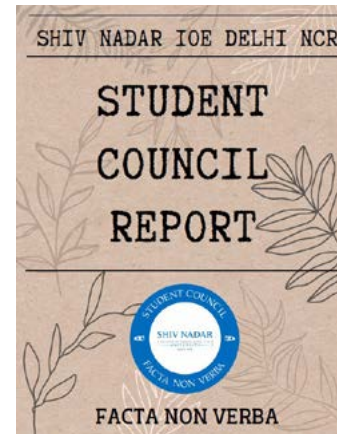
Action on Campus

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,

Inaugural lecture of the Global Futures Lecture Series

The Department of Sociology at Shiv Nadar University hosted Prof. Shiela Jassonoff, Harvard University, at the inaugural lecture of the Global Futures Lecture Series on April 26, 2023.

Prof. Jassonoff spoke on “Progress Without Progressivism? - Engineering Future in the 21st Century”. As the world enters a new industrial revolution driven by technological advancements, the idea that technology can be our guide and savior has taken hold in the minds of ruling elites. In a thought-provoking lecture on contemporary global issues, the professor argued that we need to revive the humanist impetus and rethink the meaning of democracy in an increasingly engineered world.



The Campus, has

- » Robust policies and procedures to manage the security of the 300-acre campus.
- » Access to human resources and administrative policies by all the members of the University
- » A whistle-blower policy
- » Procurement policies and purchase committee on campus are represented by different University functions to facilitate decision-making.



75 Years of Partition

A panel discussion titled '75 Years of Partition' was held on January 20, 2023, at the India International Centre (IIC), New Delhi, to discuss the widespread displacement of millions of people and the aftermath of the Partition of 1947. Joined by Sudeep Chakravarti, Director, Center for South Asian Studies (C-SAS), University of Liberal Arts Bangladesh, Dr. Rajat Kathuria, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Saba Naqvi, Author, Journalist and Commentator, Former Political Editor Outlook Magazine, Dr. Vikram Kapur, Professor and Head Department of English, and Sanjay Bhattacharyya, Diplomat and Former Secretary Ministry of External Affairs, and Dr. Anubhuti Maurya, faculty, Department of History & Archaeology, the panel discussed how partition continues to resonate in our lives through the prism of various disciplines.



The G20 Presidency and the Opportunity for India

Prof. Rajat Kathuria, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at Shiv Nadar University, spoke at an interactive discussion hosted by The India Policy Forum on 'The G20 Presidency and the Opportunity for India.' Dr. Kathuria offered a ringside view of the opportunities and challenges facing India as it assumes the G20 presidency.

Dr. Kathuria also co-authored a paper, "Resilience and Inclusivity in Cross-Border Digital Supply Chains through Digital Services Trade and Investment," as a contribution to Task Force 1: Macroeconomics, Trade, and Livelihoods: Policy Coherence and International Coordination of the T20¹.

Prof. Rajat Kathuria,
Dean,
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Social Sciences,
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Delhi NCR



1. Think20 (T20) is an official Engagement Group of the G20 which serves as an "idea bank" for the G20 by bringing together think tanks and high-level experts to discuss policy issues relevant to the G20

Journey into the geopolitics

A joint seminar was organized by the [Centre of Excellence for Himalayan Studies](#) and the [Department of International Relations and Governance Studies \(IRGS\)](#), Shiv Nadar University, on 3 April 2023.

At the seminar, Amish Raj Mulmi, author of *All Roads Lead North: Nepal's Turn to China*, took us on a journey into geopolitics. Amish has written for, among others, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, the Journal of Foreign Affairs (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nepal, think-tank), Centre for Social and Economic Progress (CSEP), Al Jazeera, Hindustan Times, Roads and Kingdoms, India Today, The Kathmandu Post and The Record. He is a contributing editor for Himal Southasian and a consulting editor at Writer's Side Literary Agency.

From the Diplomat's Perch



TALK SERIES

From the Diplomat's Perch

Dr. Philipp Ackermann
German Ambassador

Dr. Siddharth Mallavarapu
Professor and Head of the Department
IRGS

German Ambassador to India, Amb. Philipp Ackermann inaugurated Shiv Nadar University's 'From the Diplomat's Perch' talk series on September 22, 2023. In a discussion led by Prof. Siddharth Mallavarapu, he covered topics such as geopolitics, challenges faced by multilateral bodies in a multipolar world, and India's role in global politics. Amb. Ackermann highlighted the evolving nature of diplomacy, shifting away from lavish receptions to crisis management in remote regions like Kunduz, Afghanistan. He emphasized the qualities of a good diplomat: knowledge of ground realities, curiosity, and flexibility. Amb. Ackermann also underlined India's increasing importance in world politics. Additionally, he explained how Germany's foreign policy is adapting due to the economic impact of Russia's war with Ukraine, requiring the nation to seek new alliances beyond the European Union. When asked about domestic divergence in Germany over support for Ukraine, Amb. Ackermann noted that historical Cold War divisions hold less significance in today's political scenario.

Seminars and Talks

Tibet Beyond Foreign Policy

A seminar was jointly organized by the [Centre of Excellence for Himalayan Studies \(CHS\)](#), Shiv Nadar University, and the India Tibet Coordination Office, New Delhi, on September 13, 2023, at Shiv Nadar University.



Tibet Beyond Foreign Policy

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Political developments in Tibet

MR. CLAUDE ARPI
Distinguished Fellow, Centre of Excellence for Himalayan Studies, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Shiv Nadar IoE.

Tibet's Rivers and its significance for India

DR. LOBSANG YANGTSO
Senior Researcher, International Tibet Network, Dharamshala.

Discussant

DR. DEVENDRA KUMAR
Associate Fellow, Centre of Excellence for Himalayan Studies, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Shiv Nadar IoE.

Photo Exhibition
will be organised by the Tibet Museum, Dharamshala from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the C&D Atrium.

Nepal-Tibet-China: A Himalayan Triangle

A seminar was jointly organized by the [Centre of Excellence for Himalayan Studies \(CHS\)](#), Shiv Nadar University, and the India Tibet Coordination Office, New Delhi, on September 13, 2023, at Shiv Nadar University.

The Politics of Taiwan's Development: Mapping Transformations and Continuity

The Department of [International Relations and Governance Studies](#), Shiv Nadar University, and the Taiwan Economic and Cultural Center, New Delhi, organized a one-day conference, "The Politics of Taiwan's Development: Mapping Transformations and Continuity," on April 12, 2023.



International Conference

"The Politics of Taiwan's Development: Mapping Transformations and Continuity"



12th April 2023
D330, Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, Delhi-NCR



Partnerships

16th All India Conference of China Studies

The 16th All India Conference of China Studies (AICCS) was organized in hybrid mode by the Institute of Chinese Studies (ICS), New Delhi, the Department of Political Science, University of Hyderabad, in cooperation with the Institution of Eminence Directorate, University of Hyderabad and partnership with the Council for Social Development, Hyderabad and [the Centre of Excellence for Himalayan Studies, Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence](#). The conference was held at the University of Hyderabad from November 16–18, 2023. The theme this year was **Social Dynamics and Political Responses in China**. Spread over three days, the conference featured scholars from over 25 institutions in India and abroad and showcased a survey of recent scholarship on various facets of China over 15 sessions.

Global geopolitical landscape and India's approach to navigating it

Dr. Atul Mishra, Associate Professor, [Department of International Relations and Governance Studies](#), School of Humanities and Social Sciences, was invited by the Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, to deliver a lecture to diplomats from 30 'global south' countries for the first Global South Young Diplomats Forum, which our honorable Prime Minister Mr. Modi had announced in January this year. He spoke on the global geopolitical landscape and India's approach, pointing out how development and sustainability have become a part of India's foreign policy, as illustrated by the popularization of Yoga, Mission LiFE, the international year of millets, the G20 agenda, and a sustainable Indo-Pacific agenda and the SAGAR policy.

The Politics of Taiwan's Development: Mapping Transformations and Continuity

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). Dr. Raina participated in the kick-off meeting on February 24, 2022.

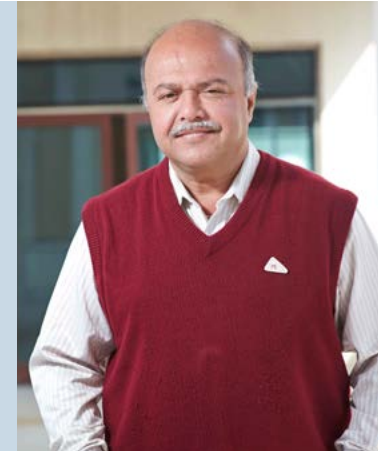
Dr. Rajeswari Raina
Professor, Department of
International Relations and
Governance Studies



Revisiting India's Transboundary Rivers: Social and Environmental Security reg

Dr. Ajay Dandekar, Professor, [Department of History and Archaeology](#), is working on a project on transboundary river issues. The project is funded by the National Security Council Secretariat, the Government of India.

Dr. Ajay Dandekar
Professor, Department of
History and Archaeology



BRI Transformed? China's New Global Initiatives on 'Development,' 'Security,' and 'Civilization'

The poster features a central graphic of a globe with a red and yellow Chinese pavilion on top, surrounded by a white ribbon. The text on the poster includes:

6th INDIA FORUM ON CHINA @ MUMBAI
BRI Transformed ?
China's New Global Initiatives on 'Development,' 'Security' and 'Civilization'
4th-6th December 2023
Venue: Nehru Centre, Worli, Mumbai
ORGANISED BY
• Institute of Chinese Studies
• Centre of Excellence for Himalayan Studies, Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence, Delhi-NCR
• Centre for Advanced Policy Research and Initiatives
• University of Mumbai

Logos for the organizing institutions are shown at the bottom: IFC (India Forum on China), ICS (Institute of Chinese Studies), Shiv Nadar University, CAPRI (Centre for Advanced Policy Research and Initiatives), and Shiv Nadar University of Mumbai.

The [Centre of Excellence for Himalayan Studies \(CHS\)](#), Shiv Nadar University partnered with the Institute of Chinese Studies, Delhi (ICS), the Centre for Advanced Policy Research and Initiatives (CAPRI), and the University of Mumbai for the sixth India Forum on China (IFC)¹ from December 4-6, 2023, in Mumbai. The theme for this year's forum is BRI Transformed? China's New Global Initiatives on 'Development,' 'Security,' and 'Civilization.'

¹ The IFC is an annual international initiative where eminent scholars, practitioners, and policy-makers from India and other countries hold in-depth deliberations on a topical theme pertaining to China in an Indian setting and keeping in mind perspectives from India.

Global Conference on New Sinology (GCNS)

The [Centre of Excellence for Himalayan Studies \(CHS\)](#) collaborated with the Organisation for Research on China and Asia (ORCA) and The Policy Perspectives Foundation as a University Partner to organize the Global Conference on New Sinology (GCNS). The event was held on September 25-26, 2023, at The Grand Hotel, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi. This conference brought together global experts in Sinology to analyze and understand China's path to global superpower status. This year's theme, 'Beijing's Superpower Ambitions in the New Era,' examined strategies and policies deployed to advance Beijing's economic and international interests, project military power, and enhance the Communist Party of China's authority. The conference featured a variety of formats, including panels, roundtables, keynote addresses, expert dialogues, and special events.

Dr. Jabin T. Jacob, Director of the [Centre for Himalayan Studies](#) and Associate Professor, IRGS, Shiv Nadar IoE, spoke on 'The BRI Scales Up China's Three New Global Initiatives and Vision for Global Leadership' in the panel, China's Approach to Regional and International Multilateralism on Day 1, September 25. Prof. Rajat Kathuria, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, moderated a panel on 10 Years of BRI and the 'Silk' Roads Ahead, Day 2, September 26.

Dr. Jabin T. Jacob

Director of the Centre for Himalayan Studies and Associate Professor, IRGS, Shiv Nadar IoE



Governance and Inequality

Dr. Yasmeen Arif, Professor, [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 Troscenko on Political Protests and New Forms of Citizenship. Dr. Arif also lectured on Governance and Inequality at the Bergen Summer Research School.

Dr. Yasmeen Arif
Professor,
Department of Sociology,
Shiv Nadar IoE



Yuva shakti for New India

With the vision to build youth ambassadors for New India, MyGov, the Government of India's citizen engagement platform, visited Shiv Nadar University on February 4, 2023, to encourage students to register as Campus Ambassadors. As Campus Ambassadors, students will contribute to nation-building and will be a direct point of contact between MyGov and the Institution.

On Advisory Board

Dr. Siddharth Mallavarapu, Professor, [Department of International Relations and Governance Studies](#), is appointed Member of the Advisory Board of the Sustainable Development Goals Journal of Kenya on February 21, 2022.

Dr. Siddharth Mallavarapu
Professor, Department of
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Institutional Changes for Rural Innovation

Dr. Rajeswari Raina, Professor, [Department of International Relations and Governance Studies](#), in collaboration with Keshab Das, Professor, Gujarat Institute of Development Research, Ahmedabad, is doing a project on Institutional Changes for Rural Innovation: The Civic Space and the State in India, the 1980s through 2010s. The project is sponsored by the Ford Foundation, NY, USA, with a grant of 95,000 US\$.

Shiv Nadar Institution of Eminence is fully committed to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We have embraced a four-pronged strategy for SDGs through teaching, research, our core institutional practices, and partnerships.

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