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Conference Booklet



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The NIICE International Studies Convention is the flagship event of Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement (NIICE). The theme of the three-day Convention is Reimagining the World: Reflections on the Future of World Order. It aims to connect academicians and researchers of different universities that conduct research or teach international studies. It aims to bring 300 scholars from more than 30 countries through 40 sessions. It is supported by 22 universities and centers.

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SESSIONS	SESSIONS
<p>27 AUGUST, DAY 1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inaugural 2. Rethinking Regionalism in South Asia 3. Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability 4. The Future of Indo-Pacific Conflicts and Cooperation 5. Foreign Policy Interface in South and Southeast Asia 6. Soft Power 7. Russia's Foreign Policy Strategy and Regional Priorities <p>28 AUGUST, DAY 2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8. Pacific Islands in the New Geopolitical Sphere 9. Belt and Road Initiative 10. Indo-Pacific Affairs 11. Great Power Politics in Indo-Pacific Region 12. Right to Information and Reporting in International Conflict 13. India's Foreign Policy 14. Future of Democracy in South Asia <p>29 AUGUST, DAY 3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 15. Gender in International Relations 16. Small and Land-Locked States 17. Geopolitics of Ladakh and Gilgit-Baltistan Region 18. New World Order 19. Humanitarian Aspects of Diplomacy 20. Sri Lanka in South Asia and Beyond 21. Understanding China 22. Emerging New World Order 	<p>27 AUGUST, DAY 1</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Climate Change, Water and Environment B. South Asia: A Case of Typical Borders and Boundaries C. Mapping China's Rise: Regional Assessments D. India's Public and E-Diplomacy E. Future of Afghanistan F. What the Future Holds for South Asia? G. China and its Neighborhood <p>28 AUGUST, DAY 2</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> H. Community Energy Solutions for Climate Change: A Global Project I. South Asia: Imposed Categories and Imposing Powers J. Migration and Refugee K. Innovative Trajectories to Strengthen Nepal-India Relations L. The Situation in Myanmar: The Coup and COVID-19 M. Emergence of Artificial Intelligence and Digitalization N. Nepal's Foreign Policy O. South Asia and the Region <p>29 AUGUST, DAY 3</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> P. Beyond Neighborhood Q. Non-Western Thoughts and International Relations R. Peace and Security in South Asia S. Indo-Pacific Region T. Gender and Security in South Asia U. Non-Traditional Security Issues V. Democracy and Global Governance
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- Department of International Relations and Governance Studies, School of Humanities and Social Studies, Shiv Nadar University, India.
- Department of International Relations, Jahangirnagar University, Bangladesh.
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- Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka.
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PROGRAM

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SESSION 1

Inaugural

Moderator: Dr. Pramod Jaiswal, Research Director, Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement.

- **Amb. Ahmed Saleem**, Ambassador-at-Large at Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Maldives and Former Secretary General of SAARC.
- **Prof. Dr. Chintamani Mahapatra**, Rector, Jawaharlal University, *Evolution of International Studies in India*.
- **Prof. Theo Farrell**, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, University of Wollongong, *Afghanistan and the Future of World Order*.
- **Prof. Sanjay Kumar Pandey**, Centre for Russian and Central Asian Studies, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, *India and Russia in the Emerging Global Order*.
- **Dr. Amit Gupta**, Associate Professor, Department of International Security Studies, USAF Air War College, *How the US should view the US-China Rivalry*.
- **Prof. Dr. Zhong Zhenming**, Head of Department of International Relations and Associate Dean of School of Political Science & International Relations, Tongji University.

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SESSION A

Climate Change, Water and Environment

Chair: Dr. Vijayta Mahendru, Visiting Fellow, Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement.

- **Dr. Sitakanta Mishra**, Associate Professor, Pandit Deendayal Energy University, *India, Net-Zero Emission Goal: Role of Nuclear Energy.*
- **Prof. Indu Gupta**, Assistant Professor, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Govt PG College, *Water Security: An Imperative centerpiece in India's relationship with Neighboring South Asian countries.*
- **Dr. Nisikant Nayak**, Assistant Professor, Amity University, *A Study on Climate Change Policy: An International Perspective.*
- **Prof. Debtanu Majee**, Assistant Professor, Bidhan Chandra College, *Climate Change: Jeopardizing Human Security in Bangladesh.*
- **Dr. Suprita Suman**, Ad Hoc Faculty, Jawaharlal Nehru University, *India's New Role in Water Security and Regime-Building: A Middle Power Perspective.*
- **Satyendra Gupta**, Student, Bundelkhand University, *Environmentalism in the Age of Globalization and the Role of Nation-States.*
- **Saurabh Singh**, Student, Symbiosis School of International Studies, *Climate Change and the Gaming Industry: The Overlooked Nexus.*
- **Shreya Sinha**, Doctoral Candidate, Jawaharlal Nehru University, *Enhancing EU-India Cooperation: Climate Change and Renewable Energy.*

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SESSION 2

Rethinking Regionalism in South Asia

Chair: Amb. Rajiv Bhatia, Distinguished Fellow, Gateway House and Former Indian Ambassador to Myanmar.

- **Amb. Sumith Nakandala**, Former Ambassador, First Secretary of General of BIMSTEC, & Director, Centre for Indo-Lanka Initiatives, Pathfinder Foundation, ***Treads in Regionalism in Asia***
- **Dr. Khalid Rahman**, Chairman, Institute of Policy Studies, Islamabad, ***Afghanistan: Where Do we Go from here?***
- **Prof. Imtiaz Ahmed**, Professor of International Relations & Director, Office of the International Affairs & Director, Centre for Genocide Studies, University of Dhaka, ***Contemporary Geopolitical Competitions in the South Asian Region***
- **Dr. Posh Raj Pandey**, Chairman, South Asia Watch on Trade, Economics, and Environment, Kathmandu.
- **Dr. N. Manoharan**, Department of International Studies and History, Christ University, Bangalore, ***Changing Dynamics of Regionalism in South Asia.***
- **Prof. Dr. A. Subramanyam Raju**, Dean, International Relations; Professor, Centre for South Asian Studies & Coordinator, UGC Centre for Maritime Studies, Pondicherry University, Puducherry, ***Regional Cooperation in South Asia: Challenges***

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SESSION B

South Asia: A Case of Typical Borders and Boundaries

Chair: Prof. Shahab Enam Khan, Department of International Relations, Jahangirnagar University.

- **Dr. Dhananjay Tripathi**, Senior Asst. Professor, South Asian University, *South Asian Borders: A Complicated Story*.
- **Dr. Vaishali Raghuvanshi**, Assistant Professor, Banaras Hindu University, *Borders and Bilateralism in South Asia: A Cinematic Perspective*.
- **Dr. Monica Verma**, South Asian University, *South Asia in Indo-Pacific: Case for Reconsidering Economic Borders*.
- **Uddipta Ranjan Bourah**, Research Scholar, South Asian University, *Inheritance of an Unsettled Border: A History of Imperial Miscommunication in Defining the Sino-Indian Border*.
- **Ankur Sharma**, Research Scholar, South Asian University, *Fencing an Open Border – Analysing the Indo-Nepalese Antagonistic Actions over Kalapani Border Dispute through Securitization Theory*.
- **Col. (Dr.) Bhasker Gupta**, Administrative Commandant, Indian Army, *Disaster Management in South Asia and Its Cross Border Challenges for India*.
- **Nancy Puri**, Research scholar, Amity University, *Trans-boundary Water Conflict between India and Bangladesh: An Analytical Study*.

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SESSION 3

Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability

Chair: Prof. K.K. Mishra, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Banaras Hindu University.

- **Prof. Mrutyunjay Mishra**, Department of Economics and Coordinator of Centre for the Study of Nepal, *Banaras Hindu University, Climate Change*
- **Prof. Manoj Mishra**, Malaviya Centre for Peace Research, Banaras Hindu University, *Environmental Degradation in Nepal: A Sustainable Development Agenda*
- **Prof. R. K. Mall**, Professor and Dean of Institute of Environment and Sustainable Development, *Climate Change: An Indian Subcontinent perspectives*
- **Prof. Sanjay Srivastav**, Department of Political Science, Banaras Hindu University, *Environment and Negotiation*
- **Dr. Pallavi Roy & Dr. Mushtaq Husain Khan**, Dr. Roy is Senior Lecturer, Centre for International Studies and Diplomacy and Dr. Khan is Professor of Economics at SOAS, University of London.
- **Dr. Chandrasekhar Bahinapati**, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Indian Institute of Technology, Triputi, *Climate Change and farmers' Adaptive Behaviour and Wellbeing: Evidences from the Literature focused on Himalayan Regions in India*
- **Keshav Singh**, Dr. Hari Singh Gour Central University, *Climate Change and Developing-Country Cities: Implications for Environmental Health and Equity*.

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SESSION C

Mapping China's Rise: Regional Assessments

Chair: Prof. M.S. John, Professor, Department of International Relations & Politics, Central University of Kerala.

- **Dr. Josukutty Abraham**, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Kerala, *China and South Asia*.
- **Dr. S. Y. Surendra Kumar**, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Bangalore University, *China in the Indo-Pacific: Competition, Containment and Cooperation*.
- **Dr. Vignesh Ram**, Division Head-Political Risks and Intelligence Services Management, COVINTS Network, Bengaluru, *China and Southeast Asia*.
- **Dr. Jojin John**, Associate Fellow, Indian Council of World Affairs, *China and East Asia*.
- **Dr. Nanda Kishor**, Head and Associate Professor, Department of Geopolitics and International Relations, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, *China and West Asia*.
- **Dr. Stuti Banerjee**, Associate Fellow, Indian Council of World Affairs, *China and Latin America*.
- **Dr. Uma Purushothaman**, Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations & Politics, Central University of Kerala, *China and Central Asia*.
- **Brijesh Chandra Srivastava**, Research Scholar, Central University of Haryana, *China's Revisionist Approach to Indo-Pacific*.

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SESSION 4

The Future of Indo-Pacific Conflicts and Cooperation

Chair: Prof. Dr. Yoichiro Sato, Dean of Graduate School of Asia Pacific Studies, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University.

- **Dr. Vivek Mishra**, Research Fellow, Indian Council of World Affairs, ***Towards more Regional Resolve: Strengthening of the Quad since the COVID-19 Pandemic.***
- **Sopha Sek**, Researcher, Democracy Promotion Center, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University.
- **Astha Chadha**, PhD Student, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University.
- **Thao Phuong Tran**, PhD Student, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University.
- **Hanh Nguyen**, Non-resident WSD Handa Fellow at Pacific Forum.
- **To Hong Kong Nguyen**, PhD Student, Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University.

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SESSION D
India's E-Diplomacy

Chair: Dr. Sampa Kundu, Assistant Professor, Amity Institute of Social Sciences, Amity University.

- **Smriti Singh Chauhan**, Research Scholar, Amity University.
- **Ankit Kumar**, Research Scholar, Amity University.
- **Sidhant Sharma**, Research Scholar, Amity University.
- **Arpita Singh**, Research Scholar, Amity University.
- **Rajasree Roy**, Independent Scholar, Kolkata, West Bengal.

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SESSION 5

Foreign Policy Interface in South and Southeast Asia

Chairs: Shrabana Barua, Visiting Fellow, Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement.

- **Soumya Awasthi**, Vivekananda International Foundation, *US Withdrawal from Afghanistan and Its Impact on China and Pakistan*.
- **Dr. Sayed M Abdullah Al Mamun Chowdhury**, Chairman and Associate Professor, Department of International Relations, University of Rajshahi, *Rohingya Exodus: A Shame for Global Governance*.
- **Dr. Pooja Bhatt Mahanti**, Independent Researcher, *Understanding the Philippines Approach to Security*.
- **Khin Maung Soe**, Independent Consultant and former Advisor of MISIS, Myanmar, *People-to-People Relations: One small step for Everyone, One Giant Leap for Regional Peace, Prosperity and Progress*.

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SESSION E

Future of Afghanistan

Chair: Prof. Sanjay Srivastav, Department of Political Science, Banaras Hindu University.

- **Dr. Jennifer Brick Murtazashvili**, Associate Professor, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh.
- **Prakash Jangid**, Researcher, Journal of Indo-Pacific Affairs, *Global Governance in the Post US-Afghanistan: Challenges and Opportunities*.
- **Dr Nuzhat Nazneen**, Assistant Professor (Ad-hoc), Amity University, *A Prospective Juncture of the South Asian Collaboration – The Afghanistan Question*.
- **Swati Sinha**, Doctoral Fellow, Jindal School of International Affairs, O.P. Jindal Global University, *Implications of the United States Withdrawal from Afghanistan*.
- **Michael Kugelman**, Deputy Director of the Asia Program and Senior Associate for South Asia at the Wilson Center.
- **Saroj Kumar Aryal**, Doctoral Candidate, University of Warsaw, *Role of India in Afghanistan after the Withdrawal of US Force*.
- **Dr. Ankur Yadav**, Assistant Professor, Special Centre for National Security Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, *Emerging World Order and Russia's Pivot to Asia: The Case of Afghanistan*.
- **Mohammad Hanif Sharifi**, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, *Afghanistan in the State of Anarchy*.

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SESSION 6

Soft Power

Chair: Dr. Natalia Burlinova, President of PICREADI.

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- Viktoriya Ivanchenko, Editor-in-chief of PICREADI and Visiting Fellow at Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement.
- Dr. Michael Lambert, Sorbonne University.
- Dr. Peter Mark Flew, Researcher at the School of Slavonic and East European Studies, University College London.
- Palak Maheshwari, Student, Jindal School of International Affairs, *Atheist China's Buddhist Soft Power*.
- Dr. Saheli Bose, Assistant Professor, Seth Anandram Jiapur College, University of Calcutta, *Belt and Road Initiative and Chinese Soft Power: Juxtaposed Images*.
- Anagha Babu, Assistant Professor, Kumaraguru College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, *The Future of India's Soft Power?*
- Dr. Roie Yellinek, Assistant Professor, BESA, Ramat-Gan, Israel, *Institutional Reception' of Confucius Institutes in the Arab-Speaking Countries at the Middle East*.
- Ravi Shankar Raj, Research Scholar, Central University of Haryana, *Buddhism as India's Soft Power*.

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SESSION F

What the Future Holds for South Asia?

Chair: Litcy Kurisinkal, Human Rights Research Consultant .

- **Aakar Patel**, Executive Director, Amnesty International India.

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SESSION G

China and its Neighborhood

Chair: Dr. Hoimonti Barua, Research Fellow, Centre for Research and Development & Visiting Fellow at NIICE.

- **Dr. Aaron Jed Rabena**, Fellow, Asia Pacific Pathways to Progress, *The Philippines' Complex Hedging Policy vis-a-vis China*.
- **Dr. Sampa Kundu**, Assistant Professor, Amity University, *Perceptions, Influences and Competitions: Understanding China and India's Positions in Southeast Asia*.
- **Kazzandra Alyzza Galleta**, Researcher, Far Eastern University, Philippines, *Indonesian Forest Fires and the Maintenance of the ASEAN's Non-Interventionism*.
- **Tugrul Keskin**, Shanghai University in China and Kapadokya University in Turkey, *Turkey-US Relations: From Cold War to A New 'Cold War' With China*.

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SESSION 7

Russia's Foreign Policy Strategy and Regional Priorities

Moderator: Dr. Pramod Jaiswal, Research Director, Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement.

- **Dr. Dmitri Trenin**, Director, Carnegie Moscow Center.

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SESSION 8

Pacific Islands in the New Geopolitical Sphere

Chair: Nikolay N. Goryachev, Expert, Council on Pacific Affairs, Tahiti French Polynesia/Vladivostok, Russia.

- **Richard Ariihau Tuheiava**, Elected member of the House of Assembly of French Polynesia, Former Senator of French Polynesia (French Parliament), Tahiti, ***Natural and strategic resources of French Polynesia/Ma'ohi Nui and Globalization.***
- **Tetuahau Temaru**, Council on Pacific Affairs, Tahiti French Polynesia.
- **Johanito Wamytan**, Researcher, Council on Pacific Affairs, New Caledonia, ***Nickel and institutional future of New Caledonia.***
- **Inoke Finau Vala**, CEO, Inter-Pacific Limited, ***A Kingdom with a Vast Marine Resource needing Assistances to Exploit it in a Managed Way.***
- **Dr. Elena A. Goriacheva**, Research Fellow, Institute of History, Archaeology and Ethnology FEB RAS, ***Growing Interest to the Pacific: New Shifts Of Japan's Foreign Policy.***
- **Nikolay N. Goryachev**, Researcher, Council on Pacific Affairs, ***The Role and Place of the Oceania Sub-regions in Contemporary International Relations: Between Powers and Resources.***

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SESSION H

Community Energy Solutions for Climate Change: A Global Project

Chair: Dr. Anil Hira, Professor of Political Science, Simon Fraser University.

- **Dr. Anil Hira**, Professor of Political Science, Simon Fraser University (SFU), **Why Community Level Solutions to Climate Change are Needed?**
- **Prasanna Krishnan**, Development Process for Community Renewable Energy.
- **Dr. Feyza Sahinyazan**, **Why do Renewable Energy ‘mini-grids in Remote Communities Fail and how can we Avoid it?’**

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SESSION I**South Asia: Imposed Categories and Imposing Powers**

Chair: Medha, Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations and Governance Studies, School of Humanities and Social Studies, Shiv Nadar University.

- **Dr. Anubhuti Maurya**, Assistant Professor, Department of History, School of Humanities and Social Studies, Shiv Nadar University.
- **Dr. Atul Mishra**, Associate Professor, Department of International Relations and Governance Studies, School of Humanities and Social Studies, Shiv Nadar University.
- **Dr. Jabin Thomas Jacob**, Associate Professor, Department of International Relations and Governance Studies (IRGS), School of Humanities and Social Studies (SHSS), Shiv Nadar University, Delhi NCR.
- **Premesha Saha**, Associate Fellow, Strategic Studies Programme, Observer Research Foundation.
- **Medha**, Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations and Governance Studies, School of Humanities and Social Studies, Shiv Nadar University.
- **Anu Anwar**, Fellow, Harvard University, ***China's Role in South Asian Geopolitics***.
- **Prof. Md Absar Alam**, Assistant Professor, M.K.S. College, L. N. Mithila University, ***Economic Cost of Conflicts in South Asia***.
- **Dr. V. Srilatha & Sharath Chandra**, *Dr. Srilatha* is Associate Professor, University College for Women & Chandra is Research Scholar in University College for Women, ***The politics of Inland Navigation in South Asia***.

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SESSION 9

Belt and Road Initiative

Chair: Prof. Dr. Agnieszka Kuszewska, Professor, Institute of the Middle and Far East, Jagiellonian University.

- **Dr. Priyanka Singh**, Associate Fellow, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA), *China Pakistan Economic Corridor*.
- **Dr. Nicușor-Sever-Cosmin Florea**, Director of Programs, Romanian Institute for Europe-Asia Studies, *Exploring the BRI: Conceptual Foundations of Europe-Asia Connectivity*.
- **Dr. Sania Makna**, Assistant Professor, Chandigarh University, *China's Belt and Road Initiative in Central Asia: Challenges and Prospects*.
- **Dr. Shahid Hashmat**, Advisor, CAMEA, Institute of Strategic Studies, *Belt and Road Initiative: A Unique Opportunity for Regional and Global Connectivity and Economic Progress*.
- **Dr. Pfokrelo Kapesa**, Assistant Professor, North East Christian University, *Tian Xia: Beyond the Geo-strategy and Geoeconomics of BRI*.
- **Prof. Sonam Diki Lama**, Assistant Professor, Women's College, Calcutta, *Nostrum for Tianxia: Analyzing the Kyaukpyu Connections*.
- **Dr. Benjamin Mwadi Makengo**, PhD candidate, School of Politics and International Studies, Central China Normal University, *Build Back Better World Versus the Belt and Road Initiative: DRC in a Complex Dilemma?*
- **EVA Dissanayake**, Colombo University, *B3W vs BRI: Two Sides of a Political Coin*.

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SESSION J

Innovative Trajectories to Strengthen Nepal-India Relations

Chair: Professor Priyankar Upadhyay, UNESCO Chair Professor and Director of the Center for Peace and Development.

- **Dr. Sneha Patel**, Assistant Professor at the Centre for Women Studies at Dr Ram Manohar Lohia University.
- **Col. DPK Pillay**, Research Fellow, Manohar Parikkar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses.
- **Prof. Anjoo Sharan Upadhyaya**, Former Director, Centre for the Study of Nepal at Banaras Hindu University, and ICCR Chair, at Tribhuwan University, Kathmandu.
- **Dr. Lalji Pal**, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Banaras Hindu University, *Emerging Geopolitical Realities and India- Nepal Relations*.
- **Dr. Prashant Kumar**, Assistant Professor, Banaras Hindu University, *Revisiting India-Nepal 1950 Treaty and India's Security Concerns*.
- **Sarita Bartaula**, Independent Researcher, *Challenges And Prospects: Nepal's Foreign Policy*.
- **Neha Manjari**, Assistant Professor, Pataliputra University, *Indo-Nepal Border Dispute: Issues and Pragmatic Solving Mechanism*.

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SESSION 10 Indo-Pacific Affairs

Chair: Dr. Alok Kumar Gupta, Associate Professor and Dean School of Humanities and Social Science, Central University of Jharkhand.

- **Dr. Krishnendra Meena**, Associate Professor, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, *Indian Ocean*.
- **Dr. Bibhuti Bhushan Biswas**, Assistant Professor, Central University of Jharkhand.
- **Dr. Rajashree Padhi**, Assistant Professor, Central University of Jharkhand.
- **Dr. Aparna**, Assistant Professor, Central University of Jharkhand.
- **Dr. Subhash Kumar Baitha**, Assistant Professor, Central University of Jharkhand.
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SESSION K

Migration and Refugee

Chair: Prof. Bhaswati Sarkar, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University

- Dr. Vijayta Mahendru, Visiting Fellow, NIICE, *Sikh Diaspora and Homeland Politics in the Context of the Farmers' Protest in India.*
- Priya Natarajan, PhD Scholar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, *Immigration in Canada: Impact of Skilled Migrants.*
- Shriya Singh, Student, Jawaharlal Nehru University, *Kebab Anxieties: Understanding Islamophobia, Immigration and the Failure of Multiculturalism in Europe through Politics of Food.*
- Shreelaxmi Mohanty, Research Student, Central University of Gujarat, *Global Compact on Migration (GCM): A Commitment for Global Migration Governance Cooperation.*
- Dr. Ila Joshi, Assistant Professor, Amity Law School, *Rural Migrant Women and Work: Analysis of Labour Laws in China.*
- Tridivesh Singh Maini, Faculty, OP Jindal Global University, *Will UAE be able to Attract more Professionals from South Asia in a Post COVID-19 World? Towards more Regional Resolve: Strengthening of the Quad since the Covid-19 Pandemic?*
- Zeba Rayee, Doctoral Candidate, Jawaharlal Nehru University, *Securitisation of Migration: A Critical Analysis.*
- Minati Kalo, Independent Researcher, Jawaharlal Nehru University, *The Rohingya Refugee Crisis: A Situational Analysis of Health Status During COVID-19 Pandemic in Bangladesh.*
- Himanshu Bhardwaj, Research Scholar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, *Internal Security Threats in India: Consequences of Illegal Migration from Bangladesh.*

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SESSION 11**Great Power Politics in Indo-Pacific Region**

Chair: Prof. Dr. Jakub Zajackowski, Head, Global and Area Studies, Faculty of Political Science and International Studies, University of Warsaw.

- **Prof. em. dr hab. Marian Halizak**, Faculty of Political Science and International Studies, University of Warsaw.
- **Emeritus Professor Dr Roberto Rabel**, Center for Strategic Studies, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand.
- **Prof. Dr. Chintamani Mahapatra**, Rector, Jawaharlal Nehru University.
- **Prof. Dr. Shantanu Chakrabarti**, University of Calcutta.
- **Dr. Stephen Nagy**, Senior Associate Professor, Department of Politics and International Studies at the International Christian University.
- **Dr. Raymond Kwun-Sun Lau**, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and Sociology, North South University, *BRI and Indo-Pacific Strategy Showdown: US-China Geopolitical Competition in the Post COVID-19 World*.
- **Jumel G. Estrañero**, Analyst & Desk Officer, Office of the President and Lyceum of the Philippines, *Strategic Dynamics of Asymmetric Warfare and the Pendulum of Security Threats in the Philippines and the VUCA World*.

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SESSION L

The Situation in Myanmar: The Coup and COVID-19

Chair: Angshuman Choudhury, Senior Researcher and Coordinator, South East Asia Research Programme, Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies, New Delhi.

- **Bidhayak Das**, Journalist & Researcher, Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies, Mahidol University, Thailand.
- **Thinzar Shunlei Yi**, Advocacy Coordinator, Action Committee for Democracy Development, Myanmar.
- **Cchavi Vasisht**, Research Associate, Vivekananda International Foundation, **A Set Back to Democracy and Human Rights: An Analysis of Situation in Myanmar.**

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SESSION M

Emergence of Artificial Intelligence and Digitalization

Chair: Dr. Tamanna Khosla, Director, Pranja Initiative, US.

- **Dr. Divya Rani**, Assistant Professor, Banaras Hindu University, *Artificial Intelligence and Changing Strategy of Warfare*.
- **Dr. Daniel Smith**, Co-Founder, Prajna Initiative, *Crowdsourced Ethics for AI and E-Governance*.
- **Sruthi Kalyani A.**, Doctoral Candidate, Jawaharlal Nehru University, *China's Digital Rise: Platform Affordances and State Control with Chinese Characteristics*.
- **Rishabh Tiwari**, Student, Indira Gandhi National Open University, *Indian Moves Against China on African Chessboard: Combining Diaspora, Technology and Strategy*.

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Right to Information and Reporting in International Conflict

Chair: Dr. Anna Nath Ganguly, Assistant Professor, Amity University.

- **Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kumar Sinha**, Professor of Law , The WB National University of Juridical Sciences.
- **Prof. Dr. Yangmo Ku**, Associate Professor of Political Science, Associate Director of the Peace & War Center, Norwich University.
- **Prof. Shashwati Goswami**, Head, Department of Communication Research, Indian Institute of Mass Communication.
- **Dr. Mohammad Umar**, Founder Advisor, Weeramantry Centre for Peace, Justice and International Law.
- **Dr. Niteesh Kumar Upadhyay**, Associate Professor of Law at Galgotias University and Guest Faculty at Romanian-American university, Romania.
- **Dr. Juhi P. Pathak**, Assistant Professor, SMFE, Sharda University, ***Role of Social Media in Reference to North-East Ethnic Violence of 2012.***
- **Dr Kriti Singh**, Assistant Professor at Department of Mass Communication, Sharda University, ***Evolution of Indian News Media-Military Relationship Post- Kargil War: From Management-Interaction-Engagement to Convergence and Collaboration: A Substantive Theory.***

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SESSION N

Nepal's Foreign Policy

Chair: Dr. Suresh R., Professor & Chairman, Department of Political Science, University of Kerala.

- **Gaurav Bhattarai**, Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations and Diplomacy, Tribhuvan University, *Where does Nepali 'IR' Stand Amidst Changing World Order.*
- **Jitendra Kumar Yadav**, Research Scholar, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, *Contextual Intelligence in Indo-China Strategy towards Nepal since 2006 to 2020.*
- **Shailja Khosla**, Lecturer, Amity Law School, Amity University, *A Comparative Study of Learning of Constitutions, Political Systems and Promotions of Cross Constitutions in Universities in India and Nepal.*
- **Prakriti GC**, Statistics Officer, UNDP, *Nepal-China and Nepal-US Relation.*
- **Pranata Bhattacharya**, Assistant Professor, Bankura University, *Spatial Dynamics of India-Nepal-China Trijunction Politics: Importance of the 'Third Space' for Border Residents.*
- **Shinoj S.**, Assistant Professor, KSMDB College, *South Asian Values: Re-Imagining India-Nepal Political Relations.*
- **Shiva P. Tiwari**, Faculty Member, National College, *Nepal's Foreign Policy and Centers of Knowledge Production.*

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SESSION 13

India's Foreign Policy

Chair: Dr. Nanda Kishor, Head and Associate Professor, Department of Geopolitics and International Relations, Manipal Academy of Higher Education.

- **Prof. Dr. Tridib Chakraborti**, Emeritus Professor, ADAMAS University, *India's Foreign Policy: Recent Trends*.
- **Dr. Manan Dwivedi**, Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Public Administration, *The Convergence in the Indian and American Interests in the Global Polity*.
- **Prof. Dr. Erzsebet N. Rozsa**, National University of Public Service, Hungary, *Iran-India Relations: Before and After the US Withdrawal*.
- **Dr. Antonina Luszczkiewicz**, Assistant Professor, Jagiellonian University in Krakow, *China-India Relations: Will the Next War Be Fought over Water?*
- **Dr. Aleksandra Jaskolska**, Research Scholar, University of Warsaw, *North-Eastern States and India's Foreign Policy in the XXI century*.
- **Dr. Swasti Rao**, Assistant Professor, Aligarh Muslim University, *Rogue vs. Responsible Approach to Space 2.0: Mapping India-Quad Collaboration in the Outer Space in 21st Century*.
- **Dr. Anil Kumar Mohapatra**, Professor of Political Science, Fakir Mohan University, *India's aspirations in the new global order: Opportunities and Challenges*.
- **Anshu Kumari**, PhD Research Scholar, JawaharLal Nehru University, *India-Russia Bilateral Energy Cooperation in the 21st Century*.
- **Sanchana Srivastava**, Student, Vinobha Bhave University, *The Evolution of the United States and India Relations under Biden Presidency*.
- **Ranjitabh Singh Yadav**, Ph.D Scholar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, *The Chennai-Vladivostok Maritime Route and India's Geopolitical Interests*.
- **Dr. Renu Keer**, Assistant Professor, University of Delhi, *India's Response to Rohingya Crisis: Examining through Realist Lenses*.

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SESSION O

South Asia and the Region

Chair: Dr. Dhananjay Tripathi, Senior Asst. Professor, South Asian University.

- **Dr. Sanjay Kumar Hazara**, Assistant Professor, M.K.S. College, L. N. Mitila University, *Non-Traditional Security Threat of COVID-19 in South Asia specially India and China.*
- **Dr. Junuguru Srinivas**, Assistant Professor, GITAM University, *India and China approach on 'Transatlantic Order': A Comparative Study.*
- **Shivani**, Research Scholar, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, *India-USA-Russia: Defence and Security relations in 21st Century.*
- **Anirudh R. Phadke**, Student, Guru Nanak College, *How the Third Pole is Molding Security in the Indian Subcontinent?*
- **Badaruddin Kalhor**, Researcher, PICSS and Pakistan, *Fifth Generation War and Pakistan.*
- **Arushi Anthal**, Research Scholar, University of Jammu, *Rising China and its Implications on India-Singapore Relations.*
- **Praveen Kumar Yadav**, Research Scholar, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, *Economics of India's Strategy in Southeast Asia: Overcoming Chinese Dominance.*
- **Himani Sharma**, PhD Candidate, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, *Act East Policy: Through the Lens of Connectivity.*
- **Mohammad Omar Faroque**, Research Assistant, Centre for Research and Development, *Great Power Rivalry in the Bay of Bengal: Implications for India.*
- **Ajay**, Research Scholar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, *India and Bangladesh: A Study of Continuity and Changes in Modi era.*
- **Dr. Vaishali Raghuvanshi**, Assistant Professor, Banaras Hindu University, *Culture as an Undercurrent to South Asian Integration: A Historical Perspective.*

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SESSION 14

Future of Democracy in South Asia

Moderator: Dr. Pramod Jaiswal, Research Director, Nepal Institute for International Cooperation and Engagement.

- **Prof. Pratap Bhanu Mehta**, Political Scientist and Former Vice Chancellor of Ashoka University.

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SESSION 15

Gender in International Relations

Chair: Dr. Abhiruchi Ojha, Assistant Professor, Central University of Kashmir & Visiting Fellow, NIICE.

- **Dr. Angira Sen Sarma**, Assistant Professor, Centre for Development Studies, University of Allahabad, *Understanding Feminist Foreign Policy*.
- **Dr. Tamanna Khosla**, Director, Pranja Initiative, US, *Feminism and international Relations*.
- **Shiwani Mamgain**, Research Scholar, Jawaharlal Nehru University, *Gender in International Relations in the era of Globalization*.
- **Aparna Vijayan**, Assistant Professor, The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda, *The Good Patriarch and the Bad Patriarch: Reading Gender through the Global South Perspective*

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SESSION 16

Small and Land-Locked States

Chair: Dr. Puyam Rakesh, Independent Researcher.

- Prof. Agnieszka Kuszewska, Associate Professor, Jagiellonian University, *Between Shelter Strategy and Contribution: The Security and Role of 'Small Powers' in Evolving International Order: A Case Study of Nepal.*
- Dr. Vaishali Krishna, Assistant Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University, *Foreign Policy of Landlocked States: A Case Study of Mongolia.*
- Dr. Koyel Basu, Assistant Professor, Jangipur College, *Re-imagining India in South Asia: The future of Democracy and Human Rights.*
- Aditya Gowdara Shivamurthy, London School of Economics and Political Science, *Small Powers and Survival Stake: A Case Study of Bhutan.*
- Nabin Bhattarai, Student, Department of International Relations and Diplomacy, Tribhuvan University, *Threats to Small States.*

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SESSION P

Beyond Neighborhood

Chair: Dr. Sanjeev Humagain, Associate Professor, International Relations and Peace Studies, Lumbini Buddhist University

- **Dr. Nofret Berenice Hernandez Vilchis**, Lecturer, México, *Producing the Palestinian Narrative through the Palestinian Journalistic Tradition.*
- **Dr. Aradhana Talwar**, Lead-Academics & Curriculum, Dalham Learning, Bengaluru, *Legacy of 10 years of Syrian War.*
- **Dr. Gurjeet Kaur**, Assistant Professor, Lovely Professional University, *Russian Security Paradigm under Vladimir V. Putin.*
- **Niloufar Baghernia**, Researcher, University of Guilan, Iran, *The Prospect of Sino-Iranian Partnership under the Raisi Administration.*
- **Deepak Kumar**, Student, Central University of Haryana, *India Saudi Arab Relations after 2014.*
- **Dr Sunita Meena**, Assistant Professor, Kalindi College, University of Delhi, *The Caspian Sea's Legal Status: Is it a Sea or a Lake?*
- **Raunab Singh Khatri**, Yenching Scholar, Peking University, *China's Aid Effectiveness and Role of Non-State Actors.*
- **Abinash Chalan**, PhD Candidate, Ravenshaw University, *Role of Punjabiya in Reconciliation on India-Pakistan Relation.*

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SESSION 17

Geopolitics of Ladakh and Gilgit-Baltistan Region

Chair: Captain Alok Bansal, Director, India Foundation

- **Sandip Kumar Singh**, Assistant Professor, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, *Geostrategic Importance of Ladakh and Gilgit-Baltistan.*
- **Dr. Malkit Singh**, Associate Professor, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, *Environmental and Ecological Impacts of BRI Projects in Gilgit-Baltistan Region.*
- **Dr. Jay Prakash Singh**, Assistant Professor, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, *Understanding Hybrid-Warfare in context of Jammu-Kashmir and Ladakh.*
- **Dr. Vimal Kumar Kashyap**, Assistant Professor, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, *The Chinese factor in Gilgit-Baltistan: Analysing India's Strategic Interest in Post-Article 370 Abrogation.*
- **Mahendra Singh**, MPhil Scholar, Central University of Himachal Pradesh, *Sectarian conflicts and Human Rights violation in Gilgit-Baltistan.*
- **Pintu Kumar Mahla**, Doctoral Candidate, Central University of Jammu, *Demystifying the Geo-Politics of the Indus Basin.*

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SESSION Q

Non-Western Thoughts and International Relations

Chair: Dr. Medha Bisht, Senior Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations, South Asian University.

- **Dr. Chaminda Padmakumara**, SAU Alumina, Department of International Relations , Assistant Professor, Colombo University, *Concept of Mandala: Perspectives from Southeast Asia*.
- **Raj Kaithwar**, SAU Alumina, Doctoral Student, University of New South Wales, *Anthropocentrism to Posthumanism: Reflections on Emerging Water Discourses from South Asia*.
- **Seema Shah & Tekraj Koirala**, SAU Alumina, Department of International Relations, Department of International Relations, South Asian University, *Non-Western Diplomatic Practices: Lessons from Nepal*.
- **Sudesh Pokherel**, Department of International Relations, South Asian University, *Strategic Culture: Insights from Bhutan*.
- **Shubham Dwivedi**, Doctoral Student, Department of International Relations, South Asian University, *Exploring the 'Artha' in Arthashastra: Bridging the Grand Strategic Discourse in International Relations*.
- **Mujeeb Kanth**, Doctoral Student, Department of International Relations, South Asian University, *Violence and Ontology in Islam*.
- **Manish Jung Pulami**, Research Scholar, South Asian University, *Non-Western Perspective on International Humanitarian Law*.
- **Rajeev Kunwar**, Doctoral Student, Tribhuvan University, *Fifth Debate in International Relations Theory*.

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SESSION 18

New World Order

Chair: Prof. T.P. Singh, Department of Political Science, Banaras Hindu University.

- **Dr. Bagisha Suman**, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Banaras Hindu University, *The New World Order and India: Some Reflections*.
- **Dr. Akanksha**, Assistant Professor, Rayat College of Law, *COVID-19 and Changing World Order: Opportunities and Challenges for India and China*.
- **Dr. Goran Ilik**, Professor and Dean of Law faculty, University St. Kliment Ohridski in Bitola, *The European Union Vs. the BRICS: The Conflict of Values and the Challenges of Liberal Democracy in the Emerging New World Order*.
- **Tahir Rashid Bhat**, Doctoral Candidate, University of Kashmir, *The Trajectories of Crumbling World Order*.
- **Anurag Shukla**, Student, Banaras Hindu University, *India's Foreign Policy in Post Pandemic World*.
- **Saddam Hussain**, Assistant Professor, Government General Degree College, *Coming of Asian Global Order: Geopolitical Implications for India in Post Pandemic Days*.
- **Dr. Asma Kouser**, Assistant Professor, Bangalore City University, *Understanding Russian Innovation Policy and its Vision for Eurasia and Beyond*.

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SESSION R

Peace and Security in South Asia

Chair: Dr. Aslam Khan, Associate Professor, Department of Gandhian and Peace Studies, Mahatma Gandhi Central University, Bihar.

- **Dr. Abhay Vikram Singh**, Assistant Professor, Mahatma Gandhi Central University, *Dissecting Peace in South Asia using Gandhian Approach.*
- **Virender Kumar Gandhi**, Research Scholar, Mahatma Gandhi Central University, *Major Irritants in Indo-Nepal Relations.*
- **Rishav Shukla**, Research Scholar, Mahatma Gandhi Central University, *External Intervention in South Asia: Threat to Peace and Security.*
- **Nilesh Anand**, Research Scholar, Mahatma Gandhi Central University, *Great Power Politics in Afghanistan: Implications for Regional Peace and Security.*
- **Jugnu Ara**, Research Scholar, Mahatma Gandhi Central University, *Water Dispute in South Asia: Challenges to Peace and Security.*
- **Sarita Kumari**, Research Scholar, Mahatma Gandhi Central University, *India's Role in Afghan Peace Process.*
- **Ghazala Tabassum**, Research Scholar, Mahatma Gandhi Central University, *Refugee Problem in South Asia: A Critical Analysis.*
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- **Daria Akhutina**, Senior Adviser, Council of the Baltic Sea States.
- **Dr. Manish Dabhade**, Assistant Professor, School of International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, *Public Diplomacy in COVID Times: Challenges and Opportunities*.
- **Senem B. Cevik**, Lecturer, University of California Irvine.
- **Amb. Igor Khalevinskiy**, Chairman, Russian Diplomat Association.
- **Alexey Khlebnikov**, Strategic Advisor, Médecins Sans Frontières.
- **Semed A. Semedov**, Professor, Head of the International Cooperation Department, The Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA).
- **Nikolai Sukhov**, Director, Russian Cultural Center, Syria.
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- **Dr. Prof. Bharti Chhibber**, Professor, University of Delhi, *EU's Indo-Pacific Strategy and India-EU Multilateral Engagements in the Region.*
- **Dr. Peter Harris**, Associate Professor of Political Science, Colorado State University, *US Foreign Policy and the Indo-Pacific.*
- **Tanushree Sarkar**, Assistant Professor, Ramsaday College, University of Calcutta, *The Emerging Maritime Security Environment of the Indo-Pacific Region: Role of India as a net Security Provider.*
- **Artyom Garin**, Research Assistant, Center for Southeast Asia, Australia, and Oceania, Institute of Oriental Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences (IOS RAS), *Pacific Island Countries: Prospects and Challenges for Indo-Pacific in 2021.*
- **Dr. Aparajita**, Assistant Professor, B.D.College, Patliputra University, *Bangladesh, QUAD and China's Insecurity.*

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Chair: D.G. Niruka Sanjeevani, Senior Lecturer in International Relations, Department of Strategic Studies, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University.

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- **Apekshya Prasai**, PhD Candidate, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA, *Understanding Women's Participation in South and Southeast Asian Rebel Organizations*.
- **Dr. Dipti Tamang**, Assistant Professor, Darjeeling Government College, *Decentering the WPS Agenda- Conversations on Gender, Peace and Security from the Global South*
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- **Sayajirao**, University of Baroda, *The Good Patriarch and the Bad Patriarch: Global South Re-imagining the Global Gender Norms*.
- **Natasha Singh Raghuvanshi**, PhD Candidate, Monash University, *India's engagement with UN's Women, Peace and security Agenda*.
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- **Aaron Jed Rabena**, Research Fellow, Asia Pacific Pathways to Progress, *Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte's Complex Hedging Approach vis-a-vis China*.
- **Dr. Xiaoyu Pu**, Associate University of Nevada.
- **Samprity Biswas**, Doctoral Candidate, Jawaharlal Nehru University, *Ideational Underpinnings of Russia-China Relations and Its Implications for the International Order*.
- **Kondaraju Sandeep Royal**, Student, Pondicherry University, *China as a Nation of Potential in Multiplicity of Asia*.
- **Mrittika Guha Sarkar**, Research Associate, United Services Institution of India, *100 Years of the Communist Party of China and Xi Jinping's Regional Military Ambitions in a New Era*.
- **Aakriti Vinayak**, Research Associate, Vivekananda International Foundation, *CPEC: Understanding the Backlash*.
- **Malavika Nandan**, Student, St. Joseph's College, *Belt and Road Initiative*.
- **Raja Babu & Zahoor Ahmad Dar**, Student, University of Delhi, *Situating the Identity of "Leftover women" in China*.
- **Abhigyan Guha**, Student, Department of International Relations, Jadavpur University, *Wolf-Warrior Diplomacy and its Bleak Global Ramifications in an Age of Fractured Geopolitics*.

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Emerging New World Order

Chair: Prof. Muhammad Ruhul Amin, Professor and Chairman, Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka.

- **Prof. Dr. Lailufar Yasmin**, Department of International Relations, Dhaka University.
- **Dr. MD. Sazzad Hossain**, Associate Professor, Department of International Relations, Dhaka University, *China-US Political Relations in an Emerging New World Order*.
- **Saifuddin Ahmed**, Associate Professor, Chairman, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, Dhaka University, *Limitations of Westphalian Nation State System: Growing Conflicts of Countries*.
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- **Ararat Kostanian**, Research Fellow, Oriental Studies Institute, National Academy of Science of Armenia, *The World between Fading Liberalism and Neo-Nationalism*.
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- **Dr. Vikash Shukla**, Assistant Professor, Government Degree College, *Democratic Deficit in South Asia*.
- **Jagdish Bulbul Joshi**, University of Bergen and North South University Dhaka, *Challenges of Democratic Governance in South Asia. A Recent Flux in Political Changes*.
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