



***International Conference to Commemorate Thirty Years of India-ASEAN Relations***

**Geopolitical Shifts and Opportunities:  
New Horizons in India-Southeast Asia Relations  
20-21, July 2022; Sapru House, ICWA, New Delhi**

[Hybrid, Indian time]

**Agenda**

**Day I: 20 July 2022**

**10.00 – 10.45 hrs: Inaugural Session (Lecture Room, Sapru House)**

- Remarks by: **Amb. Vijay Thakur Singh**, DG, ICWA, New Delhi
- Opening Remarks by: **H.E. Mr. Simon Wong Wie Kuen**, High Commissioner, High Commission of the Republic of Singapore, New Delhi
- Special Remarks by: **Dr C Raja Mohan**, Senior Fellow, ASPI, New Delhi
- Keynote Address by: **Dr Rajkumar Ranjan Singh**, Hon'ble Minister of State, External Affairs and Education, New Delhi
- Vote of Thanks by: **Dr. Prabir De**, Professor, ASEAN-India Centre (AIC), Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi

**10.45- 11.00 hrs: Group Photo and Tea/Coffee Break**

**11.00 – 12.30 hrs: Session 1: Regional and Global Trends (Conference Room, Sapru House)**

[This session will discuss key issues, global and regional trends such as increasing competition and great power rivalry which impacts the global and regional political and economic dimensions.]

**Chair: Amb. Rajiv Bhatia**, Distinguished Fellow, Gateway House, Mumbai and Former DG, ICWA, New Delhi

***Speakers:***

**Southeast Asia:**

- **Dr. Kuik Cheng-Chwee**, Head and Associate Professor, Centre for Asian Studies, Institute of Malaysian and International Studies (IKMAS), National University of Malaysia (UKM), Bangi
- **Dr. Rahul Mishra**, Director, Centre for ASEAN Regionalism, Universiti Malaya (CARUM), Kuala Lumpur

**India:**

- **Prof. Shankari Sundararaman**, Centre for Indo-Pacific Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi
- **Prof. B. R. Deepak**, Professor of Chinese and China Studies, Centre of Chinese and Southeast Asian Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi

**Discussion**

**12.30-13.30 hrs: Lunch Break**

**13.30 – 15.00 hrs: Session 2: Between Past and Present: Tracing India’s Footprints in Southeast Asia**

[This session will discuss civilisational aspects connecting India and Southeast Asia- religions, culture, art and literature, architecture, past connectivity, etc and their relevance for contemporary realities.]

**Chair: Prof. Baladas Ghosal**, Former Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi

*Speakers*

**Southeast Asia:**

- **Prof. Joefe Santarita**, Professor of Asian Studies, Asian Center, University of the Philippines Diliman and President, ASEAN Studies Association of the Philippines, Manila
- **Dr Nalina Gopal**, Social Historian and Heritage Curator, Singapore

**India:**

- **Prof. Suchandra Ghosh**, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad
- **Dr Rajiv Ranjan Chaturvedy**, Associate Professor, Nalanda University, Nalanda

**Discussion**

**15.00- 15.15 hrs: Tea/Coffee Break**

**15.15 – 16.45 hrs: Session 3: Building Consensus through Regional Cooperation**

[This session will discuss perspectives towards building synergies between India and Southeast Asia such as perspectives on Indo-Pacific.]

**Chair: Prof. Suthiphand Chirathivat**, Professor Emeritus, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok

*Speakers*

**Southeast Asia:**

- **Dr. Anupama Devendrakumar**, Senior Lecturer, VIN University, Hanoi
- **Dr. Ravichandran Moorthy**, Associate Professor, International Relations & Strategic Studies, National University of Malaysia (UKM), Kuala Lumpur

**India:**

- **Mr. Sanjay Pulipaka**, Independent Researcher on International Politics and Security, Hyderabad
- **Dr Temjenmeren Ao**, Research Fellow, ICWA, New Delhi

**Discussion**

**Day II: 21 July 2022**

**10.00 – 11.30 hrs: Session 4: Changing Security Dynamics**

[This session will discuss the changing dimensions of security in the region including traditional and non-traditional security threats.]

**Chair: Amb. Anil Wadhwa**, Former Secretary (East), Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), New Delhi

## *Speakers*

### **Southeast Asia:**

- **Dr. Vo Xuan Vinh**, Deputy Director, Institute for Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences (VASS), Hanoi
- **Dr. Jirayudh Sinthuphan**, Assistant Professor, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok

### **India:**

- **Dr. M. Mayilvaganan**, Associate Professor, National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bengaluru
- **Dr. Udai Bhanu Singh**, Former Senior Research Associate, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDS), New Delhi

## **Discussion**

### **11.30 – 13.00 hrs: Session 5: Economic Cooperation**

[This session will discuss issues on trade and investment, trade facilitation, development of value chains in a post-pandemic world.]

**Chair: Amb. Gurjit Singh**, Former Ambassador to Germany, Indonesia, Ethiopia ASEAN and the African Union; Chair, CII Task Force on Trilateral Cooperation in Africa; and Professor, IIT Indore

## *Speakers*

### **Southeast Asia:**

- **Dr. Mohammed Masudur Rahman**, Visiting Fellow, Institute of South Asian Studies (ISAS), Singapore
- **Dr. Watcharas Leelawath**, Advisor (Hony.), Bolliger & Company, Bangkok and Former Executive Director, Mekong Institute (MI)

### **India:**

- **Prof. Ch. Priyoranjan Singh**, Manipur University, Imphal and **Dr Bishwanjit Singh**, Faculty Member, Manipur University, Imphal
- **Prof. Biswajit Nag**, Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), New Delhi

## **Discussion**

### **13.00 – 14.00 hrs: Lunch Break**

### **14.00 – 15.30 hrs: Session 6: Development Partnership**

[This session will discuss facets of India's development partnership in Southeast Asian countries, its impact and scope for further strengthening.]

**Chair: Prof. S D Muni**, Emeritus Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi

## *Speakers*

### **Southeast Asia:**

- **Dr Sithanonxay Suvannaphakdy**, Lead Researcher (Economics), ASEAN Studies Centre, ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute, Singapore

- **Dr. Somdeth Bodhisane**, Institute for Industry and Commerce (IIC), Ministry of Industry and Commerce (MOIC), Vientiane

**India:**

- **Dr. Uma Purushothaman**, Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations, Central University of Kerala, Kerala
- **Dr. Sampa Kundu**, Consultant, ASEAN-India Centre (AIC), RIS, New Delhi

**Discussion**

**15.30-15.45 hrs: Tea/Coffee Break**

**15.45 – 17.15 hrs: Session 7: Charting the New Agenda: Pathways to Beyond Act East**

[This session will discuss new agenda of cooperation at bilateral and regional levels.]

**Chair: Amb. Po Sothirak**, Executive Director, Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP), Phnom Penh

*Speakers*

**Southeast Asia:**

- **Dr. Bradley Murg**, Distinguished Senior Fellow, Cambodian Institute for Cooperation and Peace (CICP), Phnom Penh
- **Dr. Sineenat Sermcheep**, Assistant Professor, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok

**India:**

- **Prof. Amita Batra**, Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi
- **Dr. Prabir De**, Professor, ASEAN-India Centre (AIC), RIS, New Delhi and **Dr. Tuhinshubhra Giri**, Fellow, RIS, New Delhi

**Discussion**

**17.15-17.20 hrs: Vote of Thanks**

- **Dr Nivedita Ray**, Director (Research), ICWA, New Delhi
- **Dr Prabir De**, Professor and Coordinator, AIC at RIS, New Delhi

**Instructions**

1. Each Chair gets 5 minutes for opening remarks and 5 minutes for closing remarks
2. Each speaker gets 15 minutes for their presentation
3. Discussion for 20 minutes at the end of every session to be conducted by the Chair